Autodesk Product Design and Manufacturing Collection | Vault Professional

## Optimize Multidisciplinary Workflows

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## About the speaker

#### Markus Koechl

Markus is a Solution Engineer for Vault Products. He is driven by customer needs, practical workflows and always eager to overcome barriers by extensions or automation. That's the simple reason that he started programming Inventor, Inventor iLogic, and Vault APIs with the background of a Mechanical Engineer.

## Learning Objectives



#### PDMC & VAULT OVERVIEW

- Get an overview of major capabilities and workflows covered by the Product Design & Manufacturing Collection toolset
- Learn how Vault Professional captures all relevant engineering data using built-in functionalities
- Learn how iLogic Automation extends workflows beyond design automation



#### WORKFLOW CHALLENGES

Get insights on challenges
 encountered when consolidating data
 for different disciplines, like sharing
 models for procurement or machining



#### WHERE TO START WITH AUTOMATION

 Learn how to access available configuration and automation samples that might help to eliminate unproductive steps in daily work

## Agenda







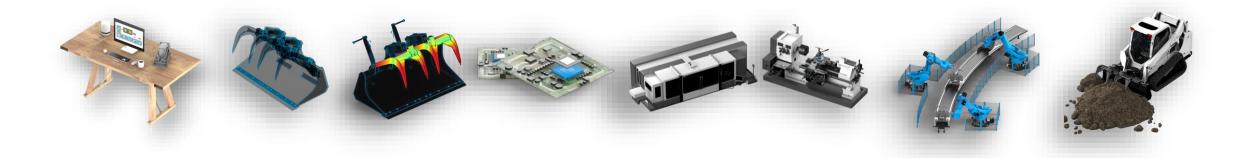


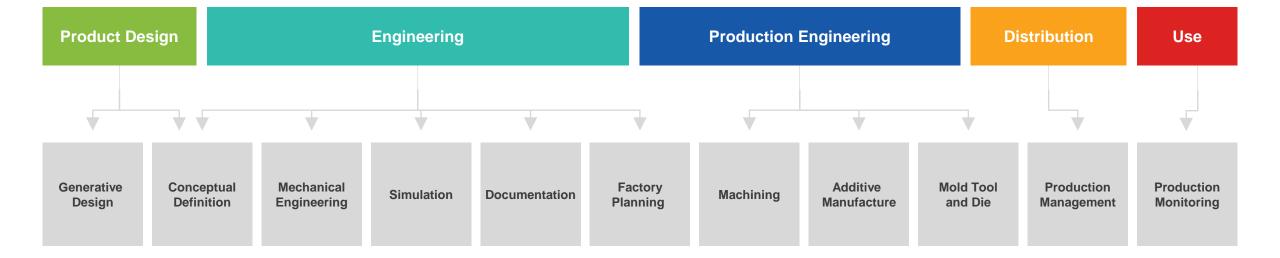




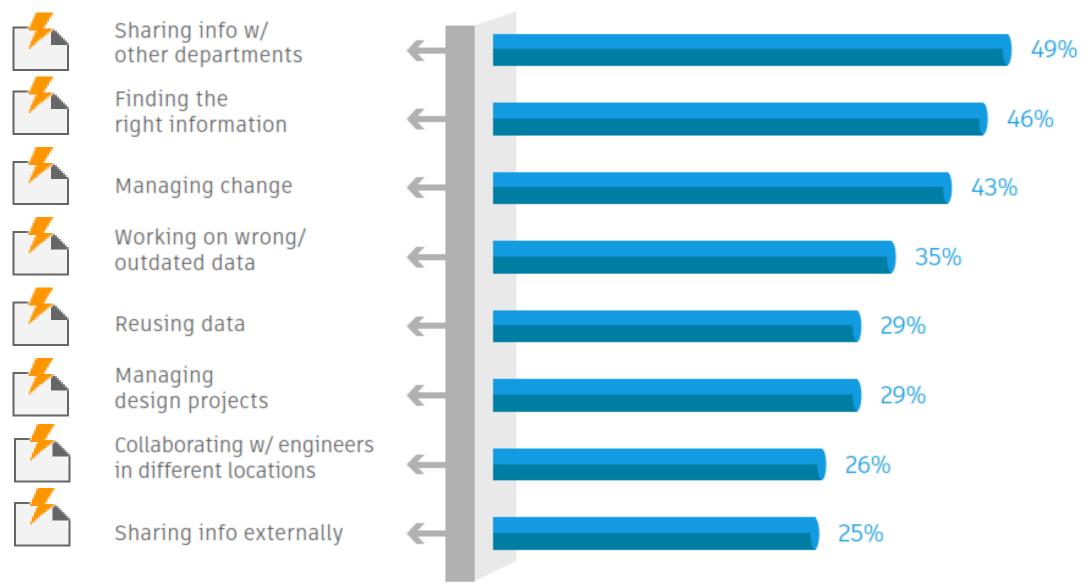


## AUTODESK® PRODUCT DESIGN & MANUFACTURING COLLECTION

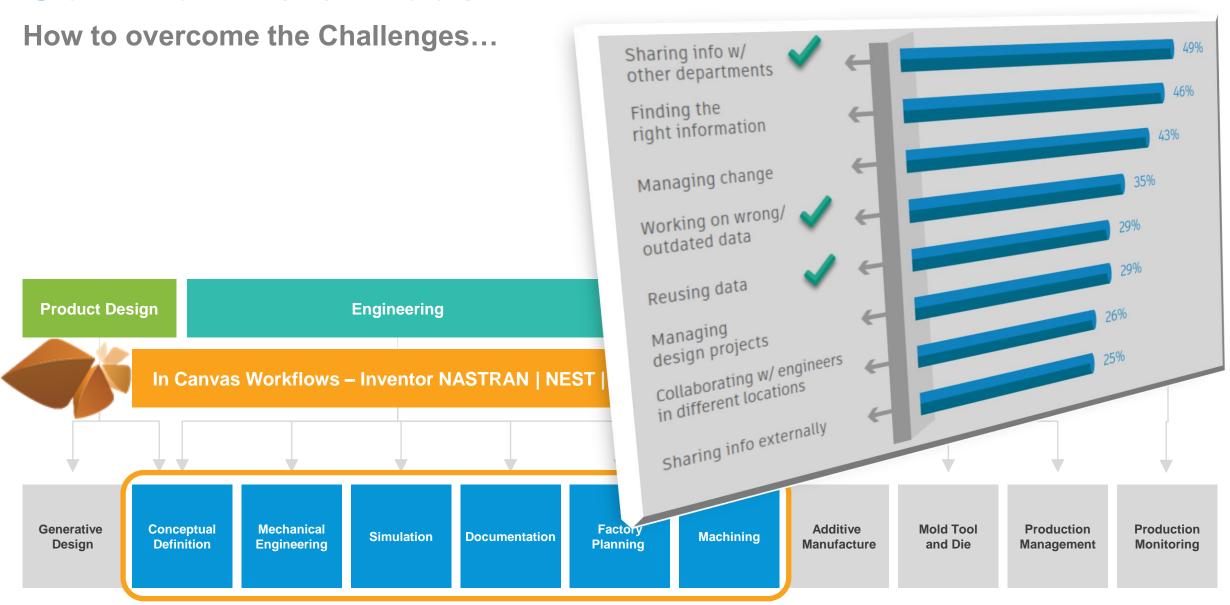




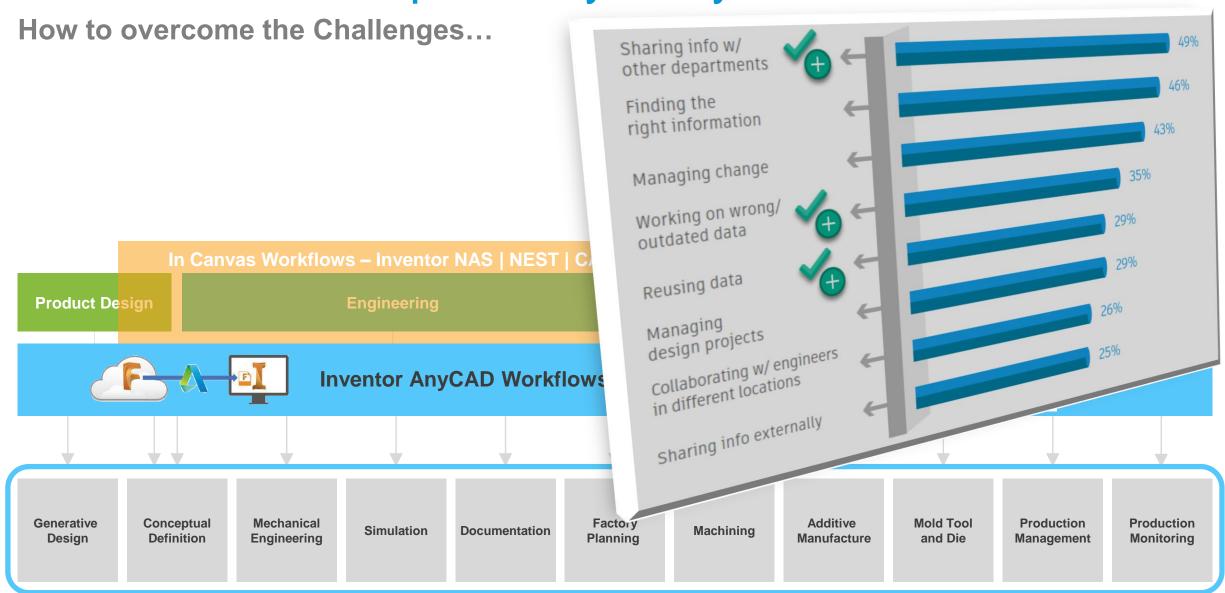
## Top Design Challenges Related to Data Management



