

Efficient use of standard and catalog parts with SAP – Additional value through seamless integration ++partSolutionsNX integration of CADENAS PARTsolutions using SAP

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## Situation at typical customer



- SAP is the central PLM and ERP system / leading master data system
- Master data, particularly from engineers/designers, is used in processes across the company:
  - Documents (3D data, 2D drawings, additional data)
  - Material masters
  - Master data administration: designers create documents and maintain the "base data" of the material master
  - Other departments add their data

#### Example



## Typical situation at a customer of the mechanical and plant engineering industry

Overview of the range of parts – Meaning of Standard and purchased parts

Part type	Quantity	Value
Standard parts	10	5
Catalog parts	25	20
Self-designed parts, purchased	10	25
Self-made parts	35	35
Assemblies	20	15

#### Legende

Quantity: proportion of the parts in an ordinary machine (in %)

Value: Proportion of the parts of the total value of an ordinary machine (in %)

#### What do our customers want?



- Standardization / harmonization of parts Put things straight and get organized to avoid confusion:
  - → Best possible utilization of the parts in the design process and in downstream processes, e.g. CAM, simulations, large assemblies
  - → Reduction of process costs, e.g. for procurement, substitute parts management, change processes, storage
- Reduction of the effort for creating and locating parts :
  - CADENAS PARTsolutions for the creation of parts
  - CADENAS PARTsolutions or SAP as search / locate tool
- Information as a basis for decisions:
  - Make-or-Buy
  - Cost
  - Availability / stock

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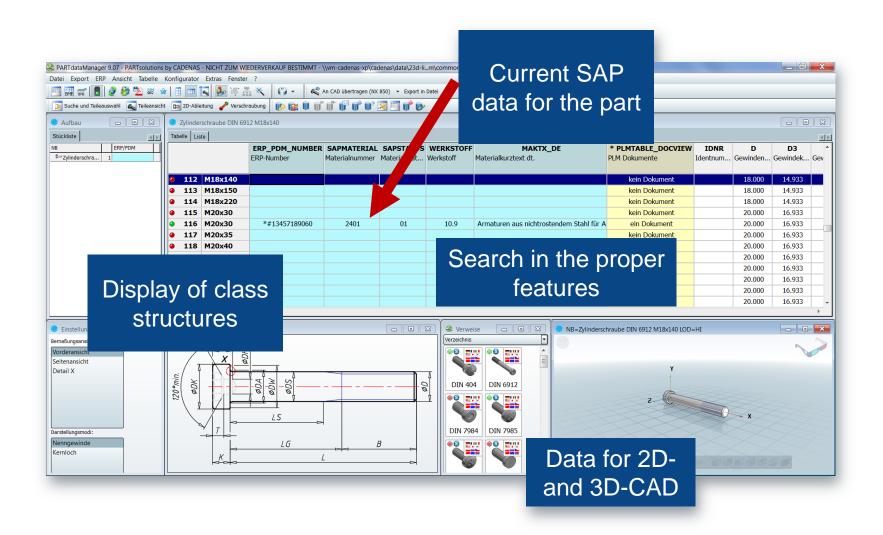
#### What do designers want?



- Access to up-to-date 3D models of several manufacturers (standard and catalog parts), conform with own CAD methods
- Quickly find parts instead of searching for them:
  - Geometry (geometric similarity search)
  - Attributes
- Efficient user interfaces and graphics all data at a glance:
  - CAD data (geometry, weight, ...)
  - PLM/ERP data (preferred parts, availability, ...)
- Up-to-date technical and business data:
  - Is it possible to replace the part with a similar one?
  - Which parts mustn't be used?
  - Which parts are the cheapest?
  - Which parts are available / in stock?
- Simple classification method preferably in an automated way

# All engineering and business data on a single user interface





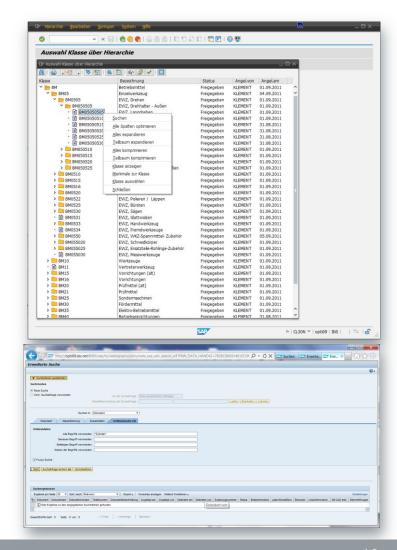


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## Why parts management in SAP?



