

Building a PLM Skyscraper

Who are Schrader Electronics?

- The world's number one supplier of Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS)
- Over 50% market share
- Provide sensors and systems for automotive and industrial markets

Broadest product offering with the largest customer base

- Annual Revenue exceeds \$300 million
- Annual R&D expenditure exceeds 8% of sales
- 50 million sensors in 2013
- On course to ship 61 million sensors in 2014











Company History

1896

August Schrader invents the original Schrader valve



1994

Won our first OE contract for RTPM on the 1997 C5 Corvette



2000

TREAD Act announced, TPMS to become mandatory in all US cars



2009

UNECE 64 legislation passed, mandating TPMS for Europe



1985 1990

1995

2000

2005

2010

1988

Formed as supplier of innovative handheld digital tire pressure gauge



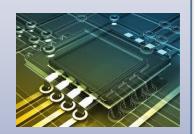
2001

Started high volume automated production, reaching 8m capacity



2007

Acquired SSSL to protect supply chain and exploit ASIC technology



2012

Schrader shipped 200 millionth sensor In July 2012











TPMS Customers & Volume



























































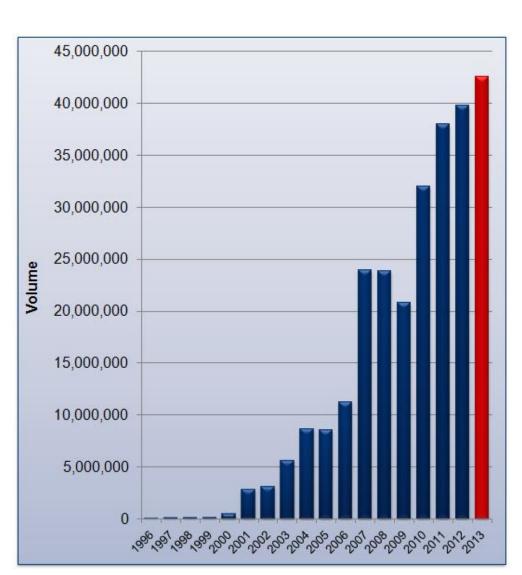








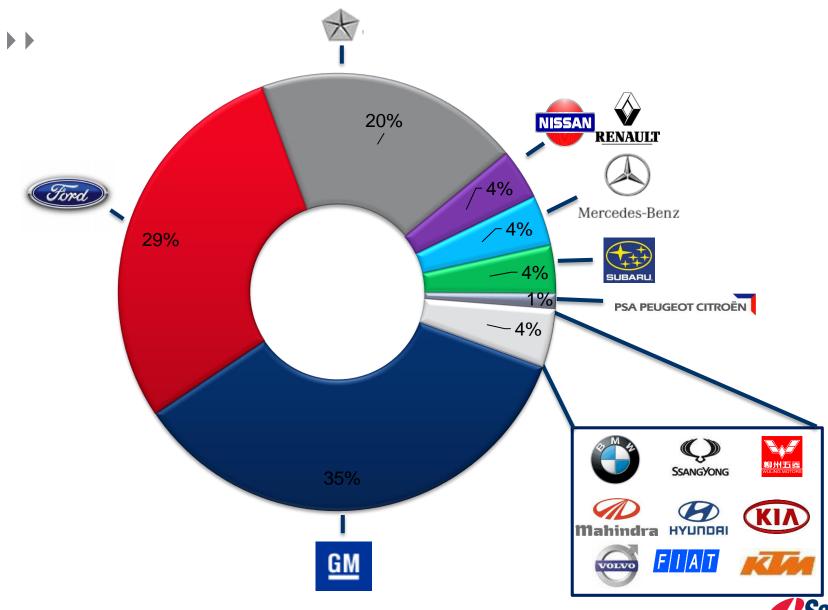








Schrader Customer Base



Building a Skyscraper

Where do you begin?



- Form a project team
- Understand the starting point
- Define requirements
- Buy a "Dummies Guide to Skyscraper Construction"
- Shortlist Construction Companies
- Ask companies to propose solutions and submit tenders
- Select a company and start building!



