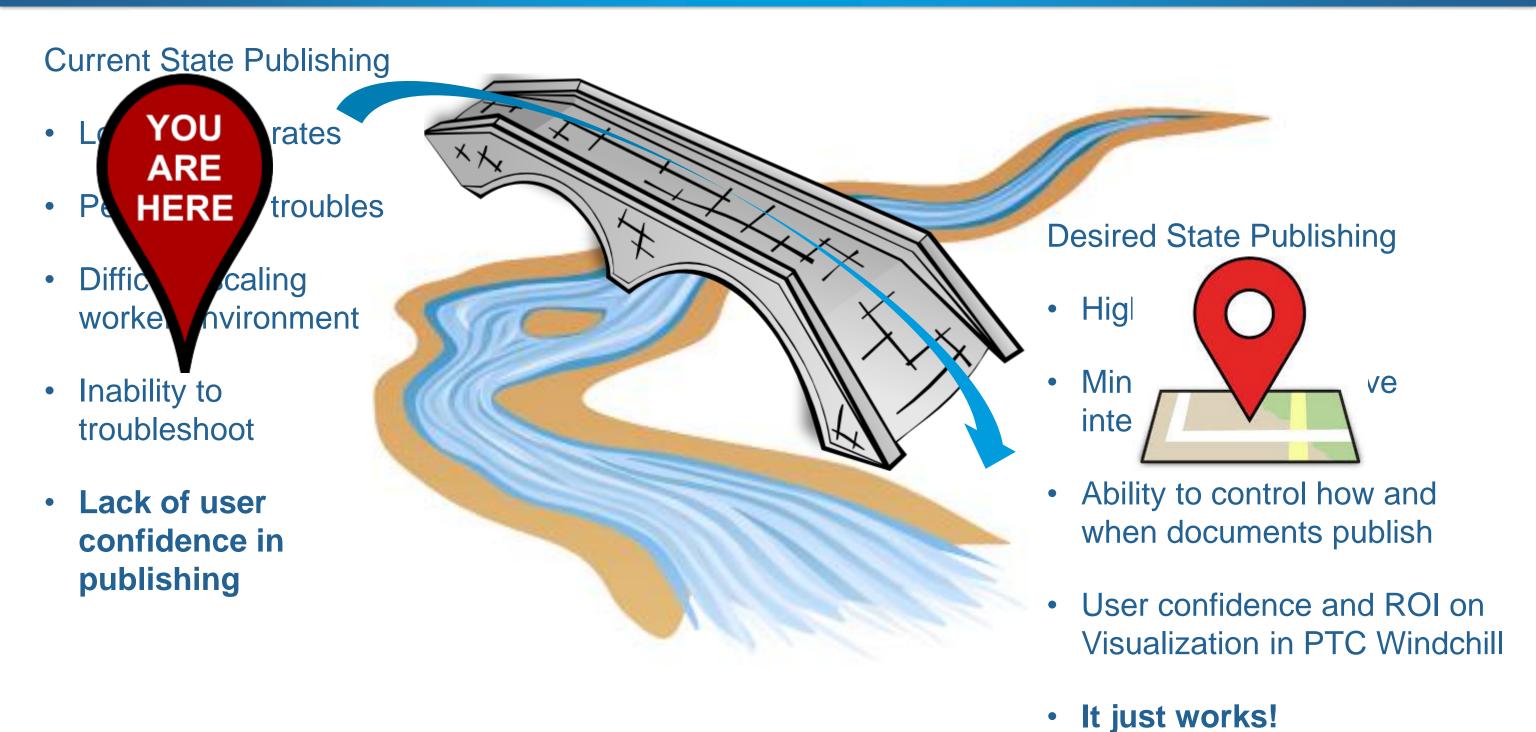
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CUST 311 - Path to Publishing Success and Satisfaction at Flowserve

Phil Miller & Robert Morrison



Goal of Session



Introductions

Phil Miller - Engineering Systems Analyst

15 years with Flowserve

8 Years in Engineering IT

3 Years Windchill Experience since 10.1 F000

Responsible for:

- Windchill, Engineering Infrastructure, Other Engineering Applications
- Workstations, Servers, Virtual infrastructure, Networking, Storage, Design Tools, Data Management, Engineering Applications

Other Duties as Required....





8 years with I-Cubed / KPIT

8 Years in PLM Services Domain

8 Years Windchill Experience since 8.0 M050

Responsible for:

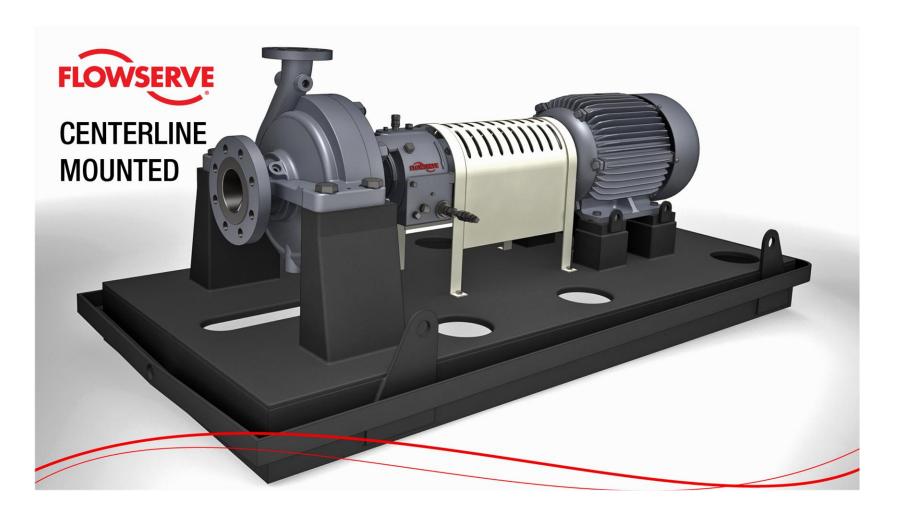
- Product Development in ePLM SBU
- Solution Architect specializing in Visualization & CAD data management



