

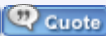







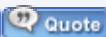







MCAD Central Forum Comments from DDM Users

BigD Member 	Posted: 27 October 2005 at 6:34am IP Logged  
Joined: 27 May 2005 Location: United Kingdom Online Status: Offline Posts: 6	<p>We used our intralink server for 60+ users, with Windchill sitting on top, linking various intralink servers across the world, so manufacturing etc could access any data. When we started up our own company with 3 users, our PTC guy suggested Intralink was overkill. Got an Oracle database administrator on staff?</p> <p>If you've got 2 Pro/E users. Intralink/PDMLink isn't the only option. DDM automatically creates pdf (or HPGL) viewables of drawings, screen grabs of the 3D model, which shows up when you highlight the item in your search return and also a 3D viewable, if you've got a 3D viewer on your PC. Even a CEO could manage to handle this! Plus it keeps the bosses fingers out of the CAD data.</p> <p>DDM is quite low maintenance. I'm engineering, not CAD admin and I've been doing all the maintenance for 5 active users and frankly, there isn't a great deal to do. Floating licence mechanisms, ECNs are all there.</p> <p>It is not the only package out there, so look further than link products.</p>
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BigD Member 	Posted: 26 October 2005 at 5:26am IP Logged  
Joined: 27 May 2005 Location: United Kingdom Online Status: Offline Posts: 6	<p>Why not check out some other PDM systems that may be more appropriate to a small company? We started up with 3 Pro/E seats and no data management at all. We all had experience of Intralink and Windchill at previous companies, but eventually went for a PDM system that was not so resource hungry. The one we bought runs on MSDE, which is the free version of SQL server. You can install it on a PC running XP Pro, rather than a server box, if you're worried about overheads.</p> <p>There are a few of these PDM systems that I have found, but if you want any info on the one we chose, Design Data Manager (www.designdatamanager.com), let me know</p>
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BigD Member 	Posted: 05 September 2005 at 5:30am IP Logged  
Joined: 27 May 2005 Location: United Kingdom Online Status: Offline Posts: 6	<p>Uriel,</p> <p>Check out DDM (www.designdatamanager.com) as a possible solution for an out of the box CAD Manager. We're users and selected it over Intralink/Windchill.</p> <p>Here is a link to a white paper on in-house software development vs. off the shelf of time management applications. I think it sums up the same issues you will go through with going for internal development, unless software development is your core business, of course! 😊 You can substitute "time management" with "CAD management" in this paper.</p> <p>http://www.journyx.com/pdf/WP-buildbuy.pdf</p>
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My company uses DDM. In a previous employment, I and my colleagues used to use Intralink/Windchill at a large multinational. In fact we implemented Intralink/Windchill at the UK site of this company as the pilot for a global rollout, so I guess we're familiar with both systems. 😊

If you're with a small/medium sized company, looking for a true out of the box PDM system, then DDM is the serious contender. All I can say is that it works well. I understand rpassolts comments, but my understanding is that the DDM developers have been developing DDM since the days of PT modeller. It is easy to maintain too and if you've not got all that many users, you can run the database on MSDE, which is free!

I've not really used Windchill since 5.1 and at that time was a very expensive method of rev control, but without document management. Think in terms of \$mm for that implementation! You may also need a full time admin guy who is familiar with Oracle.

If you've any specific questions, feel free to contact me.

PS I have no connection with the developers of DDM. 😊

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We've been using DDM with Wildfire 1.0 and also 2001 for about 6 months and it works well. If anyone has any specific questions about it, let me know. I've no connection to CSI! 😊

DDM2005 appears to support wildfire 2.0, as it is an option when you're configuring the client.

I would say the overhead in running DDM is a lot lower than Intralink. I've not seen the latest version of Intralink or PDMLink, but with DDM you get model previews and pdfs/HPGL drawing files on the fly, which is a boon for non-engineers logging in with DDM Office. I'm sure you'll need to spend a buck or two on Windchill to get close to the functionality in DDM! We're running MSDE as we've only got 10 users, including non-technical folk. No need for Oracle or SQL Server.

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We implemented CSI's DDM about 6 months ago. We're a small company for whom Intralink was complete overkill. Plus, I'm not too sure about PTC's commitment to this product. 😊

We're running Wildfire 1.0, much to our general amusement.

Ask any questions you like about it. I have no connection to CSI.

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