

Minutes from the PLM World Indiana Regional Users Group Meeting Tuesday, April 1st, 2009.

Doing More with Less

The general theme of this meeting was "Doing More with Less". This is a reflection of the current economic times and how we all need to continue to get our jobs done, in spite of limited or restricted resources.

New Enhancements – More Productivity

Based upon comments received from numerous attendees, the overall consensus was that this was another successful meeting. Good information came from the seminars, and there was some great discussion in both of the break-out sessions. Quagien Gauna from Tata Technologies and Mike Miller from Siemens both gave presentations on NX6 that were well received.

Free Resources

Patrick Pemberton's presentation showed where Siemens software users can go for help. The two internet web pages demonstrated were the Siemens support site and PLM World support site.

Users were walked through two web sites where users can access the free support that comes with their software maintenance and PLM world memberships. (support.ugs.com) (plmword.org).

Free Web Training

After lunch was served, Jamie Howe of Tata Technologies demonstrated the low cost training WEB site called I-GET-IT.com. All attendees will receive a free one month subscription to the I-GET-IT Web site.

Free Hands-on Training Breakout

Hands on NX training was one of the optional breakouts. 8 users took advantage of this free training regarding setting up and using libraries.

Teamcenter Breakout

The other optional breakout was a Teamcenter Roundtable discussion. 20 people attended this, and from the turnout and lively discussion, it appears that there is now a critical mass of Teamcenter Users in Central Indiana. The discussion was lively, and it was obvious we have some very good resources amongst some of the earlier adopting sites.

Topics for the Next Meeting

During the RUG business portion of the meeting that followed, the main focus of the discussion was to enlist topics and presentation volunteers for the next meeting, which is slated to be in October.

User Presentation – We Have a Volunteer

Aaron Ruple of Navistar committed to doing a presentation for the next meeting (Thank you again Aaron! We need more volunteers like you.)

Topics of Interest for the Next Meeting...

CAD topics....

- I-deas to NX transition techniques.
- Administration design intent (Mike Miller interjected that this is a Checkmate function).

- How to use and leverage JT data in your designs.
- CAD to CAD: Translation issues & data integrity.
- Reuse libraries.
- Version upgrades- Issues around training and best practices?
- How do you communicate PMI information to non-NX customers?
- PLM roles and responsibilities.
- Synchronous Technology: Real World – When to use it / When not to.

Teamcenter Topics

As part of the discussion in the Teamcenter Breakout, these topics were selected as the ones with the most common interest to the group.

- Migrating to Unified; What to plan for, what to expect. Real world experience
- Tips on diagnosing performance issues in a Teamcenter Environment
- Best Practices surrounding Teamcenter Multi Site Implementations
- Remaining time as roundtable discussion (at least an hour)

Possible Breakout Sessions for the Next Meeting

Similar to the Teamcenter Breakout Session held this time, there can be a vary strong benefit to creating “specialty” breakout sessions built around specific topics. These areas were brought up as possible breakout groups.

- CAM Breakout
- Nastran / FEA Breakout
- Administrator Breakout

Incat has agreed to provide expert resources for any breakout session that has more than 5 companies signed up. If one of these areas is of interest to you, please let me know.

Those were the topics that were developed during the open discussion. However, it is not an all-inclusive list, so if you have any other suggestions please communicate them.

And as always, we are looking for presenters and ideas for these meetings. This is a USER group, and it doesn't work without the participation of users. So please do become involved!

In Conclusion

A big thanks to all that attended the meeting, and thanks to INCAT / Tata Technologies for sponsoring this event. By all accounts, the meeting was well worth everyone's time and effort, and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

For the meeting in October, Siemens wants to become more involved with supporting the Indiana RUG. We are always happy to have the involvement of any sponsor, and the idea of a “Vendor Fair”, like the one at the World Conference, is being considered. Please stay tuned for details.

See you in October!