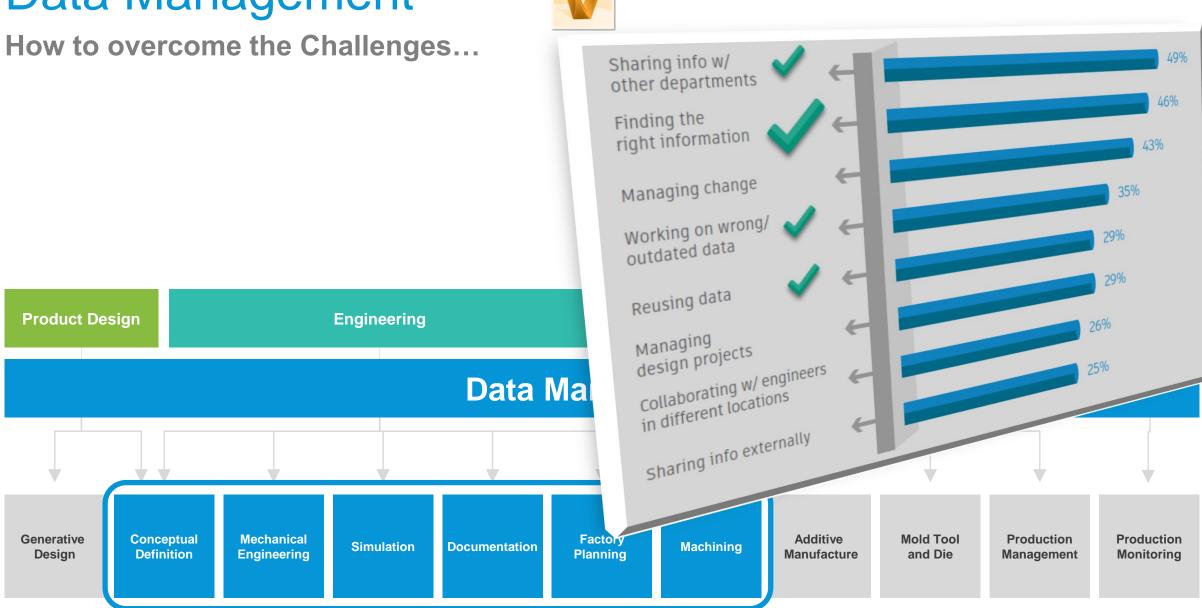
## Common Data Model



Associative Interoperability - AnyCAD



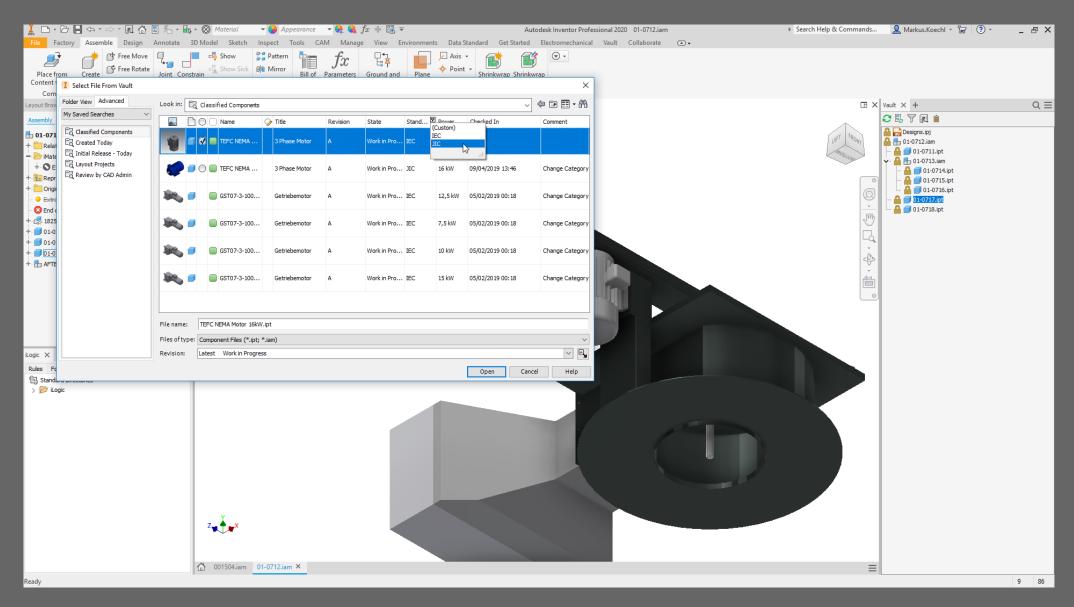
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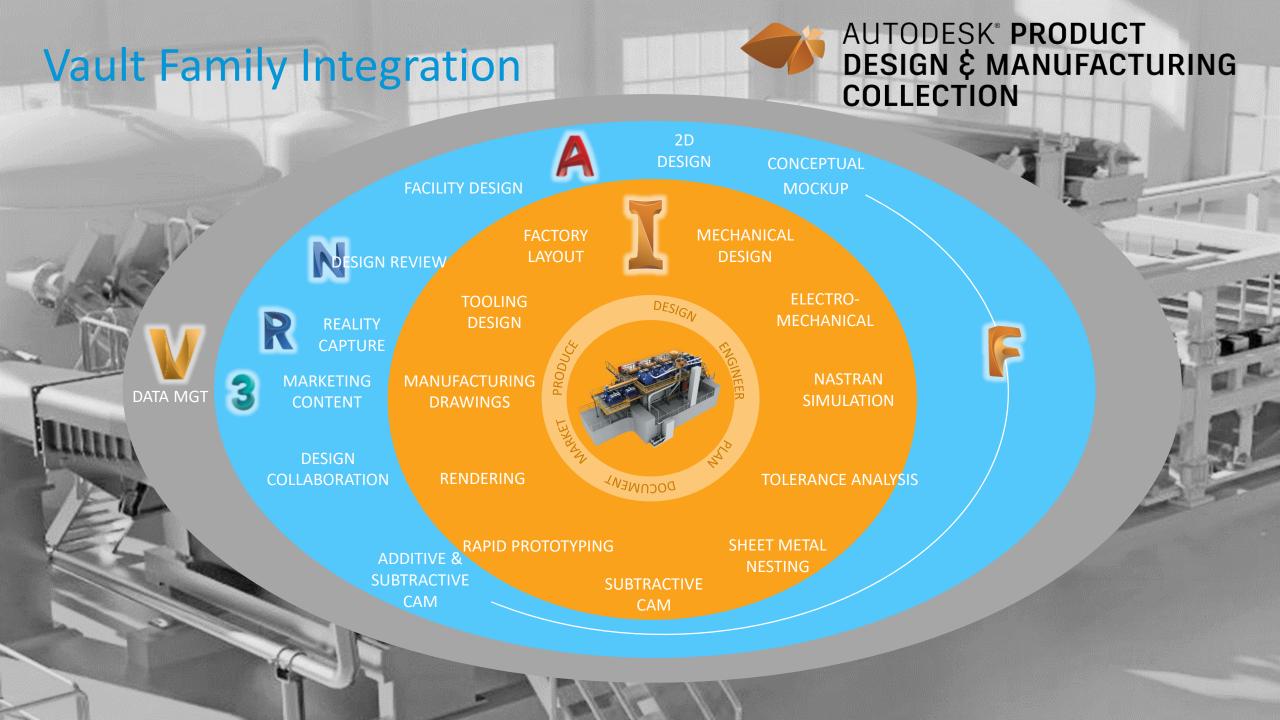


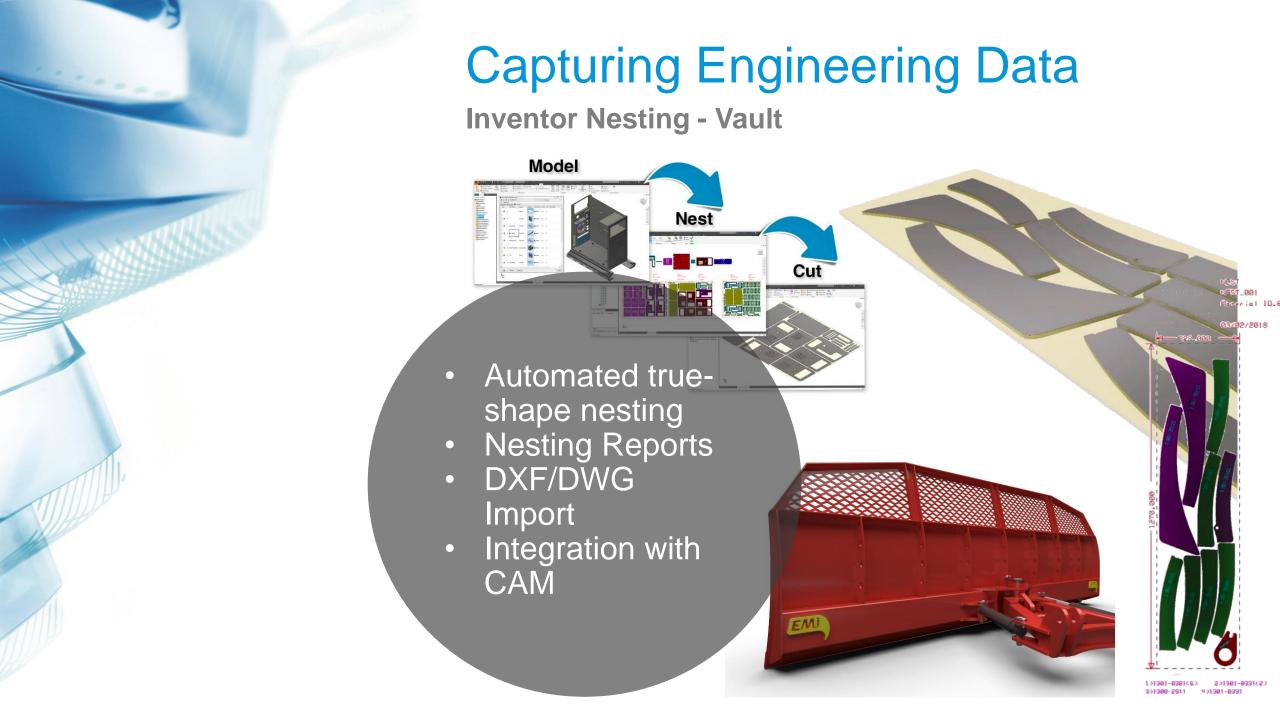
## Data Management



#### DEMO



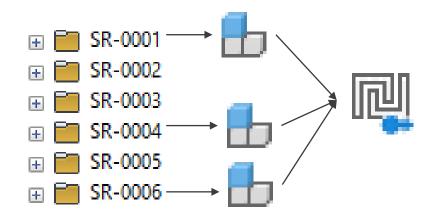




## Nesting

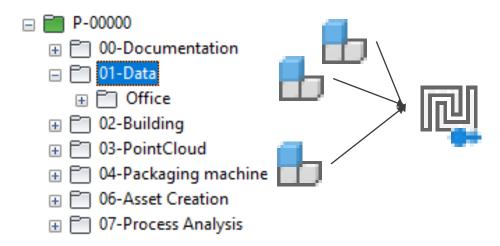
#### **General Purpose and Implications on PDM**