Introductions

About Flowserve

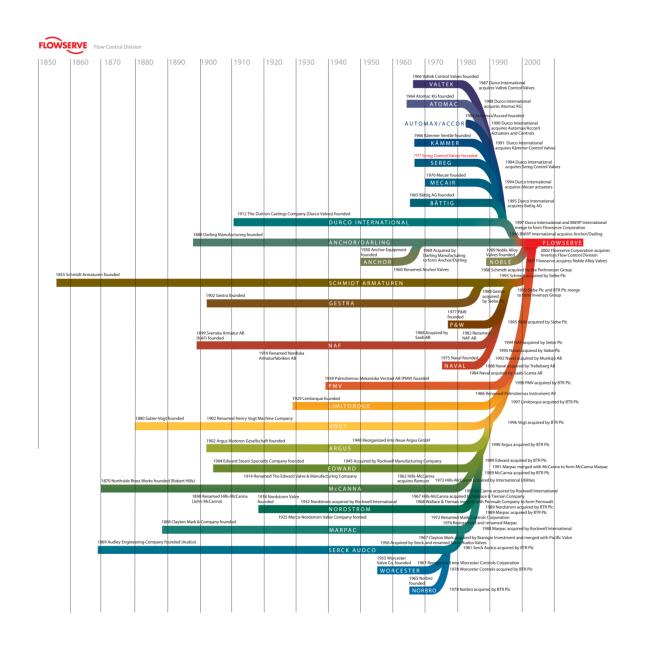
- Pumps, Valves, Seals, and Services.
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- \$4.87 Billion Annual Revenue
- 250 Locations Globally
- 18,000 employees

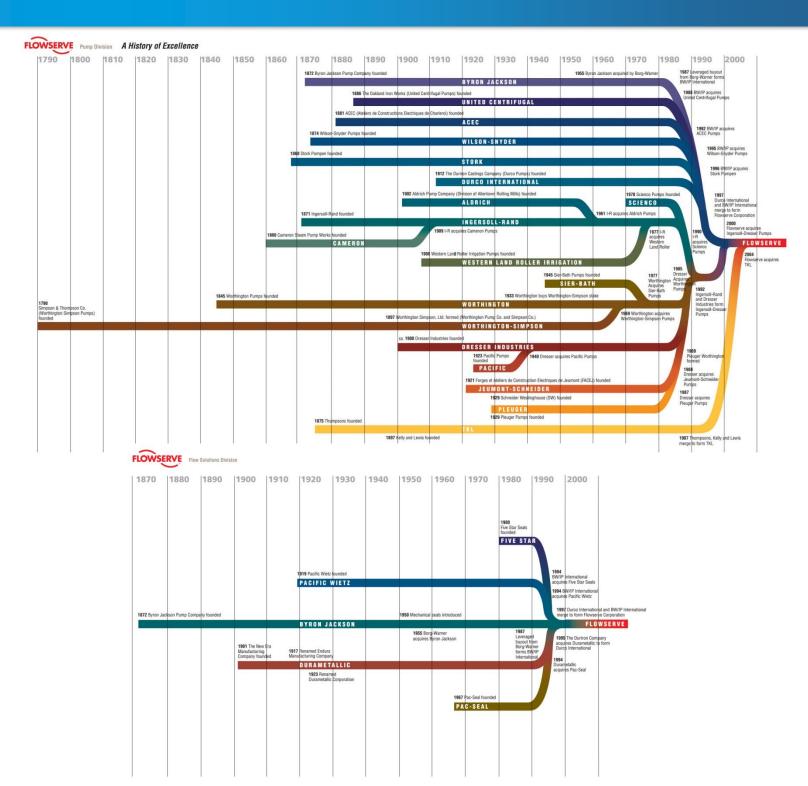


Flowserve Introduction

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Strategic Acquisitions





Design and Data Management

- Many engineering facilities
- PTC Creo, Inventor, Solidworks, AutoCAD
- Diverse design standards across locations and product lines
- Diverse historical data management strategies and applications
- Diverse requirements across locations, product lines, and engineering teams





















Beginning our down our path

Project start conditions – Desired Outcomes

Background

Publishing State at Flowserve

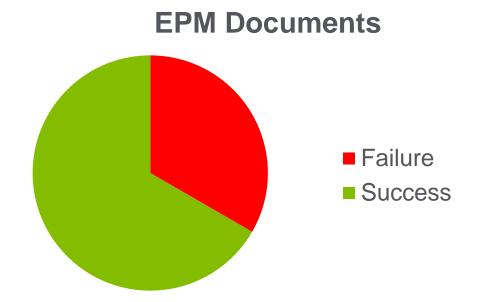
Publishing Failure Rates – For August of 2014

6 Locations using PTC Windchill

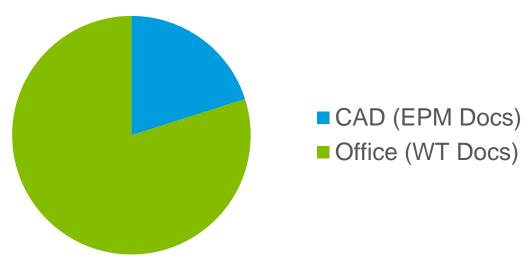
- PTC Creo 25%
- SolidWorks 25%
- Inventor 47%
- Office 1.68%*
- Unknown File types 100%

Inexperience Etc..