>> PLM System Selection Team

- Formed in May 2012
- Key Managers (all part time) from:
 - Mechanical and Electronic Design
 - Project Management
 - Document Control
 - IT
- Weekly Meeting
- Executive Support



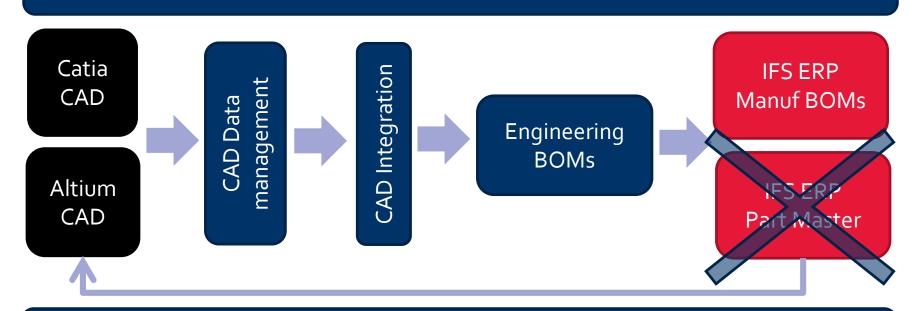
>> Schrader PLM Starting Point





>> Initial Requirements

Project Management / Product Lifecycle Management



Document Management & Change Control

Electronic Approval Electronic Access to all Docs



▶▶ Increasing our PLM knowledge (June-Sept 2012)

Introductory Workshop

AtoS

- General Research
- Employees with PLM experience
- 3 Systems and 3 Partners Shortlisted
- Learning throughout the selection process
 - ▶ Detailed requirements gathering led by Partners
 - ▶ Product demonstrations and workshops



▶ Final System and Partner Selection (Nov 2012)

- System
- Flexibility
- Companywide usage
- CAD Integration



- Partner
 - PLM Experience
 - Best Practice
 - Broader Perspective





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Construction – Phase 1



Change Management
Visualisation
CAD Data Mgmt
Product Doc Mgmt

Phase 1 'Floors'

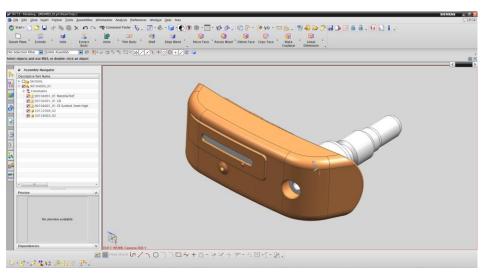
Part Master
Basic ERP Integration

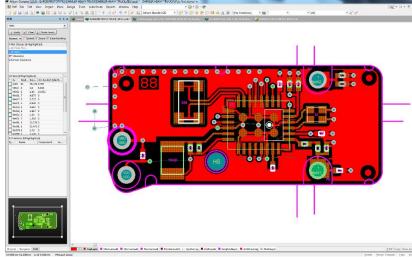
Foundations (LIVE Sept 2013)



Mechanical and Electrical CAD Data Management

- ▶ Designs are created in specialist packages (CATIA, UG and Altium)
- ▶ Stored and controlled in Aras integration menus
- ▶ Eliminates uncontrolled data
- Fully traceable design and release process

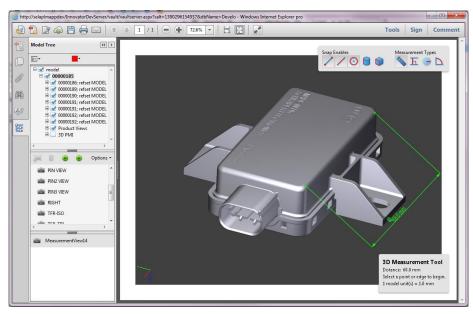






Company – Wide Access to 3D Designs

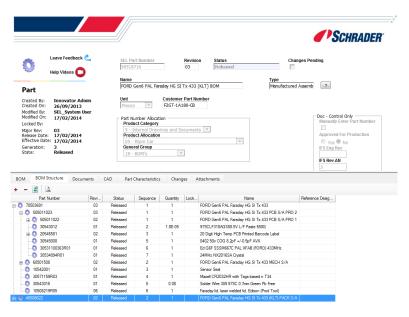
- ▶ Viewable files in 3D PDF format generated from CAD
- ▶ Linked to the part record and accessible by anyone with PDF Reader
- ▶ Can be manipulated, sectioned and measured
- ▶ Encourages data re-use





