

## Aras Community Newsletter -- August 2007

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New contributions from Aras Community members to highlight this month + several events and lots of opportunity to participate in the fall. Learn all about the growing community momentum!

### FEATURED PROJECT - Delphi Change Management Solution Contribution



Recently notable enterprise community member Delphi made a significant solution project contribution for everyone interested in CMII configuration & change management.

Delphi recognizes that it is quite difficult to get a complete & accurate impact analysis on proposed engineering changes.

What Delphi has done is develop a method for ensuring a thorough change review. Delphi was going to patent the method, however, after further consideration they have opted to donate it to the community in the true spirit of openness so that all companies can benefit.

[Check it out! >> Read More & Download Here](#)

### PROJECT KICK-OFFS

Community members are eagerly getting underway with new solution projects in many areas. This month we would like to let everyone know about several projects that are getting going and are looking for participants and inputs.

#### **Publish2Innovator**

CAD integration add-on that enable users to publish Bill Of Material (BOM) information from the engineer's desktop directly into Aras Innovator. The integration will automatically transfer CAD data such as product structure, assembly files, and part files. The first CAD package the team will be working on is SolidWorks.

Interested in participating in the Publish2Innovator project? [Sign-up Now](#)

#### **ITIL**

ITIL (or Information Technology Infrastructure Library) involves a series of business process workflows and data management capabilities that corporate IT departments need to manage. This project will focus on major ITIL components including Incident Management, Problem Management, Change Management, Service Level Management, and Activity Management. The team tells me that they have started with IT Help Desk.

Interested in participating in the ITIL project? [Sign-up Now](#)

## **NEWS - Microsoft Enterprise Open Source Benefits for PLM**

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This month's Desktop Engineering magazine included a feature article on Aras that explains the major PLM benefits of the Microsoft enterprise open source approach.

In the past, companies have been forced to pay their PLM/ERP vendor a small fortune to make the software work and to get users access to the system. Now, companies simply use Aras to complement & extend their existing PDM or ERP system for no charge (FREE).

Article excerpt: "Aras Innovator software may be the answer to that age-old question, 'How many licenses can we afford?'... a major benefit of Aras Innovator is that there is no limit to the number of licenses a company can use..."

[Read the Article >> Click Here](#)

## **AWARDS - Aras Recognized as one of Top 125 Most Advanced Technology Companies**

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Recently Aras was recognized as one of the [Top 125 Most Advanced Technology Companies](#) worldwide by Start-IT. We are proud to accept the award on behalf of the entire Aras Community.

The award acknowledges what community members have known for a long time; that the Microsoft enterprise open approach simply delivers better software than the huge systems that legacy providers like Oracle and others push.

We humbly realize that these types of awards are only possible for Aras because of the enthusiastic community member participation and numerous contributions.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

[Learn about Aras Innovator for Yourself >> Download Now](#)

## **EVENTS - Aras Speaking at PLM Roadmap 2007 & CMII Conference**

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In September Aras has been invited to speak at two important upcoming events: PLM Roadmap 2007 and the Institute of Configuration Management's International CMII Conference.

Both conferences deliver thought leading sessions on business best practices, and Aras has been asked to share how together companies can leverage the Microsoft solutions with an open approach to achieve results.

Aras community members are encouraged to join us at these conferences and participate as we demonstrate how together companies can realize greater benefits than ever before.

### **PLM Roadmap 2007 - Detroit, MI - Sept 19-20, 2007**

Every year this conference by Collaborative Product Development Associates (CPDA) explores the impact of global innovation on product development and the implications for PLM strategies. This year's keynote is Michael Kennedy, the groundbreaking author of *Product Development for the Lean Enterprise*.

Aras Session: Microsoft Open Source, Delivering New PLM Options  
Sept 19, 1:15pm

[PLM Roadmap 2007 -- Agenda & Registration](#)

## **International CMII Conference 2007** - Seattle, WA - Sept 10-12, 2007

The Institute of Configuration Management's annual conference provides companies from around the world with information on how to implement the CMII principles for configuration & change management.

Speakers include Microsoft, Boeing, Delphi, Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Raytheon, and many more.

Aras Session: CMII Community Solution Project  
Sept 10 & 11, 1:00pm

[CMII Conference 2007 -- Agenda & Registration](#)

## **UPCOMING - Discovery Seminars & Training Sessions**

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Discovery seminars help you explore the possibilities of how Aras solutions can support your company's specific strategic initiatives, and training sessions provide you and your team with the education needed for success with the Aras Innovator solutions.

Both types of sessions combine hands-on exercises, overview presentations, and discussions to provide an in-depth understanding of the Aras solutions.

Space is limited so make plans & register now.

### **Upcoming Training Sessions** - Boston, MA

Sept 17 - Aras Innovator Administration

Sept 19 - Aras Program Management

Sept 20 - Aras Quality Planning

Sept 21 - Aras Product Engineering

### **Upcoming Discovery Seminars** - Boston, MA

Oct 15 - Project Program Management

Oct 16 - FMEA Quality Planning

Oct 17 - Configuration & Change Management

[Learn More & Register Now >>](#)

## **Recent Downloads**

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Agriculture Canada

AgustaWestlandBell

Altran

American Achievement Corp.

American Axle

American Standard

Anacomp

Auer Precision Company

Auralis

Avatar Engineering, Inc.

Ball Corporation

Bettcher Manufacturing

Bradford White

iGov Technologies

Infinia

ITIE Knowledge Solutions

Jimani Inc.

Johnson Controls

Johnson Research

Kitagawa-NorthTech, Inc.

Kocyan Solutions

Kromberg & Schubert GmbH

KSEB

LWB Refractories

Lynx Grills

Masco

Brijot Imaging Systems, Inc.  
BriteFab Industries  
Broadway  
Burbuck Industrial  
Cadview  
Carlson Software  
CKS Technologies, Inc.  
CMC Systems  
CSAV Inc.  
CVG Concord  
Delphi  
Delsys Inc.  
Delta Technologies Group  
Design Rule  
Emerson Network Power  
Engineering Assistance  
Eskridge  
Flextronics  
Foxlink Image Technology  
Freudenberg  
General Mills  
General Plastics  
Grote Industries  
H I Solutions, Inc.  
Hayes-Lemmerz  
HCI Technologies  
Hoshizaki America, Inc.

Medtronic  
Morrison Brothers  
Motorola  
NeFi  
Netsac S.A.  
Optiva Systems  
Pfizer  
Prisma  
PROCAD SA  
Radiator Specialty Company  
RedEgg Solutions  
Semiphore Systems  
SF Engineering  
Shonka Research  
Steptech  
Totvs S/A  
Trafford Council  
Tyco Healthcare  
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Unit Design, Inc.  
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VeriTest  
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VX Corporation  
Web Pipeline  
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