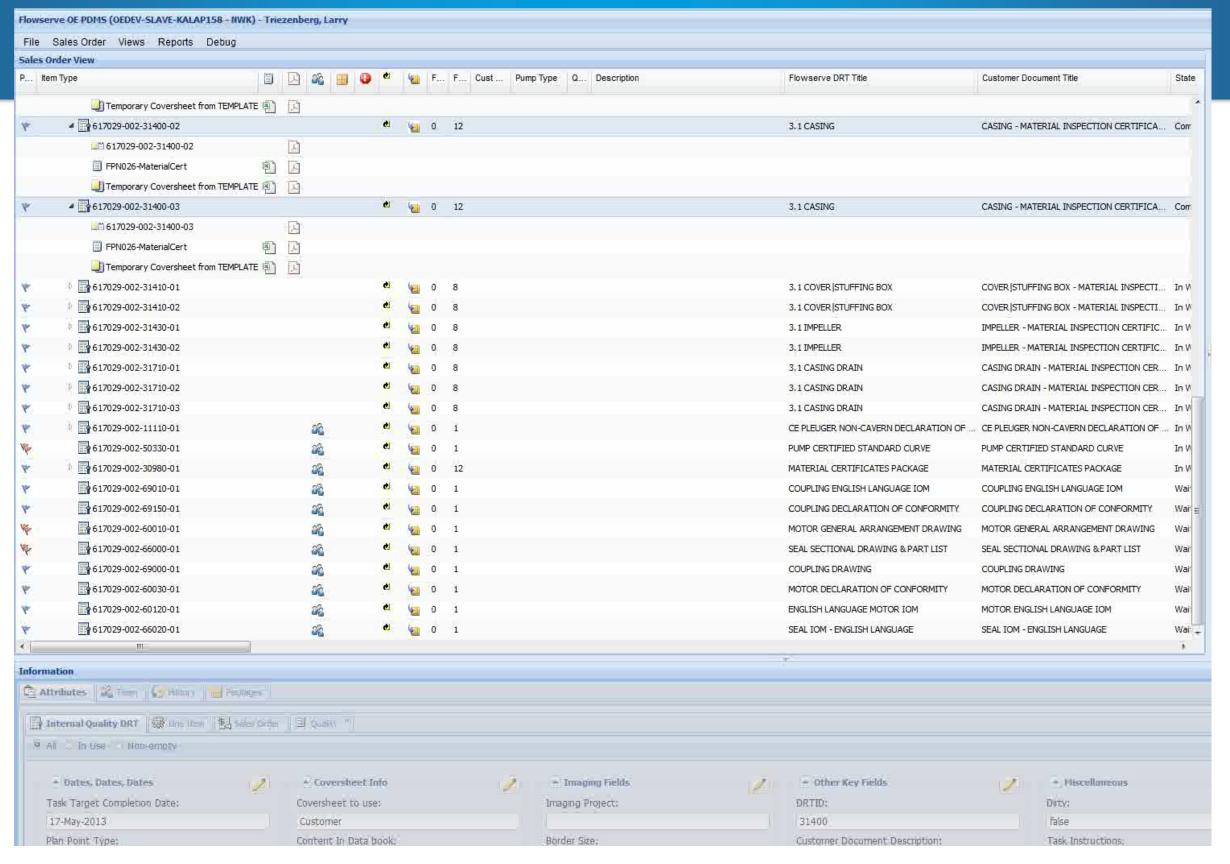








^{*} This measurement does not reflect the usefulness of what was being published, or how long it took for it to publish.



Background

Goal of Project

- Targets Identified
 - Poor Configuration
 - Inexperience
- Outlined Goals
 - > 98% Success Rate
 - Correct existing WVS configuration
 - Develop a filter to support a diverse design environment
 - Admin Training
 - Custom DWG to PDF conversion
 - Improve WVS performance
 - Develop a strategy for scaling WVS to support new deployments



Walking down our path

Making publishing work for you

Areas of Focus

Obstacles in our path

- Configuration & deployment
- Education around publishing
- Enhancements developed
- Defects addressed

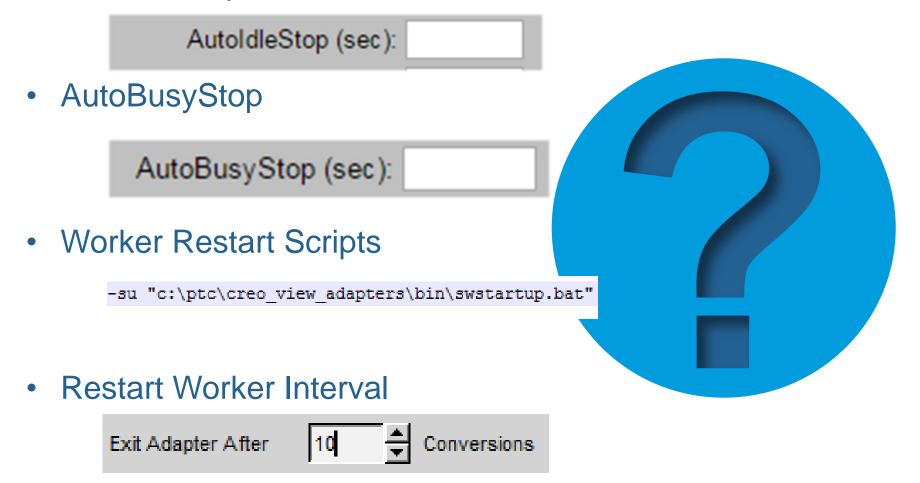


Choosing the right path

Configuration & Deployment

Best Practices Settings & Explanation – MCAD Configuration

AutoIdleStop



Best Practices Settings & Explanation – LiveCycle Configuration

- Disk Usage
 - Felix HPROF dumps
 - AEM System Console (http://host:port/system/console)
 - Stop Bundle: org.apache.felix.webconsole.plugins.memorusage
 - Disk Usage Clean up as part of JBOSS startup
 - %APPDATA%\Local\Temp
 - <LC Install>\jboss\log
 - <LC Install>\jboss\tmp
- Memory & Garbage Collection Settings
 - <LC_Install>\jboss\bin\run.conf.bat

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set "JAVA_HEAP_ARGS=-Xms8192m -Xmx8192m -XX:PermSize=512m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m"
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set "JAVA_OPTS=8JAVA OPTS8 -server -XX:NewRatio=1 -XX:MaxTenuringThreshold=100 -XX:+UseParallelGC -XX:+UseParallelOldGC -XX:ParallelGCThreads=4"

Best Practices Settings & Explanation – LiveCycle Configuration

DDX Gotchas

- Parsing Errors
 - <PDF source="directions.pdf" required="false"/>

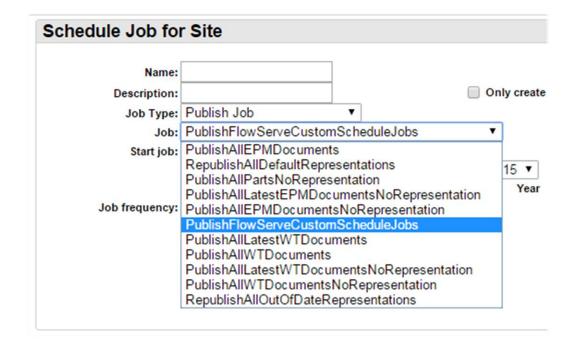
- Page Numbering
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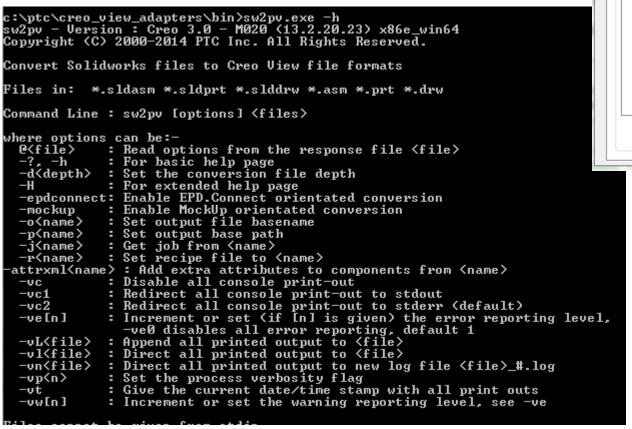
Upgrade & Deployment Procedures

