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CUST 312 - Simple Automation Tools for PTC Creo to Boost Any Company's Design Efficiency

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#### Automation

First impressions









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How can one size fit all?



#### **Common Automation**

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#### Semi-Automation

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· Give control to the end user to make choices.



Power, Control, Responsibility

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**Checks and Balances** 



#### Training



#### **Interactive Options**



# **GUI** Options



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**Choose Path** 

#### Interactive Application

- UDF
- · Drawing Symbols
- Component operations
  - Delete
  - Suppress
  - Change parameters
  - Hide



BLOCK MODULE		+	_		
Underdrain Type	TSU				
Number Laterals	29				
Std Underdrain per Lateral	2				
Makeup Underdrain Length	20.0000	inch			
Lateral_CC_Spacing	12.0079	inch			
Lateral_End_Spacing	9.0551	inch			
ateral_Offset_Spacing	2.0000	inch			
MS Type	NO CAP				
Oring_Qty	87				
End_Plate_Qty	29				
ORIFICE PLATE MOL	JULE				
Orifice_Material	304_SS				
Orifice_Cutout_Offset	8.0551	inch			/
Right_Orifice_Length	120.0787	inch			
Left Orifice Length	108.0709	inch			
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**Design Variables** 

- Make design variables with specific names that would only be used when referring to design criteria
- Do not use vague Length, Width, Material, etc. as design variables.

Use	Don't Use	
Filter_Length	Length	
Filter_Width	Width	
Support_Material	Material	

# Edit Design Variables

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ba	SmartAssembly 5.0 EDIT_DES	GIGN_VARIABLE	is 💿 💌 💌
	Enter values FIRST_PARAMETER_NAME FIRST_PARAMETER_VALUE SECOND_PARAMETER_VALUE SECOND_PARAMETER_VALUE THIRD_PARAMETER_VALUE FOURTH_PARAMETER_VALUE FOURTH_PARAMETER_VALUE FIFTH_PARAMETER_VALUE FIFTH_PARAMETER_VALUE EXCLUDE_MODELS_SET1	Filter_length   120.5   Filter_width   350.25   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?   ?	Choose option PARAMETER_TYPE © REAL INTEGER © STRING EXCLUDE_BY_NAME © NO © YES
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- Run from Top Level
- Intended for Design Variables
- User enters
  - Parameters to change
    - Parameter Type
  - New parameter values
- If the parameter exists in a component, the new parameter value is passed
  - Otherwise nothing happens
  - Syncs all Design Variables

#### **Reuse Existing Programs**

#### · Reuse existing programs

- Visual Basic
- Java
- C++
- Excel Macros
- Any .exe

#### Program output

- Text file
- Excel
- To known location and name



- In session
- Directory



# Mapkeys

- Lessens the programming needed
- Use with Loops
- Not all Mapkeys will work though
  - $-\,$  Where you select the object first, then run Mapkey



#### Admin Tools

- Purge old data
- · Add new parameters to standard components
- · Add views



#### Managers

#### Reports

- Standard Reports
  - Cut sheets
  - Percentage project complete
- User Defined Reports
  - Use GUI to choose
    - Directory
    - Parameters



#### Start Part GUI



#### Compile Documents for Standard Components



#### Redefine Named Views Based on Current Orientation

- Orient model to "Front" view to match drawing template needs
- Run Utility redefines
  - Front
  - Back
  - Тор
  - Bottom
  - Left
  - Right



#### Add Change Drawing Units

- Add/Change " or mm units
- Apply correct dtl
- · Leaves dimensions text in place



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# Compile Files for Standard Components

• Use parameter Compile\_X string with the path and file to be compiled

- 80 character limit in parameter value
- Could be
  - PDF
  - DOC
  - XLS
  - JPEG
  - ETC

COMPILE_1	String	c:\engineering\product name\specs\testing_123.pdf		
COMPILE_2	String	c:\engineering\product name\marketing\marketing_123.jpg		
COMPILE_3	String	c:\engineering\product name\report\excel_data.xls	_/	

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#### Print / Export

#### Options

- PDF
- Print
- DWG
- IGES
- STEP
- Which
  - All
  - Marked Autoprint
  - Job Specific or Autoprint
- Where
  - Working directory



#### **Review of Benefits**

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- Increase Efficiency
  - Save time by automating (semi) repetitive tasks
- Increase Usability
  - Leverage friendly GUI and prompts to increase PTC Creo's usability

#### Return focus back on designing quality products



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#### Automation

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 "We don't have the time or money to invest into automating our CAD designs." "Our products are too unique for automation." Sound familiar? There are many perceived barriers to automating PTC Creo, especially if complete and custom automation is expected. However, in this session, attendees will learn about simple yet powerful automated and semi-automated utilities for PTC Creo that are inexpensive and quick to implement. Most companies are burdened with similar repetitive tasks when using PTC Creo such as exporting BOMs to Excel or drawings to PDF, last-minute changes that affect numerous components within a design, compiling documents for proposals or submittals, cleaning up old data, administrative updates such as adding or deleting parameters, changing parameters value, editing relations, etc. By using Sigmaxim's SmartAssembly automation capabilities, the presenter will discuss tools created that increase PTC Creo's efficiency, usability, and administration capabilities regardless of the types of products being designed by addressing those repetitive tasks just mentioned. Training end-users and administrators is short and straightforward because each tool was designed to match the process. Interactive graphical user interface (GUI)-driven programs, simple input-driven programs, and fully automated tools increase PTC Creo's usability which the puts the focus back on designing quality products. Additionally, implementation of these utilities does not require intensive or manual updates to existing designs, so quick implementation is achievable for most companies who face these common repetitive tasks

Message Box

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