

MICROSOFT OFFICE CONNECTOR FOR ARAS INNOVATOR

ADVANCED PLM FUNCTIONALITY WITHIN LEADING MICROSOFT OFFICE APPLICATIONS

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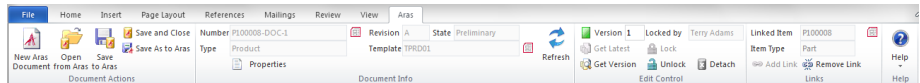


Microsoft Office applications are pervasive throughout the enterprise, and engineering and manufacturing organizations are no exception. In a modern product development cycle specifications are created in Microsoft Word, financial models are developed in Excel, product briefings are created in PowerPoint, vast amounts of vital project information are conveyed through Microsoft Outlook, and it goes on and on...

The Microsoft® Office Connector for Aras Innovator® provides an intuitive and convenient way to manage all types of Microsoft documents in Aras within Office applications. The Office Connector for Aras improves personal productivity while driving standardization, consistency and compliance throughout the enterprise by adding powerful capabilities to document templates, controlling the numbering and naming of files, and automating creation of viewable files such as PDFs.

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

The Office Connector for Aras combines the usability of Microsoft with the power of Aras PLM. By extending PLM across the enterprise, everyday users can create, store, edit, search and manage documents while working in the familiar and easy to use Microsoft environment.



With the Office Connector for Aras an Aras ribbon is inside Excel, Word, PowerPoint & Outlook.

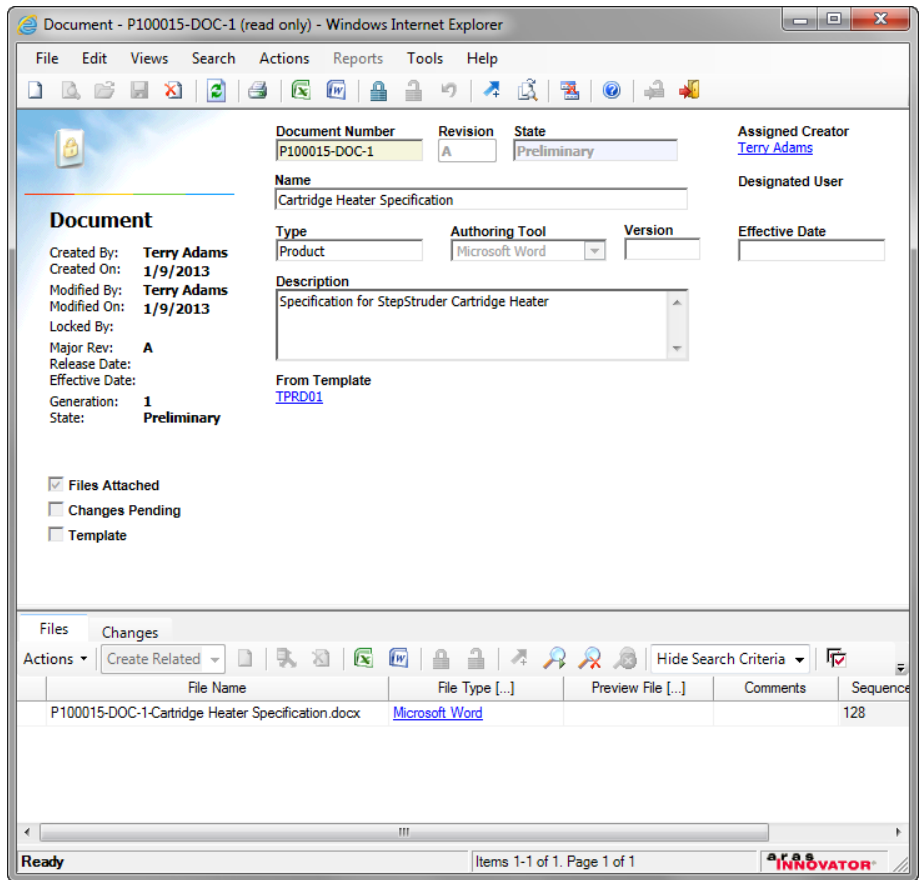
At the same time, the Office Connector for Aras provides administrators with highly sophisticated capabilities for document control and security, including need-to-know access, automated naming and numbering conventions, the optional use of templates, and more.