- SAP ONE system for company-wide management of master data
- Management of parts AND productrelated documents (requirements, specifications, inspection report, measurement logs, approval logs, emails, ...)
- ONE classification system for organization and reuse of information:
  - Graphical search by SAP class search
  - Search by characteristics / functions
  - Full text search
  - Search by linked objects
  - Search by part usage



#### Parts management with SAP and ECTR



#### Use classification with ECTR

- Management of standard parts, self-made parts, here: tools
- Company-wide availablity
- Search in document and material classes using part-describing characteristic values
- Graphical navigation in hierarchical classification by preview images
- Display of classes and characteristics in the ECTR Object Browser
- Display of schematic drawings
- Display of brief characteristic descriptions
- Display and filtering on the result list
- Direct opening / positioning in CAD



#### Parts management with SAP

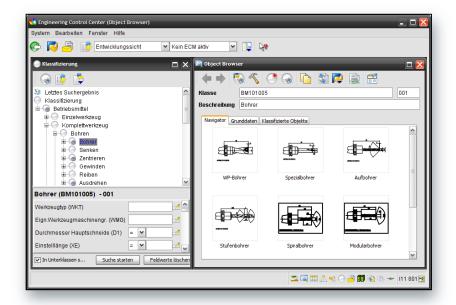


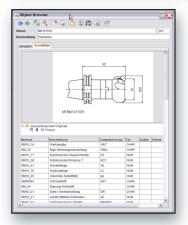
#### Use classification with ECTR

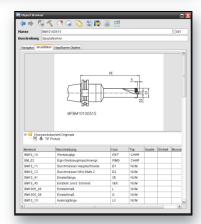
- Support views on SAP characteristics
- Assign objects to a class by drag&drop
- Graphical navigation by preview images
- Preview images for classes, documents, material, characteristics

#### **Benefit**

- Quick classification
- High reuse rate







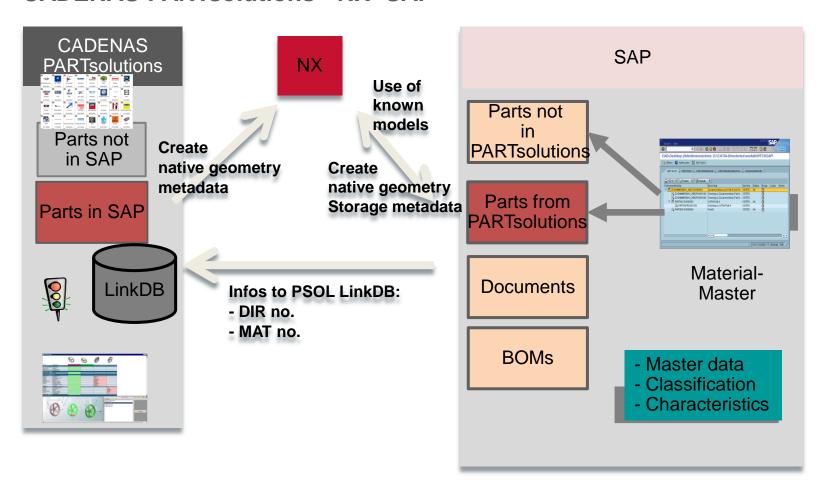


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#### Interaction



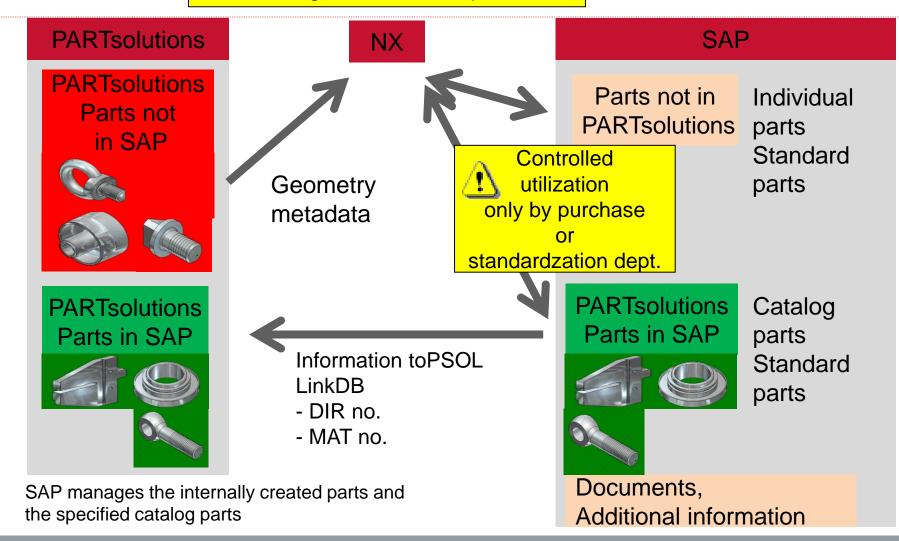
#### **CADENAS PARTsolutions - NX- SAP**



