

# PTC WINDCHILL - ERP INTERFACE

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## INNOFACE GMBH





#### - Mediator between the worlds of PTC Windchill and ERP -

- Over 14 years of experience in the development and project work of interfaces between PTC Windchill and ERP systems
- Already 60+ successful solutions for international customers















Productive installations in 15 countries worldwide



































**Partnerships** 













→ Today Innoface is one of the leading providers of interfaces that connect PTC Windchill and ERP systems.

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# **OUR PRODUCTS**



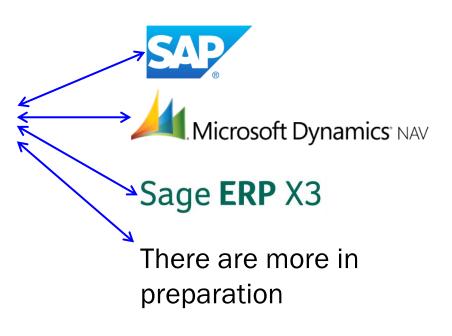


Interfaces

PTC° Windchill°



- Complementary Products
  - IFConneX Release Engine
  - Windchill Output Suite
  - Windchill Customizing Tools



## INITIAL SITUATION





- No PDM system
- or PDM system not linked to ERP system
- Leads to
  - → Redundant data
  - →Increased need for coordination
  - → Lack of clarity regarding the validness of data
  - →Incomplete data

# CONSEQUENCES





- Increased costs because of
  - Loss of time
  - Manufacturing errors
  - Purchase of wrong parts
- Supply bottlenecks
- Delayed delivery of own products → may lead to contract penalty
- Loss of quality

#### **APPROACH**





- Producing industrial enterprises need a powerful PDM system
- Technical data is stored in the PDM system, logistical data is managed in an ERP system
- Technical and logistic data must be linked clearly
- Departments like development, purchasing, materials handling, production and services need reliable product data
- Processes need to be defined across systems

# WHY IS AN INTERFACE BETWEEN PTC WINDCHILL AND THE ERP SYSTEM A NECESSITY?





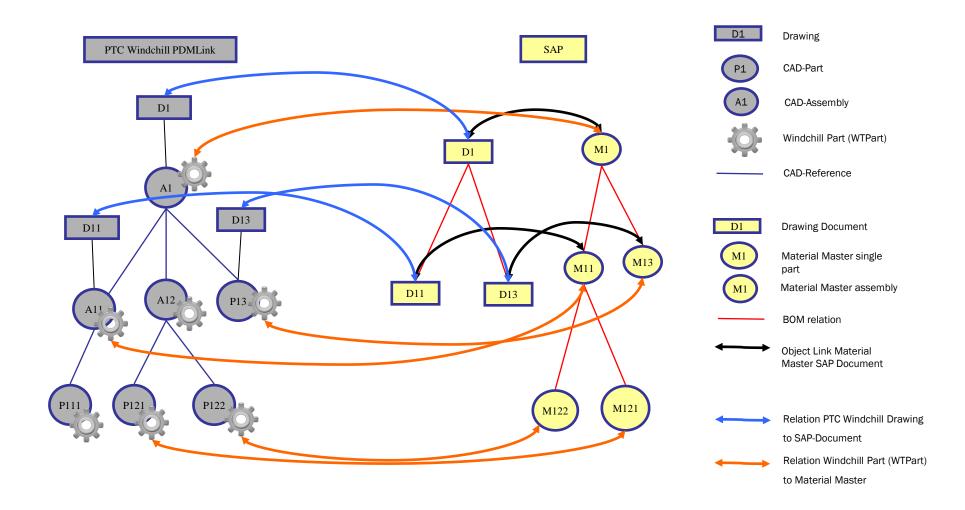
- The interface takes care of synchronizing data between PTC Windchill and the ERP system
- Once the data is entered, it is automatically available in the other system
- Entered data is constantly verified by the interface regarding its quality and consistency
- The interface makes sure that processes can be defined across systems
- The interface simplifies the communication by event-driven notifications to the user
- As a result
  - Valuable product data is arranged for the long run and is available in high quality
  - Processes are automated and better supported

# THE DATA MODEL





The Data Model defines the relation between PTC Windchill objects and ERP objects



# FUNCTIONS OF AN ERP - INTERFACE



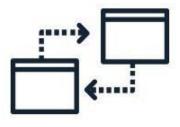


- Material Master
  - Create Material Master for a PTC Windchill Part or CAD Model. Update views and fields of Material Master according to PTC Windchill Part attributes.
  - Assign an existing Material Master to a PTC Windchill Part or CAD Model
- Bill of Materials
  - Create and update an SAP Bill of Materials (BOM) according to a Part or CAD Model structure in PTC Windchill
- Document
  - Create and update an SAP Document Info Record to be able to store viewing files in SAP (additional product Release Engine is required)
- Release Procedure
  - Synchronization of the technical Release Process in PTC Windchill with the related objects in SAP (Material Master, Document, Bill of Materials)
- Change Process
  - Creation of an SAP Change Master related to a Change Request or a Change Notice in PTC Windchill
- For further details and functions please read the corresponding product brochure

## IMPORTANT FEATURES OF ERP INTERFACES?

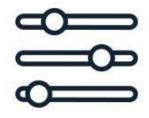








- Bidirectional Data Exchange
- Posting in Real-time
- (No Batch)





- Functionality Interactively Configurable
- Controllable by Menus and Browser



 Certified by ERP SUPPLIER

## SERVICES NEEDED





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 At first, experts need to work out a coherent interface concept in a workshop with you

#### **Test Environment**

 Based on the concepts you need support with the installation of a test environment

# Configuration / Customizing

• By configuring or if required by customizing the interface needs to be adjusted according to your requirements

#### Test and Consolidation

• The interface has to be tested by experts and your users

#### **Acceptance Test**

• The functionality of the interface has to be approved by you

#### **Training**

Training material needs to be created

· The users have to be trained

#### Go Live

• Planning and preparation of the start of operation (Go Live)

• The start of operation (Go Live) of the interface

#### Startup Phase

• In the first few weeks, the users need support either by your key users or by experts

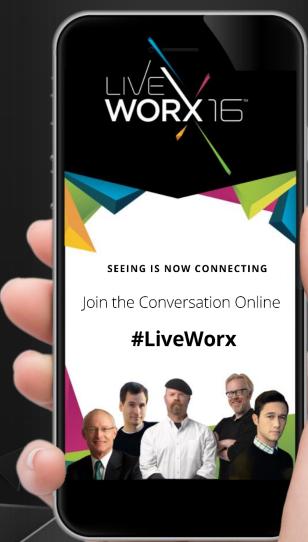
#### Support of Operations

• After the successful implementation, you need support in running operations to make sure that everything proceeds smoothly.

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