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Acquisitions

Accenture to Acquire NeuraFlash to Further Enhance its Salesforce and AI Capabilities

27 August 2025

Accenture has agreed to acquire NeuraFlash, a leading Salesforce and gen AI consulting company that specializes in agentic solutions for sales, service, and field service operations. The acquisition will further strengthen Accenture's Salesforce gen AI and managed services capabilities and also extend its footprint to mid-market industries globally.

NeuraFlash has delivered more than 1,000 successful implementations for over 400 customers globally. The acquisition will add approximately 510 experienced professionals with over 2,000 certifications to Accenture's Salesforce Business Group, predominately in North America, as well as in Colombia and India. The combination of Accenture's technology and industry knowledge with NeuraFlash's gen AI and agentic capabilities will help clients deploy and scale intelligent solutions faster. In addition to its deep Salesforce and Agentforce implementation experience, NeuraFlash also has substantial Amazon Web Services (AWS) capabilities, delivering personalized experiences for customers with machine learning and gen AI in the contact center space.

Based in Burlington, Massachusetts, NeuraFlash is focused on leveraging gen AI to automate complex business processes, optimize agentic programs, enhance analytics, manage change, and provide ongoing managed services that help organizations across industries effectively use new technologies, like Salesforce Agentforce. Founded in 2016, NeuraFlash has built a strong reputation for deploying gen AI solutions for digital and voice channels, service and sales transformation, and field service.

"This acquisition will significantly enhance our agentic AI capabilities and allow us to better serve the mid-market, in direct alignment with Salesforce's strategic direction," said Stephanie Sadowski, senior managing director and Salesforce Business Group global lead for Accenture. "By integrating NeuraFlash's expertise, we aim to help accelerate enterprise AI adoption and drive innovation for clients across industries."

"Since our inception, our team has been dedicated to delivering exceptional business outcomes for our customers and partners with gen AI-powered solutions across sales, service, and field service operations," said T. Brett Chisholm, CEO and co-founder, NeuraFlash. "Joining forces with Accenture will help us continue to scale, amplify our impact globally, and expand our gen AI capabilities to create new, exciting avenues for innovation with our customers and our incredible people."

Completion of the acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including required antitrust clearances. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Accenture to Acquire SI&C to Strengthen Enterprise-Wide, Data-Driven Transformation Capabilities in Japan

27 August 2025

Accenture has agreed to acquire SI&C Co., Ltd., a Tokyo-based provider of advanced digital technology and consulting services focused on cloud, data and AI. By welcoming SI&C's deep technical expertise, industry knowledge, and highly skilled talent, Accenture will further enhance its ability to help Japanese clients achieve enterprise-wide, data-driven transformation. Terms of the transaction are not being disclosed.

Founded in 1980, SI&C has 45 years of experience delivering high-quality IT services powered by advanced technologies to clients across a wide range of industries—including financial services, public sector, manufacturing, and retail. By combining these capabilities with Accenture's services, Accenture aims to deliver even greater value to clients. SI&C employees will also gain expanded opportunities to grow and contribute as professionals driving transformation and solving societal challenges, including by accessing Accenture's learning and development programs.

SI&C employs approximately 900 professionals and offers sophisticated solutions that integrate custom development, cloud, data and AI. SI&C also provides consulting services that support business process optimization and organizational transformation. In addition, SI&C owns ADVANCED SOLUTION LEADING CORPORATION and Cibis. Inc., which specialize in application development and ERP implementation support. Together, these subsidiaries employ around 600 professionals. The entire SI&C group, comprising approximately 1,500 professionals, will join Accenture in Japan.

Atsushi Egawa, CEO, Accenture, Japan, and co-CEO, Asia-Pacific, said: "Accenture continues to strengthen its services to help clients build digital cores that are essential to driving enterprise-wide transformation. SI&C's proven track record in delivering high quality IT services, exceptional talent capabilities, and deep industry knowledge and experience—along with the trust earned from clients through these strengths—align perfectly with the areas Accenture is focused on enhancing. SI&C's mission to use digital technology to improve the future and transform society, resonates strongly with Accenture's purpose to deliver on the promise of technology and human ingenuity. We believe the integration of these two companies which share the same values will accelerate transformation for Japanese enterprises."

Toshinori Iwasawa, CEO, SI&C Co., Ltd. said: "SI&C is embarking on a new chapter as part of Accenture. Since our founding, we have continuously evolved while staying true to our commitment to technical excellence and quality. Aligned with our vision of becoming a 'Beyond SI' solutions integrator that exceeds client expectations, this transaction will combine our strengths with Accenture's broad service offerings, global insights, and execution capabilities to deliver new value to our clients, while providing expanded opportunities for our people. We will continue to serve our clients, employees, and society with integrity and a spirit of bold change.

Completion of the acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions.

Bencis acquires majority stake in Cadac Group

27 August 2025

Investment company Bencis acquires a majority stake in automation company Cadac Group from Heerlen. Bencis acquires a total of approximately 70 per cent of the shares from founder Jan Baggen and from development company LIOF, co-shareholder since 1998.

Bencis is a Dutch independent investment company that invests in medium-sized, successful companies in the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium. Bencis supports entrepreneurs in realising their growth ambitions, with a focus on committed entrepreneurship and sustainable value creation. Bencis now has 32 companies in its portfolio with a total turnover of 2.5 billion euros and over 13,000 employees.

‘Bencis is the best option for Cadac,’ says Jan Baggen, who founded the company in 1986 and built it into a leading automation company with a turnover of more than 66 million euros last year and nearly 200 employees. ‘By choosing a private equity firm, the changes will be minimal; only the ownership structure of Cadac Group Holding will change.’

Confidence

Jacob Versteeg of Bencis says he is very pleased with the transaction. "We look forward to supporting Cadac in its growth ambitions. Cadac is the market leader in automation for design, engineering and construction software and is known for the high quality of its services. It is active in various markets that are very interesting due to the increasing demand for automation and integration among chain partners. We therefore have a lot of confidence in Cadac, but above all in the collaboration with Jan Baggen, Paul Smeets (CTO) and the rest of the Cadac team. We have known Jan and the team for a long time and look forward to intensifying our collaboration now."

Two options

Both parties have been in serious talks behind the scenes for some time. ‘Since 2024,’ explains Jan Baggen. "Despite my love for Cadac and my ambition to remain involved with Cadac forever, I had to be rational and think about Cadac's future without me. Roughly speaking, I had two options. Keep the shares and hope that one of our children would take over the business, or find a new investor. The first option would be the best, but it places an enormous strain on our family, so we started looking for a new investor. Bencis is the right candidate, I am convinced of that."

Autodesk

Cadac is one of Autodesk's largest partners, particularly in the Benelux, Germany and Southern Europe. Autodesk is an American software company known worldwide for its advanced design, engineering and construction software, such as AutoCAD and Revit. Digitalisation is in full swing in the manufacturing industry, construction and government. The experts at Cadac Group help their customers embrace this digital transformation with both Cadac and Autodesk software and the associated services. Jan Baggen: "We could have opted for a partnership with another major Autodesk partner, but with this transaction we are safeguarding Cadac's independence,

continuity and identity. It is important to us that the current vision and strategy are continued. During the discussions with Bencis, trust grew. It was not just a financial transaction; it is also about our people and the resources to continue investing and growing."

LIOF

Development company LIOF, a committed investor, shareholder and partner of Cadac for more than 25 years, fully supports the sale of shares. 'We wholeheartedly support this acquisition,' says Siska van Houdt, Investment Manager. 'Our collaboration dates back to the period when LIOF was actively investing in the then emerging ICT sector. Cadac has since grown into a leading Limburg-based company within the ICT sector. The acquisition by Bencis strengthens the foundation for the future. Cadac retains both its international position and its regional ties with Limburg.'

Shares

The share transaction was officially signed by all parties involved on Wednesday, 27 August 2025. Jan Baggen will remain CEO of Cadac Group and will retain a quarter of the shares through his holding company TwinPort. Just under 5 per cent of the shares will remain in the hands of the management and a few key employees, including CTO Paul Smeets and CFO Astrid van de Sande.

Cadence Completes Acquisition of Arm Artisan Foundation IP Business

27 August 2025

Cadence announced that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of the Arm Artisan foundation IP business, consisting of standard cell libraries, memory compilers, and general-purpose I/Os (GPIOs) optimized for advanced process nodes at the leading foundries. The acquisition will augment Cadence's expanding design IP offerings, anchored by a leading portfolio of protocol and interface IP, memory interface IP, and SerDes IP at advanced nodes. Cadence is reinforcing its commitment to improving customers' time to market and optimizing cost, power, and performance by expanding its presence in SoC designs, especially with the world's leading foundry processes.

The acquisition is expected to be immaterial to revenue and earnings this year.

Capgemini to acquire Cloud4C, a leader in hybrid cloud platform services

26 August 2025

Capgemini has signed an agreement to acquire Cloud4C, a leading provider of automation-driven managed services for hybrid and sovereign cloud environments. Cloud4C helps enterprises migrate, manage and optimize their technology and data leveraging its low-code, AI-ready platform and vertical specific frameworks, designed for the specific needs of businesses and industries. A global premium partner for SAP in S/4 HANA Cloud, Cloud4C has also established strong relationships with other key technology vendors and hyperscalers. The acquisition is expected to close in the coming months, subject to regulatory approvals and other customary conditions for a transaction of this nature.

Founded in 2014, Cloud4C's 1,600-strong team specializes in platform-based services with AI operations and automation capabilities. Cloud4C helps clients to develop and implement their cloud strategy through consulting, stack migration and efficient management, as well as providing hybrid cloud solutions for sovereignty. The company boasts a set of comprehensive end-to-end service offerings built on deep tech proficiency, with hyper-automated AI cloud operations across the stack (from infrastructure through to application login). Cloud4C also provides value-added services such as process automation, disaster recovery, data loss prevention, business continuity, cybersecurity, industry and sovereign compliances.

This acquisition will expand Capgemini's footprint in the fast-growing cloud managed services market. It will enable the Group to further develop industry specific packaged frameworks, intellectual property (IP) and generative AI (gen AI) solutions for cloud management and seamless migrations. It would also bring immediate cross-selling opportunities across Capgemini clients, as well as offering the breadth of Capgemini's expertise to Cloud4C's clients.

Furthermore, this transaction will accelerate Capgemini's SAP leadership notably in end-to-end SAP services, through the combination of Syniti's data expertise with Cloud4C's SAP cloud management.

"Cloud4C has an impressive track record in large-scale cloud transformations, thanks to its cutting-edge, highly automated AI platform and processes," said Aiman Ezzat, CEO of Capgemini. "Its status as a global premium partner of RISE with SAP makes it a natural fit for Capgemini as we have been a strategic partner with SAP for decades. This acquisition will enable the Group to champion gen AI-powered cloud automation platforms, coupled with scalable industry-specific solutions that we know our clients want and need across the world."

"Cloud4C has been a fast growth company with operations in 29 countries. From the beginning, our goal was to build a process-driven, highly automated cloud services platform focused on innovation, trust, and security. Joining a global leader like Capgemini represents an exciting next chapter, enabling us to scale our cloud migration and management frameworks more efficiently. I'm immensely proud of what our team has built," said Sridhar Pinnapureddy, Chairman and Managing Director of Cloud4C. "We look forward to combining our strengths with those of Capgemini to meet the needs of its international client base."

CGI completes acquisition of Apside, a France-based digital and engineering services leader

28 August 2025

CGI, one of the largest independent IT and business consulting services firms in the world, has completed its previously announced acquisition of Apside, a leading provider of digital and engineering services.

Present in France, Belgium, Canada, Morocco, Portugal and Switzerland, Apside is recognized for its in-depth industry knowledge in manufacturing, finance, insurance and public sector, as well as its technology expertise in areas such as data, AI, cloud and cybersecurity.

With this acquisition, CGI further consolidates its presence in France as well as other European countries and Morocco, and strengthens its capabilities, particularly in manufacturing and financial services.

More than 2,500 professionals have joined CGI through this acquisition, including nearly 2,200 in France.

"We are delighted to welcome Apside's talented team to CGI. Our companies share a culture and common values focused on innovation, responsibility, commitment and putting our employees at the heart of everything we do. By combining our strengths, we are enriching our technology offering and strengthening our ability to support our clients in their most complex transformations," said **Caroline de Grandmaison, President of CGI's France operations.**

MariaDB Accelerates Cloud Deployments, Adds Agentic AI and Serverless Capability with Acquisition of SkySQL

26 August 2025

MariaDB plc announced it has acquired SkySQL Inc., the company behind an AI-powered, serverless database-as-a-service (DBaaS) platform. The acquisition brings SkySQL's established DBaaS product back into the MariaDB portfolio. SkySQL was originally developed by MariaDB and, since being spun off as an independent entity in 2023, has significantly advanced its product offering. The acquisition of SkySQL enables MariaDB to meet customer and market expectations for greater flexibility and deployment choice, including a range of self-managed and fully managed cloud offerings. MariaDB Cloud will encompass the SkySQL capability and form a key part of the product portfolio.

"Our customers have made it clear that they want flexibility, and they need powerful, reliable database solutions wherever their business takes them – on premises, in the cloud or in hybrid environments," said Rohit de Souza, CEO, MariaDB plc. "Acquiring SkySQL helps accelerate plans and adds further innovation to MariaDB Cloud. It's a strategic investment in our customers and a decisive step to enhance our ability to provide the comprehensive, modern, world-class database platform our customers need to thrive and maintain a competitive edge."