## Interaction NX – CADENAS PARTsolutions - SAP



#### Designer finds a new part





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## Scope of ++partSolutionsNX



#### Integration of PARTsolutions with NX and SAP

- CADENAS PARTsolutions as part library:
  - Management and provision of standard and catalog parts
  - Suppliers manage and update their catalog content
- CADENAS PARTsolutions as 3D generator to add new parts to SAP:
  - No unnecessary creation of catalog parts in SAP
  - If necessary, creation of native NX geometry conform with CAD methods
  - Transfer of additional information such as data sheets (PDF file) to SAP
  - Transfer of metadata from CADENAS PARTsolutions to SAP (master data and / classification)
  - Support of SAP naming and numbering rules
  - Link to the material master
  - Automatic update of the LinkDB

## Scope of ++partSolutionsNX



- CADENAS PARTsolutions as parts search engine / SAP as search engine
  - Graphical search
  - Attribute search
  - Similarity search, e.g. by using sketches
  - Full text search
  - Linked objects / utilizations (SAP Cross object search)
- Support of accompanying processes:
  - Role concept in CADENAS PARTsolutions creator / user
  - Role concept in SAP relating to the creation of master data
  - Parts update / versioning or reversioning in SAP
- Support of the processes:
  - Creation of new parts (3D geometry), additional documents, material creation
  - Parts utilization / selection process, e.g. geometrical similarity
  - Replace by

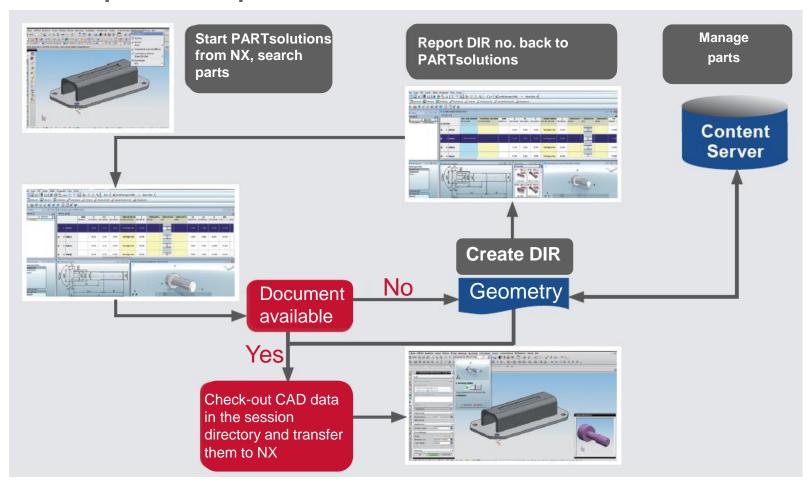


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## ++partSolutionsNX



#### **General process sequence**

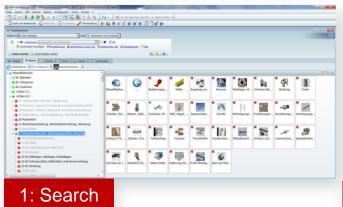




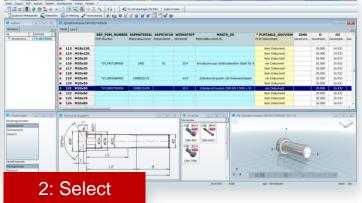
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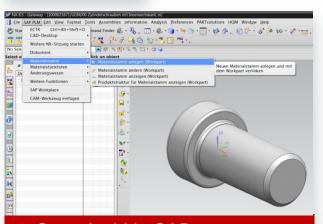


#### Find a part in CADENAS PARTsolutions and store it in SAP



- 3. Process starts automatically
- Create DIR in SAP
- Create NX geometry
- Store NX document on content server
- Provide document in NX
- Enter doc ID in LinkDB





4: Open / add-in CAD

## ++partSolutionsNX - Creation of new parts



#### **Options**

- Automatic creation of a material master when a new part is created and linked to the document info record of the part.
  - The SAP document key and the SAP material key are automatically entered into the LinkDB CADENAS PARTsolutions (Requirement: ERPsolutions/db Professional).
  - CADENAS PARTsolutions metadata is mapped from the document properties on fields of the SAP material master.
- Subsequent linking of a material master to a document info record
  - Setting up a cyclic synchronization of data between the LinkDB and SAP (requirement : ERPsolutions/db Professional).