- Mass manufacturing
  - Optimize utilization of stock and machines across range of products being manufactured at a point of time



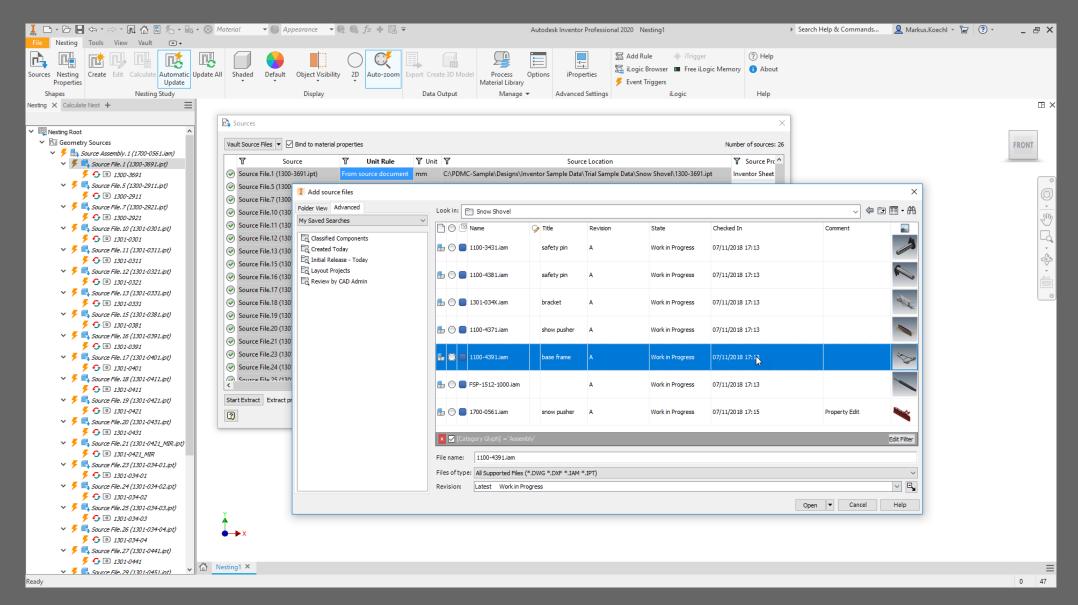
- ⇒ Multiple sources link to one nesting
- ⇒ CAD BOMs don't reflect nesting BOM
- ⇒ Long-term value of managed nesting file for recurring production

- Project driven manufacturing
  - Optimize utilization of stock and machines for running project manufactured parts



- ⇒ Multiple sources link to one nesting
- ⇒ CAD BOMs don't reflect nesting BOM
- → Mid-term value of managed nesting file due to one-time manufacturing

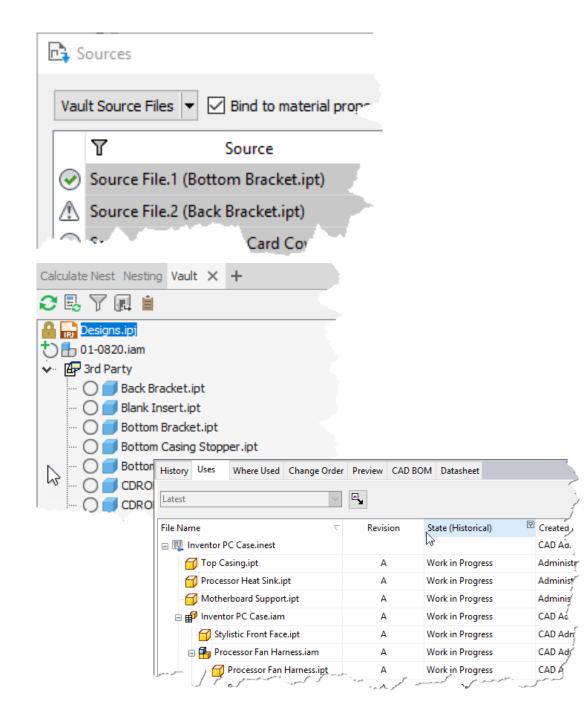
#### DEMO



## Nesting – Vault

#### **Applies to Nesting 2019.2 and later**

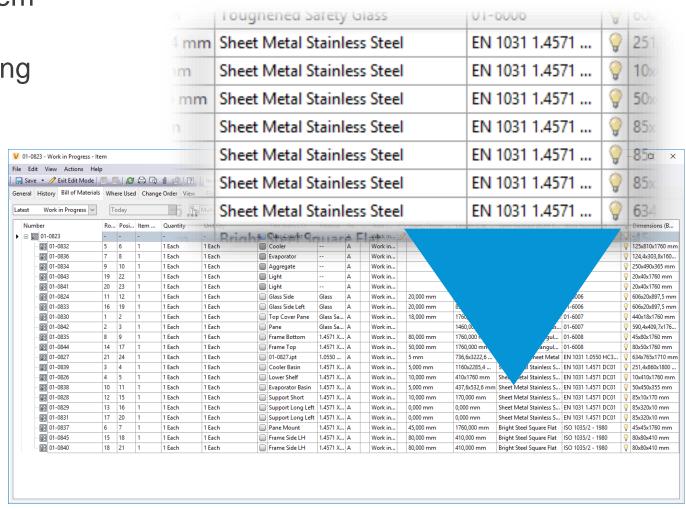
- Add Sources from Vault
- Check-in of Nesting is blocked if source files are not vaulted
- Uses View displays correct source file links
  - Direct links and source's children
  - Multiple sources across
  - Multiple projects or products



## Nesting – Vault Item BOM

#### **Applies to BOM Reporting and ERP Export**

- Filter Sheet Metal components from item BOM if
  - CAD BOM is base for manufacturing
  - SM components are nested.

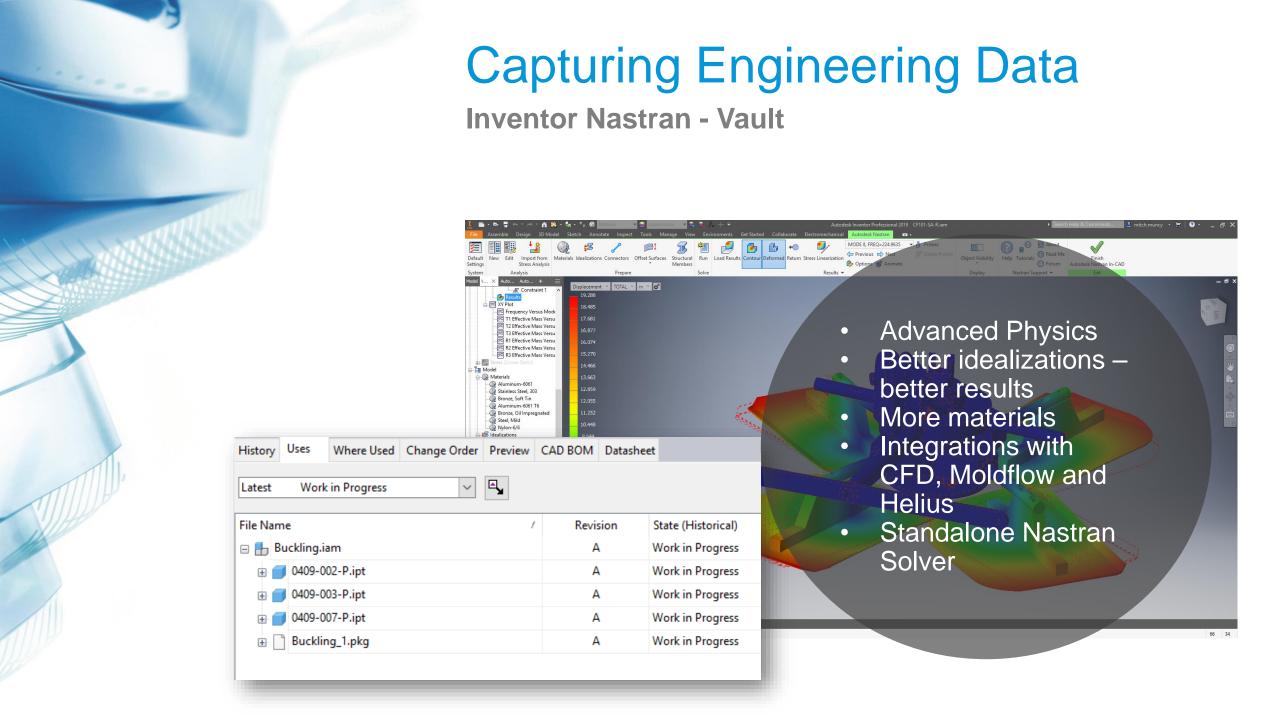


## **Takeaways**

#### **Managing Nesting Assemblies**

- Identify Scope
  - Recurring Nesting Production
  - One-Time Manufacturing/Nesting
- ✓ Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ Managing Nesting Source Relationships
  - ✓ Manufacturing Release Process
  - ✓ NC Code Association
- Avoid BOM Redundancy
  - Disable SM Items in Manufacturing BOM
  - Enable SM Items in Engineering BOM

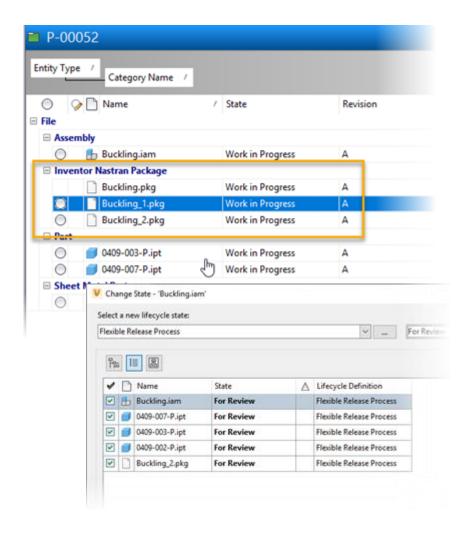




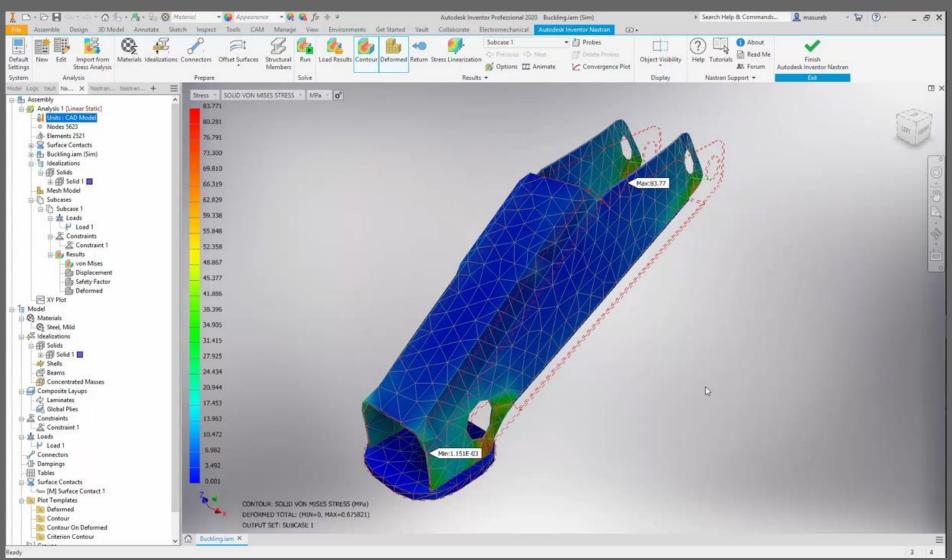
### **Inventor Nastran**

#### **General Purpose and Implications on PDM**

- In CAD tools aimed at the design engineer.
  - Associative FEM setup and solving
  - Include FEM data in design release process
- Validate design suitability before the product is built.
  - Complete virtual prototype/product
- Reduce over engineering.
- Prove and generate reports to backup design changes.
  - Revise design and validation data

