# CAD services for mechanical integration of large experiments

Introduction to a discussion aiming to collect comments and requirements from 4 LHC experiments

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### Catia & SmarTeam

CERN has chosen the CAD product "CATIA" for in-house design. Being reinforced by the data management system "SmarTeam" it creates a solid platform to support today's needs.



CATIA is the official 3D mechanical CAD system at CERN.

### Main rules concerning use of CATIA at CERN:

- CATIA support is given to trained users on supported computer configurations. The CATIA training is organized via the CERN Technical Training (<u>https://hr-</u> <u>training.web.cern.ch/hr-training/</u>).
- CATIA for mechanical design is in production. CATIA with full data management tools will be in production in mid-2008.
- CATIA is to be used in new CERN non-LHC projects requiring 3D CAD.
- The CERN Euclid production service will be stopped by the end of 2008. Euclid data owners are strongly encouraged to migrate the critical data to CATIA as soon as possible, preferably by mid-2008. For migration methods and tools see documentation in <u>https://edms.cern.ch/document/841521/1</u>. For more information contact CAD support.

### Rules for storing of CATIA data:

- New projects shall use the CATIA data base (<u>SmarTeam</u>) for data storage and management.
- Data stored in file systems shall be migrated to the CATIA data base, as soon as possible, preferably by mid-2008. For more information contact CAD support.

### (From CAD support web page)

# ATLAS strategy for organization of 3D models database



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Experience with ATLAS integration processes leads to specific requirements in the 3D models and drawings search functionality. In addition to ability to run efficiently "traditional" attribute-based search (including custom attributes) designers need a "geographic" search, where a query language supports object coordinate expressions and detector's regions. Some similarities may be found in the famous "Google Earth" product. An ergonomic graphic user interface would facilitate and increase efficiency of the search process. Additional requirements include search for inter-detector dependencies (sharable services, support structures).



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We start working using new complex system. Every designer starts inventing his own methods of work. We need answers to all kind of questions, like:

Do we put together all parts, documents and assemblies in the same folder or create a separate folder for top assemblies?

Attempt to re-create sub-assemblies in SmarTeam – is it a good way of search problem solving?

We need a well defined work methodology similar for all designers

### Usage of attributes and creation of dynamic custom attributes

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### **Exchange with external designers**



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### How to send and receive models stored in Smarteam with external design office?

#### Selecting and Sending the documents



- 1. Create a new document in EDMS CAD exchange for the exchange, note the EDMS document number. EDMS CAD exchange: http://edms.cern.ch/nav/CERN-0000006727
- 2. Create a file folder for the exchange with the EDMS document number in it.
- 3. Login to Smarteam as owner of the documents and transfer the responsibility to the external design office for the models they will edit.
- 4. Login to <u>SmarTeam</u> as the external design office.
- 5. Create a user project for the exchange with the name on the EDMS document number.
- 6. Create a *compressed (zipped) folder* of the folder for the exchange.
- 7. Make a list of objects with the corresponding filename.
- 8. Upload the *compressed (zipped) folder* to the EDMS document of the exchange.
- 9. Perform an 'Engineering-Check' on the document when all desired files are uploaded.

### **Exchange with external designers**

### Re-integrating the documents in SmarTeam

#### **Overview of Procedure:** CERN External design office Е D UnZip the retrived models M. CATIA s CAD Work on disk Open the models in CATIA Е File Folder File Folder а Save Check-in n Save and Check-in the models g SmarTeam

- Retrive the models from the external design office via an EDMS document in EDMS CAD exchange.
- 2. Place the new and updated files in the folder used for the exchange.
- Make sure that the SMARTEAM-FileCatalog folder is intact, or restore it from the EDMS document used to send the documents. \* This is a system folder only needed for the reintegration of the files to <u>SmarTeam</u>.
- 4. Login to SmarTeam as the external design office.
- 5. Open the New and modified documents in CATIA.
  - If there are modified files that are Read-only, check the modifications and resolve the problem is needed.
- 6. Save and Check-In the models.

This procedure described on CAD support web page includes 15 manual operations and works only when external design office use the same version of Catia & Smarteam (2 out of 3 groups participating in Atlas upgrade using Catia have different versions, 17 and 18)

# CONCLUSIONS : first proposals for possible improvements

- 1. Additional possibilities of SEARCH functionality: "geographic" search with graphic interface
- 2. Methodology of work common for all designers
- 3. Possibility of custom attribute creation
- 4. Additional possibilities for external design offices to find, visualize and retrieve 3D models in different formats: Web interface .