>> Systematically Generated BOMs

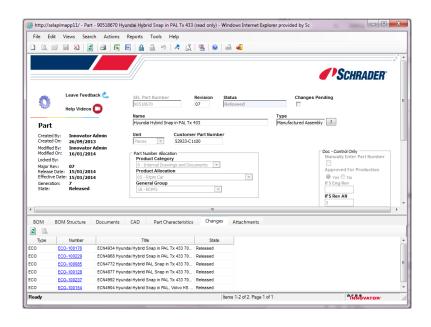
- Integrations combine the electronic and mechanical BOMs into a complete digital BOM in Aras
- Design changes automatically reflected in the digital BOM
- ▶ Eliminates sources of error when the BOM is no longer manually created and updated

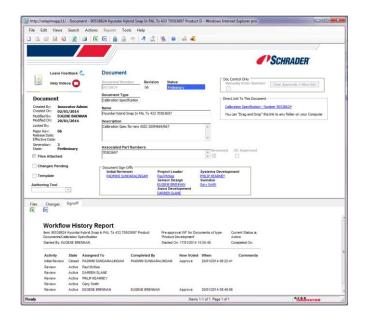




>> Change Tracking and Digital Signatures

- Paper-based change system replaced by digital signatures on an online workflow
- Progress towards release is fully visible
- > Signatories and any comments are recorded against the change

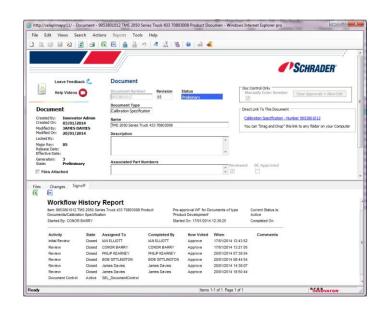


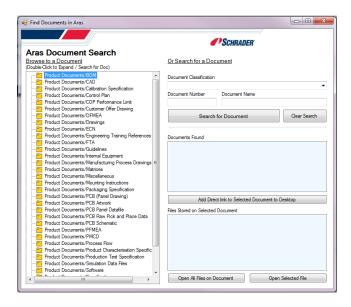




Accessing Released Documentation

- ▶ Control maintained in Aras rather than sending copies
- ▶ Doc. search Application for easy access
- ▶ All sites and sister companies instantly pick up changes

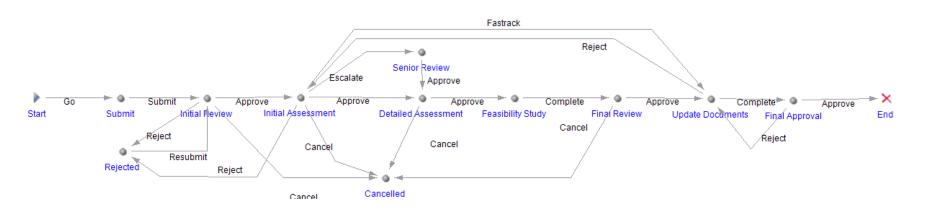






Proposed ECR and ECO Processes

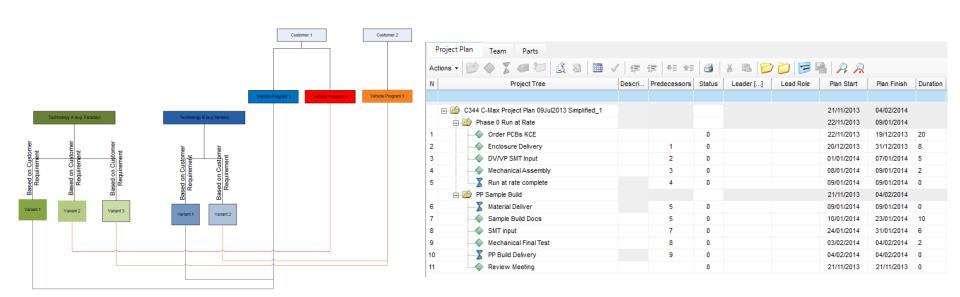
- Schrader only operates an ECN process
- Communication and consultation prior to change not always complete
- ▶ Proposed ECR system, followed by ECO