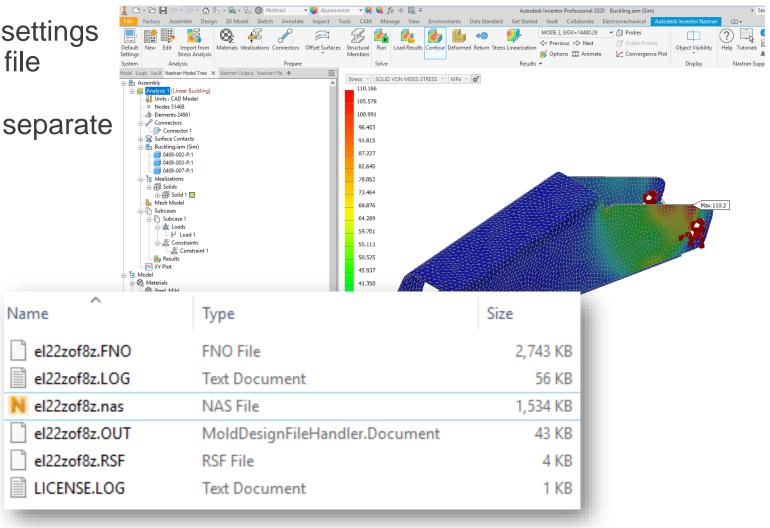


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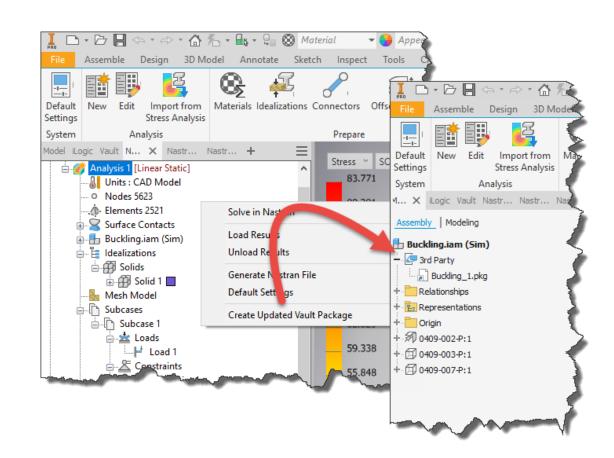
#### Manage simulation files inside Vault

- Inventor Nastran analysis related settings are saved along with the Inventor file
- Result files however are saved in separate files
- Primary files
  - NAS Nastran Bulk Data File
    - Raw simulation data
  - FNO Binary Results Files
    - Usually heavy data
- Support Files
  - LOG analysis data
  - OUT ASCII results file
  - RSF results summary



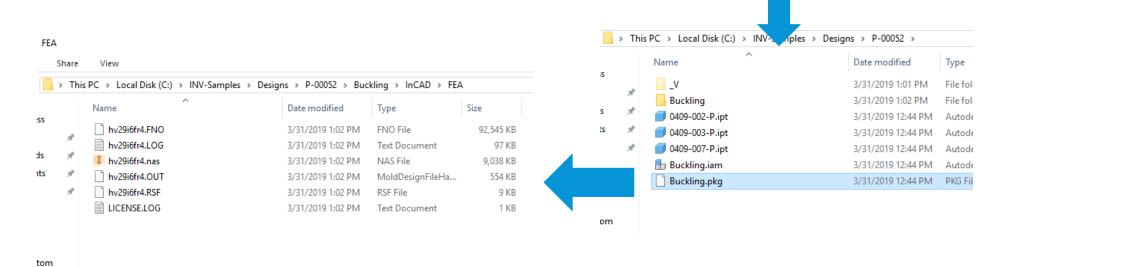
#### Inventor Nastran 2020 introduces new capabilities

- Create Updated Vault Package automates existing workflow and goes beyond
  - Creates archive from result files
    - adopts component file name
    - PKG is a zip of the subfolder \InCAD\FEA\
  - Links package as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party file to design file
- Treated during check-in and check-out as a reference



#### Simulation study files package handling

- During GET/Check-out PKG file is downloaded automatically, not extracted
- Extraction is initiated as soon as Load Results command is used
- Easy to open existing results when needed



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Buckling.iam (Sim)

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Autodesk Inventor Nastran

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etrieve saved results produced when a model was previously

you reopen the model in a later Autodesk Inventor Nastran ession, you must reload the prior results to see the contour and

Load Results Contour Deformed Return Stress Linearization

History Uses

Latest

File Name

□ ■ Buckling.iam

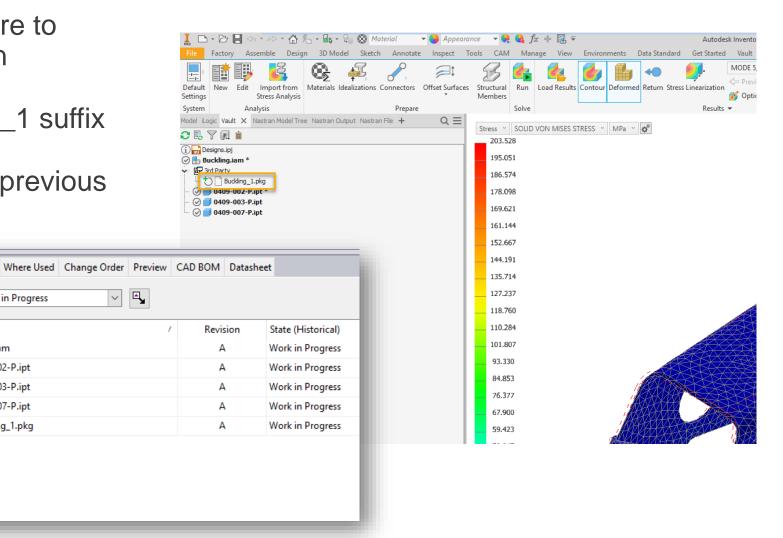
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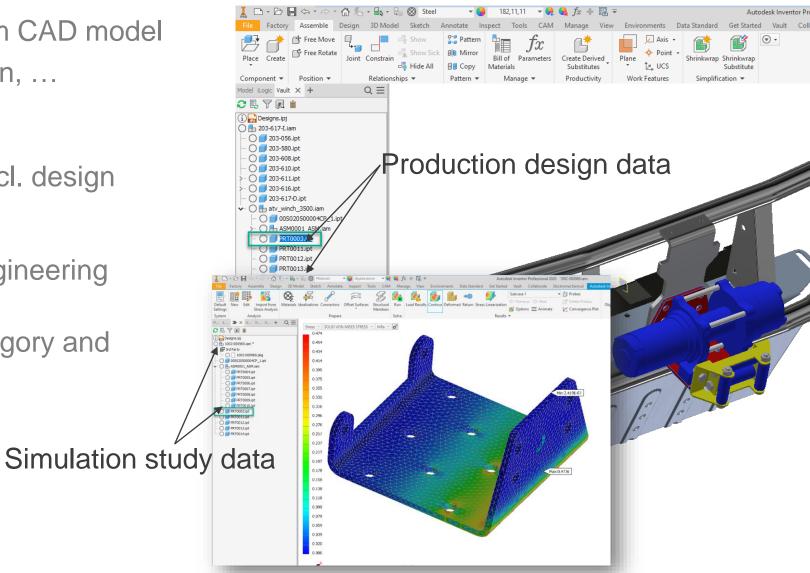
#### Updating simulation package workflow

- Updated simulation results require to update also Vault Package again
- New Package is generated with \_1 suffix
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party link updated to replace previous package



#### Recommended use case

- FEA models usually differ from CAD model
  - Simplifications, Idealization, ...
- Use new parent as container
  - Reference design data incl. design context components
- Separates simulation and engineering assembly
  - Auto assign different category and lifecycle



Change State - 'Buckling.iam' Select a new lifecycle state:

Flexible Release Process

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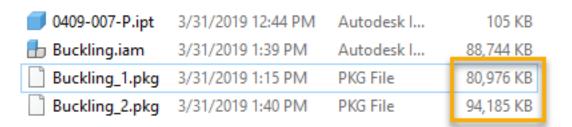
∧ Lifecycle Definition

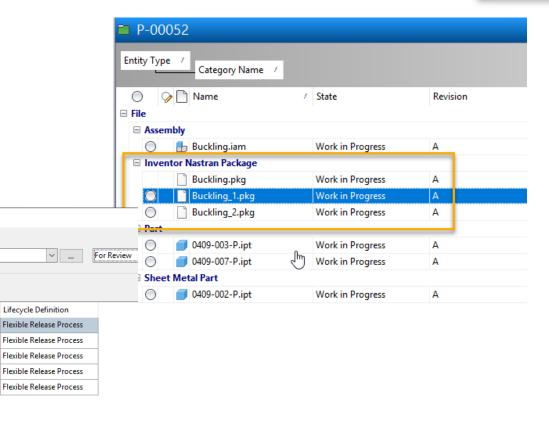
#### General recommendations

- Clean up simulation results before creating package, be sure to have the relevant simulation files only
- Managing pkg with specific category allows better filtering where needed and differentiation from other files