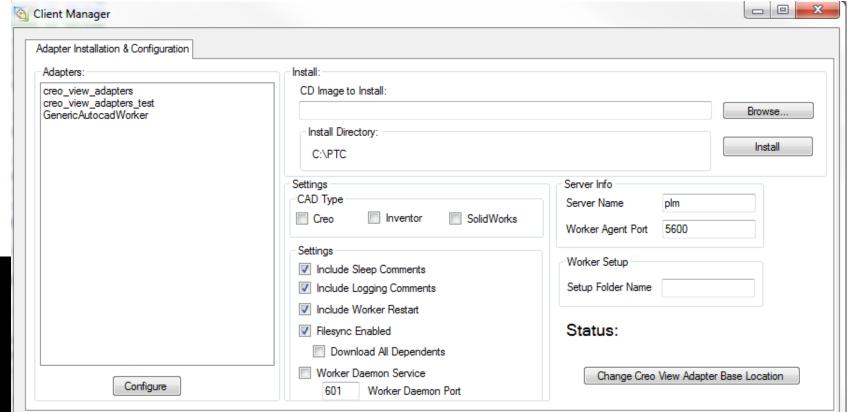
- Custom Schedule Job
 - Takes in triplet & submits list for publishing
 - Number, Revision, Iteration
 - Enables consistent testing
 - Ability to republish specified components
- Standardization of Worker Configuration
 - Documentation of worker configuration
 - Removes questions inconsistency in worker behavior



Configuration Automation

- Configuration Tool created
 - Consistent testing
 - Ability to republish specified components
- Command line availability of configuration





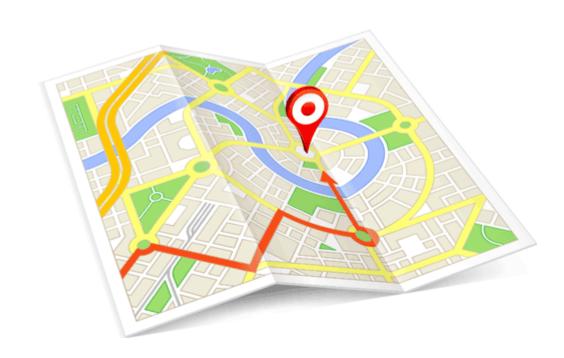
Providing a map

Education

Education

Areas of Education

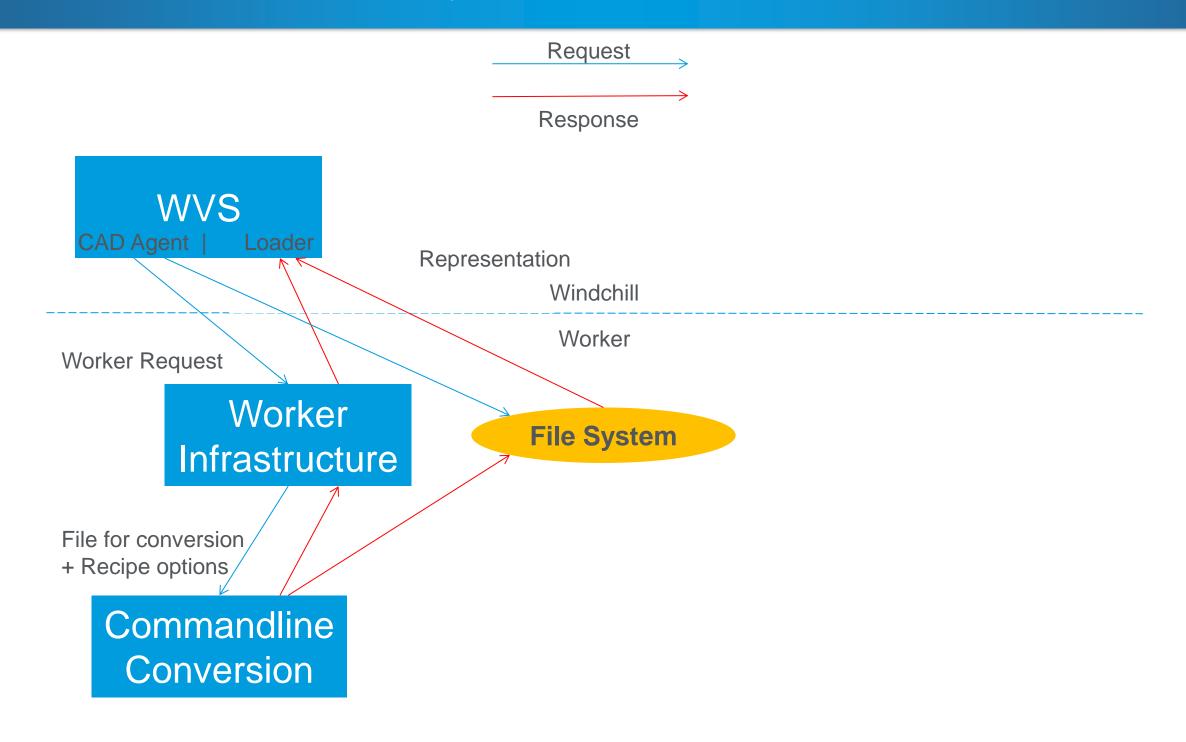
- Understanding Worker Communication
 & Components
- How Queues Work
- How to troubleshoot issues