Project Management In PLM

- ▶ Timelines will be live and available to project team
- Documents and other deliverables uploaded directly into projects
- Improved collaboration between departments with visibility of data





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Construction – Future Phases

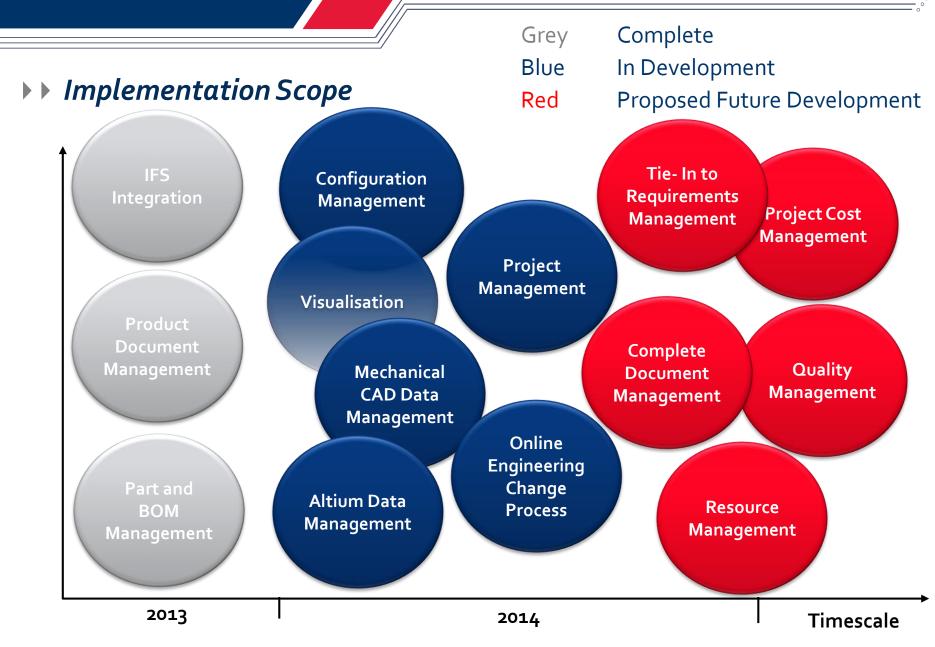
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Part Master

Basic ERP Integration

- ▶ Resource Management
- ▶ Collaboration 'Secure Social'
- ▶ Secure File Distribution
- ▶Quality Management
- ▶ Project Cost Management
- ▶ Replacing MS docs with system functionality
- ► Change Implementation
- Ideas capture and filtering







Lessons Learned ... so far!

- Aras was the right choice
- ▶ Flexible system and agile approach is critical
- ▶ BUT should have set a step by step roll out plan sooner
- It's difficult to build several floors at once!
- Having internal Aras 'development' resource is essential
- We can always work harder at communicating with the business
- ▶ It is a challenge to keep focused on delivering priorities but have a way to capture ideas for the future
- 'Feedback' button was a good idea





Developing Aras – Outside Aras

Why Work Outside The Client?

>> Two main reasons:

- To give users direct access to information which is stored/controlled in the PLM.
 - Reduces the need for training
 - Speeds up common tasks
 - Easier to get buy-In
- 2. Automating Aras Processes
 - ▶ A user friendly way of carrying out a process in Aras
 - ▶ E.g. creating a 'Change' item and adding affected items

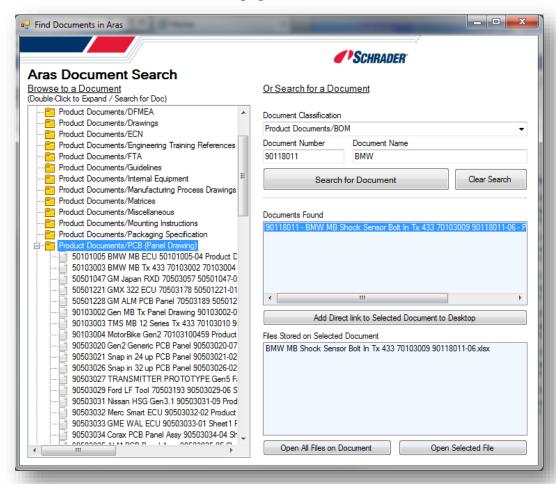


Controlling Documents

- **▶ Before Aras**
 - Document Control Team manually controlling shared folders of latest Released Documents
 - Several applications pulling files straight from folders
 - Manual control, prone to errors
- Many teams need access to Released documents, but aren't involved in authoring or review
 - Big overhead to train
 - Users don't care about Meta-Info, just want outputs