Use lifecycle definitions of parent file to

simplify release process

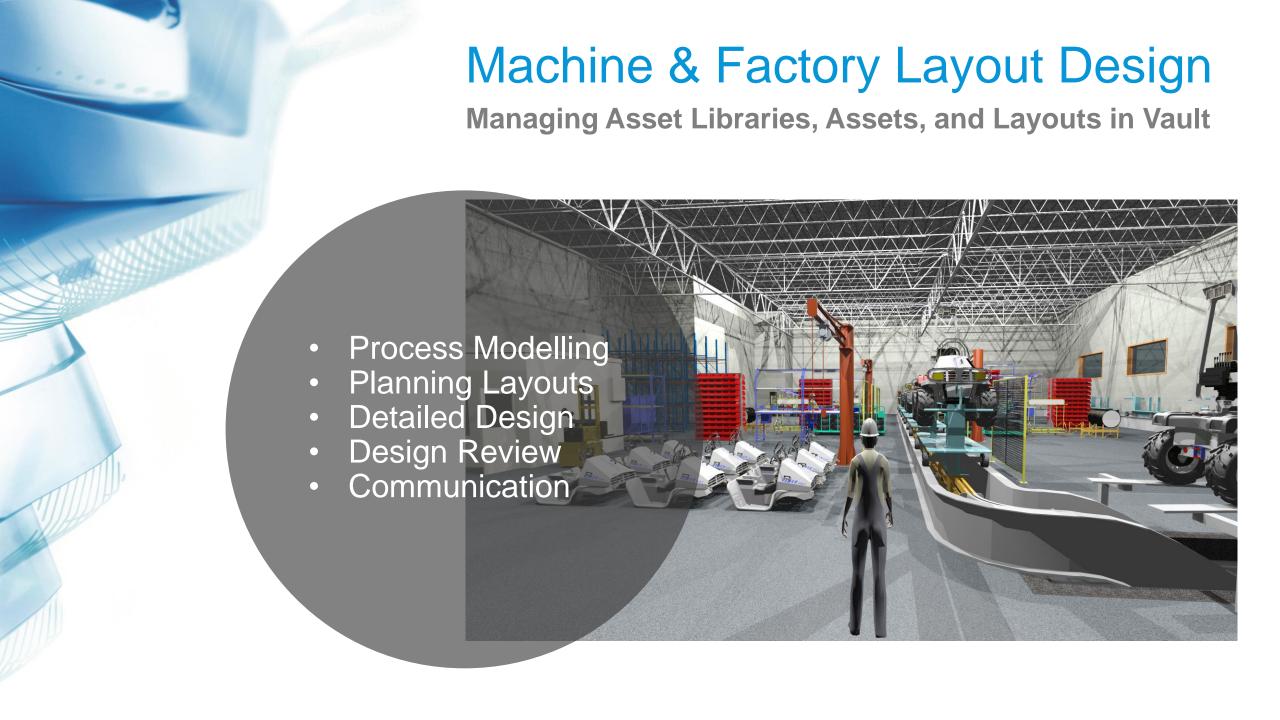




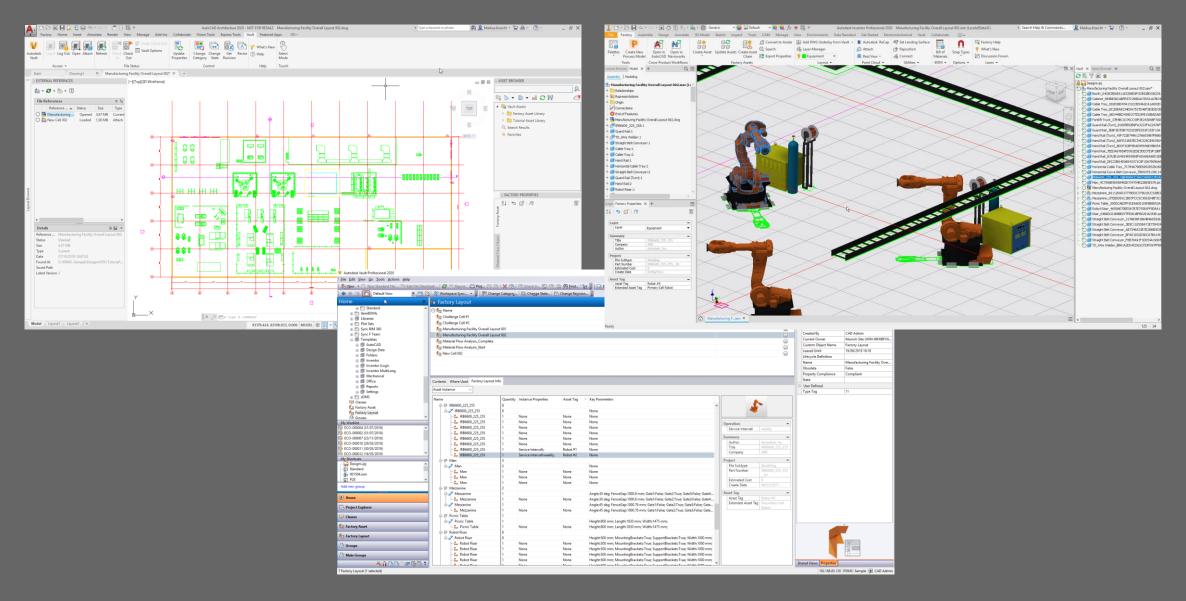
## **Takeaways**

#### **Managing Nastran Settings & Results**

- In CAD FEM makes file handling easy
- √ Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ Single Package File
  - ✓ FEM Setup Assembly CAD Model Association
  - ✓ Integrating FEM in Lifecycle/Revision Management
- Secure Clean Packages
  - Empty local FEM Folder
  - Establish Vault Workspace Sync



#### DEMO



## **Factory Design Utilities**

#### **General Purpose and Implications on PDM**

- Create Machine and Factory Layouts
  - Drag Assets from 2D/3D Library
  - Draft in 2D -> Auto-Open 3D/4D
- Asset Library
  - ✓ Vault Revision Management
  - ✓ Vault Where Used Information
- Layouts
  - ✓ Vault Insight Content
  - ✓ Vault Managing 2D 3D 4D
  - ✓ Vault Extended Uses View
    - Assets
    - ✓ Asset Configuration
    - ✓ Asset Instance Information



#### Vault PDM

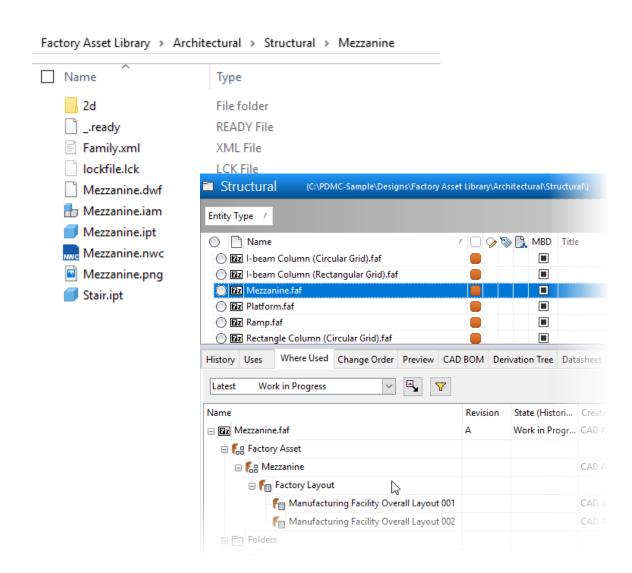


- ▶ 2D 3D 4D Sync
- ► Revision Management
- ▶ Lifecycle
- ► Layout Management
- Project BOM
- ► Layout BOM
- Project Tracking

## **Asset Library**

#### **Managing Tasks and Benefits of PDM**

- Library Asset Set of files
  - Asset Publisher
    - Save to Vault
    - Edit from Vault
    - Save Connector Class to Vault
- ✓ Vault Library Asset Package file
  - ✓ Simplified management
  - ✓ Where Used 2D/3D/4D independent

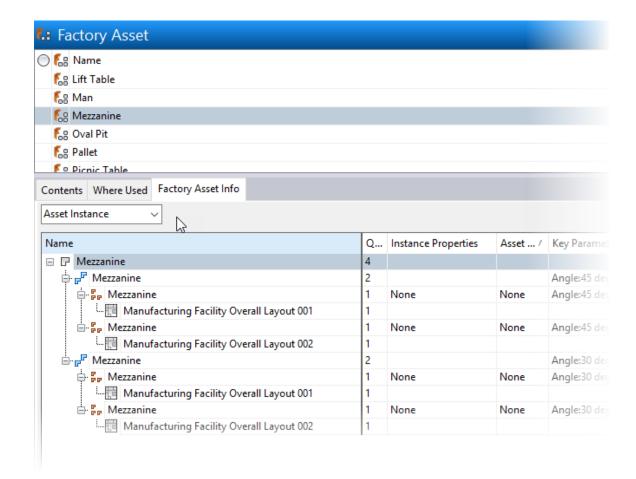


## **Factory Assets**

#### **Managing Tasks and Benefits of PDM**

- Asset Consumed Library Asset
  - Variants
  - Single File per Size/Variant
  - New Files on edits/library revision
- ✓ Vault Assets Factory Asset Object
  - ✓ Uses Library Asset, any version, or revision
  - ✓ Where Used Layouts, detail levels
    - Asset
    - Asset Configuration
    - ✓ Asset Instance

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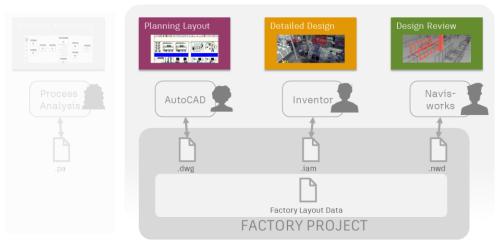


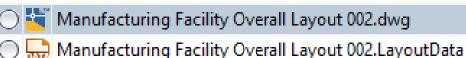
## **Factory Layouts**

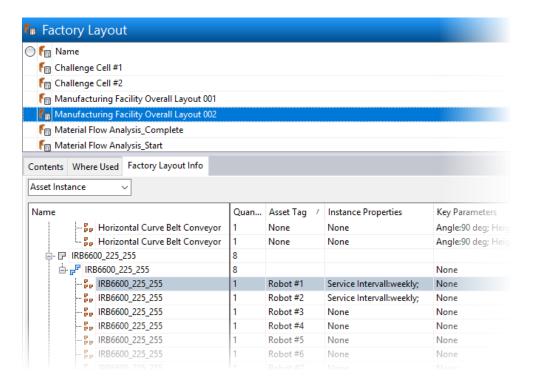
#### **Managing Tasks and Benefits of PDM**

- Layout Project File
  - Opens in AutoCAD, Inventor, Navisworks
  - Consumes 2D 3D or 4D Format (Library)
  - References Building Model

- ✓ Vault Assets Factory Asset Object
  - ✓ Uses Library Asset, any Revision
  - ✓ Where Used Layouts, Detail Levels
    - Asset
    - ✓ Asset Configuration
    - ✓ Asset Instance







# Digitization in Custom Plant Design

When developing complete plants and systems the planning – that is, the creation of a factory layout and design, ..., must be optimally coordinated and combined.