POWERFUL BUSINESS ADVANTAGE

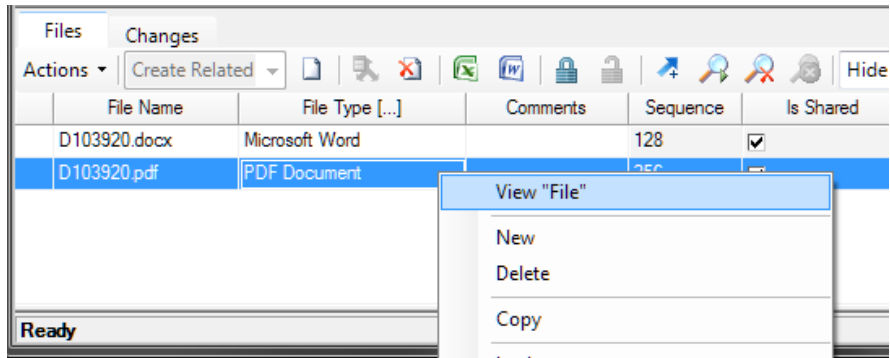
- ▶ **Improved control in concurrent engineering environments**
- ▶ **Better visibility into document development**
- ▶ **Enhanced standardization in product development**
- ▶ **Drives Consistency in business processes, saves time & reduces errors**
- ▶ **Familiar user interface, high adoption by non-technical users**

“WE DESIGNED THE OFFICE CONNECTOR FOR ARAS TO BE SIMPLE FOR EVERYDAY USERS WHILE PROVIDING POWERFUL ADMINISTRATION CAPABILITIES FOR THE MOST COMPLEX GLOBAL PLM ENVIRONMENTS.”

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PRESIDENT, ARAS



The Office Connector for Aras seamlessly, securely and automatically brings key information into PLM.



A useful feature of the Office Connector for Aras is the automated creation of viewable files, such as PDF, during the save process. When viewable files are created, they are attached to the same Document Item as the regular Office file and will be both visible in the Files tab in the web client.

SOLUTION HIGHLIGHTS

Search - Search files and templates in PLM from within the Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

View & Edit – Simply select *View* for read-only access or *Edit* to lock and modify a file

Automated PDFs - Auto generate PDFs of saved files to attach and distribute to other users in the workflow

Classification - Automated file naming and document number sequencing based on classification categories

Linking - Option to create relationships between Microsoft documents and Aras items such as Parts, Drawings, Projects, Process Plans, and other PLM items from within Microsoft Office. Relationships can drive naming and numbering, and are updated along with associated product components.

Revision & Version Control - Configurable revision and version control on Microsoft files provides traceability and assures that users always work with the correct version of a file

Side-by-Side Comparisons - Enables users to easily view side-by-side comparisons of different revisions of the same document or file

Enterprise Change Management - Apply lifecycle states, approval workflows and sign-offs to documents such as engineering change requests or document change orders

Templates - Create standardized Office document templates that comply with corporate conventions and are ready-to-use for end users

Property Mapping - Map properties from native Microsoft files to Aras or from Aras to the native Microsoft files

Outlook Emails - Capture and store Outlook emails with embedded images and attachments as part of the product record in Aras

Compliance - Document controls, tracking, traceability and audit trails streamline and simplify compliance

Security – Need-to-know access rights and permissions on files managed from within Aras

“NOW THOUSANDS OF USERS ACROSS THE ENTERPRISE CAN SEAMLESSLY WORK WITH PLM INFORMATION FROM INSIDE MICROSOFT OFFICE WHILE THE CONTROLS AND SECURITY REQUIRED IN MILITARY, MEDICAL DEVICES, AEROSPACE AND OTHER HIGHLY REGULATED INDUSTRIES ARE MAINTAINED.”

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