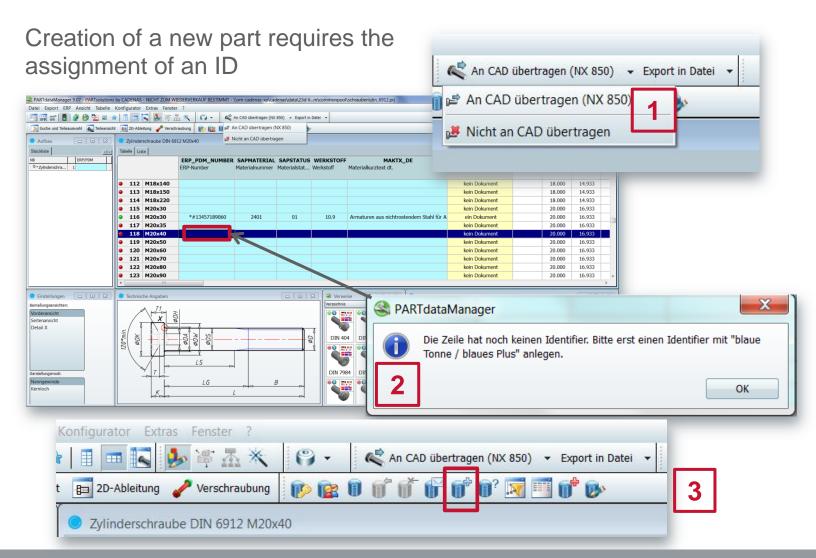
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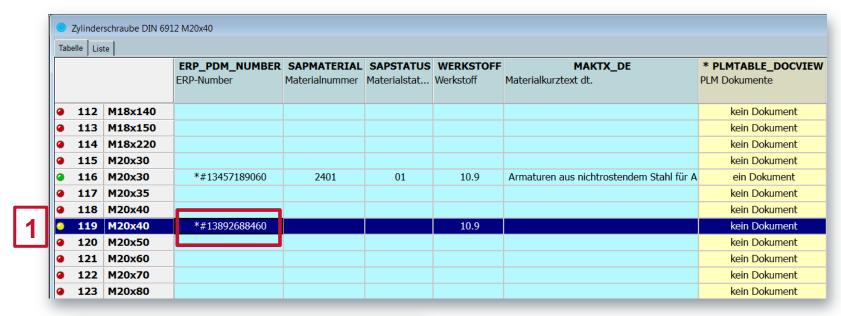
#### **Options**

- Configuration of roles, views and rights in ERPsolutions/db Professional.
   For instance, a "traffic light switch" was configured.
  - Parts highlighted in green preferred
  - Parts highlighted in red out of use
- ERPsolutions/db Professional enables you to display information from SAP in further columns in the user interface of CADENAS PARTsolutions









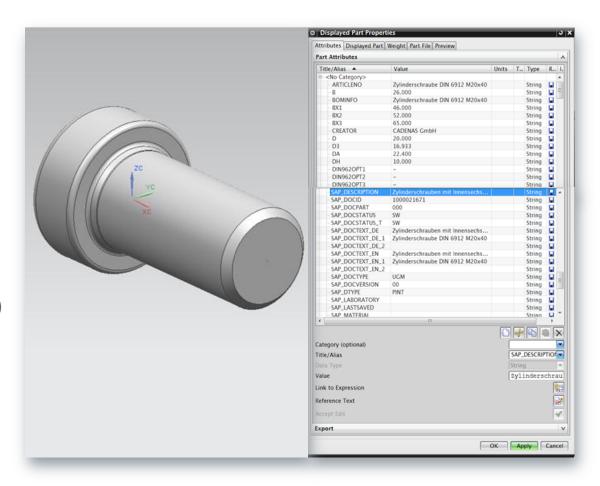
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- Part ID number created
- Create geometry
- Create document info record
- Attribute transfer
- Geometry storage
- Material master creation and linking of the document to the material

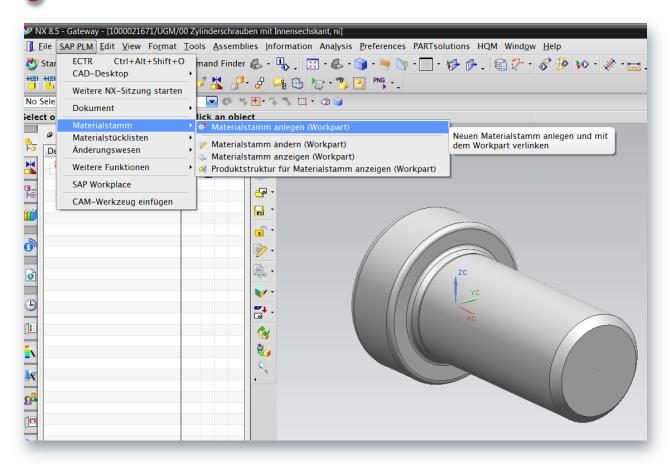


- Creation of a document according to the SAP naming and numbering
- Transfer of information from CADENAS PARTsolutions to SAP / NX document properties (mapping)