According to an IDC market forecast, enterprises are increasingly shifting workloads to cloud-based database solutions to achieve greater scalability, cost efficiency and accessibility. This migration is motivated by the need for a flexible infrastructure that can adapt to changing business requirements and support distributed teams (IDC Tech Supplier, "Worldwide Database Management Systems Software Forecast," 2025-2029, US53032525, June 2025). MariaDB Cloud provides a provisioned database, as a service, on all three major public clouds (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud), along with a serverless mode for developers to instantly start building cloud-native and AI-driven applications without overspending. Further, integrated agentic AI capabilities help transform how developers interact with complex operational data. MariaDB Cloud will enable customers to consume MariaDB Enterprise Platform, the company's flagship product, as a fully managed cloud option. MariaDB Enterprise Platform delivers best-in-class performance, data security, replication, clustering and high availability for production workloads.

“SkySQL’s level of sophistication, from its built-in elasticity, advanced serverless technology, to its agentic AI capabilities, is extremely impressive,” said Vikas Mathur, chief product officer, MariaDB plc. “By bringing SkySQL’s DBaaS into the MariaDB portfolio, we are immediately addressing our customers’ needs while also gaining a robust foundation to make MariaDB the default option for building GenAI applications.”

With the acquisition, the entire SkySQL team joins and integrates into MariaDB, further bolstering MariaDB’s product, engineering, support and go-to-market teams with additional DBaaS expertise.

“I am incredibly proud of what we’ve been able to build with SkySQL in a short period of time, a database service that scales effortlessly with serverless workloads and enables reliable, AI-driven applications,” said Jags Ramnarayan, chief technology officer, SkySQL Inc. “This acquisition is a major win for our customers who will now benefit from our joint efforts and faster innovation cycles. As a part of MariaDB again, we are now able to bring this capability to customers across the globe faster and more effectively.”

The acquisition of SkySQL comes on the heels of another recent acquisition of a high availability solution, Galera Cluster in June 2025 and launch of a new and improved version of MariaDB Enterprise Platform in January 2025, which included the introduction of open source vector search. MariaDB Enterprise Platform was recently recognized as Best Overall Database in the 2025 DBTA Readers’ Choice Award and Best in Open Source AI in the 2025 AI TechAwards. MariaDB’s momentum this year follows the take-private transaction by K1 Investment Management and appointment of Rohit de Souza as MariaDB’s CEO in September 2024.

Peak Rock Capital Affiliate Completes Acquisition of Aegis Software

21 August 2025

An affiliate of Peak Rock Capital ("Peak Rock"), a leading middle-market private investment firm, announced that it has completed the acquisition of Aegis Industrial Software ("Aegis," or the "Company"), a global provider of innovative manufacturing execution system ("MES") software for electronic components and discrete manufacturing across the aerospace & defense, medical device, consumer electronics, and diversified industrial end-markets.

Aegis' innovative software suite, FactoryLogix, is an end-to-end, IIoT-based MES platform that bridges CAD design to the factory floor, creates work instructions, plans and controls production routes, and manages quality and materials, as well as KPI reporting and dashboarding. The Company serves over 2,200 factory sites across the globe and enables over 1,000 plants to achieve the benefits of digital transformation by bringing automation, intelligence, and connectivity to the factory floor.

Preston Thomas, Managing Director of Peak Rock, said, "Aegis represents an exciting opportunity to invest in a well-established software platform with a track record of providing significant value to its customers. Our partnership with Aegis highlights Peak Rock's continued commitment to investing in mission-critical software businesses that are leaders in their categories and are well-positioned for further revenue growth. We are confident that Aegis is

an excellent platform for expansion, and we look forward to partnering with the Company to achieve its ambitious growth plan and pursue strategic acquisitions."

Jared Mason, Managing Director of Peak Rock said, "We look forward to working with the Company's management team to enhance the business and build on the foundation that Aegis' founders, Jason Spera and John Walls, have created over the past 30 years. Together, we will accelerate the Company's growth, particularly as we drive further investments in the product offering as well as expansion in new applications and geographies."

Jason Spera, Co-Founder and CEO of Aegis, commented, "The Aegis team is excited to partner with Peak Rock as we embark on this next chapter of growth. Peak Rock has a deep understanding of our business and a strong track record of driving sustainable growth in software businesses like ours. John and I are delighted to continue as shareholders in the Company and in our current roles as we further advance Aegis' mission of enabling our customers to achieve the benefits of digital transformation, while expanding our footprint to serve even more customers."

"This transaction exemplifies Peak Rock's commitment to invest in leading enterprise software businesses with a differentiated value proposition that are serving attractive end markets. We continue to actively seek founder-owned platforms where our resources and expertise can drive transformational growth and long-term value creation," added Anthony DiSimone, Chief Executive Officer of Peak Rock.

Company News

Accenture Invests in CLIKA to Expand Intelligent Edge AI Capabilities

21 August 2025

Accenture has invested, through Accenture Ventures, in CLIKA, a high-performance AI compression platform company. The investment will expand Accenture's intelligent edge and infrastructure engineering capabilities and fast-track AI deployment for edge devices.

As the demand for edge AI surges, enterprises are grappling with deployment complexity, infrastructure strain, and a fragmented hardware landscape. CLIKA's unified platform directly addresses these challenges by simplifying the process of optimizing and deploying AI to edge devices such as smartphones, IoT endpoints, autonomous vehicles and industrial robotics.

Together, the two companies will build enterprise-ready edge AI offerings for secure edge deployments at scale. The collaboration will help bring high-performance, compact AI models to real-world devices across industries, unlocking strategic advantages and new business opportunities to clients globally.

Raj Wickramasinghe, global lead for Infrastructure Engineering, Accenture, said, "Edge computing is now a critical part of the AI lifecycle. Today's enterprises need seamless intelligence at the edge. Through this investment and collaboration, we can bring CLIKA's technology—which allows intelligent models to run on devices not originally designed for AI—

to our enterprise clients, delivering the efficiency and precision needed to make edge AI practical and scalable."

At the core of CLIKA's platform is its proprietary software development kit (SDK), which automatically compresses and optimizes AI models for a wide range of hardware targets, including CPUs and low-power devices. Each deployment is uniquely tuned for its environment—delivering speed and accuracy, without needing extensive manual intervention or customization. This collaboration strengthens Accenture's leading capabilities in building next-generation AI infrastructure for edge devices, while expanding CLIKA's global footprint and impact.

"At CLIKA, we believe powerful AI belongs on everyday devices," said Nayul Lina Kim, co-founder & CEO, CLIKA. "This investment and collaboration with Accenture Ventures allow us to bring that vision to life, offering enterprises a smooth and efficient way to deploy AI in real-world, real-time scenarios where it can make the biggest impact."

"The rapid growth of AI—and the complexity that comes with—demands faster, simpler and smarter deployment," said Tom Lounibos, global lead for Accenture Ventures. "With this investment, we are providing CLIKA with strategic market access to enterprise clients, teaming to deploy advanced models at the edge and put intelligence where it matters most."

CLIKA will also join Accenture Ventures' Project Spotlight, a vertical accelerator for data and AI companies. Project Spotlight offers extensive access to Accenture's domain expertise and its enterprise clients, helping startups harness creativity and deliver on the promise of their technology.

Terms of the investment were not disclosed.

CEO and Management Changes at CPQ Finland

28 August 2025

CPQ Finland Oy, a leading provider of Configure, Price, Quote (CPQ), Price Management, Product Modularization and Lifecycle Management (PLM), and Service Lifecycle Management (SLM) consulting and solutions in Finland, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mikko Jokela as Chief Executive Officer**. With this leadership change, CPQ Finland aims to accelerate its growth strategy and broaden its range of professional services. At the same time, long-time CEO **Veli-Matti Myllymäki** has been named **Chairman of the Board** and **Mikko Vakkilainen** appointed as **Head of Consultancy** and to work as Management Team member.

Introducing CEO Mikko Jokela

Mikko Jokela has been a partner at CPQ Finland for several years, leading the firm's consulting practice. He brings extensive experience from managing global teams and is widely recognized as an advocate for CPQ and product management and its role in driving business success.

Strategic Direction

"We are known for our expertise in CPQ and product management consulting expertise. Last year we expanded into price management by acquiring Pricefx business from 1Solution Hub.

Earlier this year, we began collaborating with Synchron to deliver service lifecycle management solutions that optimize aftermarket pricing and inventory management. With our growing organization, we are now strengthening our professional consulting services to deliver even greater value to our customers,” said Mikko Jokela.

“As our company continues to grow, we need a CEO who can focus on leading day-to-day business activities in a dynamic growing organization. Mikko is the right leader for this next phase. I am confident in his ability to guide CPQ Finland forward while I, as founder, will focus on developing the business further to grow our product and service portfolio and our expansion to European market. I will also continue to have a strong role in our CPQ business as before.” added Veli-Matti Myllymäki.

Coastline Equipment Named Newest Trimble Technology Outlet

26 August 2025

Trimble[®] announced Coastline Equipment as the newest Trimble Technology Outlet. Based in Long Beach, California, Coastline will now sell Trimble grade control, site positioning systems and correction services technology directly to customers using John Deere and Hamm earthmoving equipment. This includes dozers, excavators, motor graders, soil compactors, mini-excavators and compact track loaders. Coastline will also sell Trimble technology for LevelBest/ATI and HitchDoc attachments. Trimble technology from Coastline includes the Trimble Works subscription bundles, offering contractors simple, low risk ways to scale operations, providing flexibility in selecting and utilizing the right civil construction technology, hardware coverage and price point for their business needs.

Trimble Technology Outlets are a new and important part of Trimble's civil construction distribution strategy. By adding authorized resellers representing a wide variety of manufacturers to the Trimble distribution channel, it becomes easier for users of a wide range of machine types to purchase, install and utilize Trimble technology for improved jobsite productivity and profitability. As an authorized Trimble reseller, Coastline now sells Trimble technology directly to its customers in southern California, southern Nevada and southwestern Idaho.

"We are excited to announce Coastline Equipment as the newest addition to our growing list of authorized Trimble resellers," said Ron Bisio, senior vice president, field systems at Trimble. "The purpose of this new distribution channel is to make it easier for contractors to integrate Trimble technology into their operations regardless of what machine type they use. This allows them to connect their digital and physical work, leading to overall increased productivity and profitability. We're eager to collaborate with Coastline to bring these benefits to their customers."

As an authorized Trimble reseller, Coastline will offer Trimble grade control solutions — including site positioning systems and correction services — directly to customers across the Coastline footprint. Coastline customers can expect to receive an exceptional level of support, including installation, service and training.

"The central part of our vision is to lead the industry by providing world-class equipment solutions, and we are pleased to announce that now includes the sale, service and support of Trimble technology for the equipment brands we represent," said Buck Baird, president of Coastline Equipment. "In the past, it has been difficult to leverage the full benefit of technology across mixed fleets. Now, we look forward to working with our customers using Deere, Hamm, LevelBest and HitchDoc equipment to streamline their workflows as part of the Trimble ecosystem."

CONTACT partners with Razorleaf to streamline product design and operation for companies in North America

26 August 2025

The strategic partnership combines CONTACT's PLM, MES, and IIoT solutions with Razorleaf's implementation expertise to accelerate time-to-value for customers in the USA and Canada.

In highly competitive global markets, manufacturing companies strive to automate their processes and accelerate their product launches. Now, CONTACT Software joins forces with Razorleaf to help them achieve these goals. The strategic partnership combines CONTACT's composable Elements platform with Razorleaf's in-depth knowledge of the North American market and proven expertise in consulting and implementing digital thread solutions. Together, they bring single-platform PLM, MES, and IIoT solutions to manufacturing companies, empowering them to design, manufacture, and operate smart products more efficiently and improve customer satisfaction.

CONTACT Elements enables companies to merge data silos into a single source of truth and seamlessly exchanges information with third-party apps. It can be hosted in the cloud, embeds sustainability data directly in product development, and includes platform-wide AI capabilities. Built on a composable architecture, CONTACT Elements can be gradually expanded as a company's needs grow – providing a future-proof solution that adapts to evolving market requirements, customer demands, and changing regulations.

As CONTACT's regional partner, Razorleaf's experts will support customers along the entire implementation journey: from consulting and needs analysis to deployment, system configuration, data migration, training, and long-term support. Razorleaf's OnPoint implementation methodology uses a proven six-step framework to seamlessly integrate CONTACT's solutions into the client's digital ecosystem, ensuring quick deployment and delivering immediate, measurable results.

"We're proud to partner with CONTACT Software to bring their Elements platform to the North American market. This collaboration empowers manufacturers to accelerate innovation and efficiency by building agile, end-to-end digital threads across the entire product lifecycle," said Eric Doubell, CEO of Razorleaf.

"North America is one of the most dynamic and innovation-driven regions in the world. Together with Razorleaf, we bring our 'top floor to shop floor' vision to manufacturing companies across the region – making it easier for them to start small, scale fast, and realize

the full value of PLM, MES, and IIoT,” said Dimitri Baumtrok, Head of International at CONTACT.

“The combination of CONTACT Software’s modern composable PLM platform and Razorleaf’s deep domain knowledge and integrations expertise makes this an ideal partnership to launch CONTACT Software’s offerings to North American manufacturers,” said Peter Bilello, President and CEO of CIMdata, Inc.

Learn more about the partnership [here](#).

Digital Twin Consortium Welcomes the Digital Engineering Hub at Rowan University as Member

21 August 2025

The Digital Twin Consortium® (DTC™) announced that the Digital Engineering Hub (DEHub) at Rowan University has joined the consortium. DEHub is a first-of-its-kind academic research and development center where digital engineering methods are researched, practiced, taught, incubated, and translated from ideas to commercialized applications. DEHub’s focal areas include materials discovery, accelerated materials testing, digital manufacturing, condition-based asset monitoring, robotics, and automation.

