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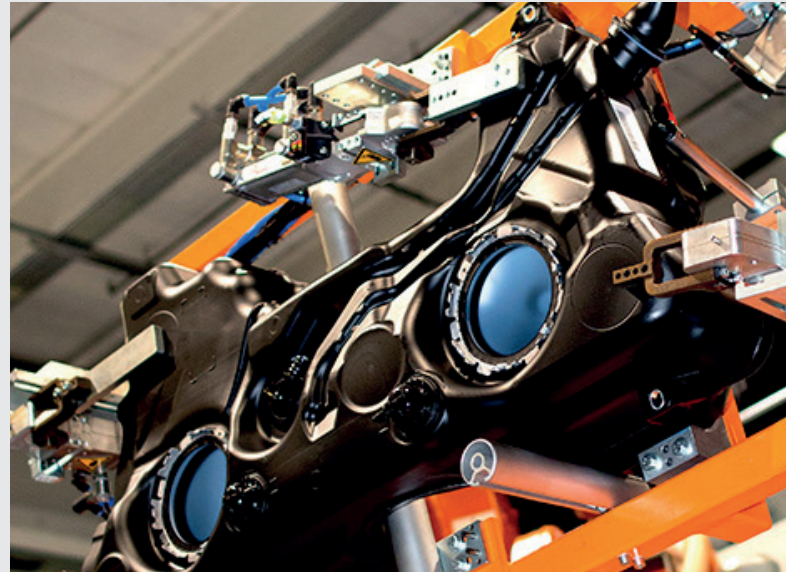
PROSTEP is deepening its long-standing partnership with Siemens Digital Industries Software by developing an OpenPDM connector to Polarion, Siemens' application lifecycle management (ALM) system. Automotive supplier Kautex will be the first customer to trial the OpenPDM integration platform with the new connector to synchronize ALM data with its development partners.

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Polarion is used to manage requirements tasks, test and release states in software development. This information must be linked with product data from mechanical and E/E development to form a holistic digital thread to ensure traceability across system boundaries. Therefore, the integration of Polarion with other enterprise applications such as PLM or ERP plays an important role, especially for manufacturers of mechatronic or smart products.

To meet customer requirements, we are extending our world-leading PLM integration platform OpenPDM in the direction of ALM and developing a new Polarion connector. It enables information from Polarion to be synchronized or linked via OpenPDM with other ALM systems, as well as PLM or ERP systems. Depending on the use case, the integration platform supports different scenarios. Thanks to the OpenPDM OSCL provider, the new Polarion connector, like all other OpenPDM connectors, is fully OSCL-capable.



The first user of the new connector will be Kautex, an automotive supplier belonging to the Textron Group. With over 6,000 employees at more than 30 locations in 14 countries, it is one of the 100 largest automotive suppliers in the world. Kautex develops and manufactures innovative fuel tank systems, battery systems,

camera and sensor cleaning systems, and camshafts for all major automotive manufacturers. The company also produces a wide range of standard and customized plastic packaging.

Kautex wants to use the new OpenPDM connector to synchronize issues between two Polarion instances. One of these instances is located at Kautex itself, while the other is used by its development partners. Our integration platform ensures that the information is kept synchronized bidirectionally. The basis is OpenPDM Process and our new Polarion connector.



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