

Arena–CADTALK Integration for Microsoft Excel

Automate Design Processes for Accuracy

OVERVIEW

Most product companies share a common struggle—managing and releasing design data from engineering teams to the rest of the company. Painful manual processes contribute to team dissatisfaction and disconnected data silos, resulting in a lack of visibility and collaboration and, ultimately, poorer product decisions. Facilitate better collaboration between your teams and get better products faster with an automated integration between Arena PLM and Microsoft Excel®. The CADTALK Integration for Microsoft Excel provides a seamless, accurate bidirectional flow of information between Microsoft Excel and Arena for prototype, new product introduction (NPI), and ongoing product development processes.

CONNECT THE MECHANICAL DESIGN PROCESS TO THE FULL PRODUCT RECORD

Collaborating with today's dispersed design teams introduces risk when moving from team-level engineering design to the larger released product record and manufacturing. Design teams utilize Microsoft Excel work-in-progress (WIP) tools to ensure engineers do not step on each other's toes during early design. Once the individual designs are mature enough, they need to be incorporated into the full product design with other mechanical, electrical, software, and documentation components. With CADTALK Integration for Microsoft Excel, teams have an automated and easy process that reduces errors and accelerates the NPI process.

HOW IT WORKS

The CADTALK Integration for Microsoft Excel provides design teams with the ability to create and publish parts, BOMs, and files from within Microsoft Excel to Arena. Microsoft Excel users publish the engineering BOM and configurable file types such as PDF, STEP, or CAD data to Arena. All integration activities can be accessed on demand through the Microsoft Excel files both with and without PDM or directly from PDM with a headless automated service.

BENEFITS

✓ Faster Innovation

- Ensure operations team feedback early in the design process, in support of design for manufacturing (DFM) framework
- Provide the information necessary for accurate and responsive sourcing

✓ Process Simplification and Standardization

- Reduce onboarding and training time by removing the need to learn how to duplicate same or similar tasks in multiple systems
- Support business needs with configuration options for publishing part data based on design scenarios
- Maintain a consistent and controlled complete product record for the entire organization and supply chain

✓ Reduced Product Delays and Costs

- Eliminate the risks of data entry errors
- Ensure everyone is working from the same, most current product record and associated files