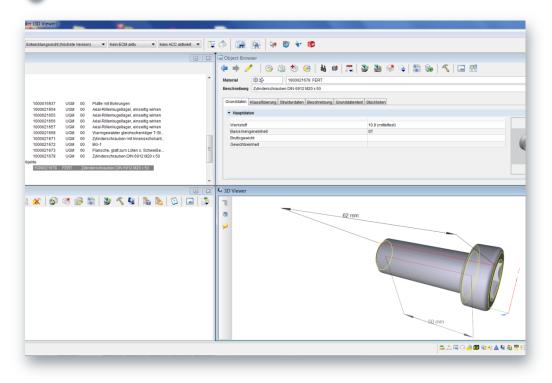


#### Creation of a material master





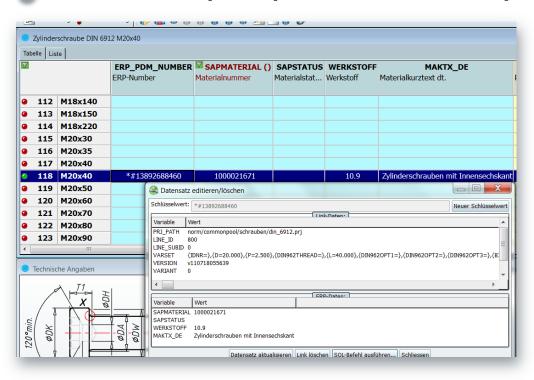
#### Show result in ECTR



- The part has been stored in SAP (document) and linked to the material master
- OPTIONAL: Material master has been classified and supplied with values from CADENAS PARTsolutions



Data record upon update in LinkDB, display in the selection dialog

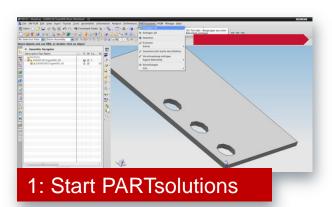


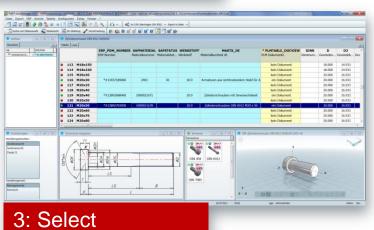


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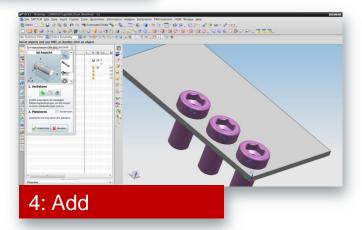


