

SAP user companies with extensive engineering operations place particular demands on their product lifecycle management and PLM system. They need a suitable PLM strategy for the new world of SAP S/4HANA.

### Summary

Product-centric companies that use both CAD Desktop and SAP PLM may soon run into problems: The incumbent PLM component CAD Desktop (CDESK) is only supported by the current SAP ERP and will be replaced in the future. It will no longer be available with SAP S/4HANA. Given the fact that all SAP user companies will eventually have to make the switch to the new product generation, they should really start to rethink their PLM strategy. One system for enterprise resource planning and one system for managing product engineering across the lifecycle are two separate things and should always remain separate.

#### Choosing the right PLM strategy

Once you have decided to implement a PLM system or change your current PLM system, the next step is to decide which PLM system is best for your company.

SAP customers in particular have to make a key conceptual choice when selecting a PLM solution: Is running PLM within SAP ERP or running a dedicated PLM system that is integrated with SAP ERP a better solution for my company?

Every company has different requirements so there is no one answer but we believe running a dedicated PLM system such as PRO.FILE PLM that is bi-directionally integrated with SAP ERP has many distinct advantages.

### PLM for product-centric companies

Manufacturing and engineering companies that use SAP ERP often face challenges when using product data management and product lifecycle management within SAP. PRO.FILE PLM and DMS<sup>tec</sup> for SAP follows another concept and differentiates best practice PLM and DMS<sup>tec</sup> from best practice ERP. PRO.FILE is used to manage product and engineering related data, documents and processes while being bi-directionally integrated with SAP ERP.

## Advantages of

### PRO.FILE PLM for SAP

# The end-to-end best practice PLM solution

Manufacturing and engineering companies that are focused on building and managing complex products/ plants require a PLM system that was specifically designed for their requirements:

- Fine-tuned to the needs of product/plant engineering and the underlying development processes
- Configuration vs. customization: a 100% configurable solution
- Low cost of implementation and TCO
- Time to go live is measured in months, not years
- Integrated one-stop solution: CAD data management, DMS<sup>tec</sup>, PRO.CEED Application Packages, and bi-directional integration with SAP ERP
- A powerful API for the integration of additional solutions and apps

### PROCAD and PRO.FILE in a nutshell

PROCAD has been in the PLM business for 30 years. Our employees are dedicated to delivering best practice PDM/PLM solutions. With PRO.FILE, we've built the industry's leading no-code digitalization platform for product/plant engineering and information management. Our agile project approach puts the impact we can deliver to our customers front and center. We rely on configuration rather than customization to offer an incremental path to digitalization. PRO.FILE includes multi-CAD capabilities, standardized ERP integrations, project and process management, and a full-fledged document management system.



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