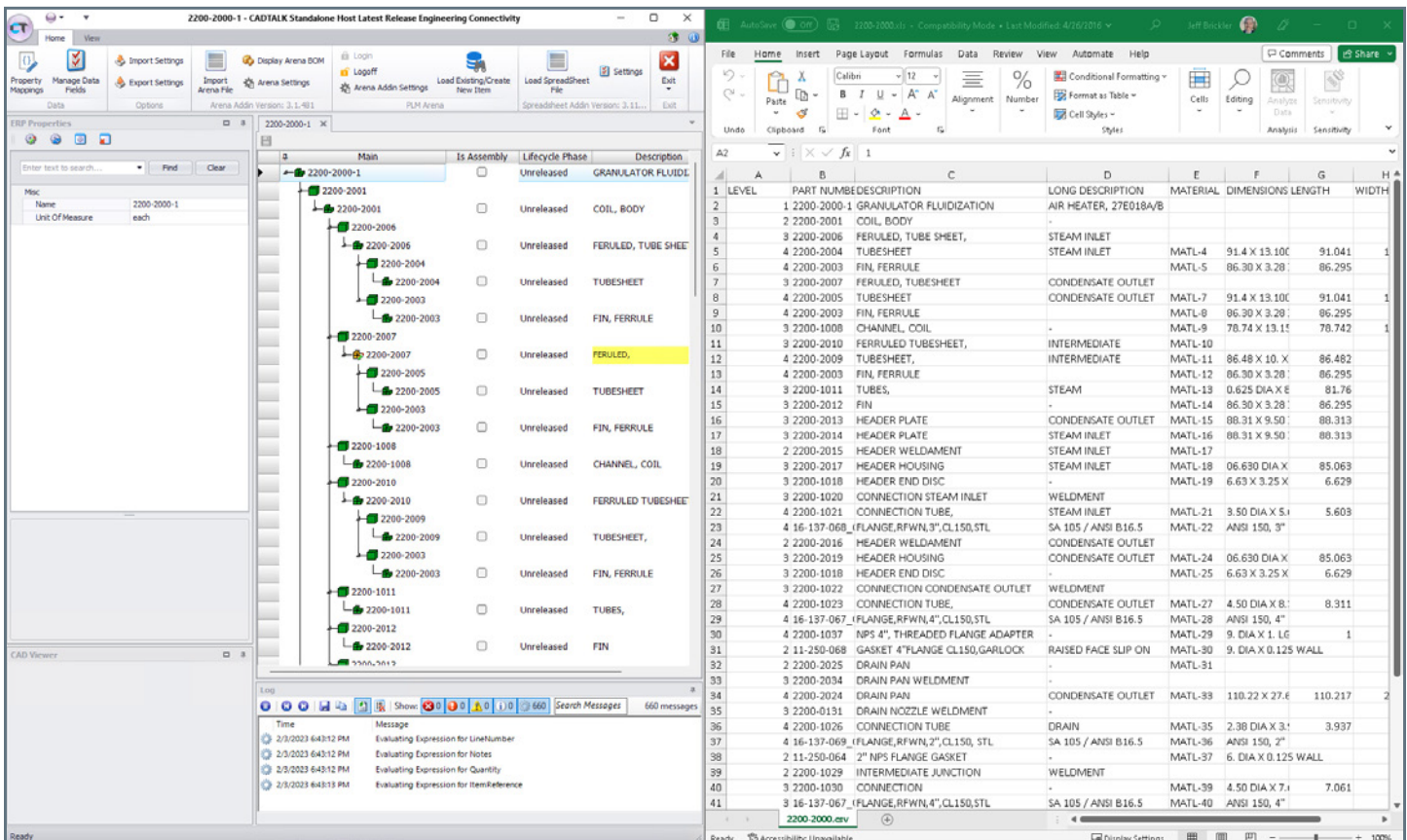
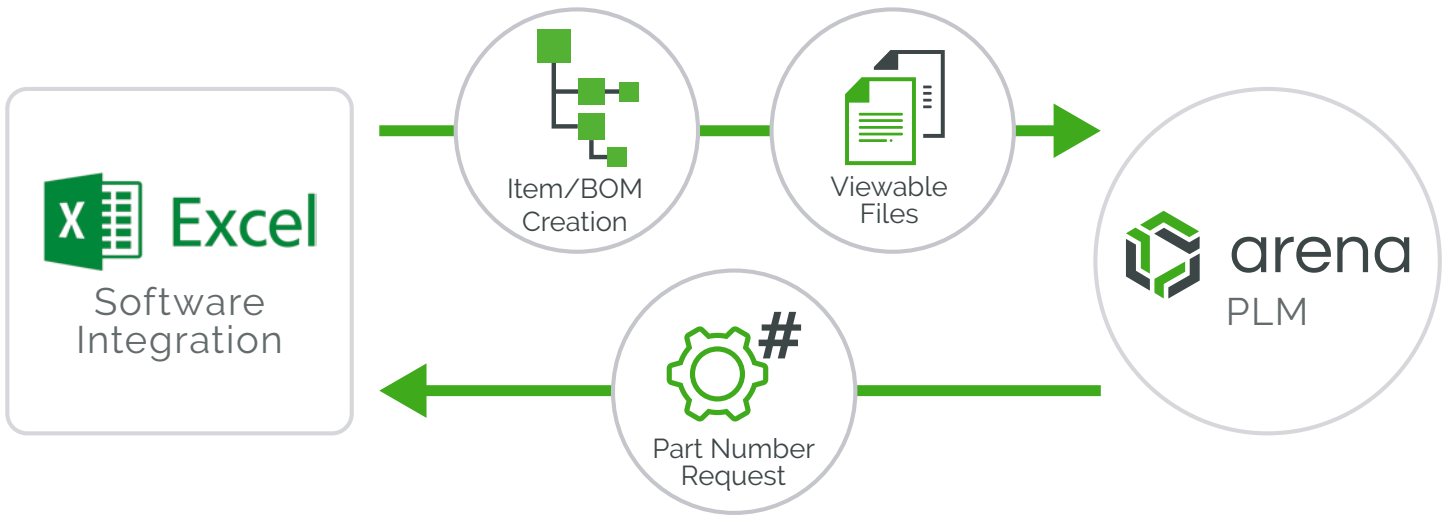
THE CADTALK CAD – PLM SOLUTION

Have multiple CAD tools across your engineering teams? You can use CADTALK platform to integrate them to Arena. CADTALK is a middleware automation layer that facilitates data flows between multiple CAD systems and Arena.