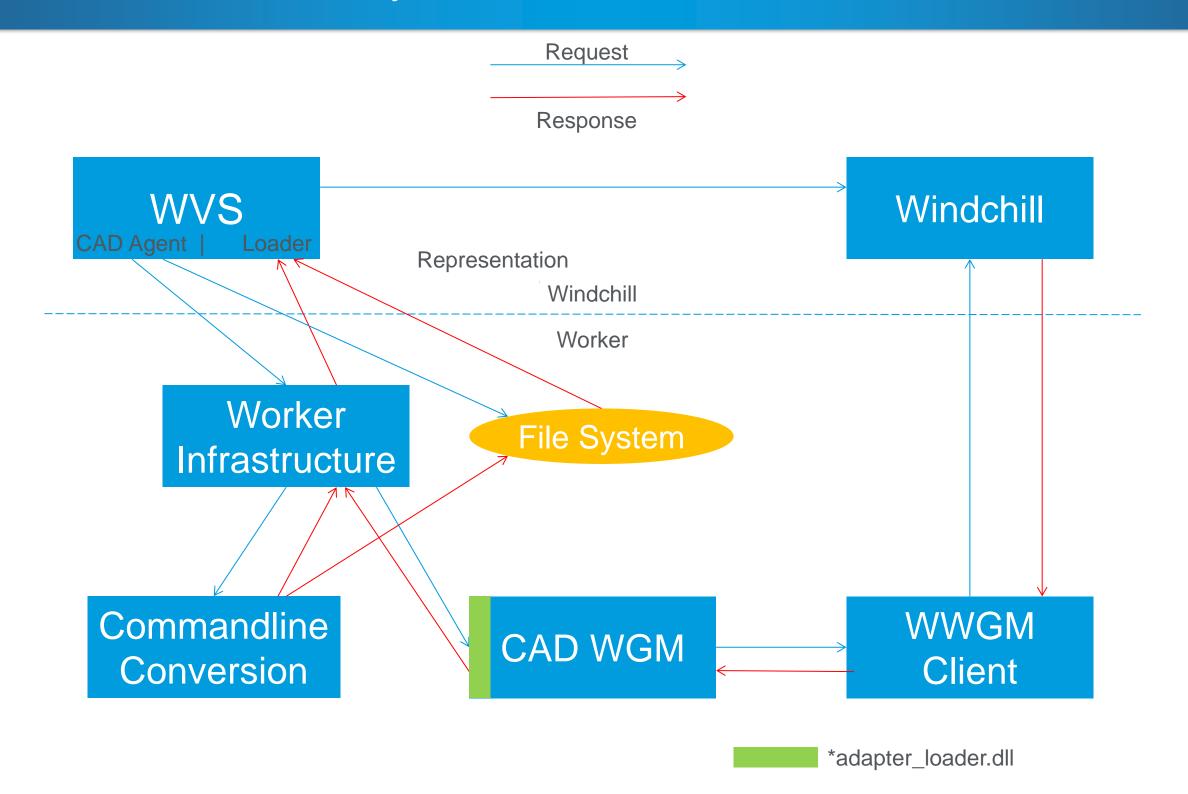


Understanding Worker Communication & Components Creo View Adapters SolidWorks CATIA 5 etc **EPMDocs** "Check-in" Thumbnail from WGM glient **CADAgent** Generator (worker agent) Creo Repository SolidWorks Publisher (Rest of CATIA 5 Loader Windchill) etc

Clients

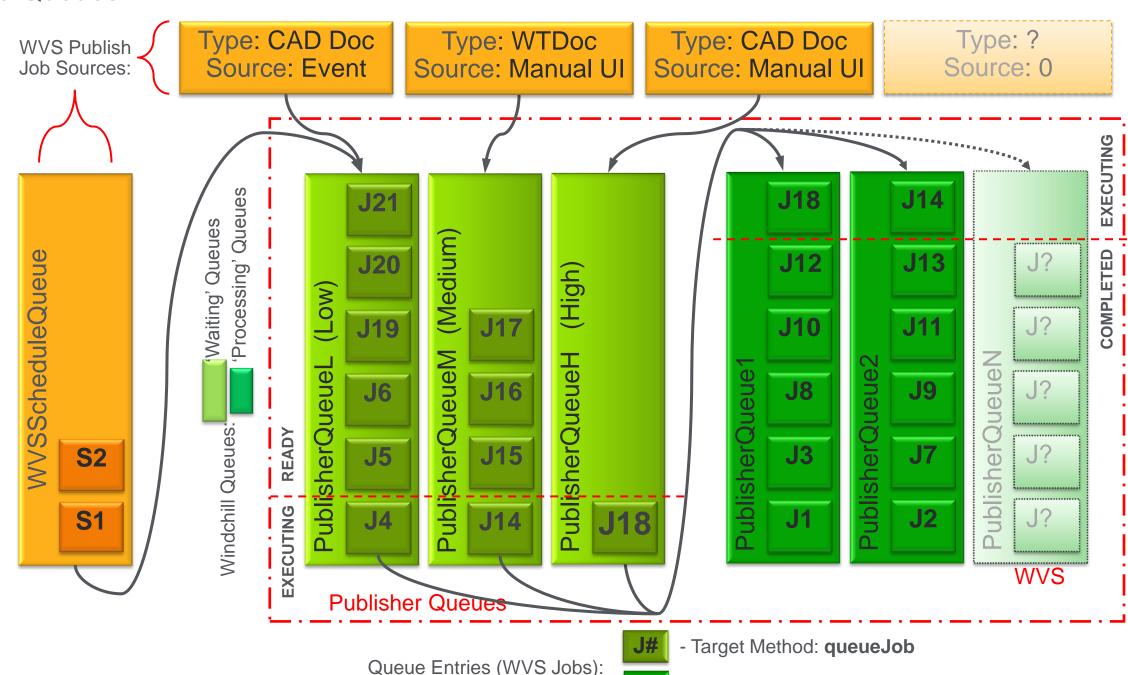
Worker Procedure without File Sync





Queue Management

Introduction to Queues



Troubleshooting

Starting Points for Troubleshooting

- Troubleshooting aids provided in handouts
- Starting point for understanding Visualization
 - Getting Started with PTC Creo View and PTC
 Windchill Visualization Guide

Troubleshooting Articles

- Troubleshooting PTC Windchill Visualization Services publishing failures
 - https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS3821
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- How to enable verbose PTC Windchill 10.0 Visualization Services (WVS) Method Server messages?
 - https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS3351
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- Creo View Adapters: Adobe LiveCycle Enterprise Server (ES)
 Troubleshooting Resources
 - https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS1183
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Advanced Topics:

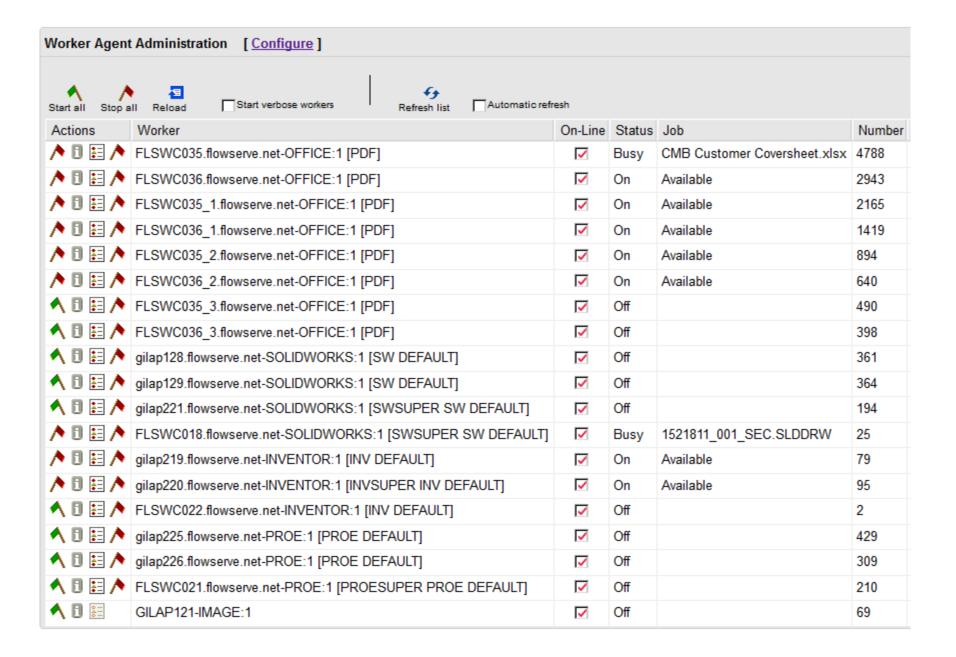
- High level steps performed by a WVS File Synchronization enabled PTC Windchill CAD Worker
 - https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS1913 28
- PTC Windchill PDMLink: How PTC Windchill Visualization
 Services uses PTC Windchill Queues for processing WVS Jobs
 - https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS149619

Building a better path

Enhancements

Queueset Customization - Problem

- Diverse Design environments require matching publishing configurations.
- Complex or slow running jobs require additional resources and need to be moved out of the way of simpler faster running jobs.
- OE Portal Users expect instant publishing of WT Docs
- One average day of publishing —



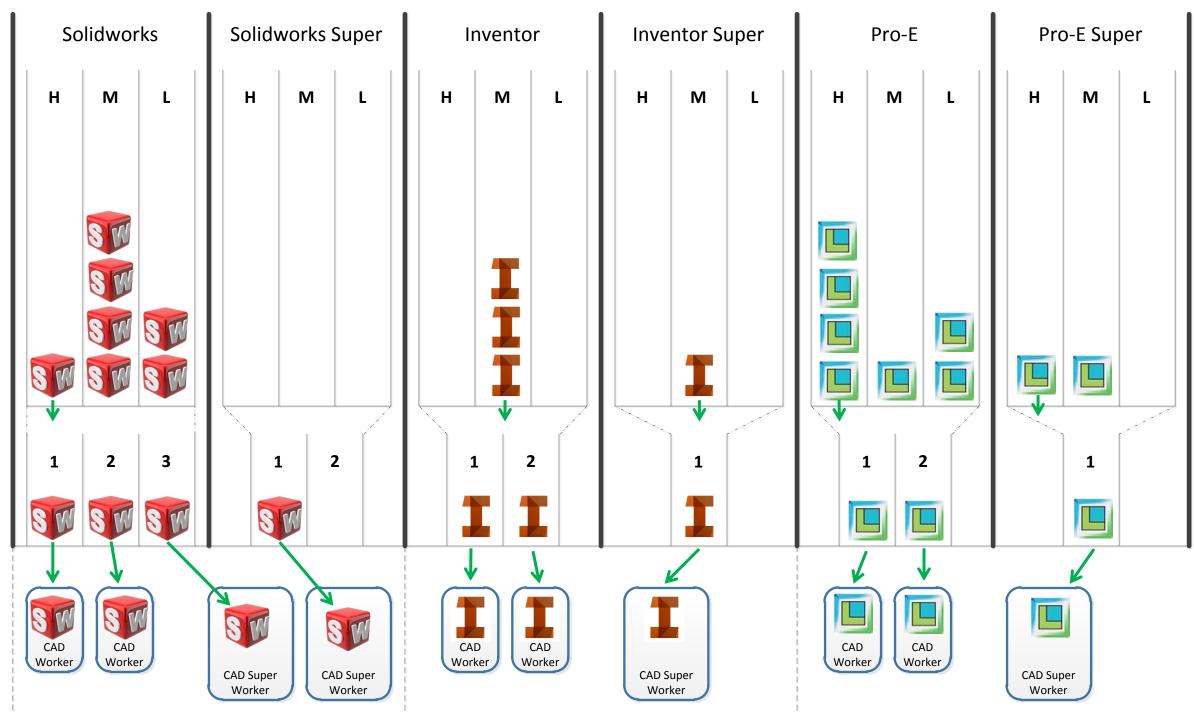
Queueset Customization - Solution

- One Filter to Rule them All!
- Filtering by:
 - Context
 - IBA
 - Authoring Application
 - Complexity of Documents
- Allows for combinations of filtering criteria