Aras Document Search App



▶ Allows user to browse folder structure, or search for Docs Directly



Related Solutions

- ▶ Implemented several small applications:
 - Pulling files and metadata into other company systems
 - Replacing pre-Aras solutions
- ▶ Storing and sending 'read only' links to Documents in Aras



Electronic CAD Change

▶ Before Aras:

- Design files not controlled
- Documents managed manually by Doc Control
- ▶ Parts recorded manually on BOM Spreadsheets

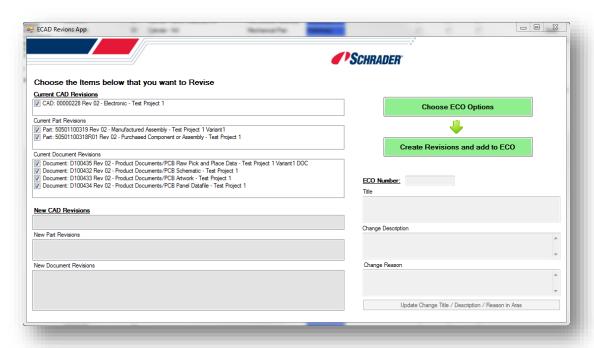
▶ Aras – Altium Integration:

- PCB Designs created in Altium
- "Integrate" connector saves Design into Aras producing:
 - 1. Parts
 - 2. Documents
 - 3. CAD Item
- Change difficult for a new User



Electronic CAD Change App

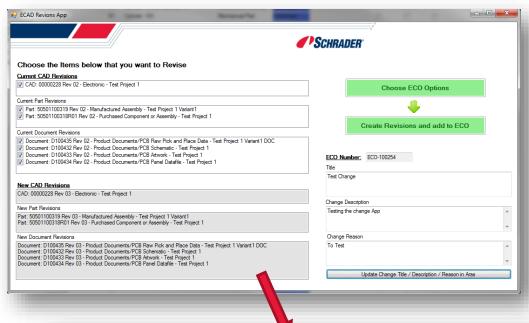
User launches from CAD design Item in Aras



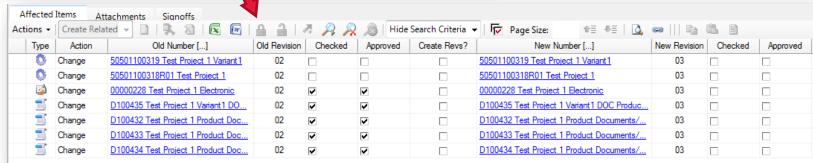
- User selects what Parts of Design to revise
- User can choose to create new ECO or add to existing
- Populates ECO information



Electronic CAD Change App



- Affected Items created
- New Revisions linked appropriately





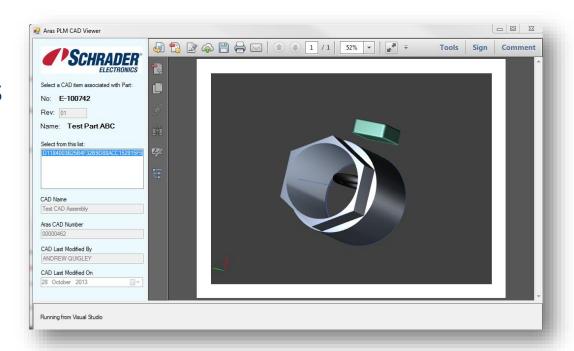
Possible Future Integrations

Amount of information captured in Aras increasing

- Aras not everyone's primary system, many users tied to ERP system
- Long term plan to give quick access to Aras information from every system

Example

- ERP user finds Part in IFS
- Right click action allows them to directly view drawings pulled from Aras





Description Questions?