Systems currently supported include Autodesk® AutoCAD, AutoCAD Electric, Fusion 360, Inventor/Vault, and Revit; PTC Creo; SOLIDWORKS®, Solid Edge®, EPLAN; Microsoft® Excel, and Tekla®.

Cadtalk Minimum Technical Requirements

- 64-bit Windows 7 SP1 PC or higher
- Processor 1 GHz or higher
- 1 GB of RAM
- Disk space (minimum) 500 MB
- NET Framework 4.6.xx or higher
- For Inventor only: Autodesk Inventor view if user does not have Autodesk Inventor installed.
- CAD software is not required to use CADTALK unless user wants to install inside the CAD host.



Publish Options

- Publish action triggered by any Microsoft Excel PDM workflow with headless automated service
- On-demand publishing directly from Microsoft Excel or stand-alone host
- Open the part in Arena directly from inside Microsoft Excel or from the stand-alone host

Publish Items and BOMs

- Publish a new part and BOMs from Microsoft Excel to Arena
- Support of Microsoft Excel configurations, cut lists, component exclusion and promotion

Publish Files

- Publish derived files (MS Office, PDF, STEP, other configurable file types) from Microsoft Excel to Arena, associating these file(s) to related parts in Arena

CADTALK CAD - PLM COSTS

CADTALK CAD <> PLM is an annual subscription software based on the number of CAD licensed users with a minimum of 5.

Number of CAD Users/Seats	User Subscription	Floating CADTALK License Subscription	Total Annual Subscription
5	\$4,500	\$300	\$4,800
10	\$8,600	\$450	\$9,050
15	\$12,150	\$750	\$12,900
25	\$17,750	\$1,200	\$18,950
50	\$23,000	\$2,550	\$25,550

Notes:

- User subscription fees begin at \$900 annually per user with \$10 decrease per additional user (up to a total of 50 users). Please enquire for enterprise pricing above 50 CAD users.*
- Floating CADTALK Licenses are required at 1:3 ratio with CAD users and are \$150 each.*
- Pricing applies to all CAD systems supported for total CAD users across systems. No additional fees for integrating with multiple CAD systems.*

TYPICAL SERVICES (ONE-TIME ESTIMATED) \$6,000 USD

Includes Configuration, Training, documentation, and Implementation. CADTALK bills on a time and material basis and we estimate 30 hours based on historical data. Actual costs may vary, but CADTALK invoices only for the services rendered.

GETTING STARTED

It doesn't matter where you are in your journey with Arena and Microsoft Excel—you can implement the integration at any time. It is easy to install and configure to support your existing processes. CADTALK, an Arena and Microsoft Excel partner, provides integration, installation, and configuration assistance, and customization services as needed along with on-going product upgrade support for future Microsoft Excel versions. Contact Arena or CADTALK today to learn more.

ABOUT ARENA

Arena, a PTC Business, helps companies create innovative products that change the world. Arena unifies product lifecycle management (PLM) and quality management system (QMS) processes, allowing every participant throughout product development and commercialization to work together fast and effectively. With Arena, dispersed teams accelerate the design and delivery of quality products. For more information, visit [Arena, a PTC Business](#).

ABOUT CADTALK

CADTALK has provided world-class CAD to ERP and PLM integration and implementation since 2005, with customers throughout the world. With a deep understanding of ERP, PDM, PLM, and CAD software and the challenges facing manufacturing companies, CADTALK provides deep and robust integrations that can be configured for each customer's needs. CADTALK has partnerships with all the major CAD/PDM/PLM vendors. For more information, visit [CADTALK.com](#)