To support these applications, DEHub is housed in a state-of-the-art facility at Rowan University’s Main Campus in Glassboro, NJ. It offers access to many technological testbeds, including one developed for DTC in collaboration with several members, focusing on metal additive manufacturing. Joining the DTC is a milestone for DEHub’s strategic development as it further promotes its public-private partnerships and collaborations.

“We welcome DEHub @ Rowan University as a member of the DTC and their involvement in our testbed program,” said Dan Isaacs, GM and CTO of the DTC. “Their lifecycle experience with real-time, AI-powered advanced manufacturing and involvement in our testbed program will be valuable to DTC members. Together, we will work to further the adoption of and drive the evolution of digital twin and critical enabling technologies across industries, including aerospace, defense, manufacturing, infrastructure, energy, healthcare, and life sciences.”

“Joining DTC has allowed DEHub to connect with an entire community working to understand the challenges and propose solutions on all aspects of Digital Engineering and Digital Twins. I could not be more excited about this partnership,” said Dr. Antonios Kotsos, Ph.D., Henry M. Rowan Foundation Endowed Professor and Director of DEHub, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, Rowan University

Honeywell Appoints Peter Lau to Lead Industrial Automation

22 August 2025

Honeywell announced the appointment of Peter Lau as President and CEO of its Industrial Automation business, effective October 15, 2025.

A former President of Honeywell's Security, Fire and Electrical Products businesses, Lau is returning to succeed Lucian Boldea, who is departing the company at the end of the month to

pursue another opportunity. Lau will be based in Charlotte, N.C., and will report to Vimal Kapur, Chairman and CEO of Honeywell.

Lau most recently served as President and CEO of FARO Technologies and as a member of the company's Board of Directors, guiding a strategic transformation that ultimately led to its successful acquisition. Lau also strengthened the company's position as a leader in 3D measurement, imaging and realization technology by committing to operational excellence, delivering a set of customer-driven products and solutions to accelerate growth.

In his prior role at Honeywell, Lau led three of the company's global businesses, which focused on global security and the detection and control of fire and life safety solutions. During that time, he helped shift our offerings from hardware to software-based solutions, expanded our global footprint and strengthened our commercial capabilities. Throughout his career, Lau also held senior leadership roles at Hubbell, General Electric and Catalyst Nutraceuticals. He holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University.

"We are delighted to welcome Pete back to Honeywell," said Vimal Kapur, Chairman and CEO of Honeywell. "He brings deep industry knowledge, a passion for our business and a strong track record of driving growth—all of which will help fuel innovation and create value for our customers."

Kapur added: "We are grateful to Lucian for his leadership and dedication to positioning our Industrial Automation business for the next chapter of growth and wish him well in future endeavors."

Honeywell recently announced an evaluation of strategic alternatives for its Productivity Solutions and Services ("PSS") and Warehouse and Workflow Solutions ("WWS") businesses, which are part of the company's Industrial Automation business. This milestone enables Honeywell to further simplify its portfolio in order to accelerate value creation ahead of its planned separation into three independent, industry-leading companies, which is expected to be complete in the second half of 2026. Following the separation, Honeywell will become a global automation business focused on building automation, process automation and technologies and industrial automation.

Honeywell Unveils Strategic Board of Directors to Lead Solstice Advanced Materials

21 August 2025

Honeywell announced the future Board of Directors for Solstice Advanced Materials ("Solstice"), a pure-play specialty materials company that will be created following its planned spin-off from Honeywell. Solstice will hold leading market positions in refrigerants, semiconductor materials, protective fibers, and healthcare packaging solutions.

Dr. Rajeev Gautam, former President and CEO of Honeywell's Performance Materials and Technologies (PMT) business, will lead the 10-person Board as Independent Chair as previously announced. The Board will also include David Sewell, President and CEO of the Solstice Advanced Materials business, alongside prominent leaders with deep experience in the industrial, technology, chemicals, and materials sectors.

"This is an exceptional and strategically diversified group of directors, who will bring cross-sector insight and proven leadership across the industries and technologies that will shape Solstice's future," said Vimal Kapur, Chairman and CEO of Honeywell. "With their guidance, Solstice will be well-positioned to drive growth and deepen customer relationships from day one."

David Sewell added, "Solstice will enter this next chapter with strong momentum, a clear strategic vision, and a team ready to deliver. I look forward to working with Rajeev and this accomplished group of directors as we prepare to launch an industry-leading company defined by innovation, operational excellence, and a sharp focus on long-term value creation for our stakeholders."

The newly appointed Board of Directors will assume its role upon the completion of Solstice's planned spin-off from Honeywell in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Biographical Information

The Solstice Advanced Materials Board will include the following individuals:

- **Dr. Rajeev Gautam** will serve as Independent Chair of the Board of Directors as previously announced. He brings more than 40 years of experience at Honeywell in the process technologies and advanced materials sectors. Prior to his retirement in 2021, he served as President and CEO of Honeywell PMT and previously served as President of Honeywell UOP. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of NN, Inc.
- **David Sewell** is the President and CEO of the Solstice Advanced Materials business. He brings more than 30 years of experience in the materials and chemicals industries, having served most recently as the President and CEO of WestRock Company. Prior to that, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of The Sherwin Williams Company and spent more than 15 years in General Electric's Plastics and Advanced Materials Division. He currently serves on the Boards of the National Association of Manufacturers and Huntsman Corporation.
- **Peter Gibbons** recently served as Group President of Enterprise Supply Chain at 3M, where he oversaw manufacturing, supply chain, and engineering. Prior to 3M, he served as CEO of TireHub LLC, a joint venture between Bridgestone and Goodyear, and held leadership roles at Mattel, Starbucks, and ICI Paints Americas.
- **Fiona Laird** is Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Vice President, Communications at Marathon Petroleum Corporation, an integrated downstream and midstream energy company operating the United States' largest refining system. Prior to that, she was the Chief Human Resources Officer at Andeavor Corporation and before that at Newell Brands, having previously held global executive HR and Communications roles at Unilever PLC.
- **Rose Lee** recently retired as President and CEO of Cornerstone Building Brands, a leading manufacturer of exterior building products. Her prior leadership roles include executive positions at DuPont, Saint-Gobain, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Pratt & Whitney.

She has served on the Boards of Cornerstone and Crown Holdings, and will continue to serve on the Board of Honeywell International until Solstice's spin-off is completed.

- **William Oplinger** is President and CEO of Alcoa Corporation, a global industry leader in bauxite, alumina, and aluminum. Over the course of his tenure with the company, he has served in a number of senior leadership roles, including most recently as Chief Operating Officer, and for 10 years previously as Chief Financial Officer.
- **Sivasankaran "Soma" Somasundaram** served as President and CEO of ChampionX Corporation, a role he has held since leading its spin-off from Dover Corporation in 2018. The company was acquired in July 2025 by SLB, f.k.a., Schlumberger. He advanced through a series of leadership roles during his tenure with Dover, which began in 2004. He previously held global leadership roles at GL&V and Baker Hughes and currently serves on the Board of Lennox International.
- **Matthew Trerotola** recently retired as CEO and Chair of Enovis Corporation (formerly Colfax), an innovation-driven medical technology company. Prior to his roles at Enovis, he served as Executive Vice President at DuPont, where he led the Electronics & Communications and Safety & Protection segments and the Asia-Pacific region. He previously held various business and group leadership roles at DuPont and Danaher. He currently serves on the Board of AptarGroup, Inc.
- **Patrick Ward** served as Chief Financial Officer of Cummins Inc. from 2008 to 2019. Over a more than 30-year tenure, he held several senior financial roles across Cummins' engine and power generation businesses. He currently serves on the Boards of Flex Ltd. and Corteva, Inc.
- **Brian Worrell** served as Chief Financial Officer of Baker Hughes from 2017 to 2022, then served as Advisor to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 2022 to 2023. He held several senior financial roles at GE across its businesses culminating in his role as CFO, GE Oil & Gas from 2014 to 2017. He joined the Board of Ralliant Corporation in 2025.

ModuleWorks Appoints Clinton Perry as Head of Global Marketing to Strengthen Technical Communication and OEM Collaboration

27 August 2025

Clinton joins ModuleWorks with over 20 years of experience at Autodesk and Delcam, where he held senior roles in applications engineering and marketing. His appointment marks a significant step in ModuleWorks' ongoing growth strategy and underscores the company's commitment to accelerating innovation in manufacturing by enabling the industry's solution providers to bring smarter, more connected digital workflows to market faster.

"At ModuleWorks, we build foundational software components that help manufacturers around the world stay ahead of complexity," said Dr. Yavuz Murtezaoglu, Founder and Managing Director of ModuleWorks. "Great marketing makes complex innovations meaningful

for professionals in all walks of manufacturing — from R&D teams to shop floors and across whole ecosystems. Clinton brings the clarity and insight to strengthen that connection.”

In his new role, Clinton leads a 17-person global marketing team in Aachen and Pune. His focus is on strengthening the impact and scalability of ModuleWorks’ product marketing, corporate marketing and partner communications.

“Our OEM partners, whether in CAD/CAM, CNC controls, machine tools, cutting tools, robotics or additive manufacturing, are navigating real manufacturing challenges which require transformation,” said Ben Weber, Head of Corporate Development at ModuleWorks. “Technical marketing helps them become aware of the wide range of technology ModuleWorks is developing. With this awareness, our partnerships can unlock more value for their users. Clinton’s joining is a strategic step to help us do exactly that.”

“I’ve long admired how ModuleWorks quietly powers some of the most critical technologies in manufacturing,” said Clinton Perry, Head of Global Marketing at ModuleWorks. “I’m excited to work with this talented team to amplify that impact, elevate our partner stories, and help drive innovation across a rapidly evolving industry.”

Clinton joins the team to represent ModuleWorks at **EMO 2025 in Hanover (22–26 September 2025 – Hall 6, Booth B55)**, where the company will present the latest advances in its toolpath, simulation and automation technology for CAD/CAM vendors, cutting tool suppliers, CNC control manufacturers and machine tool builders as well as robotics and additive manufacturing solution providers.

Norbert Hanke appointed interim Chief Financial Officer for Hexagon

29 August 2025

Hexagon AB announced that Norbert Hanke will succeed David Mills as interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Hexagon with immediate effect. David’s departure is driven by personal reasons, and he will remain available to Hexagon as Financial Advisor until February 2026. A search for a new CFO is effective immediately, and the Company will update the market on this in due course.

Norbert Hanke joined Hexagon in 2001, most recently serving as interim Chief Executive Officer. Prior to that he was Hexagon’s Chief Operating Officer and President of Hexagon’s Manufacturing Intelligence division. Norbert has also held several CFO roles during his career, including nine years as CFO of Manufacturing Intelligence and four years as Director of Finance at Brown & Sharpe.

“During his 25 years with Hexagon, David has served in multiple finance leadership roles, driving and developing improved financial performance and governance. Most recently, as CFO, he led improvements in financial disclosures and helped chaperone the Hexagon Group through several sizeable changes. I am particularly grateful for the support he has offered me since I joined as President & CEO, and while I am sorry to see him leave, I understand the circumstances around the decision,” said Anders Svensson, President and CEO, Hexagon AB, “I would also like to extend my thanks to Norbert Hanke. His financial acumen and 25-years of

experience at Hexagon places him well to fulfil this critical role while we secure a permanent replacement.”

OpenText Delivers Enterprise-Ready AI Solutions through HPE Unleash AI Program

20 August 2025

OpenText™, a global leader in information management, announced it is expanding its collaboration with HPE and joining the HPE Unleash AI partner program to accelerate enterprise AI adoption through HPE Private Cloud AI. This powerful collaboration brings pre-validated, secure, and scalable AI industry solutions to market faster than ever through the combined capabilities of OpenText™ Aviator AI solutions and HPE Private Cloud AI, a turnkey enterprise AI factory within the NVIDIA AI Computing by HPE portfolio co-developed with NVIDIA.

“The Unleash AI program empowers innovative software partners like OpenText to simplify AI deployment and accelerate the impact of real-world AI outcomes,” said Robin Braun, Vice President of AI Business Development for Hybrid Cloud, HPE. “With OpenText, we’re delivering AI solutions that combine deep industry expertise with secure, scalable private AI infrastructure—helping organizations unlock the power of their data to transform how they work.”

Delivering Business Value through AI Innovation

This collaboration is a launchpad for clients seeking to solve real business problems through AI, such as enhancing decision-making, automating workflows, and improving customer experiences—all while maintaining data privacy and compliance.

Key benefits of the collaboration include:

- **Faster Time-to-Market:** Pre-validated solutions on turnkey private AI infrastructure helps customers accelerate their AI adoption timelines.
- **Flexible Deployment:** Clients can deploy AI solutions on-prem, at the edge or in colo—enabling data sovereignty and cost predictability.
- **Enhanced Data Intelligence:** Through integrated solutions, enterprises can organize and analyze both structured and unstructured data to optimize AI outcomes.
- **Stronger Security and Compliance:** Customers benefit from industry-leading tools to protect data and proactively detect threats.

“We are proud to be among a select group of AI leaders included in HPE’s Unleash AI program,” said Sandy Ono, EVP and Chief Marketing Officer, OpenText. “This partnership accelerates how enterprises can tap into the power of generative AI—on their terms, with full control over their data.”

