

## Maintain a Local Copy of Your Entire Workspace

The on-demand delivery of the Arena application automatically provides secure data storage, backup and disaster recovery, eliminating the burden of responsibility for customer-owned and operated RAID storage systems, redundant networks and servers, firewalls, tape drives and backup procedures—not to mention the obligation to test all these fail-safe mechanisms on a regular basis. With Arena, manufacturers can be assured of the integrity, confidentiality and availability of all of their product data and, in addition, customers can choose to maintain a local archive of their product record with Workspace Archiving functionality.

### On-Premise Data Archiving

Workspace Archiving is valuable for customers who, separate from the Arena application, want to maintain an up to date copy of their electronic product records on their own premises, for specific needs such as record retention under FDA regulations or internal business process requirements. For these customers, Arena Workspace Archiving provides a simple, reliable way to generate and update an on-premise archive of the entire product record managed in Arena. Storing, securing and maintaining integrity of all downloaded archive files is the responsibility of the customer.

### Archive Files

Archive files contain all released current and historic product data, including change history\*:

- The entire item master and all BOMs, by version
- All attachments associated with released items and changes, by edition, including markups
- All ECO data, including reviewing and comments history
- All suppliers and supplier items
- All sourcing relationships (AML, AVL)
- All controlled costing data

*\* Note: Archive files do not contain the working versions of any item data, nor files that are not associated with released items or changes. Due to limitations of the PDX standard, Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) are not currently included in archive files.*

### Industry Standard PDX Format

Archive files use the Product Data eXchange (PDX) format, which is the industry standard for storing product data (item master, BOM, attachments, AML, cost, etc.). Product data stored in PDX format can be transferred to other systems, and can be read with freely available PDX viewers. PDX is an open XML-based standard, allowing organizations to access their data directly even using their own XML-based applications/tools.

### How it Works

Once the Workspace Archiving functionality is activated, the Arena application creates a continuously updated workspace archive. This archive is stored within the Arena infrastructure and kept up to date with the latest released version of the product data in the workspace. The Account Administrator can request an archive update at any time from within the account administration tool. Upon request, a new archive file which contains all product data released since the last archive update request is automatically generated. Archive files are generated through an overnight batch process which generates a single zip-format file, stores it on the Arena server and notifies the requestor that the file is available for download. To ensure the Administrator has the opportunity to transfer the zipped archive file to their local storage, each archive file is kept on the Arena server until the next archive update is requested. For archive files larger than 1 gigabyte (which are time-consuming to download), the archive file is burned to optical media and shipped to an Administrator-specified address.

### KEY CAPABILITIES

- Automatic generation of Archive Files for your entire product record
- Optimized for efficient transfer and local storage on customer premises
- Based on industry standard PDX format (IPC 257x)

### PRODUCT AVAILABILITY & PRICING

The Workspace Archiving solution is available today. Please contact your Arena Solutions sales representative to learn more.

### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Sufficient local storage, local security and local backup capabilities

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