



Aras Community Newsletter -- October 2011

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Lots to read about this month including a new product, ACE Germany highlights, our project site update and much more... and whether you're rolling out a new Aras solution, finalizing the purchase of your subscription before year's end or getting a budgetary estimate for 2012 planning... get in touch, we can help.

NEW - Announcing Aras EPLM for SolidWorks Enterprise PDM



This month we introduced a new commercial offering designed specifically for companies that run SolidWorks(R) called [Aras EPLM for SolidWorks Enterprise PDM](#).

It's built on top of SolidWorks best selling EPDM system to provide packaged functionality out-of-the-box for global PLM business processes.

This is a big deal if your company uses SolidWorks because now you can get full scale enterprise-wide PLM functionality without disrupting your SolidWorks design processes or sacrificing your EPDM implementation.

Aras EPLM delivers functionality that is highly sought-after by companies that run SolidWorks EPDM... it turns your SolidWorks CAD BOM into a true Item-based Engineering Bill of Materials (BOM) ready for release to manufacturing, gives you change management on an enterprise level, provides configuration management, qualified supplier AVLs / AMLs, integrated project management for stage-gate processes, quality compliance and a lot more.

Randall Newton, Managing Editor over at the Graphic Speak blog, observed that "'Aras Enterprise PLM for SolidWorks Enterprise PDM' fills a hole in the SolidWorks marketplace as big as its name is long." (cracks me up :-)

I think Peter Schroer, Aras President & Founder, explains it best:

"We've been working with SolidWorks users for years and know that SolidWorks Enterprise PDM is by far the best CAD file manager for those designers.

"Companies are looking for a way to keep what's working and preserve their investment while they address cross-functional, enterprise-wide PLM business processes.

"What we've done is taken our open source PLM solutions, included new out-of-the-box functionality that connects directly to EPDM, and packaged it all up to create a totally new commercial offering that's optimized for companies that run SolidWorks."

[Find out more about Aras EPLM for SolidWorks EPDM](#)

HIGHLIGHTS - ACE Germany PLM Conference



Last week was the ACE Germany conference in Bad Soden. It was our German language event which combined corporate presentations on global PLM best practices with Aras updates, partner insights and lots of networking.

My colleague Martin Allemann, our SVP of global operations, covered Aras's strategy and corporate community momentum, and key members of our European team outlined the Aras roadmap and plans.

There were some great success stories by [GETRAG FORD Transmissions](#), [HAKAMA AG](#) and others ([download slides](#)), along with an excellent presentation by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Eigner on the challenges for global PLM environments created by increasing product complexity.

Peter Schroer, CEO und Firmengründer von Aras, zeigte wie die Komplexität in der Produktentwicklung rapide steigt. Dies führe zu neuen Anforderungen an die PLM-Software: Die Kombination von Produktdaten aus Elektronik, Software, Simulation und Fertigung überlaste heute die meisten Software-Systeme. Das beherrschende Thema der großen Hersteller im Automobil- und Maschinenbau, aber auch in der Luft- und Raumfahrt sowie vergleichbaren Industrien, ist heute das Komplexitätsmanagement.

Kunden, Interessenten, Partner sowie PLM-Experten aus ganz unterschiedlichen Industriezweigen machten die Veranstaltung zu einem lebendigen Forum für interdisziplinäres Product Lifecycle Management und Systems Engineering in der Praxis.

Overall, it was another great ACE conference with lot's of collaboration & sharing, and we want to thank everyone that came, especially the presenters and our sponsoring partners T-Systems, Datasquare, Kalypso, PLM-TEAM, usb GmbH, Dr. Maier CSS and xPLM.

And if you weren't able to make it, we have a post on our German blog with highlights, pictures and all the slides.

[ACE Germany Highlights, Pictures, Slides and more](#)

UPDATE - Aras Community Project Site Enhancements

This month we continued to enhance the [Aras Community Project Site](#) by giving it a new look & feel and adding some pretty cool functionality for what's referred to as 'ideation' (means you can submit ideas for open source projects that you want to work on with other people).

In addition to being able to submit ideas for open source PLM projects, the new capabilities include voting on ideas, adding reviews and the ability to participate in discussions about ongoing solution projects. We also improved the site navigation, searching, viewing and software download functionality.

Not many people realize this, but the Aras Project site is powered by the Aras Innovator PLM platform. You can think of it as an example of what's possible with Aras technology... some people will recognize that this is a big deal (try asking PTC if they're using Windchill themselves)... we're effectively building a full scale open source 'forge' using our own PLM platform... We now have over 20,000 community members worldwide and more than 100 active projects and it's growing everyday.