HPE and OpenText Accelerate AI, ML and Analytics at Scale

Additionally, HPE Alletra Storage MP X10000 and OpenText Analytics Database empower enterprises with a secure, scalable analytics foundation for faster decision-making and operational efficiency. The OpenText Analytics Database gives enterprises access to high-

performance real-time analytics and the X10000 disaggregated scale-out architecture enables enterprises to scale and provision storage to meet their evolving AI, ML and data lake needs.

Aligning to a Fast-Growing AI Market

With the global AI market projected to reach \$3.68 trillion by 2034 (Precedence Research), enterprises are investing heavily in AI to drive competitiveness. HPE and OpenText are positioned to meet this demand by delivering pre-validated, high-impact AI solutions for industries including healthcare, finance, manufacturing, and retail.

Together, HPE and OpenText are helping enterprises move from AI aspiration to realization—securely, strategically, and at scale.

SDC Verifier Launched Updated Website

21 August 2025

SDC Verifier, a leading provider of FEA simulation and structural verification software, is excited to announce the launch of its updated website. With a modern design, improved navigation, and enhanced interactivity, the new website reflects our commitment to making engineering resources more accessible and user-friendly.

The redesigned website introduces a sleek, intuitive interface that puts usability at the forefront. Engineers and other professionals can now find information faster, access tools more easily, and enjoy a smoother browsing experience supported by visuals and engaging animated content.

Key Improvements of the New Website

- **Fresh Design & Improved User Experience:** A clean layout and intuitive structure ensure a more seamless journey across the site.
- **Enhanced Standards Search:** SDC Verifier's engineering standards library, which you can use to verify your structure, is now better categorized on the website, making it easier than ever to find the right standard for your verification process.
- **Choosing Standards Based on Check Types:** Now you can easily choose the type of check you want to perform and based on it see the list of standards suitable for this check.
- **Improved Navigation in Articles:** The Articles section, Structural Engineering 101 and Benchmarks, has been restructured to help you quickly find the right materials for your specific needs.
- **More Visuals & Animation:** Richer graphics and subtle animations bring content to life, making technical information clearer and allowing you to understand our products better.

The refreshed platform is designed not only to showcase SDC Verifier's solutions but also to serve as a knowledge hub for engineers seeking smarter ways to verify structures and comply with industry standards.

Tacton Appoints Klaus Andersen as CEO to Lead Next Phase of Global Growth

22 August 2025

Tacton, a global leader in Configure, Price, Quote (CPQ) software and leading SaaS platform simplifying sales and configuration processes for manufacturers of complex products, announced that **Klaus Andersen**, currently serving as Chief Operating Officer, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer, effective August 21, 2025. He succeeds **Bo Gyldenvang**, who is stepping down after leading the company through a pivotal and successful period of transformation and growth. Bo will remain an advisor to the company's board of directors and executive leadership team.

Klaus brings with him more than two decades of executive leadership experience, with a distinguished track record of leadership and value creation. Prior to joining Tacton, Klaus served as CEO of several high-growth global technology companies, successfully leading multiple exits and delivering strong shareholder returns. His leadership has been defined by strategic clarity, customer-centricity, operational excellence, and building high-performance cultures.

Klaus has a long-standing relationship with Tacton—he served as Tacton's Chairman of the Board for over two years, giving him a deep understanding of Tacton's mission, vision, customers, and technology, which puts him in a very strong position to guide the company forward.

Since joining Tacton, Klaus has overseen major advancements in product innovation, customer engagement and investment to support the company's continued growth. He has worked closely with Bo and the executive team to deepen Tacton's relationships with global manufacturing leaders, streamline internal operations, and position the company for long-term success.

"I am incredibly honored to step into the role of CEO at such an exciting time for Tacton," said Klaus Andersen. "We are uniquely positioned to lead the next generation of manufacturing transformation through our innovative CPQ platform, deep industry expertise, and incredible team. I look forward to partnering with our customers, employees, and stakeholders as we write the next chapter of growth and impact."

Bo Gyldenvang added, "It has been a privilege to lead Tacton and work alongside such talented and passionate people for the past five years. While stepping away is bittersweet, I'm thrilled and extremely confident in Klaus taking the helm and guiding the company forward in its next phase of global growth. His vision, experience, and drive make him the ideal CEO for Tacton's future."

The appointment comes at a time of strong momentum for Tacton, following continued customer growth, product innovation, and strategic partnerships.

Zuken Opens New E3.series Development Center

22 August 2025

Zuken is relocating the E3.series development team to a new, state-of-the-art facility in Neu-Ulm. Effective September 1, 2025, the new headquarters will be located at Meininger Allee 5, 89231 Neu-Ulm.

Covering approximately 1,500 square meters, the new site offers a modern, comprehensively equipped work environment designed to foster innovation, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and close customer engagement. Located just over a mile from Ulm Central Station and well connected by public transport, the building combines advanced technical infrastructure with an open architectural layout.

The new space includes flexible workstations, smart meeting rooms, and dedicated areas for customer training and interaction. Informal lounges and social zones are also integrated to encourage exchange and creative teamwork.

With this relocation, Zuken reinforces its long-term commitment to the region and underlines the strategic importance of E3.series in developing complex electrical systems for highly innovative industrial sectors.

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Event News

2026 AMUG Conference Registration

27 August 2025

The Additive Manufacturing Users Group (AMUG) has announced that online registration will open on September 2, 2025, for its 2026 AMUG Education and Training Conference. The conference will be held in Reno, Nevada, from March 15 – 19, 2026. This event is open to owners and operators of industrial additive manufacturing technologies used for professional purposes.

The AMUG Conference is a gathering that is unlike all other additive manufacturing events. It is a unique assembly of users of all experience levels who come together as a community to share valuable insights and experiences to help one another. The users exchange expertise, best practices, real-world results, and challenges, while also exploring new applications, through both formal presentations and informal conversations during breaks, meals, and networking activities.

AMUG crafts the conference program to promote participation from early in the morning through the evening. The user-driven agenda includes presentations, workshops, AMUGexpo, and evening activities with catered meals.

Shannon VanDeren, president, said, “We are very excited about AMUG 2026. It will blend staples that have made the conference so impactful for additive manufacturing users with changes that will elevate the experience.” She continued, “Every aspect of the conference is devised to help users grow and operations excel.”

In 2026, the AMUG Conference will maintain its foundation of networking and collaboration while incorporating modifications based on member feedback. Responding to those requests, AMUG has relocated the conference to Reno, Nevada, added more hands-on and immersive training, and modified the agenda’s topical session tracks. Additionally, the Start-up Launchpad, which was introduced in 2025, will be a component of its AMUGexpo.

The AMUG Conference will offer keynotes, panel discussions, educational sessions, and hands-on workshops to help users maximize their additive manufacturing expertise and excellence. Two modifications to the 2026 program will significantly increase the quantity of hands-on educational opportunities.

AMUG has introduced Training Labs where conference sponsors will provide “under-the-hood” deep dives, training sessions, and workshops, creating a truly immersive environment for learning and engagement. Additionally, AMUG has dedicated a large, flexible space throughout the week to its hands-on workshops, which will allow for more of these member-praised activities.

VanDeren said, “Hands-on workshops are a key feature of our event that enhance the learning experience. They complement the many hours of technical sessions by providing an engaging learning experience that improves retention, fosters creativity, and promotes critical-thinking skills.”

Member feedback also spurred a revamping of the session tracks for the educational presentations and panel discussions. Reflecting changes in the additive manufacturing industry’s alignment to focus on applications and vertical markets, the agenda now features 14 tracks that are representative of today’s primary areas of focus.

After many years in Chicago, Illinois, the conference will be in Reno, Nevada, at the Grand Sierra Resort. This West Coast destination offers stunning sights and a moderate climate that complement the spirit of the conference. Grand Sierra Resort, located just minutes from Reno-Tahoe International Airport, provides 200,000 square feet of meeting space and 2,000 guest rooms.

Nate Schumacher, vice president, said, “This year’s location offers a fresh, open, modern experience. For example, the Summit Pavilion provides an upgraded layout and improved traffic flow to enhance engagement during our AMUGexpo.”

VanDeren said about Grand Sierra Resort, “It is a spectacular venue for a conference. It has a terrific layout. The meeting rooms are conveniently located and ideal for presentations, panel discussions and workshops. The ballroom will easily accommodate our large gathering. And the food is great.”

The 2026 conference will host the AMUGexpo on Sunday (March 15), Monday and Tuesday evenings. The AMUGexpo features companies with solutions dedicated to additive manufacturing that wish to engage with experienced, informed users to build connections and elevate knowledge. Returning in 2026, the Start-up Launchpad will host up to 10 newcomers on the expo floor to provide them with exposure to AMUG's community.

Kicking off the conference, AMUG will convene its annual New Member Welcome get-together. Claire Belson Barnes, director of membership, said, "The New Member Welcome is AMUG's way of bringing new participants into the fold. First-time attendees will learn tips and tricks for a successful conference and mingle with industry veterans and long-time AMUG volunteers." The AMUG Conference will close with its annual Family Dinner on Thursday night.

A highlight of the conference program will be the eleventh annual Innovators Showcase. The showcase is an on-stage interview with the feel of a fireside chat where attendees get to know an industry innovator and discover insights from that individual's experiences. The showcase serves as both a means to recognize the innovator and provide attendees with insight into their journey.

VanDeren said, "It is a spectacular way to recognize an individual whose distinct creativity has advanced the additive manufacturing industry." The recipient of the Innovators Award, who will be the featured guest, will be announced in September.

The five-day event includes the Wednesday evening Special Event and Dinner, networking receptions, catered meals, and beverages. The all-inclusive conference registration fee is \$1,295.00 through December 12, 2025. Companies interested in participating as sponsors or exhibitors are encouraged to sign up early since space is limited. For details and registration, visit www.amug.com.

Autodesk to present at upcoming investor conferences and extends invitation to join digital investor day

29 August 2025

Autodesk, Inc. announced its executives will be speaking at the following investor conferences:

September 4, 2025 Citi's 2025 Global TMT Conference

September 8, 2025 Goldman Sachs Communacopia + Technology Conference 2025

A live webcast and replay of the presentations will be available through Autodesk's Investor Relations Website at investors.autodesk.com. Please go to the website 15 minutes early to register, download and install any necessary software. More information will be available on investors.autodesk.com.

Autodesk will host its digital Investor Day on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. PT. More information will be available on investors.autodesk.com.

IMAGINiT Showcases Construction Integrations, Services and Industry Specific Training at Advancing Technology Construction Show

25 August 2025

The dedicated construction team at IMAGINiT Technologies, a leading provider of technology solutions and professional services that help organizations digitally transform how they design, build, and innovate, will exhibit at the [Advancing Construction Technology Conference](#) in Rosemont, IL August 26-27, 2025.

During the conference IMAGINiT will highlight a set of solutions including Procore to Autodesk Construction Cloud (ACC) migration and integration capabilities, a new ProductivityNOW eLearning offering geared to general contractors and subcontractors looking to train their teams, and FormsConnected, a platform that digitizes the collection of field data.

“By connecting workflows, teams and data at each stage of the construction process, our team is helping firms digitally transform the way they plan, design, and deliver projects—with greater efficiency, accuracy, and insight,” says Bill Zavadil, president and chief operating officer, IMAGINiT Technologies. “Our team works with clients to recommend the right technology, optimize workflows and processes, and ensure that they have the skilled people they need so that they can gain real-time insights that lead to smarter decisions and better project outcomes.”

The IMAGINiT construction team will be highlighting these powerful solutions and sharing insights at Advancing Construction and other industry events throughout 2025.

Solving Industry Challenges with IMAGINiT’s Procore to ACC Services

With an increasing number of construction firms seeking to consolidate platforms and reduce duplicate licensing costs, IMAGINiT has introduced two targeted services to help bridge the gap between Procore and Autodesk Construction Cloud.

- **Procore to ACC Migration Service:** This solution is designed for firms looking to fully transition to ACC. It enables the secure transfer of both historical and active project data, including RFIs, submittals, issues, project details, materials, vendor information and payment records, from Procore into ACC.
- **Procore to ACC Integration Service:** For firms looking to communicate across platforms on projects, IMAGINiT offers a real-time, bidirectional data integration solution that enables seamless interoperability at the project level. Unlike existing tools that only move data at the file level, this integration service ensures complete synchronization, including metadata and transactional information.

This offering has already helped dozens of firms like ICON Industrial, Wolgast Corporation and Cleveland Construction securely migrate active and archived projects to ACC. They now benefit from a more integrated construction management experience, with enhanced cross-project visibility and reduced manual processes.

Digitizing Data Collection with IMAGINiT FormsConnected

IMAGINiT’s FormsConnected integrates with Autodesk Construction Cloud (ACC), allowing for a

more streamlined and efficient workflow. This platform digitizes data capture, automates workflows, and connects field data to office systems, reducing paperwork, errors, and delays.

Empowering the Construction Workforce with IMAGINiT's ProductivityNOW

ProductivityNOW for Construction is an enterprise-grade learning and support platform designed to help contractors and subcontractors upskill their construction teams, standardize training and retain institutional knowledge. With 24/7 access to customized content and training modules for tools like ACC, Procore, Bluebeam and more, it empowers owner construction teams to boost efficiency, reduce rework and improve employee retention.

