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Case Study – Automated Transfer of Enovia Files to Vault

Project

Transferring Enovia files to Vault

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Customer

EATON

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The Challenge

The project goal was to create an interface that would facilitate the communication between Enovia, a master PLM program, and Vault, a document management program. We had tried for years to create an integrated workflow with both systems, but it just wouldn't work.

The typical task looked like this: whenever an Engineering Change Order (ECO) was released in Enovia, all concerned Inventor files should be copied to a specific location where they could be checked into Vault with their correct version and file linkage relationships. Also, we wanted all people who were involved in the ECO to get notified automatically.

The Solution

We approached SolidCAD for the solution of this issue and they introduced us to coolOrange. The coolOrange team developed a “web-listener” for us. It's a program that can be addressed via HTTP. When an ECO is released, Enovia sends ECO data in the form of an XML file via HTTP to the web-listener.

The XML file, sent by Enovia, is downloaded into a local directory and gets analyzed. The program looks up all of the affected assemblies and their children as well as reference components from different sites. These files are then downloaded from Enovia, are locally edited and, in consideration of the revision, checked back into Vault.

All involved individuals receive an email notification as soon as the ECO is released. And in case of conflicts or errors, for instance when a part could not be downloaded or when there are issues in the XML file, the web-listener automatically informs all involved persons as well.

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How did the result impact your business?

It helped our business tremendously.

We had been struggling for years with the previous solution. It was high maintenance and we never got it to work properly. Whenever we upgraded our Vault to the next version, it stopped working. We had to download all files manually, check out all assemblies and components and then manually transfer them again to the jobserver to create DWFs. Everyday, this would cost us about half an hour.

The programming of the web-listener is totally different from the solution before and it works! Now, the tool can handle tasks within a few minutes for which an engineer would have needed half an hour. Those time savings are immense and our error-rate has reduced dramatically.

Another great thing is the high transparency the program offers. Before, we had no visibility at all. When something didn't work, for instance when a part had a reference-change from another location, we had no clue about the cause. Now, the web-listener shows us everything and we can use it as a debugging tool. It brought to our attention that there were also errors on the Enovia side, where a similar program handles similar tasks in the other direction.

The log report also shows us errors in the ECO. It is very detailed, and lets us know which parts couldn't be downloaded or whether there was an issue in the XML file.

Needless to say, we are very happy with the solution.

“Thanks to the log reports, we have now much better transparency and really see what's going on behind the curtain”

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