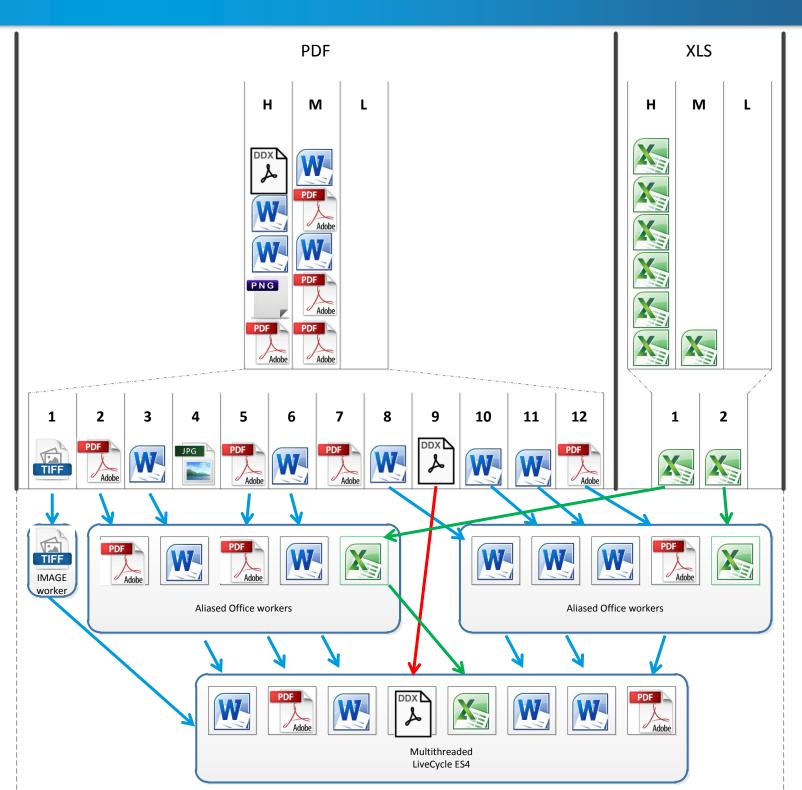
EPM Docs

- Super Queueset
 - James Kerkstra
 - Steelcase
 - PTC Live 2013
- Filter Criteria
 - Design Tool
 - Container
 - File Size
 - # of References
 - Attribute



WT Docs

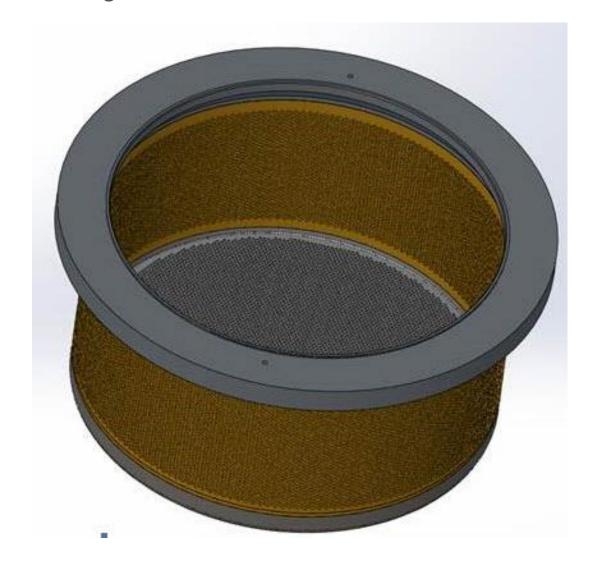
- Filter Criteria
 - File Type
- 1.5 to 1 Queue to Worker ratio
- No worker required for delegate jobs (DDX)
- VMWare VMs with multiple aliased workers
- Single threaded excel processing
 - 400 jobs in 10 minutes = too slow ☺
- Multiple User IDs for LC publishing

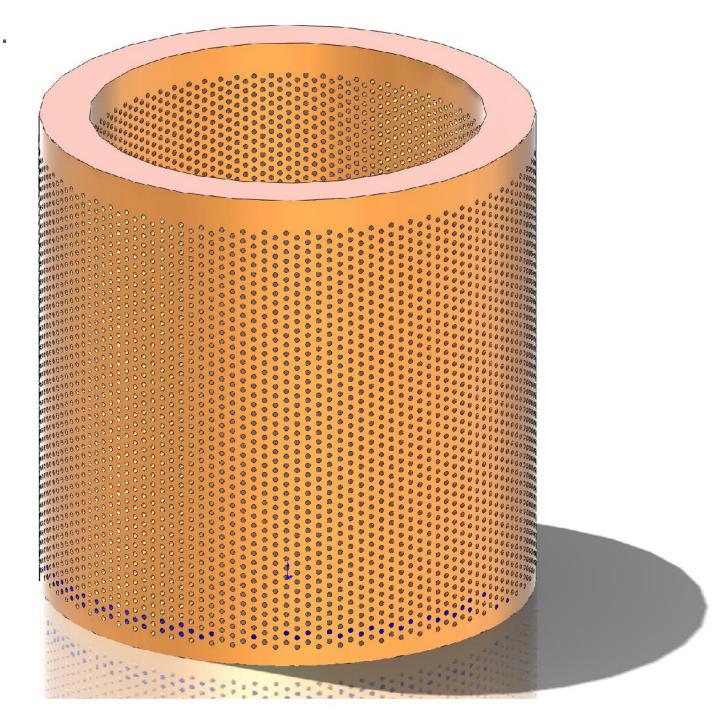


Enhancements – Atribute based filter Example

Solidworks parts with 12,000 features take 45 minutes to open.

They are used to control flashing (liquid going to gas) and cavitation (gas collapsing/condensing to a liquid) both of which tend to damage valves otherwise.





AutoCAD Worker

PDF as document of record

- One thing Flowserve locations agree on is that they like PDFs as their documents of record.
- Security, portability, traceability, compatibility, happy Users.
- Manufacturing
- Document markup.

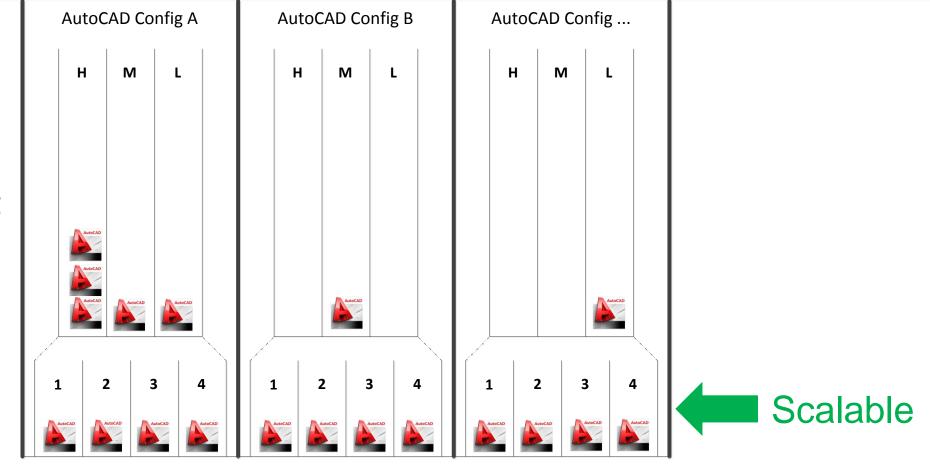
Output Server

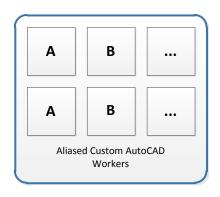
- No OOTB AutoCAD Worker!
- Why re-invent the wheel?
- In House AutoCAD Conversion application.
- Already supported FLS specific AutoCAD customization, line weights, and borders for more than 66% of the company.
- Maintained by the same staff that supports Windchill.