And for you geeks out there, we're using HTML 5 for client-side functionality on the Community Project Site. If I'm not mistaken, that would make Aras Innovator the first (and only) PLM system running HTML 5 live.

The purpose of the Aras Community project site is to provide an online area where user-driven innovation can occur. We are creating an environment where people like yourself can post ideas, share best practices and take action to transform your own business.

We want to encourage secure, self-sufficient collaborative development on PLM solutions because we understand that the next generation of innovation in PLM will come from the millions of people around the world that use PLM software every day.

We are enabling companies to innovate anywhere, anytime... and we think it just makes sense.

[Check out the updated Aras Community Project Site](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - Boeing / Northrop Grumman GPDIS, CMPIC, CIMdata

Boeing / Northrop Grumman Global PLM & Product Data Interoperability Summit (GPDIS) - Chandler, AZ
- November 8 - 10, 2011

Join us in November at the Boeing / Northrop Grumman Global PLM & Product Data Interoperability Summit (GPDIS). This event covers a wide range of topics on product lifecycle management (PLM) systems and services oriented architectures (SOA), and includes international participants from both Boeing & Northrop Grumman, as well as, a number of other global enterprise leaders. Aras CEO, Peter Schroer, will be presenting during the main session on how open source is transforming enterprise PLM.

[GPDIS 2011 - - Agenda & Registration](#)

CMPIC Configuration Management Training

CMPIC courses are designed to provide a detailed overview of CM planning, naming conventions, numbering practices, baselines, change control, traceability, status accounting, and more. The CMPIC classes explain the role of CM in the organization.

Upcoming Sessions

CM Dynamics - Toronto ON - Nov 7 - 8
CM Implementation - Toronto ON - Nov 9 - 10
CM Foundations - Minneapolis MN - Oct 31 - Nov 1
CM Structures - Minneapolis MN - Nov 2 - 3
CM Dynamics - Minneapolis MN - Nov 28 - 29
CM Implementation - Minneapolis MN - Nov 30 - Dec 1
CM Assessor Certification - Stafford VA - Nov 14 - 16
CM for IT & SW Development - San Diego CA - Nov 14 - 17
ANSI/EIA-649 NEW Rev B Course - San Diego CA - Nov 30 - Dec 2
CM Assessor Certification - San Diego CA - Dec 5 - 7
SCM: Strategies, Techniques & Tools - Orlando FL - Dec 5 - 8
CM Foundations - San Diego CA - Dec 12 - 13
CM Structures - San Diego CA - Dec 14 - 15
CM Dynamics - San Diego CA - Jan 9 - 10
CM Implementation - San Diego CA - Jan 11 - 12

[CMPIC Training Schedule - - Agenda & Registration](#)

CIMdata PLM Certificate Program

CIMdata's PLM Certificate Program on enterprise PLM best practices provides you with an in-depth PLM education. The training is comprised of 9 sessions delivered over a five-day period through a series of lectures, case studies, tests, and individual as well as group exercises.

Upcoming Sessions

Santa Clara, CA - December 5 - 9

[CIMdata PLM Certificate Program - - Agenda & Registration](#)

TRAINING - Upcoming 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. Regularly scheduled Aras training sessions are **FREE** for companies with an active Aras subscription.

Also, there are several self-paced, online training tutorials available at the Tata Technologies engineering training

site called [iGET IT](#)

United States

Nov 14 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA

Nov 29 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA

Dec 12 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA

Jan 9 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA

Jan 23 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA

Japan

Nov 4 - Aras Install and PLM Basics - Tokyo

Nov 8 - Aras Innovator Administration 1 - Tokyo

Nov 10 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo

Nov 11 - Aras Innovator Administration 2 - Tokyo

Nov 16 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 1 - Tokyo

Nov 18 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 2 - Tokyo

Dec 2 - Aras Install and PLM Basics - Tokyo

Dec 6 - Aras Innovator Administration 1 - Tokyo

Dec 8 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo

Dec 9 - Aras Innovator Administration 2 - Tokyo

Dec 14 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 1 - Tokyo

Dec 16 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 2 - Tokyo

China & Taiwan

Nov 3 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Taipei

Nov 24 - Aras Innovator Administration - Taipei

Nov 30 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - KunShan

Dec 15 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Taipei

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

DOWNLOADS - Recent Installs

ACAL Energy

Agilent Technologies

Airbus

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Princeton Power Systems

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