#### Find parts in CADENAS PARTsolutions and open / add it in NX



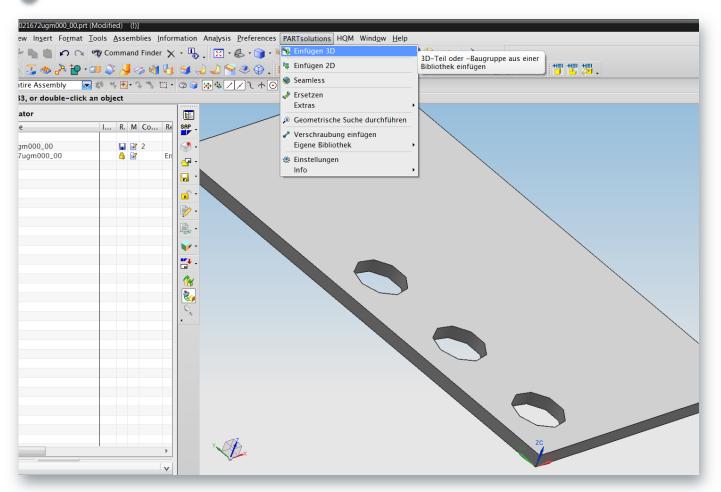






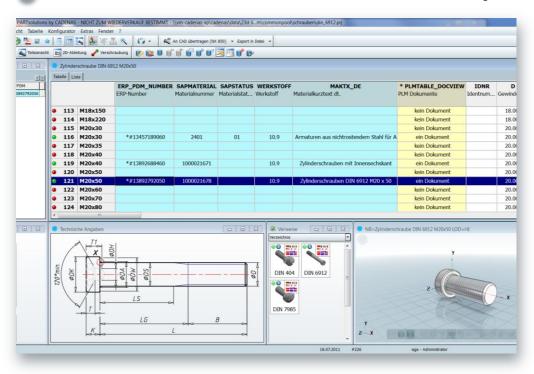


Search for a part in CADENAS PARTsolutions - add an existing part in NX



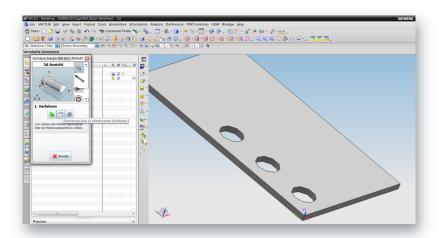


In CADENAS PARTsolutions, select a part that exists in SAP

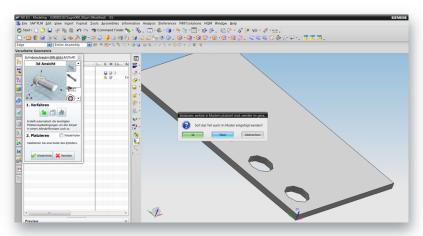


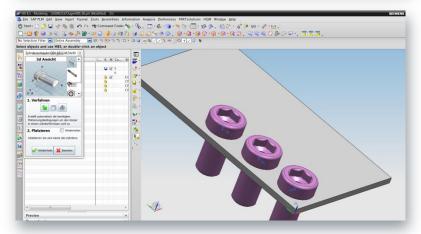
- Graphical search / attribute search
- Geometrical similarity search
- Full text search



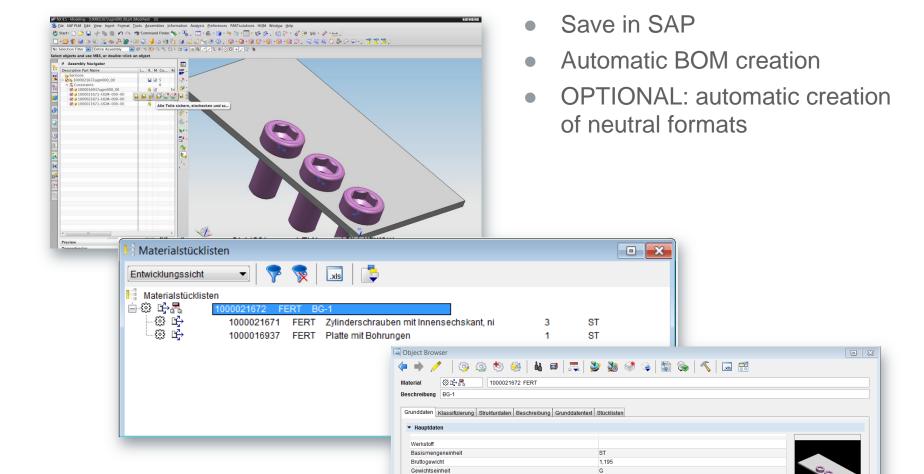


- Add the selected part in NX
- Identification of shapes / instances
- Positioning of the parts in NX







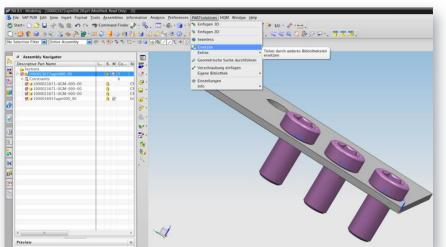




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## Replace parts by





Select the "Replace" function

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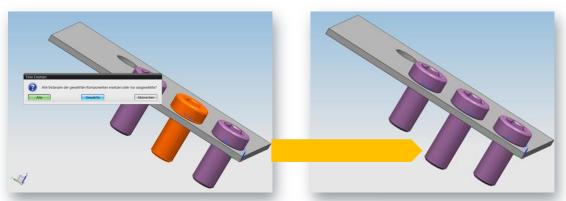
 Select the new part and transfer it to NX



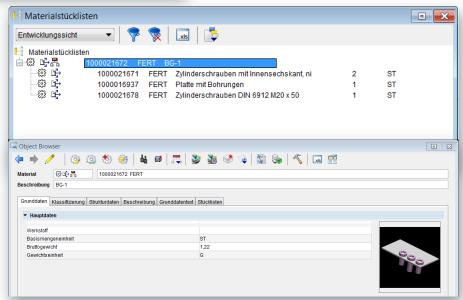
Function preferred series on / off (menu Extras)

# Replace parts by





- Select the part to be replaced (all / instance)
- Automatic BOM update after saving
- Automatic weight update
- Automatic creation of neutral formats



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#### **Authorizations / Profiles**



- On Windows level you define for CADENAS PARTsolutions:
  - administrator create new parts
  - User/consumer select parts
- Depending on the login data and its associated permissions, the user obtains access to the central database for standard, repeat and purchased parts.
- The CADENAS PARTsolutions authorizations ensure that only authorized persons may insert catalog parts in the SAP system. They also define who may open or place which parts.