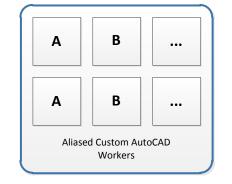


AutoCAD Workers / Output Servers

- Over 100 publishing configurations
- Each config requires a Queueset
- Filter Criteria
 - Design Tool
 - Container
 - Attribute
- One output server can service many queuesets
- Custom worker passes content and a text file to the Output Server









Scalable and Redundant

















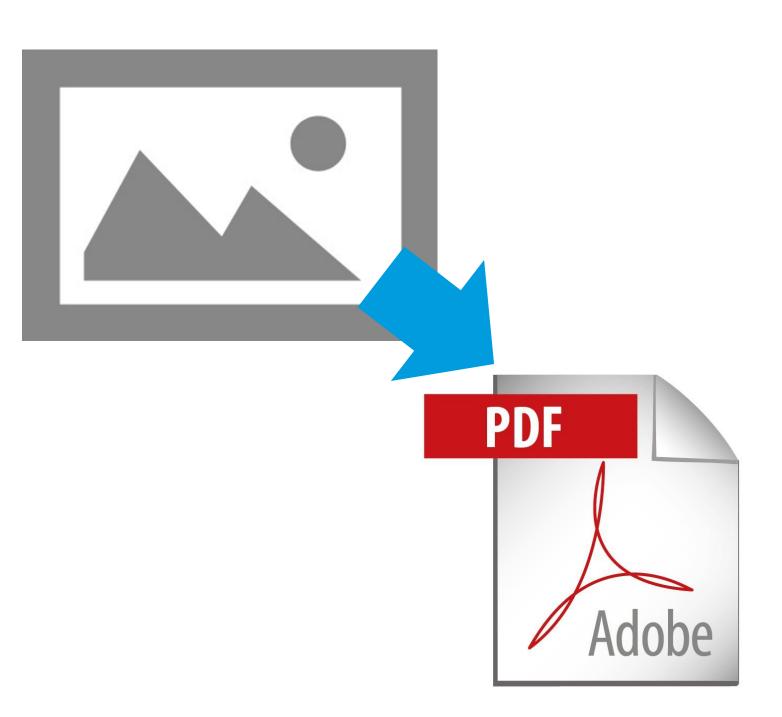






Image Worker

- Support for Collective Document publishing stopped with PTC Creo View 3.0
- Net Effect: No publishing Image files to PDF
- Solution:
 - Based on Generic Worker
 - Utilizes Adobe LiveCycle PDF Generator
 - Wraps resulting PDF in PVS file



Potholes

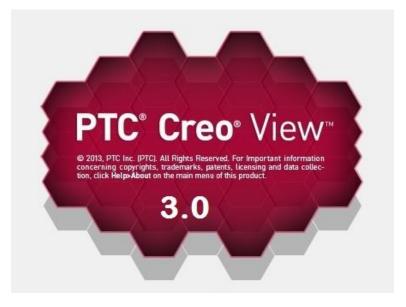
Defects Addressed

Upgrades to deliver fixes



10.1 M010 -> 10.1 M050





2.0 M040 -> 3.0 M020

Defects Addressed

Windchill 10.1 M050

WWGM

- Inventor publish jobs failing with error "Failed allocate dvfFile" in PTC Windchill PDMLink
 - SPR 2169165 / CS 155210
- Solidworks needs to collect all dependencies while running in worker mode
 - SPR 2116556
- Inventor publishing fails with filesync using PTC Creo View 3.0 M020 adapters unless recipe option "adapters/outputSource=1" is used
 - C12222637

WVS

- Publish.publishqueue.priorities.filtermethod does work when performing a manual resubmit in PTC Windchill 10.1
 - CS157889 / SPR 2208694

Defects Addressed

Creo View 3.0 M020

- Inventor Components Failure
 - Several Historical Inventor files at Flowserve failed to publish with PTC Creo View 2.0 formats
- PTC Creo View 2.0 format parsing
 - TBD
- Worker Restart Scripts Enhancements
 - CS 162756
- Publishing Pivot Tables in Excel crashes PTC Creo View adapters
 - TBD

Adobe LiveCycle ES4 SP1

- Thread lock on assembler service with parsing error
 - Largest Issue identified during publishing project
 - C12339785
 - Lock addressed with ES4 SP1 now results in error
- Still working on resolution to parsing error!
 - Potentially fixed in AEM?

End of the road

Results of our efforts

Patches and Updates

- PTC Platinum support
- TSAM Tracy Sheehan
- Onsite Days Matthew Banik
- Adobe LiveCycle Tony Schmitz
- How many patches related to WVS in some way
 - 5 Patches for Windchill and Creo View Adapters
 - 2 Patches WGM
 - 1 Patch for M050

Comparison against goals

- Outlined Goals
 - − > 98% Success Rate ✓
 - 95% Success rate of MCAD document achieved
 - Correct existing WVS configuration ✓
 - Documented and implemented best strategies around visualization configuration
 - Develop a filter to support a diverse design environment ✓
 - Filter successfully developed and deployed
 - Admin Training ✓
 - Training around core WVS publishing competencies delivered to the Flowserve Support team
 - Custom DWG to PDF conversion ✓
 - Custom AutoCAD worker developed using existing Output Server Backbone
 - Improve WVS performance ✓
 - Publishing strategy was reviewed and tweaked to optimize performance. Looking for final details but need help fro PTC!
 - Develop a strategy for scaling WVS to support new deployments ✓
 - Strategy determined around Filter optimization for site on-boarding

Where do we go from here?

- LiveCycle merge issues
- LiveCycle Scalability and Redundancy
- Multi-Threaded Excel processing
- Ensure publishing resources by dividing queuesets up into publishing groups

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