Industry Tradeshows

Passionate about being a catalyst for knowledge transfer, IMAGINiT's construction team regularly speaks and exhibits at leading industry events, with upcoming events including:

- [Pacific Northwest Modular Construction & Mass Timber Summit](#) – August 21, Seattle, WA
- [Autodesk University](#) – September 16-18, Nashville, TN
- [Bluebeam Unbound Conference](#) – September 30–October 2, Washington, DC
- [2025 ICBA Construction Innovation Summit](#) – October 2-3, Vancouver, BC
- [World of Concrete](#) – January 20-22, Las Vegas, NV

Introducing OASIS.AI: The Latest AI-based Design Exploration Engine

7 August 2025

October 1, 2025

11:00 AM (Eastern US)

This webinar explores the latest developments in the AI-based design exploration technology captured in the OASIS.AI software to serve the needs of both software providers and end users. The term “optimization” has seen a sharp resurgence in engineering media since the rise of tools like ChatGPT. However, for many, it still carries baggage from the 1990s, when limited computing resources and a lack of understanding led to unrealistic expectations and inconsistent and sometimes doubtful results.

Optimization remains a technically demanding domain, requiring the handling of diverse variable types, high-dimensional design spaces, complex constraints, and multi-objective scenarios. While numerous algorithms have been developed over the years to address these challenges, often tailored to specific use cases, their sheer variety has created confusion about which methods to use, slowing widespread adoption.

In this presentation, EmpowerOps will discuss the latest advancements in its AI-based exploration engine, OASIS.AI, which extends traditional optimization paradigms into broader exploration, enabling engineers to evaluate “what if” scenarios and make use of historical data. This new AI approach efficiently handles highly complex scenarios, leveraging advanced search techniques and small data learning technologies refined over many years. Its robustness and

efficiency have been validated across a wide range of benchmark cases, positioning it as a next-generation tool for optimization and exploration, ready to be embedded in OEM software through partnerships with EmpowerOps or directly utilized by end users.

[Register](#)

Mastercam to Showcase Cutting-Edge CAM Solutions at EMO Hannover 2025

25 August 2025

Mastercam, the world's most widely used CAM software, will demonstrate its latest manufacturing solutions at EMO Hannover 2025, taking place September 22-26, 2025, at the Hannover Exhibition Grounds in Hannover, Germany. Visitors can experience the company's newest innovations at **Hall 6, Stand A36**.

Built on extensive customer feedback and industry research, Mastercam 2026 focuses on eliminating bottlenecks in the programming workflow while providing more precise control over complex machining operations.

Mastercam 2026: Enhanced Performance and Precision

The centerpiece of Mastercam's EMO presence will be the latest **Mastercam 2026** software release, featuring significant enhancements designed to boost productivity and streamline manufacturing workflows. The latest version delivers improved toolpath efficiency, enhances user controls, and expands machining strategies that help manufacturers achieve superior surface finishes and reduced cycle times.

Mastercam Probing: Fully Integrated Probing Technology

Attendees will experience Mastercam Probing, a fully integrated add-on that allows users to program their machining center's spindle-mounted touch probe directly in Mastercam using the same intuitive interface used for toolpaths. This powerful solution automatically generates and inserts machine-dependent G-code directly into NC programs, reducing setup time and ensuring dimensional accuracy. Furthermore, in-process probing with Mastercam enables real-time part verification and adaptive machining during production, minimizing scrap and rework while supporting high-precision, lights-out manufacturing.

Mastercam Copilot: AI-Enabled CAM Intelligence

Mastercam 2026 release includes access to an early adopter program featuring Mastercam Copilot, an AI-powered programming assistant enabling the next wave of CAM intelligence. The initial release of Mastercam Copilot offers two primary functions: a Help system that provides natural-language guidance for programming questions, and a Command function that helps users by guiding them through the programming process.

"We're excited to showcase how Mastercam continues to evolve with the manufacturing industry's needs," said Russ Bukowski, President at Mastercam. "Our demonstrations at EMO will highlight how the adoption of AI tools, fully integrated probing capabilities, and our latest software enhancements will continue to transform manufacturing workflows with efficiency and precision."

Design Showcase: World's First Hollow Body Titanium Guitar

EMO visitors will also witness manufacturing artistry at its finest with the debut of the world's first hollow body titanium guitar, designed and programmed in Mastercam by renowned guitar designer, Dean Zelinsky. This unique showcase piece demonstrates Mastercam's precision and versatility in creating complex and precise components from challenging materials. Dean Zelinsky will be at the Mastercam booth throughout the show, offering exclusive autograph opportunities and sharing insights into the design and manufacturing process behind this ground-breaking instrument.

Additionally, Mastercam will host a Customer Appreciation Celebration at its stand upon the conclusion of expo hours on Sept. 22, 2025. All members of the media, partners, and Mastercam users are invited to this event.

Live Demonstrations and Expert Consultations

Mastercam's technical experts will provide live demonstrations, showcasing real-world applications across various industries including aerospace, automotive, medical device manufacturing, and general machining. The showcase parts will illustrate how Mastercam handles complex geometries and premium materials with exceptional precision. Visitors can schedule one-on-one consultations to discuss specific manufacturing challenges and explore how Mastercam's solutions can address their unique requirements

RBF Morph at the AIAS Conference 2025

29 August 2025

RBF Morph is pleased to announce its participation in the 54th AIAS Conference, which will take place from September 3 to 6, 2025, in the city of Florence at the Centro Didattico Morgagni (CDM) of the University of Florence.

The AIAS Conference has long been a central event for the Italian and international communities working in the fields of mechanical design and machine construction. It provides an important opportunity for researchers, engineers, and industrial partners to exchange knowledge and discuss recent advances in methods, applications, and innovations within the discipline. This year's edition introduces several organizational novelties, including updated guidelines for abstract submissions, and will once again serve as a platform for bridging academia and industry.

RBF Morph will contribute to the scientific program with three technical presentations, highlighting the versatility and effectiveness of radial basis functions in digital engineering and structural analysis.

1. **Fast radial basis functions in digital engineering applications (Marco Evangelos Biancolini)**

Radial basis functions, introduced in the 1960s, have become a key mathematical tool for digital engineering applications. As interpolators in multi-dimensional spaces, they are applied both in data science problems and in 3D space manipulation. Their ability to represent large 3D datasets in a mesh-free manner has made them the reference

technique for data mapping and mesh deformation. To fully exploit their potential in engineering workflows, a fast implementation of RBF methods is essential. This presentation will provide an overview of accelerated RBF algorithms and demonstrate their use in computer-aided engineering. A specific case study will illustrate the role of RBF in enabling a digital twin capable of real-time interaction with a 3D structural component.

2. **A study on the influence of RBF center distribution for structural analysis using the Kansa method (Corrado Groth)**

This work explores how the positioning of RBF centers influences the accuracy and stability of collocation-based methods for solving two-dimensional structural problems. The study applies the Kansa method, enforcing equilibrium through an indefinite equations approach, and tests different center distributions to evaluate their performance. Numerical results are systematically compared against both finite element method solutions and analytical benchmarks. The outcomes highlight optimal strategies for node placement, improving the robustness and applicability of RBF collocation methods in structural mechanics.

3. **A rapid stress retrieval approach for long-fiber angle-ply laminates using the RBF Kansa method (Andrea Chiappa)**

This contribution presents a methodology to efficiently estimate fiber/matrix interface stresses in long-fiber angle-ply laminates subjected to bending and torque. Building on previous work, the approach leverages coarse finite element analyses, possibly with homogenized materials, to extract global deformation data. Radial basis functions are then applied to link the macro- and microscale, transferring appropriate boundary conditions to the representative volume element. A collocation-based Kansa method is employed to resolve the local stress distribution on selected points. The accuracy of this multi-scale strategy is validated against high-fidelity finite element sub-modeling, demonstrating its potential for rapid and accurate stress evaluation in advanced composite structures.

With these contributions, RBF Morph continues its commitment to advancing numerical methods and their practical applications in digital engineering, structural analysis, and composite material modeling.

For more information and registration details, please visit the [official conference page](#).

Rockwell Automation to Present at the Morgan Stanley 13th Annual Laguna Conference

28 August 2025

Rockwell Automation, Inc. Chairman & CEO, Blake Moret, and SVP & Chief Supply Chain Officer, Bob Buttermore, will present at the Morgan Stanley 13th Annual Laguna Conference on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, in Dana Point, Calif.

The fireside chat will be webcast beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. PDT and will be available on the Rockwell Automation Investor Relations website at www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/investors.html.

Schaeffler to showcase expanded portfolio of electrification, chassis, and software solutions at IAA MOBILITY

19 August 2025

- For the first time at IAA MOBILITY, Schaeffler will present its expanded automotive product portfolio following the acquisition of Vitesco Technologies
- Trade fair appearance at the IAA Summit in Hall B3, Booth B40 under the motto “The Motion Technology Company”
- With innovative products in the fields of software, electronics, powertrain, chassis, and body, Schaeffler positions itself as a key partner in developing future mobility solutions

The world is on the move, and the automotive industry is right at the center of it. Trends such as electrification, enhanced driving comfort, and software-based technologies are transforming the entire industry and creating a new environment for future mobility solutions. At IAA MOBILITY in Munich, taking place from September 8 to 12, Schaeffler will present itself under the motto “The Motion Technology Company” as an innovative and reliable partner in times of change. “Schaeffler is a global player. With around 250 locations in 55 countries, we ensure that our innovative products are developed and manufactured close to our customers, enabling us to drive the transformation forward together,” says Klaus Rosenfeld, CEO of Schaeffler AG. “At the same time, we are deeply rooted in Germany and Europe – this is where the source of our innovative strength lies. With its location in our home region, IAA MOBILITY is the ideal platform for us to showcase our technological progress to our customers on the path to becoming the leading Motion Technology Company.” The Schaeffler exhibition space in Hall B3, Booth B40, is organized into three focus areas. In addition to modular components and integrated systems for electrified vehicles, Schaeffler will showcase innovative chassis and body solutions designed to optimize driving dynamics, safety, and comfort. With solutions and services for Software Defined Vehicles (SDVs), Schaeffler is also positioning itself as a partner for future vehicle architectures.

Stronger together: Driving growth with our customers

This IAA Summit marks Schaeffler’s first appearance following the acquisition of Vitesco Technologies. The combined company, with approximately 120,000 employees, four divisions, more than 100 plants, and expected annual sales of between 23 billion euros and 25 billion euros, offers a comprehensive product portfolio spanning eight product families, delivering innovative solutions to meet a wide range of customer needs. At the Schaeffler booth, the two automotive divisions – E-Mobility and Powertrain & Chassis – will present numerous new technologies along with their expanded portfolio for future-ready mobility that is efficient, intelligent, and comfortable. In total, Schaeffler will showcase nearly 140 products across approximately 225 square meters of exhibition space. “The acquisition last year was the perfect complement to our existing automotive portfolio. Now we want to move forward into the

future, stronger together with our customers,” says Matthias Zink, CEO Powertrain & Chassis at Schaeffler AG. “By integrating Vitesco Technologies’ expertise in electronics and software, we have expanded our capabilities in electromobility and can now offer complete system solutions from a single source,” Matthias Zink continues. The electric axle drive Electric Motor Reducer (EMR4) exemplifies the synergies created by combining the two companies’ portfolios: the electric motor and inverter, including the software, come from the former Vitesco Technologies, while Schaeffler supplies the housing and gearbox, including the parking lock unit. “The addition of sensor and actuator products also enables us to increase vertical integration in the Chassis & Body segment and to create new innovations. Our rear-wheel steering system and the Hands Free Access Sensor are just two examples,” adds Matthias Zink.

Focus on software-based solutions and services

The automotive industry is currently undergoing a structural transformation of unprecedented speed and scale. At the same time, the rapid integration of digital technologies such as AI, software, and sensor systems – along with the growing importance of digital services and connectivity – is reshaping the sector. “In the modern automotive industry, the driving experience is being revolutionized by software-defined vehicles,” explains Thomas Stierle, CEO E-Mobility at Schaeffler AG. “Innovative functions in the areas of autonomous driving, safety, and personalization are increasingly being implemented through vehicle software and continuously enhanced. Schaeffler sees significant potential in the efficiency and flexibility of these new technologies, as well as in the future-oriented business opportunities they create. That is why we are developing modern board networks and zone architectures that will form the electronic backbone of the software-defined vehicles of tomorrow,” Thomas Stierle adds, looking to the future. For the first time, Schaeffler will showcase its E/E platform at IAA MOBILITY, together with its associated software ecosystem – scalable, powerful, and service-oriented. With this, the company also aims to help strengthen the competitiveness and future viability of the European automotive industry, as other regions are currently more advanced in this future technology. The European Union has also recognized this challenge. As part of its Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the European Automotive Industry, the EU Commission has established the European Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Alliance. Among its goals is the development of an EU-wide, open platform for software-defined vehicles, based on cutting-edge open-source software components as well as shared interfaces, standards, and tools. As a founding member of the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA), Schaeffler is actively contributing to this transformation at the political level.

Schaeffler press conference

Monday, September 8, 2025, 10:20 – 10:40 a.m. (CEST) with Klaus Rosenfeld, CEO of Schaeffler AG; Matthias Zink, CEO Powertrain & Chassis of Schaeffler AG; and Thomas Stierle, CEO E-Mobility of Schaeffler AG, at the Schaeffler booth (B40, Hall B3) and via [livestream](#).

Simulations Plus to Participate in Upcoming Investor Conferences

27 August 2025

Simulations Plus, Inc. (“Simulations Plus”, “SLP”), a leading provider of cheminformatics, biosimulation, simulation-enabled performance and intelligence solutions, and medical

communications to the biopharma industry, announced that Shawn O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, will be participating in the following investor events in September:

2025 Wells Fargo Healthcare Conference

Format: Fireside chat and one-on-one meetings

When: Wednesday and Thursday, September 3-4, 2025

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Webcast Link: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 12:45 PM ET [here](#)

Morgan Stanley 23rd Annual Global Healthcare Conference

Format: Fireside chat and one-on-one meetings

When: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Location: New York City

Webcast Link: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 2:35 PM ET [here](#)

For more information about the events or questions about registration, interested parties should reach out to their contacts at Wells Fargo and Morgan Stanley.