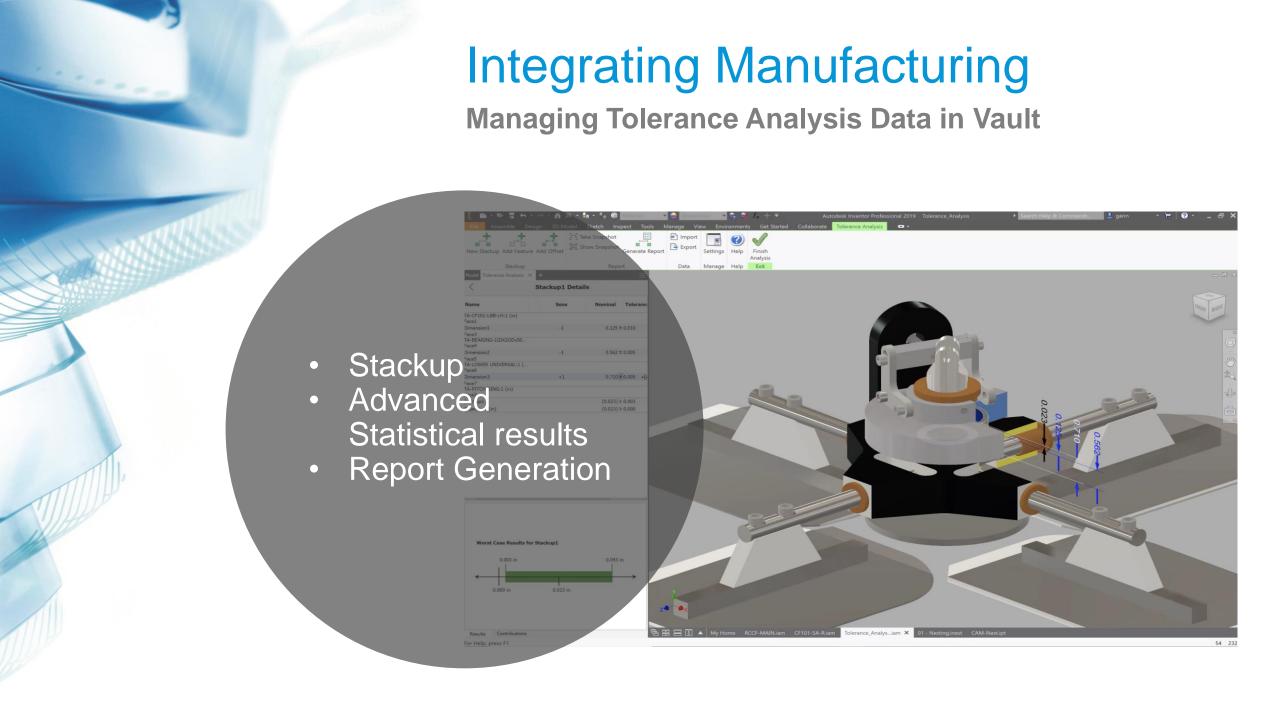
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## **Takeaways**

#### **Managing Factory Design Assets and Layouts**

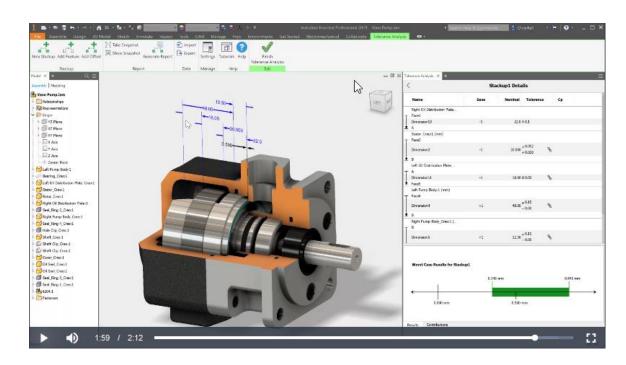
- Power of Factory Design Utilities depends on Asset Library
  - Completeness and consistency
  - Access control
  - Revision control management
- √ Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ Consistency of Asset Library
  - ✓ Asset release management
  - ✓ Layout content insights
  - ✓ Layout release management



## Inventor Tolerance Analysis – PDM|PLM Workflows

#### Considerations and Options Leveraging Autodesk Vault Professional

- Inventor Tolerance Analysis manages
  - Product requirements
  - Common dimensions and tolerances for multiple stackups.
  - Calculation of geometric tolerances.
  - Calculation of statistical results.
- Objectives for PDM|PLM workflows
  - Backup external stack-up data
  - Capture statistical results sheets
  - Communicate findings and required actions

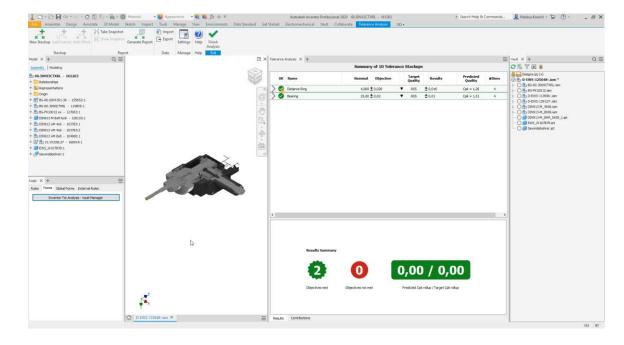


## Inventor Tolerance Analysis - Vault Concept

#### **Managing Tolerance Stack-up Data and Reports**

- Inventor iLogic Package Manager
  - Backup external stack up data
  - Capture statistical results sheets
- Autodesk Vault
  - Include Report Package in design release process
  - Communicate findings and required actions via ECO notification

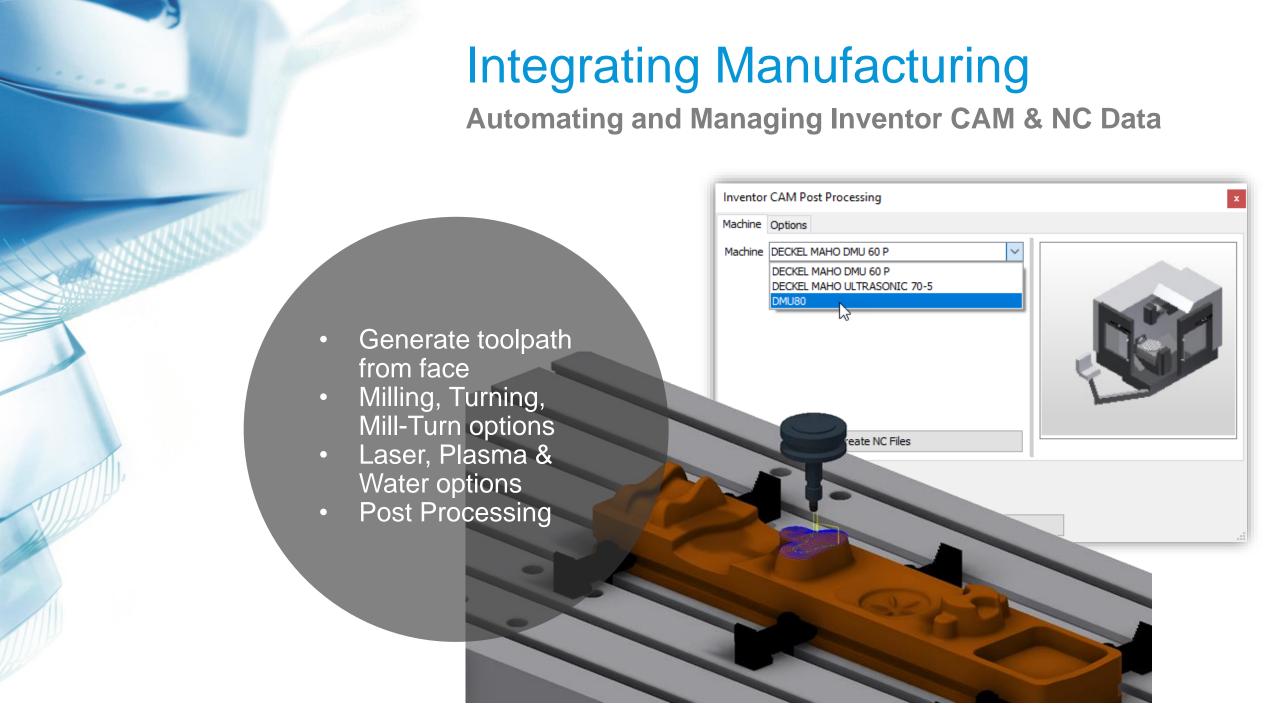




## **Takeaways**

#### **Managing Tolerance Analysis Data**

- Enhanced Collaboration
  - Manufacturing and Quality Engineering
- Improved Quality and Reputation
- Reduced Cost
- Vault Optimizes
  - Report to Model Association
  - Archiving Stack Definitions/Variants
  - Downstream Sharing of Results and Reports



## Workflow Challenges & Benefits

#### Inventor CAM – Associative CAM and Post Processing

- Integrated CAM tights source geometry and toolpath associatively
  - Saving NC setup and toolpath definition
  - Updating according design changes
- Toolpath definition might edit the work piece
  - Suppressing features
  - Activating median tolerances
  - · ...
  - ...



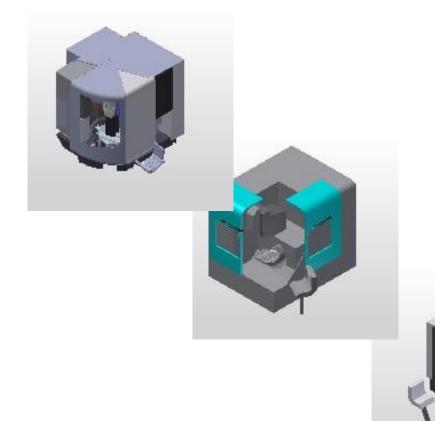
## Released to manufacturing

How to integrate it in PDM based design workflows?

