

Dassault Systèmes Supports Industry Commitment to Codex of PLM Openness “Critical to Collaboration and Innovation”

Dassault Systèmes Signs CPO and Continues Role as a Core Member of Codex Effort

STUTTGART, Germany and VÉLIZY-VILLACOUBLAY, France - May 2nd, 2012 - [Dassault Systèmes](#) (Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA), a world leader in 3D design, 3D Digital Mock Up and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, today announced its ongoing commitment to PLM openness by continuing to support the next phases of the Codex of PLM Openness (CPO), an initiative driven by automotive OEMs, suppliers and the ProSTEP iViP association.

In 2011, when industry standards association ProSTEP iViP and several German automotive OEMs began developing the idea of an initiative dedicated to defining and addressing problems and standards for product data management and virtual product creation, Dassault Systèmes joined them in an early phase to support the creation of the Codex of PLM Openness.

“We are very pleased that Dassault Systèmes supports the idea of the CPO and actively participated in its creation. Dassault Systèmes was one of the major contributors and lead the workgroup defining the glossary definition“, says Dr. Steven Vettermann, General Manager of ProSTEP iViP e. V.

“For 30 years Dassault Systèmes’ executive team has driven PLM relentlessly towards an open, unified collaborative experience for our customers,” said Dominique Florack, Senior Executive Vice President, Products, Research and Development, Dassault Systèmes. “Openness is critical to collaboration and, thus, innovation. Dassault Systèmes is very much in favor of the CPO and actively supports this effort.”

Long a proponent of openness, Dassault Systèmes has architected its V6 3D Experience platform to take full advantage of its 20+ years of research and development in infrastructure protocols and interoperability. The V6 platform’s Web services infrastructure is compliant with a variety of interface standards and supports multiple exchange standards, such as STEP, IGES, FMI, AUTOSAR and JT. From open interoperability between V6 and competitive PDM, CAD and enterprise systems to thousands of publicly available APIs, the V6 platform has been developed from its inception to support openness.

In an early effort at extensibility, one of the Codex's primary focal points, Dassault Systèmes created in the 1990's an open, comprehensive development environment called the CATIA Application Architecture (CAA). A resounding success resulting in hundreds of third party applications for its V5 platform, the CAA concept of extensibility was enhanced when Dassault Systèmes released its open V6 CAA2 program and made thousands of APIs available to its partner community.

"Our support of interoperability standards between V6 and other CAD, PDM, and enterprise systems has been a key focus over the past years," continued Florack. "I'm glad to see that the Codex of PLM Openness is defining what 'open' is, since the term has long been thrown about with little behind it. The irresponsible claims of openness and accusations of non-openness have engendered unnecessary fear, uncertainty, and doubt in the industry and have adversely distracted many customers of PLM solutions."

With the signature of this CPO, Dassault Systèmes has officially signaled to the market its willingness to continue supporting openness throughout its valued solutions.

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