Financial News

Invitation to Tecsys' Conference Call on September 5, 2025, Covering First Quarter FY2026 Results

25 August 2025

Tecsys Inc. will release its financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 ended July 31, 2025, on September 4, 2025, after the markets close. Tecsys President and CEO Peter Brereton, and CFO Mark J. Bentler, will host a conference call on September 5, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. ET to present and discuss the results with the analysts.

Subject: Q1 FY2026 Financial Results Conference Call

Date: September 5, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. ET

Phone number: 800-836-8184 or 646-357-8785

The call can be replayed until September 12, 2025, by calling 888-660-6345 or 646-517-4150 (access code: 21406 #).

SAIC Schedules Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Earnings Conference Call for September 4 at 10 A.M. ET

21 August 2025

Science Applications International Corp. is scheduled to issue its second quarter fiscal year 2026 results before market open on Thursday, September 4, 2025. SAIC executive management will discuss operational and financial results in a conference call beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time, following the issuance of the company's earnings press release.

The conference call will be webcast simultaneously to the public through a link on the [Investors Relations section of the SAIC website](#). The company will only provide webcast access, “dial-in” access will not be available, and a supplemental presentation will be available to the public through links provided on the website.

After the call concludes, an on-demand audio replay of the webcast can be accessed on the [SAIC Investors Relations website](#).

Implementation Investments

CGI awarded 10-year contract by State of New Jersey to enhance natural disaster recovery operations

26 August 2025

CGI, one of the world’s largest independent technology and professional services firms, announced the award of a 10-year contract with the State of New Jersey for continued development, enhancement, and support of its State Integrated Recovery Operations Management Systems (SIROMS) – building on more than a decade of trusted partnership and innovation in natural disaster recovery technology and service delivery.

Originally established to support the recovery from Superstorm Sandy, SIROMS has evolved into the state’s system of record for managing natural disaster recovery efforts and has managed the distribution of over \$7.2 billion in recovery funds. Under the renewed agreement, CGI will continue to support New Jersey’s readiness to respond to current and future natural disasters, enabling the state to efficiently manage federal recovery funds and reduce the overall cost of natural disaster recovery.

“Our partnership with CGI has been instrumental in helping New Jersey respond effectively to major disasters and prepare for those yet to come,” said Parth Sampath, State Contract Manager, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. “This agreement ensures we have both the technology and expertise in place to protect our residents and communities while reducing the cost and complexity associated with long-term disaster recovery.”

Through the SIROMS platform, New Jersey has modernized recovery operations by enhancing operational efficiency, ensuring financial traceability and accountability in the distribution of funds, and achieving comprehensive audit readiness. The system has empowered the state to make faster data-driven decisions, accelerating recovery timelines, and increasing transparency for residents and oversight officials. As of May 2025, the state has disbursed more than \$7 billion in recovery funds supporting thousands of residents across New Jersey. The SIROMS solution has enabled the state to track over 10,000 individual reports supporting the successful submission of quarterly progress to HUD over the past 48 quarters.

“Our ongoing partnership with the State of New Jersey reaffirms CGI’s commitment to helping governments enhance resilience and accelerate recovery from natural disasters,” said Scott Burghoff, Senior Vice-President & Business Unit Leader, CGI. “Our collaboration over the past

decade has demonstrated the power of a modern, adaptable technology platform to serve citizens when they need it most.”

The platform is designed to incorporate enhancements from other jurisdictions, such as Puerto Rico’s public-facing disaster-funding transparency portal, and shares innovations developed in New Jersey in return. This collaborative model supports a growing community of state and local governments working together to strengthen resilience and streamline recovery.

Colorado Department of Transportation to Implement Trimble Unity Asset Lifecycle Management Suite

20 August 2025

Trimble® announced that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will adopt its Trimble Unity™ software suite to enhance operational efficiency, collaboration and data-driven decision making for asset lifecycle management.

CDOT employees will use the Trimble asset lifecycle management suite, including integrated Esri® ArcGIS® geographic information system (GIS) technology, to manage more than 26,000 lane miles of roads, 3,000 bridges, 50 rest areas and tens of thousands of additional assets ranging from signs and guardrails to culverts and retaining walls.

"The volume and complexity of our projects and maintenance work are increasing, along with pressure to minimize costs," said Shawn Smith, director, division of maintenance and operations at CDOT. "Moving to the Trimble Unity suite is part of a digital transformation that will streamline processes, connect our teams and workflows, and give us advanced data analysis capabilities."

The opportunity to transition to a comprehensive software solution to manage asset maintenance led to selection of the Trimble Unity suite, according to Smith. Esri ArcGIS data integration also factored in the decision, along with mobile field operations capabilities and ease of use, he added.

The Trimble Unity suite enables owners of capital projects and public infrastructure to reduce total cost of ownership by improving efficiency, productivity and connectivity across design, construction, operations and maintenance workflows. The suite includes features for asset management, work management and mobile workforce management, allowing agencies to efficiently track and maintain assets throughout their lifecycles.

"As state DOTs invest in technology to reduce total cost of asset ownership and do more with less, our end-to-end software suite for asset lifecycle management allows them the flexibility to manage asset data from capital planning through design, build and maintenance while extending the investments they've made in Esri ArcGIS," said Cyndee Hoagland, senior vice president, owner and public sector at Trimble.

Trimble Certified Services Partner, Woolpert, is working with CDOT and Trimble on implementation of the Trimble Unity suite and training of CDOT users. Up to 1,000 CDOT employees will initially utilize the Trimble suite, with the potential to scale to 1,200 users.

"The project with CDOT reflects how we value collaboration between Trimble, its customers and services partners like Woolpert," Hoagland said. "Beyond the innovation and connectivity of the Trimble Unity suite, we're focused on establishing cohesive technology ecosystems and delivering excellence in implementation, training and support to ensure long-term technology optimization."

Woolpert is a global leader in architecture, engineering, and geospatial services, with over a century of experience. The company fuses deep technical expertise with a forward-thinking mindset to solve complex challenges across the public, private, and government sectors. Woolpert operates from more than 75 offices across five continents — building smarter, more resilient communities around the world.

Freda Goes Live with Centric PLM for End-to-End Product Development, Achieving Real-Time Teamwork and Improved R&D Efficiency

28 August 2025

Centric Software® is pleased to announce that Freda, a leading cosmetics company in China, has gone live with Centric PLM™. Centric Software provides the most innovative enterprise solutions to design, develop, formulate, source, comply, buy, make, package, market and sell consumer goods products in food & beverage, grocery and multi-category retail to achieve strategic and operational digital transformation goals.

Shandong Freda Biotech Co., Ltd. (referred to as "Freda") is a subsidiary of Freda Pharmaceutical Group. Founded in 1998, it is a leading enterprise in Shandong's cosmetics industry and a trailblazer in China's hyaluronic acid skincare sector. Today, the company focuses on skincare technologies such as hyaluronic acid, microbiome, oil-based and precision skincare. Freda continues to introduce patented ingredients and exclusive formulas, building a portfolio of well-known brands including RELLET, Dr. ALVA, ephan, SHENAN, UMT, SHREDA and Key C.

As consumer demands in the cosmetics industry continue to evolve, the number of product Stock Keeping Units (SKUs) has grown rapidly. Traditionally, the product development process involved numerous sub-processes, with information scattered across different documents, lacking full lifecycle and project asset management capabilities. The absence of a complete "initiation – planning – execution – monitoring – closing" workflow made it difficult to ensure process integrity.

Facing these challenges, Freda proactively defined the overall objectives for PLM, outlining its full end-to-end product lifecycle management needs. Freda is optimizing its existing product development management framework. The digital system standardizes and regulates the entire process from project initiation, formulation development, testing and registration, to mass production. Through predefined standardized product launch workflows, Centric PLM enables automatic task transitions, reduces manual effort and implements alerts to detect and resolve potential issues in a timely manner. The resulting impact of this digital transformation project is significantly improved product development efficiency and new momentum into the company's high-speed growth.

The PLM project follows a clear, phased roadmap, structured around the stages of “Support, Optimize and Lead” to progressively enhance the digitalization journey. The first phase focuses on building the platform to achieve systematic and collaborative business operations and on unifying data standards for centralized information sharing. The official system go-live was May 2025.

Key achievements of the first phase include:

- Linear management by product: Establishing a unified workflow to ensure end-to-end consistency in product development, approval and document management.
- Visualized project progress tracking: Ensuring timely project follow-up and delivery, standardizing business processes and embedding them into the system for transparent tracking and issue monitoring across the entire development lifecycle.
- Enhanced internal and external collaboration: Reducing the workload of product managers in process coordination and communication, allowing them to focus more on product innovation, creativity and strategy.
- End-to-end demand management: Building a scientific product knowledge repository with structured data, enhancing knowledge integration and continuous improvement.

Ms. Yang Suzhen, Deputy General Manager of Freda, comments, “By integrating the entire product development process onto a single, actionable platform, we have achieved efficient cross-departmental collaboration, enabling real-time teamwork around product projects. The PLM system’s integrated management capabilities have significantly enhanced R&D efficiency. The success of the project from initiation to go-live is the result of the dedication of each participant, especially the commitment of the implementation team. Moving forward, we aim to further optimize existing processes, deeply integrate AI technologies, explore more innovative application scenarios and fully unlock the potential of digital management.”

Fabrice Canonge, President of Centric Software says, “This digital transformation initiative by Freda not only strengthens their competitive edge in the industry but also raises the bar for digital transformation in the cosmetics sector, driving the industry toward greater efficiency and intelligence. We are proud to partner with them.”

Pair of Thieves Accelerates Speed to Market, Centralizes Product Data and Breaks Down Silos with Centric PLM

26 August 2025

Centric Software® is pleased to announce that Pair of Thieves has selected Centric PLM™ to drive speed to market and innovation. Centric Software provides the most innovative enterprise solutions to plan, design, develop, source, comply, buy, make, price, allocate, assort, market, sell and replenish fashion, luxury, footwear, outdoor, home, cosmetics & personal care products as well as multi-category retail, to achieve strategic and operational digital transformation goals.

Pair of Thieves, based in Culver City, CA was founded in 2012 with the mission of revolutionizing the men's underwear industry. Frustrated by the lack of stylish and comfortable options available, they set out to create a brand that would redefine what it means to wear great underwear. Drawing inspiration from their own experiences and lifestyles, they launched their first collection featuring bold designs, trend-right colors and premium fabrics. The company later expanded to socks, undershirts and loungewear.

Autumn Rockhill, Senior Product Development Manager at Pair of Thieves, describes the challenges that led the company to seek out a PLM solution. "As our company has grown over the years, our tracking and technical systems needed to grow with us. We were looking to centralize all of our information as well as make distribution across our various vendors painless and quick."

The existing systems they had in place were mostly stand-alone. "Our systems didn't speak to each other," says Rockhill. "Whenever we made an update to a style, we would have to make that update everywhere. We were constantly going back to touch file after file. It was inefficient, with lots of valuable time lost."

The company evaluated several companies, but ultimately, Centric Software is the best-in-class solution. Rockhill notes, "Out of all of the options, Centric PLM delivered everything we were looking for and more."

The new PLM solution dropped right into place in Pair of Thieves' existing workflows and with tools that the design team uses every day. "Centric PLM's ability to auto open our current files in Adobe Illustrator™ linking into PLM, maintains seamless integration of a new system against current processes. It ensures there is no stop in the flow of our team's processes while transitioning systems," says Rockhill.

Silos between departments were apparent as well. Rockhill states, "Already, we've seen an improvement in the distribution of information. The collaboration between teams while setting up our smart systems and formulas has led to great conversations around cross functional needs, ensuring that the information our partners need is easily accessible."

Another area where Centric PLM boosted working relationships is with external entities. "The vendor portal encourages better collaboration with our suppliers," says Rockhill.

She sums up, "The technology Centric PLM provides ensures easy communication and sharing of documents and information. Having all the files linked together, gives our team back valuable time to focus on development to continuously deliver great product season after season, while accelerating time to market and maintaining brand consistency."

Fabrice Canonge, President of Centric Software says, "The team at Pair of Thieves are responsive, creative and enthusiastic. Centric PLM will further enhance their commitment to innovation and continue to foster the growth they are experiencing through improved efficiency as they expand the brand."

Philippines Pharma Major, Unilab, Selects TCS for Cloud-Led Enterprise Modernization

28 August 2025

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a global leader in IT services, consulting, and business solutions, has announced a partnership with Unilab, Inc., a leading pharmaceutical and healthcare company in the Philippines, to modernize its core business systems through a strategic cloud migration. This transformation will strengthen Unilab's digital infrastructure, enhance operational agility, and drive long-term business growth.

As part of this collaboration, TCS will help Unilab transition from its legacy enterprise resource planning (ERP) system to a modern, cloud-based digital core. This shift will help Unilab unlock timely insights, simplify operations, and enable data-driven decision-making across business functions. This transformation will be delivered through SAP S/4HANA on RISE, providing Unilab with a scalable, intelligent enterprise platform. TCS will lead the end-to-end implementation, including strategy and design, project governance, system implementation, data migration, testing, and change management.