## Parts authorization process



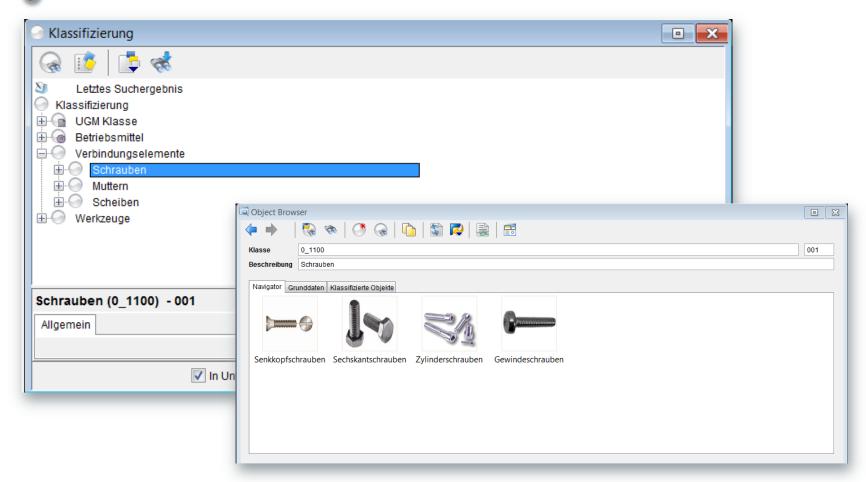
#### **Material creation process**

- CADENAS PARTsolutions shows to the user only standard and purchased parts that have been selected and authorized by the company
- Blocked or replaced parts in SAP are highlighted in CADENAS PARTsolutions. This promotes the reuse of parts and avoids unnecessary changes to BOMs
- For parts outside the approved range of parts must be requested and approved a release before the part can be used. For this purpose, the persons in charge in the company must be sent an e-mail along with a PDF data sheet directly from PARTsolutions in order to apply for the requested part.

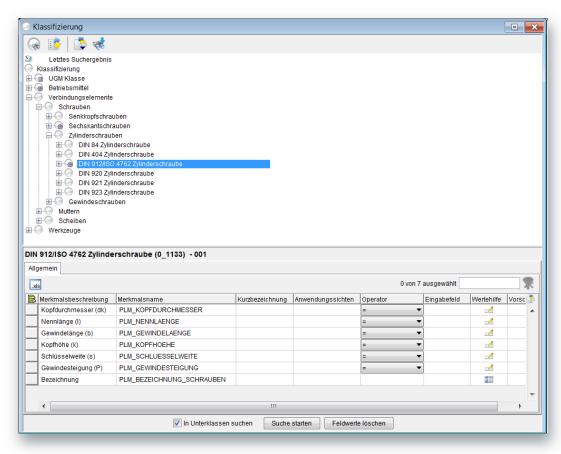
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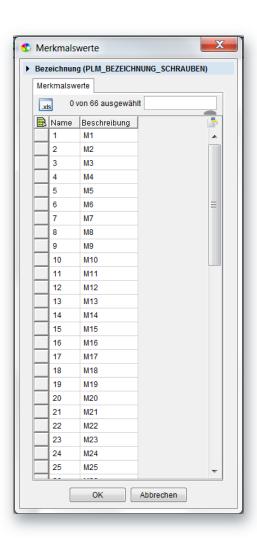
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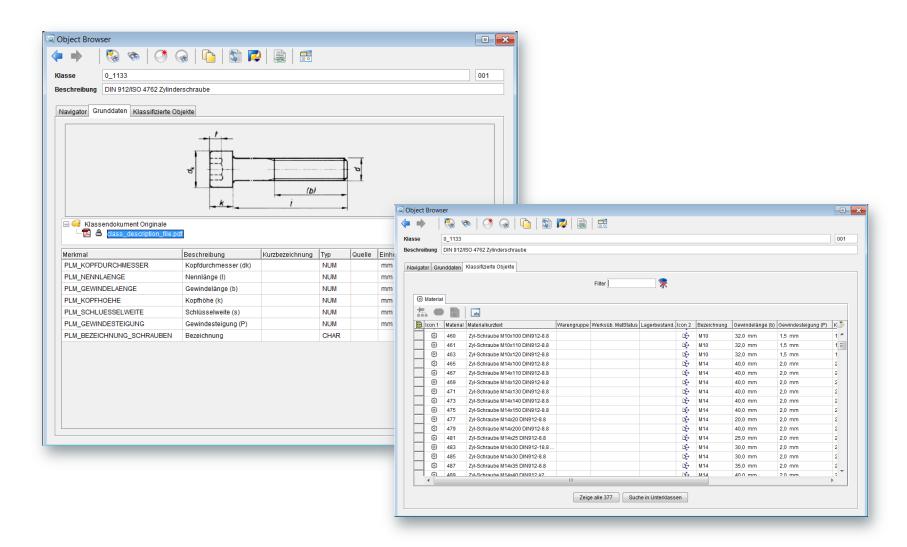