## Workflow Challenges & Benefits

#### Inventor CAM – Associative CAM and Post Processing

 Components might get manufactured on different machines based on availability





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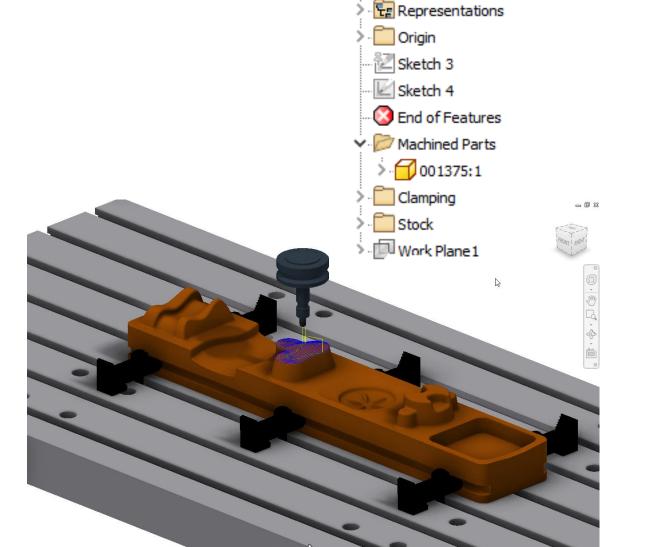
- How to manage related links for ?
  - Post Processor Machine
  - NC Code Workpiece
  - Setup Sheet NC Code
  - ...

## Inventor CAM – Vault | Concept

#### **Inventor CAM - Assembly Template**

- Run Inventor CAM in assembly context saving
  - Setup and toolpath
  - Linked NC code and Setup Sheet files
  - Clamping and machine context

- Temporarily activate component changes, e.g., Median Tolerance
  - Inventor allows edits on read-only files



Model X CAM Favorites +

🖰 Overview of 3D Toolpaths.iam

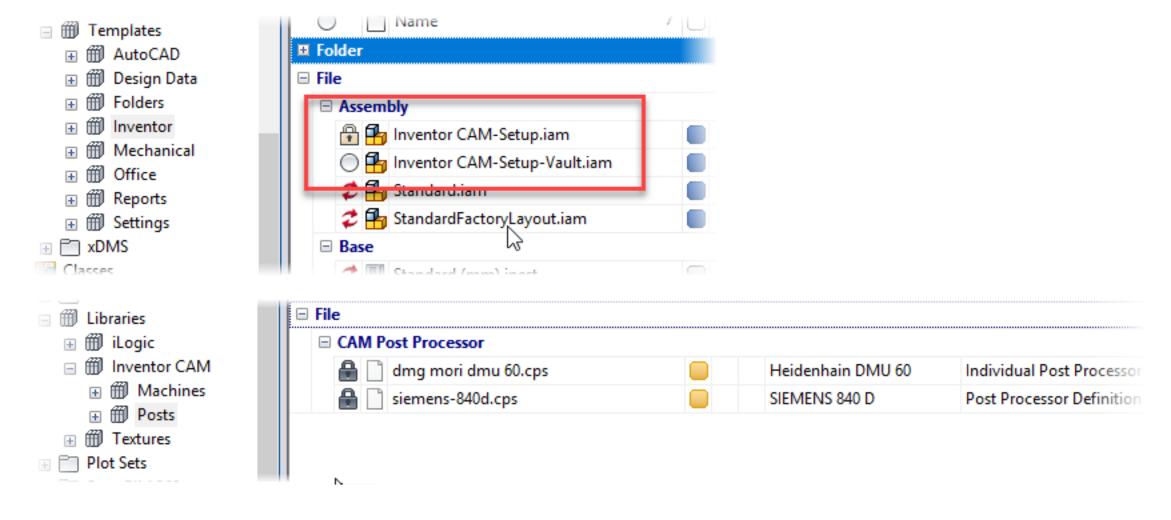
Assembly Modeling

Relationships

## Inventor CAM - Vault | Concept

#### Vault - View

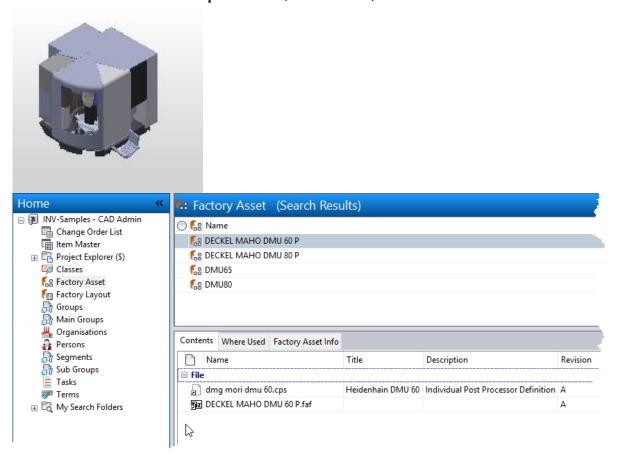
Managing Templates and Posts



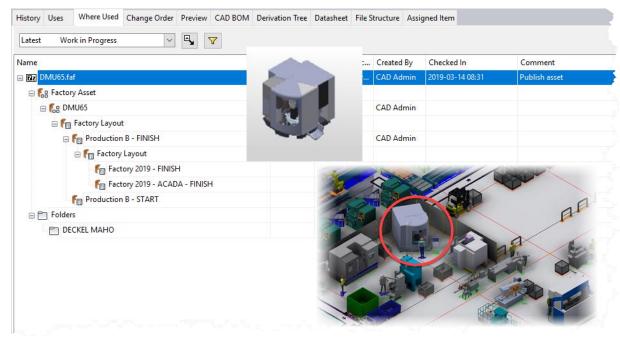
## Inventor CAM - Vault | Concept FDU Extended

#### Vault, Factory Design Utility - View

- Managing Machine Assets
  - Link Templates, Posts, Service Docs



Managing Factory Digital Twins

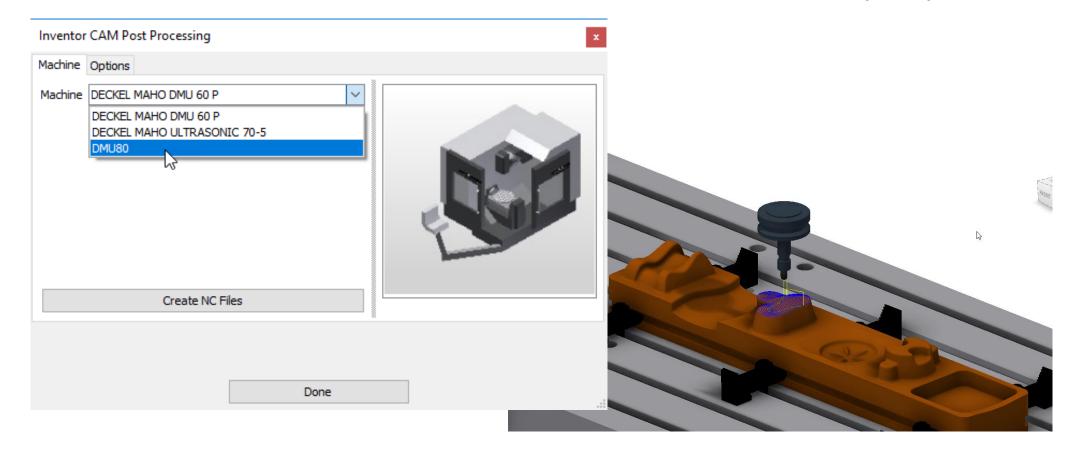


## Inventor CAM – Vault – iLogic Design Automation

#### **Automate NC Code Output and Vault File Management**

- Activate Inventor CAM-Setup Assembly
  - Select Machine

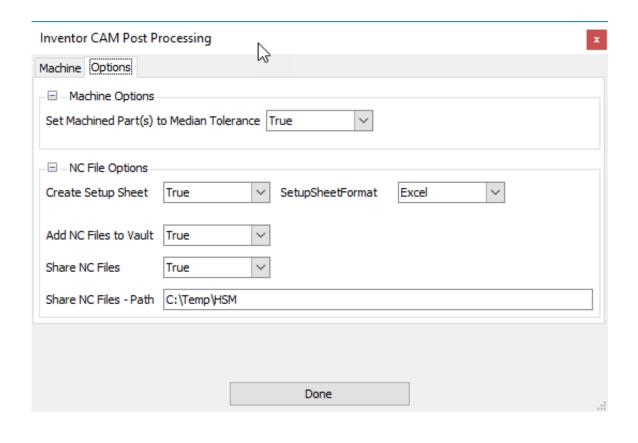
- Automation
  - Reads available Machines from Vault
  - Download post processor definition

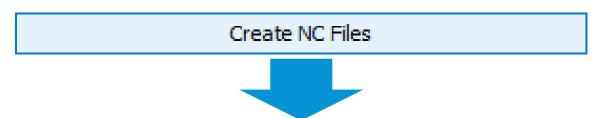


## Inventor CAM - Vault - iLogic Design Automation

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  - Select Options





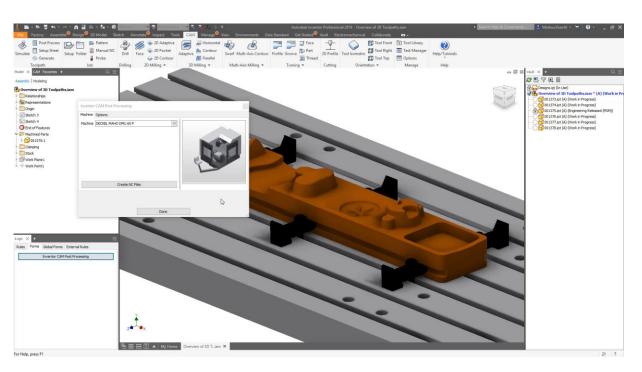
- Automation Machining Tolerance
  - Iterates one to many work pieces activating median tolerance

- Automation NC-File
  - Create NC file for selected machine
  - Create Setup Sheet
  - Add Machine/NC Code to Vault
  - Copy NC Code/Setup to external share