Sebastian Frederick Baquiran, President and CEO of Unilab, Inc, said, *"Unilab remains steadfast in its mission to deliver quality healthcare products and services with excellence and innovation. As we grow our product portfolio and reach new markets, this partnership with TCS, underpinned by SAP RISE and powered by AWS cloud, ensures we continue to future-proof our operations and create long-term value for all our stakeholders."*

Unilab is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the Philippines, with a legacy spanning 80 years. It operates an extensive distribution network, managing thousands of trade customers. Unilab's manufacturing plants are situated in multiple locations, and its products are distributed across 18 nations across a wide market. This engagement will focus on helping Unilab preserve existing process expertise while harmonizing operations and integrating intelligent analytics. The transformation is designed to create a flexible, scalable, and resilient digital foundation tailored to Unilab's needs. By modernizing its core systems, Unilab is positioning itself to respond more swiftly to market demands, accelerate innovation, and deliver enhanced value to stakeholders across the healthcare ecosystem. The organization is undertaking this modernization to streamline key business processes and better serve a growing network of healthcare providers, clinics, and pharmacies. The initiative also supports its goal of improving supply chain resilience and enhancing compliance through a unified cloud platform.

Seema Mehra, Vice President & Business Head, ERU & LSHC - APAC, Middle East, and Africa, TCS, said, *"We are honored to support Unilab in this important initiative. With SAP S/4HANA at the core, Unilab is reinforcing its position as a digital-first enterprise. This transformation will help them accelerate innovation and continue to deliver high-quality medicines and healthcare services for the communities they serve."*

TCS brings deep domain expertise in large-scale enterprise programs and has delivered several SAP transformations delivered globally. With over 25 years in the healthcare and life sciences

sectors, TCS has enabled leading organizations worldwide to modernize operations and strengthen supply chain, compliance, and customer-facing processes.

Shiju Varghese, Country Head, TCS Philippines, said, *“Our collaboration with Unilab marks a significant milestone in advancing digital capabilities within the healthcare sector. With our extensive experience and industry insight, we are committed to delivering outcomes that support Unilab’s strategic ambitions and contribute to improved healthcare access for the Filipino people.”*

TCS has had a strong and growing presence in the Philippines since 2008. The organization supports customers across diverse sectors including, telecom, banking and finance, real estate, and airlines, driving their growth and transformation from the Philippines. TCS has also been recognised as a Top Employer in the Philippines from 2017 to 2024 by the Top Employers Institute.

SAS Softec strengthens growth strategy with CIM Database Cloud

27 August 2025

High-tech machinery manufacturer SAS Softec is growing rapidly. With CIM Database Cloud, the company establishes a central database and standardizes processes for maximum efficiency and scalability.

SAS Softec is currently undergoing a significant growth and transformation phase. This presents the company with considerable challenges: rapid production growth necessitates an expanding workforce. To manage the administrative workload and ensure swift, qualified onboarding, standardized processes are essential. As an innovation driver, the manufacturer of production systems for semiconductors, electronics, glass processing, and photovoltaics supports its customers from concept to implementation. This comprehensive approach requires not only company-wide data consistency but also compliance with the highest quality standards and all necessary certifications.

To address these requirements and ensure sustainable growth, SAS Softec opted for CIM Database Cloud from CONTACT Software. Its combined project and workflow management allows the company to standardize processes and simplify cross-team collaboration. Requirements Engineering streamlines requirements management, and the xBOM Manager synchronizes engineering, manufacturing, and service bills of materials. This ensures that all employees, from design to service, always have access to the latest product data.

Implementation as a SaaS (Software as a Service) solution accelerates and simplifies deployment for the manufacturer, as no dedicated infrastructure setup or additional IT staff is needed. “CONTACT speaks our language and understands what we need for our processes,” says Christian Krappen, Director of Supply Chain Management at SAS Softec. “In terms of functionality and usability, it is an exceptional and practical PLM application in the cloud that can truly rival on-premises solutions.”

CONTACT's cloud infrastructure is ISO 27001 certified, ensuring maximum data security. As new developments are first rolled out in the SaaS environment, SAS Softec constantly benefits from the latest features and improvements. Looking ahead, the company plans to further increase the number of licenses.

Founded in 2009 as a software service provider in mechanical engineering, SAS Softec established its own division for plant engineering in 2018. Today, the high-tech machinery manufacturer employs approximately 55 people at its location in Altenstadt, Germany.

Van de Velde Advances Digital Transformation Journey with DeSL

20 August 2025

DeSL (Digital e-Solutions Ltd), a leading provider of digital transformation solutions for the fashion, retail, and footwear industries, is proud to announce the luxury lingerie company Van de Velde has selected DeSL's Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) and Total Quality Management solutions to drive its digital transformation journey.

With this new partnership, Van de Velde is transitioning away from disconnected, manual processes, and Excel based systems into a unified digital platform built to support product development collaboration, efficiency, and quality.

"Our product creation and quality processes were heavily reliant on manual actions, isolated data, and a dependence on key individuals," shared Annelies Sierens, Business Process Owner from Van de Velde. "We chose DeSL because their solutions addressed all core challenges meeting our full list of requirements. DeSL's intuitive, end-to-end platform modernizes collaboration across teams and suppliers, accelerates development cycles, and provides the insights we need to make data-driven decisions at every stage."

DeSL's PLM solution will empower Van de Velde to:

- Centralize product data across design, sourcing, and manufacturing.
- Improve collaboration between internal brand teams and external suppliers.
- Enable agile workflows for materials, BOMs, costing, and production preparation.
- Support Digital Product Passport and traceability requirements.
- React faster to evolving market needs with better planning and visibility.

DeSL's Total Quality Management system will unify Van de Velde's quality efforts for both in-house labs and third-party partners. The solution consolidates everything into one system including testing plans, inspection processes, and quality data, whether for raw materials or finished goods. It also facilitates non-conformance tracking, issue escalation, and flexible reporting to identify and reduce quality risk across production.

This partnership marks a leap forward in Van de Velde's digital transformation journey, enabling the company to unify systems, enhance agility, and maintain the high product standards their brand is known for. DeSL is proud to be part of this transformation, providing the tools and technology to drive smarter, faster, and more connected operations.

Product News

ACTCAD 2026 New Version Released, Dt. 23-Aug-2025

23 August 2025

ACTCAD 2026 new version released based on latest IntelliCAD 14 engine. Below is a detailed list of improvements:

- All new Black UI theme
- Improved speed and performance
- Several improvements to User interface
- Implemented new commands QRTEXT and QRLEADER
- Implemented auto-fill functionality in Table editing
- Improved Data Extraction tool with new filter option for refining output
- Support for detachable drawing windows
- New transparency option for command window adds visual flexibility
- Support for Autodesk® Revit® 2025 files
- SVG file import
- Geospatial support for Esri® imagery support in the GEO command
- API enhancements for both LISP and the .NET platform
- Implemented Lisp Debugger inside Visual Studio Code
- Added several new LISP functions
- Performance improved in .NET functions for specific view-related functions
- Improved Network Licensing Technology, users can change license server themselves
- Added several RASTERDRAW tools for inserting and managing images with advanced controls
- Added SHURL to shorten and clean URLs directly within drawings
- Introduced REPURL to replace existing URLs attached to entities
- Added CHURL to change or edit URLs linked to drawing objects
- Introduced PDFLAYERS to manage and control PDF layers imported into drawings
- Added DWFLAYERS to handle layers in Design Web Format (DWF) files
- Introduced DGNLAYERS to manage layers from imported DGN (MicroStation) files
- Added ULAYERS to isolate and control unused layers in drawings
- Introduced UCLIP to unclip and restore full extent of clipped references

- Added SLOPEBLOCK for creating slope representation blocks in civil drawings
- Introduced SLOPEAREA to calculate slope area directly from entities
- Added CVSPLINETOSLOPE to convert spline curves into slope profiles
- Introduced HOLECHART with associative updating technology
- Added POWERDIMENSION for advanced dimensioning options with precision control
- Introduced SHP2BLK to convert shapefile geometries into drawing blocks
- Added POINTTEXT to convert points into editable text labels
- Introduced TEXTPOINT to convert text into point objects
- Added TRIANGULATE command to generate triangulated surfaces and meshes
- Introduced SJOIN for smart join functionality to merge entities efficiently
- Added POLYREVERSE to instantly reverse polyline direction
- Fixed certain issues in ARRAYPATH Command
- Optimized Trim and Extend functionalities

Centric PLM Deploys Visionary Innovations for the Cosmetics Industry to Boost Product Development Efficiency, Compliance and Time to Market

25 August 2025

Centric Software® introduces the latest evolution of its market-leading Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) platform: Centric PLM™. Centric Software delivers the most innovative enterprise solutions to design, develop, formulate, source, comply, buy, make, package, market and sell consumer goods products in food & beverage, cosmetics & personal care products and multi-category retail to achieve strategic and operational digital transformation goals.

Centric PLM transformative new release streamlines workflows, boosts system performance and elevates the user experience. Built on market-driven input from leading cosmetics & personal care companies, the new innovations include a redesigned UI, intelligent supplier collaboration tools, a new compliance engine and embedded AI to accelerate decisions and reduce time to market.

“The latest update of Centric PLM is a transformative release that takes advantage of AI technologies and was designed to streamline workflows, boost system performance and elevate the user experience.” says Ron Watson, EVP Product & CSO at Centric Software. “The new compliance engine simplifies global regulatory requirements. It evaluates formulations and ingredients across different countries amid ongoing changes. The enhanced supplier portal tools facilitate communication, certification and document transfer.”

Centric PLM high-impact innovations for cosmetics & personal care:

- **Robust compliance engine** – Users easily create, approve and review compliance rules for ingredients. The detailed, step-by-step checks of formulations and the flexible

organization of classifiers improve accuracy and make managing compliance simpler thus reducing non-compliance and claims risks.

- **Centric PLM product brief** – The solution brings all product requirements together in a clear and flexible way to allow teams easily collaborate, use consistent templates and track progress. The result is better communication and working as a group with fewer misunderstandings that lead to errors and delays. Everyone works toward a shared product vision from the beginning.
- **Automated impact analysis** – When making product changes, it's important to consider the connections between ingredients, formulations, suppliers and regulations. Centric PLM identifies these dependencies and connects real-time data to make managing changes easier and more accurate. This reduces the risk of quality problems and regulatory issues, allowing for faster decisions, fewer delays and improved product safety and speed to market.
- **Streamlined supplier collaboration** – Supplier alignment is now easier and faster with a unified, real-time platform built for operational efficiency. Whether co-developing a product, getting an MSDS, product fact sheet, organic or other certification, delays are reduced and enable deeper collaboration. Targeted in-platform messaging keeps communication focused, contextual and productive.
- **Sustainability without the guesswork** – With new ESG regulations, Centric PLM's environmental metrics and certificate management tools make staying compliant simple. Automated reports at various levels save time and ensure accuracy. The Certificate Management Module tracks renewals, expirations and links documents to each ingredient and packaging material, making compliance easier and more organized in an increasingly controlled market.

In the area of business process and user-friendliness, the following upgrades have been realized:

- **AI-powered workflow enhancements** – integrated AI accelerates the product lifecycle by delivering tailored, embedded use cases across product concept, procurement and development. Unlike bolt-on tools, Centric Software's AI is built into the PLM workflow, enabling faster, data-driven decisions.
- **Revolutionary sidebar navigation** – built with consumer goods in mind, the new sidebar navigation is a refined redesign that puts essential functions just a click away. The intuitive layout cuts through the clutter of complex hierarchies, making detailed product data easily and quickly accessible with significantly faster queries to boost focus, streamline work and empower teams to respond with agility to ever-changing needs.

“Centric PLM transforms the way cosmetics & personal care companies work,” says Chris Groves, CEO of Centric Software. “Each innovation, like our certification management tools, compliance engine and automated impact analysis, was designed with customer input. That, along with Centric specialists' industry expertise in fast-moving consumer goods, makes Centric PLM the unrivaled choice for cosmetics companies.”

Coreform Releases Coreform Cubit 2025.8 with Major Usability and Performance Upgrades

20 August 2025

Coreform Cubit 2025.8, with important upgrades and useability improvements, is now available through Coreform's new license portal.

Coreform has announced the release of Coreform Cubit 2025.8, the latest version of its industry-leading hex meshing software. This update delivers significant improvements to the geometry kernel and meshing engine, a redesigned user interface with scalable vector graphics (SVG) icons, and enhanced usability for both command-line and Python scripting users.

Updates in 2025.8

Improved, modernized buttons and icons

Coreform Cubit has a new look! When you download the latest version 2025.8, you will notice a sleeker, more modern look. Most of our icons have been updated and replaced with more modern and intuitive versions. The placement and function of those icons have not changed.

Fundamental upgrades

Coreform Cubit's user interface framework has been upgraded to Qt6, providing better support for modern desktops. The primary triangle and tetrahedral mesher in Coreform Cubit has been updated to MeshGems 2.15. This upgrade comes with more robustness, better quality elements, and improved capabilities.

Geometry healing change

The geometry healing operation has been improved, but the change may affect your workflows. It is possible that entity ids may change during healing, and journal files using the old healing operation may break.

Keysight Completes Industry-First PSA Certified Level 4 Evaluation for Silicon Labs' SiXG301 SoC

21 August 2025

Keysight Technologies, Inc. has completed the industry's first PSA Certified Level 4 security evaluation for Silicon Labs' Series 3 Secure Vault™ on the SixG301 wireless SoC, marking a significant advancement in the security assurance of connected devices.

As IoT adoption accelerates across industries, the security threat landscape continues to evolve. Devices are increasingly targeted by sophisticated attackers with advanced tools and techniques. Certification frameworks like PSA Certified are critical in helping manufacturers prove that their devices can withstand these threats. Level 4, the most advanced assurance level in the framework, specifically tests the resilience of core security components such as Root of Trust (RoT), components, and secure elements (SE) embedded within connected platforms. These components are essential to protecting data, firmware, and device functionality throughout the product lifecycle.

