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# Week 4 - Lecture Assemblies

## **Lecture Topics**

- Assemblies and Product Structure
- Bill of Materials
- PLM Role and Definition
- Design for Assembly Overview
- Case Study Examples

## **Product Lifecycle – Week 4**



## What is an Assembly

 Digital prototype of actual product consisting of parts and sub-assemblies.





- Bill of Material (BOM)
  - Master list of items and their quantities to assemble a product
- Engineering Bill of Material (EBOM)
  - Reflects the product as it is designed by engineering
- Manufacturing Bill of Material (MBOM)
  - Focuses on the items needed to manufacture a product

## Product Structure

- The hierarchical structure of a product

## **Difference Between EBOM and MBOM**



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## **Product Architecture**

 Determining your product architecture and structure is critical for product configuration and concurrent engineering.



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## **Bill of Material (BOM)**



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## **Product Structure**



# **Concurrent Engineering**

 Concurrent engineering is the approach to having multiple people or groups working together at the same time on a product.



# **Notes on Concurrent Engineering**

 In all cases only one person can work on a part or assembly at the same time. This impacts concurrent design. This is also true for design responsibility.



## **Assembly Structure Tips**

- Establish the sub-assemblies and parts just like you would assemble the real product.
- To ensure the most optimal reuse, group items into logical sets for standardization.



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## **Assembly Creation Methods**



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## **Bill of Materials Example**

## Product



ltem	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	10001	Motor Assembly
2	1	10002	Stop Block

Item	Qty.	Part #	Description	
1	1	20001	Shaft	
2	1	20002	Bearing	
3	1	20003	Case	

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## **Product Lifecycle Management**

• Product Lifecycle Management (PLM)

- PLM is a business approach to solving the problem of managing product definition information.
- PLM is not a definition of technology.



Source: CIMdata www.cimdata.com

# **PLM Definition**

- A strategic business approach that applies a consistent set of business solutions that support the collaborative creation, management, dissemination, and use of product definition information.
- Supporting the extended enterprise (customers, design and supply partners, etc.)
- Spanning from concept to end of life of a product.



Integrating people, processes, business systems, and information.

Source: CIMdata www.cimdata.com PLM Think tank http://plmtwine.com

# **PLM Primary Functions**

### Data Vault & Document Management



Data Authoring (CAx)



### Workflow & Process Management



Classification Management



Structure Management



Program & Project Management



Source: CIMdata www.cimdata.com

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# **PLM Summary**

• PLM manages the complex and complete product definition.



## **Product Data Management**

- Product Data Management (PDM) is the system that is used for the managing and tracking of product design data primarily focused around engineering.
- Product Data Management (PDM) is often one element of an overall PLM strategy.

## **ERP Role**

• The PLM system most commonly integrates with the ERP business system.

 The ERP manages the physical item information of a product.



 The Bill of Material information is most commonly linked between PLM and ERP.

Source: WhatIsERP.net http://whatiserp.net

# **Design for Assembly (DFA)**

 Design for Assembly (DFA) is the proactive approach to designing a product for ease of assembly to reduce cost and time.



## **Design for Assembly Example**



- 3 Parts
- Requires a screwdriver
- Needs careful
   alignment
- Time Consuming

- 3 Parts
- Requires a rivet gun
- Alignment not as delicate
- Assembly Time
   Less

- 2 Parts
- Integrated Fastener
- Requires machine to secure the head of the fastener

- 2 Parts
- Integrated Fastener
- Can be hand pressed into place and removed

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# Computer-Cluster Projects (CP3)

## **Cluster Project 1**

 Guides instructions for learning general assembly constraints.



## **Cluster Project 2**

Guided instructions for assembly visualization and manipulation.



## **Cluster Project 3**

Guided instructions for designing in the assembly context (Top Down).



## **Problem Set Assignment**

• Problem set assignment for assembling the lower seat frame assembly.





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# Assemblies Demo Topics

## **About Project Files**



- Assemblies reference parts
- 2) Drawings reference parts.
- 3 Drawings reference assemblies.
- Drawings reference presentations.
- 6 Presentations reference assemblies

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# **Project File Configuration**

## Projects Dialog Box

- Used to create, edit, or set a project current.
- Top pane shows the available projects, and the lower pane shows the settings and configured options for the selected project.

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### Mate/Flush Constraint

- The Mate/Flush constraint is used to align part features such as faces, edges, or axis.
- Before Mate Constraint





### After Mate Constraint



### After Flush Constraint



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### Angle Constraint

- Used to specify an angle between two parts. The angle constraint is applied to faces, edges, or axes.
- Before Angle Constraint



### After Angle Constraint



### Tangent Constraint

- Used to define a tangential relationship between two parts. The tangent constraint is generally applied to circular faces and planar faces. One of the selected faces must be circular.
- Before Tangent Constraint After Tangent Constraint





### Insert Constraint

- This constraint is used to insert one component into another. This constraint effectively combines a mate axis/axis and a mate face/face constraint. Generally the insert constraint is applied to bolts, or pins, or any part that needs to be inserted into a hole on another part. It is applied by selecting a circular edge on each part.
- Before Insert Constraint



### After Insert Constraint



# **Isolating Components**

#### Isolate

Isolate: Overflow Menu: Right-click a selected component > Isolate

### Undo Isolate

Undo Isolate: Overflow Menu: Right-click in the browser or graphics window > Undo Isolate.



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## **Find in Browser**

#### Find In Browser

Overflow Menu: Right-click a selected component in the graphics window.



## **Zoom Selected**

Find in Window, Zoom Selected
 Ribbon: View tab > Navigate panel

Keyboard: END



Overflow Menu: Right-click a selected component in the browser.



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# **Selecting Components**

### Selection Filters

Quick Access Toolbar: Component Priority Flyout > Select

Keyboard: SHIFT+right-click



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## **Sections**

Assembly Sections



Ribbon: View tab > Appearance panel



Half-section view:



#### Quarter-section view:



#### Three-quarter section view:



# **Designing components in-place**

### Create Components in Context

- Design each component while still in the assembly environment.
- As you design each component, you are applying the required assembly constraints, and are making changes to parts based upon their relationships to other components in the assembly.





## **Checking for Interferences**

### Interference

### Ribbon: Inspect tab > Interference panel > Analyze Interference



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### **Driving Constraints for Simple Motion and Analysis**

Drive Constraint

RMB on the constraint in the browser > Drive Constraint







### **Placing Standard Components Using the Content Center**

Content Center

### Ribbon: Assemble tab > Component panel > Place from Content Center