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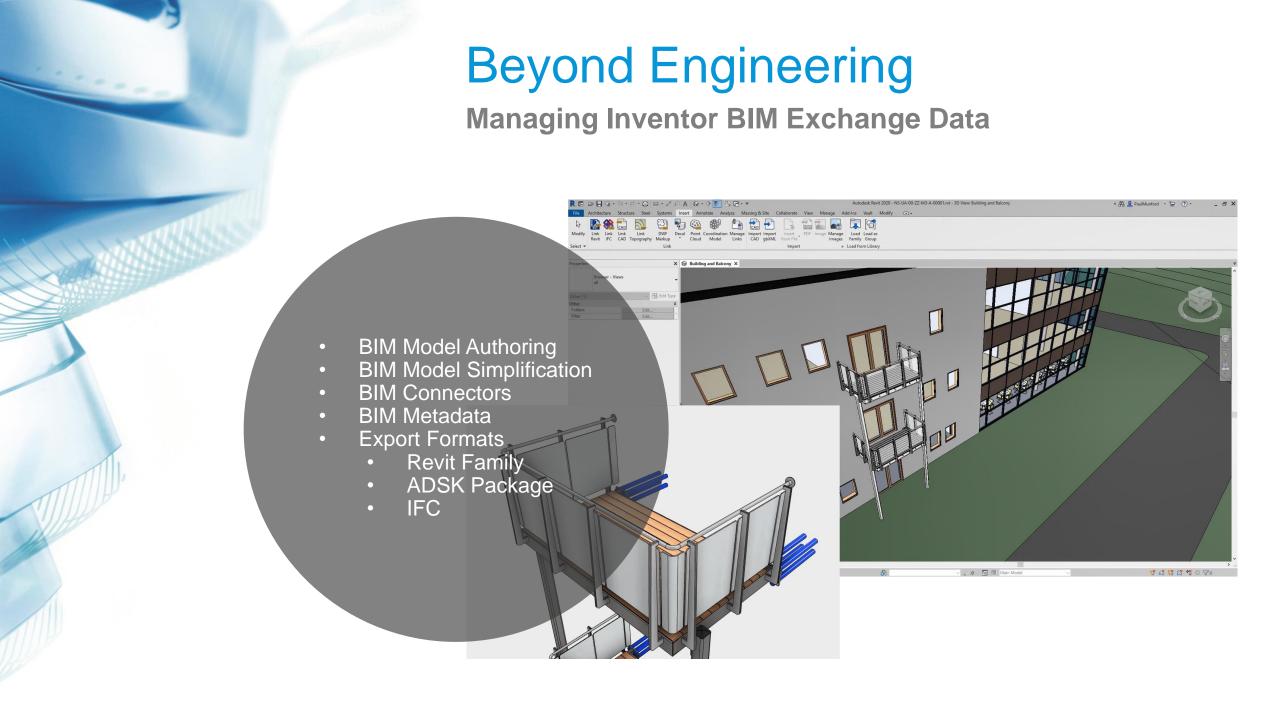
- Video
  - Select Machine(s)
  - Activate Tolerances
  - Create NC output for 1 to n machines
  - Check-in to Vault
  - Include output into Manufacturing Release process



## **Takeaways**

#### **Automating and Managing CAM & NC Data**

- Released CAD Model Files
  - Avoid Copying for CAM
- NC Setup and Postprocessing
  - Recurring Effort on Update
- ✓ iLogic-Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ NC Code Generation & Export
- √ Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ CAM Setup and CAD Model Association
  - ✓ Managing Post Processor Definition
  - ✓ NC Code Association and Release Management
  - ✓ FDU Library Option: Managing CNC Machine Assets

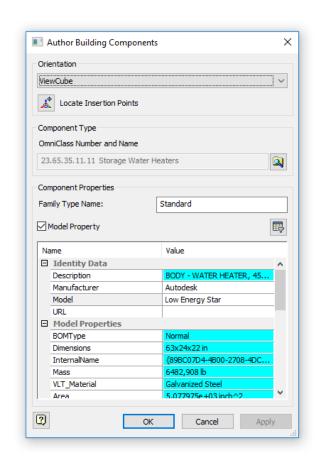


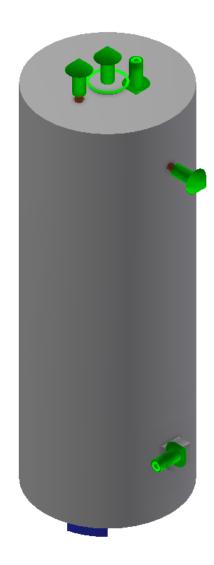
## Inventor BIM Exchange - PDM Workflow

#### **Considerations and Options Leveraging Autodesk Vault Professional**

- Inventor BIM Exchange formats
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  - Output for libraries
    - Enable Search
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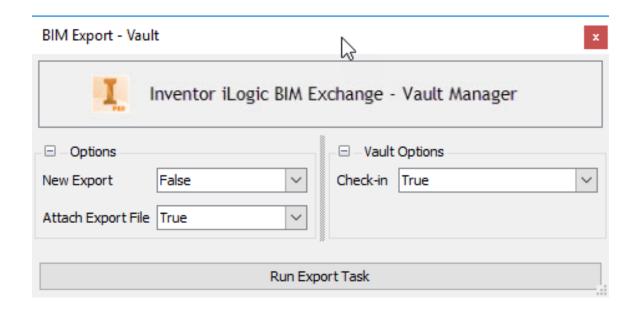
- Autodesk Vault Implications
  - Vault manages Revit families
  - Vault manages ADSK and IFC as standard file format

- Vault Workflow Implications
  - Notify library manager
  - Enable search for ADSK or IFC

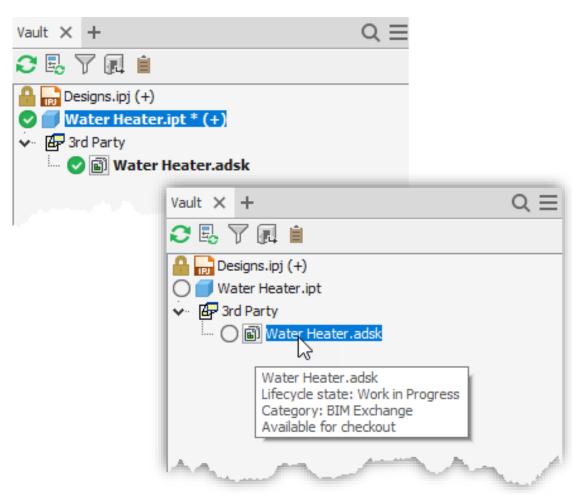
## Inventor BIM Exchange – Vault Options

#### **Semi-Automation or Workflow Automation**

- User Interactive Approach iLogic
  - Automate save and attach
  - Check-in on finish
- Extendable to full BIM Exchange Setup



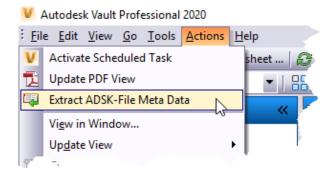
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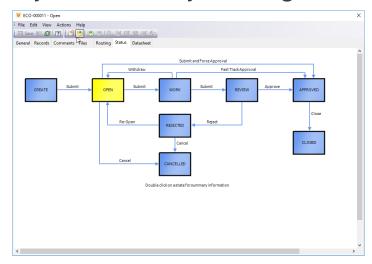
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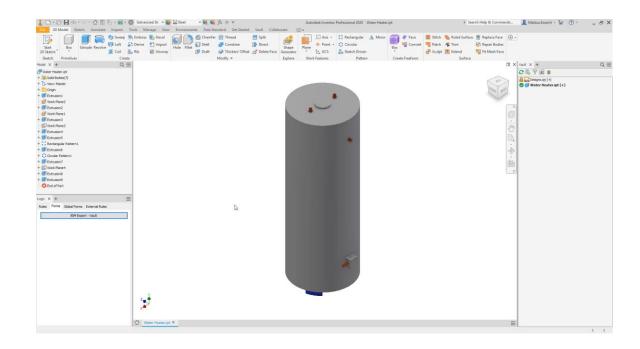
#### Semi-Automation or Workflow Automation by Job Processor

- User Interactive Approach Vault
  - Enable Search / Index



Notify BIM Library Manager



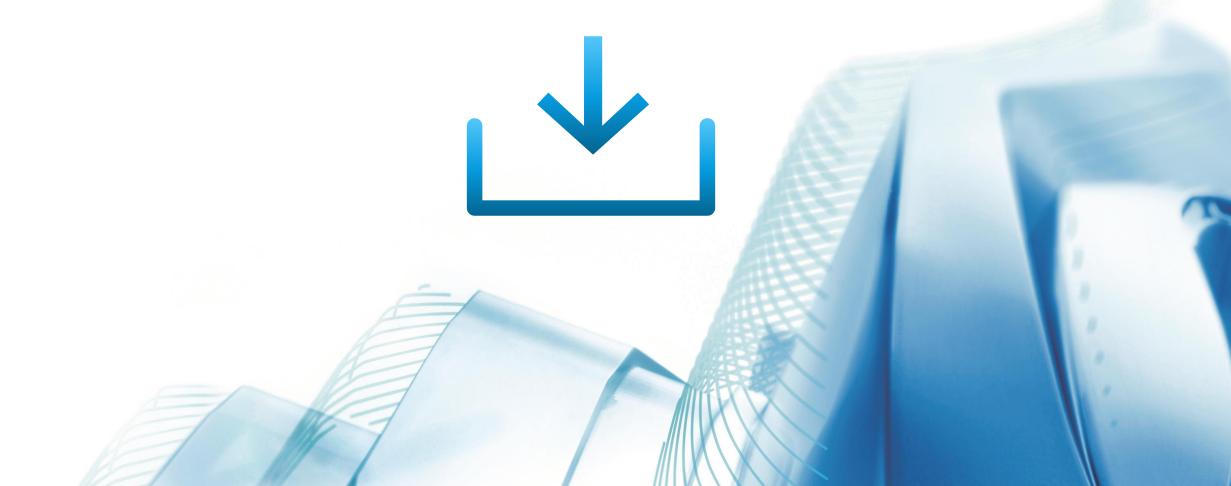


## **Takeaways**

#### **Managing BIM Exchange Data**

- BIM Exchange Data are non-associative Export file formats
- Time and efforts of BIM Export
- ✓ Vault Optimizes
  - ✓ Mech. Model BIM model association
  - ✓ BIM Export automation (Job Processor)

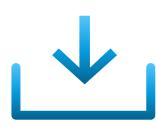
## Valuable Links & Downloads











- Sample Vault including several Models, Rules, Configurations
  - Vault Professional 2020 Full Backup
- Vault Automation Custom Jobs
  - STEP Export
- iLogic-Vault Rule Samples
  - iLogic-Vault Quickstart Library
  - Tolerance Analysis Vault Manager
  - Inventor CAM Post Processing
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