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Big news here at the end of March... the latest major open release is available for [download!](#)

Its super fast (even on slow networks), ultra efficient (for those cost saving green initiatives) and it looks great too. There are tons of new features and capabilities. We're already using it here at Aras -- For those in the community that didn't know... everything at Aras runs on Aras. Check it out.

NOW AVAILABLE - Latest Open Release of Aras PLM Software Solution Suite

The new Aras Innovator download release is now available on the web site. This major release incorporates dozens of corporate community contributions constituting hundreds of innovative features and enhancements including:

- ECO / MCO simple engineering change workflows
- New Redline compare capabilities for BOMs, suppliers, documents, and more
- Search center including ad hoc queries, Microsoft Live Search, and GlobalSpec
- Modular process planner for FMEAs and Control Plans
- Updated modern Microsoft 'look & feel'
- SharePoint standard integration
- Graphical Web services 'builder' in Solution Studio
- Even faster performance

'Out-of-the-box' from the initial installation you will have more usable functionality than Windchill, Agile, or any other PLM system on the market. You can get the release and install within 30 minutes.

Companies with an **Aras Unlimited** subscription have access to the online support portal for the Upgrade Utility, Data Load Tool, additional documentation, and other materials.

Live Aras support hotline and online support personnel are available to subscribers for assistance as well.

We would like to thank everyone in the community that made this release possible. We hope that your company benefits from this latest release and we welcome your feedback, inputs, and further contributions.

[Open documentation](#)

[Open discussion forums](#)

[Optional consulting services](#)

[myInnovator subscriber portal](#)

[Open Download - Aras PLM Software Solution Suite](#)

PRODUCT REVIEW - Aras Enterprise Open Source PLM Solution



Over the past couple months Jeff Cope at Extensible CAD Technologies has been doing a detailed product review of Aras for the [ConnectPress CAD community sites](#) including CATIA, Inventor, Pro/E, Solid Edge, SolidWorks, and UGS Communities.

Jeff's recent write-up is a pretty thorough overview of the solution functionality and includes some background history on Aras, the company and the solution.

He opens the write-up by wondering, "As I reviewed the Aras enterprise PLM solution suite I thought how is this possible? How can Aras have developed such a comprehensive solution? How have they avoided the pitfalls that plague other PLM systems? How come it's so easy to use? And how can this suite of solutions be open source and free?"

Find out what Jeff learned are the answers to these questions and more (hint; think open innovation), as well as, getting a fairly detailed evaluation report on Aras.

Just go to any of the ConnectPress CAD Community sites and click on the 'Most Read' tab.

[Read the complete product review](#)

RECENT BLOGS - Insight, Information, and Opinions

We've started posting PLM and related insights with our industry perspective on the Aras community blog. We have a lot to share and wanted to make it as accessible as possible. Would like to get your take on issues confronting you and your company.

If you have ideas for topics we should write about or comments you'd like to make, please feel free to comment on a post or let me know directly.

Here are some links to recent posts:

[PLM in These Stressful Economic Times...](#)

[Enterprise Open Source PLM, How Can This Be Possible?](#)

[Lean Product Development and PLM's Supporting Role](#)

[Innovator's Dilemma and the Next Generation of PLM Software](#)

You can sign up for Email Alerts or RSS feeds from our blog to know about the latest posts.

Also, if you have your own blog or web site, you can link to the Aras PLM Community Blog at <http://www.aras.com/community/blogs/> and let us know and we'll link to you as well.

UPCOMING - Training Sessions

Training combines hands-on exercises, overview presentations, and discussions so that participants achieve an in-depth understanding of the topics.

Get the education you and your team need for success with the Aras solutions.

Remember, regularly scheduled training sessions are **FREE for subscribers**.

Upcoming Training Sessions

Apr 13 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA

Apr 15 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA

Apr 16 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

Apr 20 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

Apr 22 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

Apr 23 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

May 18 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA

May 20 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA

May 21 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

May 25 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

May 27 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

May 28 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

[Course Descriptions, Calendars, and Registration](#)

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