As an authorized PSA Certified Test Lab, Keysight conducted the Level 4 evaluation through its advanced security lab, employing in-depth design reviews, vulnerability analysis, and sophisticated attack simulations such as Side-Channel Analysis and Fault Injection. These tests validated the product's resilience against sophisticated threats.

While the initial plan was to achieve Level 3, Keysight's deep expertise and flexible approach helped Silicon Labs achieve the top-tier Level 4 certification. This certification confirms the device's robustness and Keysight's critical role in helping customers bring secure, trusted technologies to market.

Rohit Ravichandran, Product Manager for IoT Security at Silicon Labs, said: "This certification is a major milestone for Silicon Labs and a testament to the strength of our collaboration with Keysight. Achieving PSA Certified Level 4 required more than just technical readiness—it demanded a testing partner with deep expertise, flexible processes, and a shared commitment to security excellence. Keysight played a critical role not only in guiding us through the evaluation but in pushing the limits of what we could achieve. Their rigorous approach and hands-on support made it possible to reach this advanced level of assurance."

Marc Witteman, Technical Director at Keysight, said: "This achievement reflects the culmination of our close and long-standing partnership with Silicon Labs' engineering team and highlights the importance of continuous collaboration in bringing trusted technology to the market. Keysight provides more than certification, we equip customers with the tools, expertise, and support to design and deliver secure products efficiently and confidently."

L&T Technology Services Launches PLxAI, Proprietary GenAI Framework to Accelerate Product Development

21 August 2025

L&T Technology Services, announced the launch of **PLxAI**, the Company's proprietary GenAI-based framework to accelerate the Product Development Life Cycle for its global clients across Mobility, Sustainability, and Tech. Developed by vastly experienced PDLC SMEs, the framework uses a combination of Generative AI & Conventional AI to provide a one-stop shop to develop scalable and reusable solutions across all PDLC stages, ranging from concept design to aftermarket services support.

It incorporates advanced features like capturing and leveraging existing knowledge, including organizational and tribal knowledge, to deliver context-aware insights that enhance and optimize product engineering.

PLxAI integrates smart prompting and contextual intelligence, enhancing product engineering from concept and design to validation and aftermarket support. To date, the LTTs team has already deployed over **36 use cases across various life cycle stages** (in various stages of deployment), and an additional **35 use cases are in design phase** across:

- **Concept Design:** Innovation assistant for competitive benchmarking and technology scouting

- **Component Design:** Design assistant for generating specifications, diagrams, and calculations,
- **Validation Planning:** Automated creation of Design Validation Plans and DFMEA templates,
- **Failure Mode Analysis:** Customizable FMEA generation using organizational templates,
- **Digital Twin Integration:** Supports physical and virtual testing workflows, and
- **Agentic Workflows:** Proactive agents that automate multi-step engineering tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, **Alind Saxena, President & Executive Director - Mobility & Tech** at **L&T Technology Services Limited** observed, *“This is a proud milestone for Team LTTS. The development of **PLxAI** by our in-house AI experts is a testimony to LTTS’ engineering and technology capabilities. It reaffirms our deep commitment toward driving global client success across **Mobility, Sustainability and Tech** leveraging the power of AI and Gen-AI based offerings. The enthusiasm from our global clients has been remarkable, with deployments already underway across multiple domains.”*

By accelerating the rate of innovation and optimizing costs across product development, **PLxAI** promises to be a transformative offering, poised to redefine how businesses approach product development, unlocking new pathways for growth and efficiency.

ModuleWorks 2025.08 Software Release Now Available

27 August 2025

ModuleWorks announces the 2025.08 release of its software components for digital manufacturing and digital factory. With a focus on utilizing integrated information, this latest release of the ModuleWorks SDK comes with automated features designed to enhance process safety, toolpath generation efficiency and part quality.

SmartRoughing

Setting the right parameters for roughing often relies on programmer experience to balance material removal, tool wear and machine stability, which can result in conservative choices, longer cycle times and inconsistent results.

With SmartRoughing, ModuleWorks introduces a physics-driven toolpath algorithm that removes the guesswork. By using information on the machine’s capabilities, tool geometry and material properties, SmartRoughing automatically generates toolpaths with constant engagement and optimized chip load. This enables programmers and machine shops to achieve faster machining, longer tool life and more consistent quality while making roughing processes accessible to less experienced users.

FeedControl

Ensuring consistent chip formation is one of machining’s toughest challenges, with heat, tool load, spindle deflection and material hardening making the process unpredictable and difficult to control.

ModuleWorks 2025.08 introduces FeedControl, an intelligent feed rate optimization technology that balances chip thickness, cutting forces and spindle loads in real time. By adapting to machine-tool capabilities, tool geometry and material behaviour, FeedControl is designed to ensure process stability, protect tools and deliver consistent results.

High Dynamic Turning

In conventional turning, machining contours requires multiple tools, leading to higher tooling costs and longer cycle times due to frequent tool changes. In addition, traditional turning does not accommodate toolpaths in the Y-Z plane, restricting process flexibility and efficiency.

The new ModuleWorks 2025.08 turning feature in combination with the FreeTurn tool removes these limitations. A single tool can now machine all contours of a workpiece in one operation, while toolpaths are created directly in the Y-Z plane. This significantly reduces cycle times through fewer air cuts and tool changes and enables faster feed rates for more efficient machining.

Deburring - Exclude Holes and Vertical Edges

In conventional workflows, deburring holes often requires multiple passes with a spot drill with no option to exclude smaller holes. At the same time, in 3-axis setups vertical edges cannot be filtered out, leading to additional rework.

To solve this, ModuleWorks 2025.08 introduces a new deburring enhancement that allows users to filter out holes by diameter and exclude vertical edges directly within the toolpath calculation. This gives programmers greater control, reduces redundant work and ensures deburring strategies match the exact requirements of the cutting process.

Cutting Simulation - Pixel-Perfect GPU Renderer

Standard rendering modes often fall short in delivering the visual fidelity required for high-precision machining and fine-detail inspection. Inaccurate or blurry representations of the stock state can make reliable part inspection and deviation analysis difficult.

ModuleWorks 2025.08 addresses this issue with a new GPU-accelerated rendering feature that generates pixel-perfect visuals whenever the camera is idle. It gives machinists and inspectors a highly detailed and accurate view of the current stock, making it easier to spot deviations and verify machining results with confidence. The sharp inspection visuals lead to trustworthy analyses, enhancing quality control and supporting high-precision requirements in modern manufacturing environments.

Synopsys Embraces NVIDIA RTX PRO Servers to Accelerate Compute-Heavy Simulation Workloads

28 August 2025

What's New: Synopsys is adopting NVIDIA RTX PRO™ Servers — a new category of enterprise data center infrastructure built on the NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell Server Edition GPU — to accelerate compute-intensive, AI-driven simulation across silicon, systems, and AI. With double the memory capacity of the previous generation, NVIDIA RTX Pro Servers accelerated by NVIDIA

RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell Server Edition GPUs will enhance simulations, rendering, and data speeds, handling detailed models more efficiently than previous generations.

The RTX 6000 PRO Server is expected to support simulation workloads of exceptional scale, including Ansys Fluent® and Ansys Lumerical FDTD™ models with billions of cells. The full list of Synopsys products running on RTX PRO Servers includes:

- Ansys Fluent fluid simulation software
- Ansys FreeFlow™ smoothed-particle hydrodynamics simulation software
- Ansys Lumerical FDTD 3D electromagnetic simulation software
- Ansys Perceive EM™ radio frequency channel & radar signature simulation software
- Ansys Rocky™ particle dynamics simulation software
- Ansys Speos® integrated optical & lighting simulation software

Why it Matters: Engineers face unprecedented complexity and an increasingly rapid pace of innovation. Synopsys is at the forefront of applying AI across its electronic design automation (EDA) and Ansys simulation and analysis portfolio to address these challenges and maximize the productivity of engineering teams. Delivering AI-powered engineering solutions requires cutting-edge AI infrastructure that can handle computationally intensive workloads from complex external aerodynamic analyses to large-scale wireless network and radar modeling. That's why Synopsys is also at the forefront of applying AI infrastructure, including NVIDIA RTX PRO Servers, to cost-effectively speed the development and delivery of its next-generation products.

A Closer Look: Features and benefits of NVIDIA RTX PRO Servers complement simulation and analysis workloads. Here's how:

- **Ray Tracing Power:** Featuring 188 RT cores for modeling light and electromagnetic wave behavior, NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell GPUs enhance the efficiency of Perceive EM for radar signal simulation and Speos for optical light study — boosting simulation speed and reliability while assisting engineers in optimizing designs more effectively.
- **High Memory & Bandwidth:** Equipped with 96 GB of GDDR7 memory and a 512-bit bus, delivering ~1.79 TB/s bandwidth — NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell GPUs are ideal for simulation workloads that demand large computational domains and high-resolution field data.
 - With doubled memory bandwidth, Lumerical FDTD simulations could achieve speeds up to 2x faster than with the prior NVIDIA L40S generation of GPUs
 - The doubled memory capacity allows Fluent models with up to twice the number of cells, supporting higher fidelity physics

TENADO METAL 3D Update 24.2.1.001: More Efficiency for Metalworking Professionals

25 August 2025

With the new version 24.2.1.001, our 3D CAD solution for the metalworking industry delivers key improvements that make workflows even more efficient. Both in the railing generator and through new tools such as the Screws Generator and the “Fill with Beams” function, users benefit from greater flexibility, time savings, and precision shapes.

We are pleased to present the details of TENADO METAL 3D version 24.2.1.001, featuring numerous innovations and enhancements designed to make users’ work easier.

Highlights of the Update

Improvements in the Railing Generator

The railing generator, one of the most frequently used tools, receives several valuable optimizations:

- **Favorites function:** Frequently used value sets can be saved and recalled at any time – a major advantage for the complex user interface.
- **Segment-based editing:** Values no longer have to apply to the entire railing but can be assigned to individual segments.
- **More performance and transparency:** Improved insertion speed and a new progress bar ensure a smoother working experience.

New Functions for More Precise Designs

Screws Generator

The new Screw Connection Generator makes it quick and standard-compliant to connect components:

- Flexible hole patterns (linear, circular, or surrounding)
- Any number of rows with regular or irregular spacing
- Different hole types (through-hole or blind hole, with/without thread)
- Countersinks as needed (flat or conical)
- Comprehensive selection of standard fasteners (screws, nuts, washers according to ISO standards)

This significantly speeds up the design process and reduces the error rate.

“Fill with Beams”

This new function allows predefined contours to be automatically filled with profile beams:

- Distribution by quantity, fixed, or maximum spacing
- Choice of clear spacing or axis spacing

- Flexible adjustment through rotation, tilt, or extension of beams

Especially for planning infills, platforms, and stages, this results in considerable time savings.

Important Bug Fixes

In addition to new features, existing issues have been resolved to further increase reliability:

- **Railings:** Correction of displaced components with inclined starts, complete bar trimming, and correct extensions for filler beams.
- **Anchor plates:** Incorrect alignment of anchor plates on points has been fixed.

Version 24.2.1.001 sets clear priorities: increased efficiency, more flexibility in design, and practical new functions. Metalworkers and designers can rely on a more powerful tool that makes everyday design tasks significantly easier.

Trimble Launches Freight Marketplace in North America with Procter & Gamble as First Shipper Customer

27 August 2025

Trimble® welcomes Procter & Gamble (P&G) as the company's first Trimble Freight Marketplace shipper in North America. Freight Marketplace connects shippers, brokers and carriers in a single solution, combining procurement functionalities with the dynamics of a marketplace to enable real-time capacity sourcing and collaboration. Freight Marketplace has been available in Europe since 2023 via the Transporeon platform. Now, P&G joins a growing network of more than 400 carriers on Freight Marketplace in North America.

Freight Marketplace offers a centralized, digital freight procurement platform where carriers and shippers of all sizes can expand their transportation network. It enables discovery of reliable partners and negotiable competitive rates for strategic, lane level and spot bidding. By automating the bidding process between carriers and shippers, Freight Marketplace provides a single streamlined and transparent experience.

Unlike traditional procurement solutions that primarily focus solely on spot market transactions or complex strategic bids, Freight Marketplace also specializes in tailored mini bids to streamline single-lane for specific contractual periods and precise volume commitments. For added security, Freight Marketplace also features AI-powered verification: automated checks of carrier identity and insurance details that replace manual processes and enable all marketplace participants to move freight with confidence at every turn.

Supporting Quotes

"We are thrilled to welcome P&G to the Freight Marketplace to the Freight Marketplace as we roll it out across North America," said Michael Kornhauser, sector vice president, transportation & logistics at Trimble. "As a longtime user of Trimble solutions, P&G's adoption underscores our commitment to enable a connected ecosystem that addresses the complexities of today's supply chain and procurement process. By collaborating with companies like P&G to streamline their bidding process, we're helping save time, money and resources to foster productivity and efficiency across the industry."

"For a company of our scale, managing numerous mini bids is a complex and time-consuming endeavor. Freight Marketplace helps to simplify and support our bidding processes," said Emily Conner, senior director of transportation purchases, North America Market Operations at Procter & Gamble. "The platform saves us time while enabling us to discover new, reliable carrier partners and strengthen our relationships with existing partners."

Originally introduced by Transporeon, a Trimble Company, in Europe in 2023, over 7,000 carriers, shippers and brokers have joined Freight Marketplace since its launch in Europe. Trimble acquired Transporeon in 2023.

Availability

Trimble Freight Marketplace is now available for all shippers, carriers and brokers in North America and Europe.