- Graphical navigation
- Characteristic search in hierarchical classes

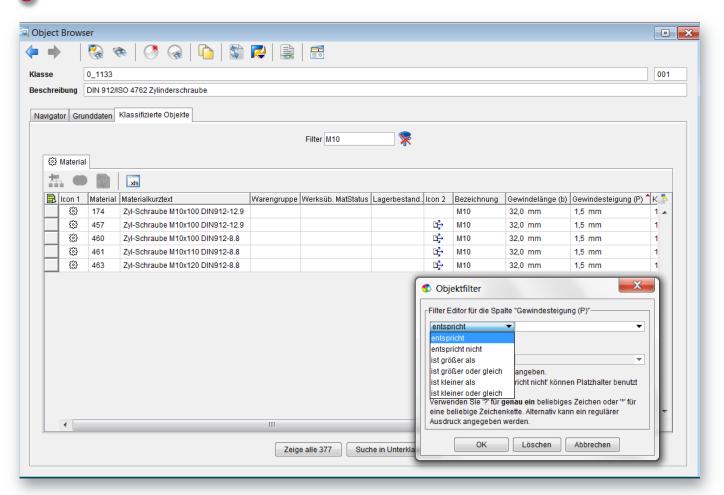






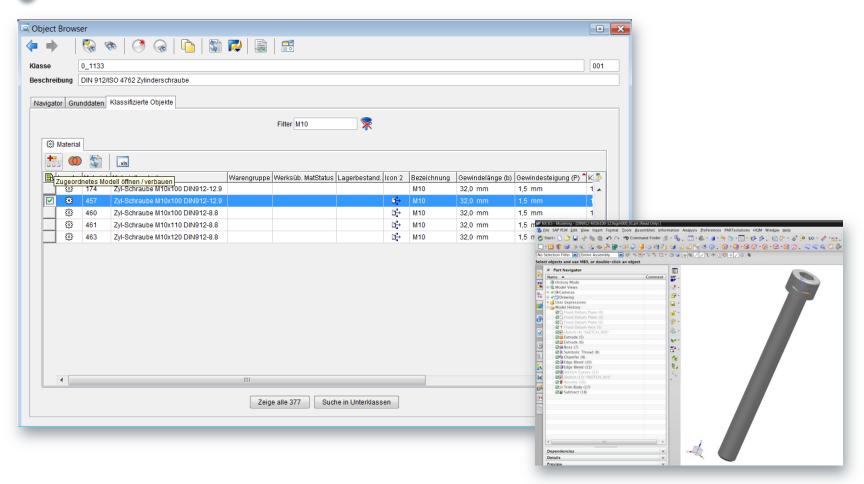


Filter and sort the amount of hits returned



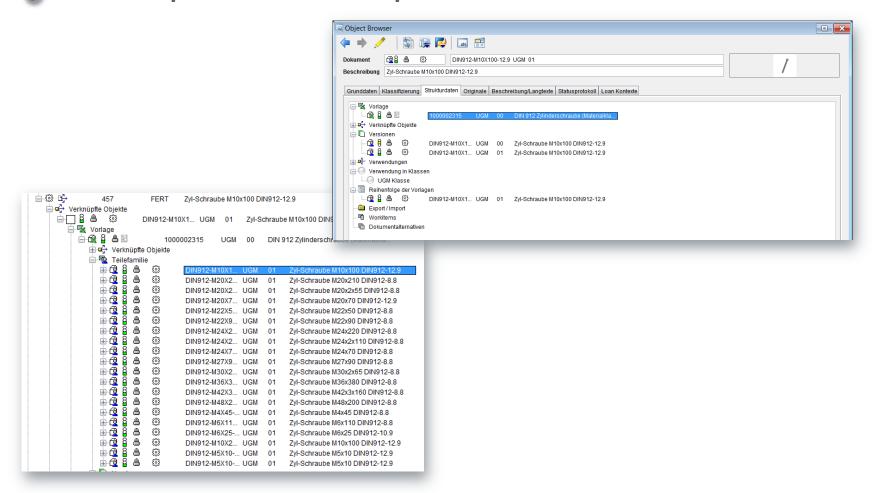


#### Open / add parts





Standard parts based on NX parts families



## ++partSolutionsNX





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# Additional value through process integration



- Integration of CADENAS PARTsolutions by ++partSolutionsNX in the existing NX/SAP/ECTR system environment supplements existing IT processes
- SAP is the leading system, CADENAS PARTsolutions provides an extensive CAD parts pool as well as a search function!
- The manufacturers maintain and update the CAD parts catalogs
- Increase of the reuse rate and standardization by the controlled addition of new parts to the company
  - Search and compare in more than 90 million standards and items without having to create the content in PLM
  - Authorizations adminstrator / user
  - OPTION: automatic link of the NX files to the SAP material master
  - OPTION: creation of neutral formats when creating the geometry

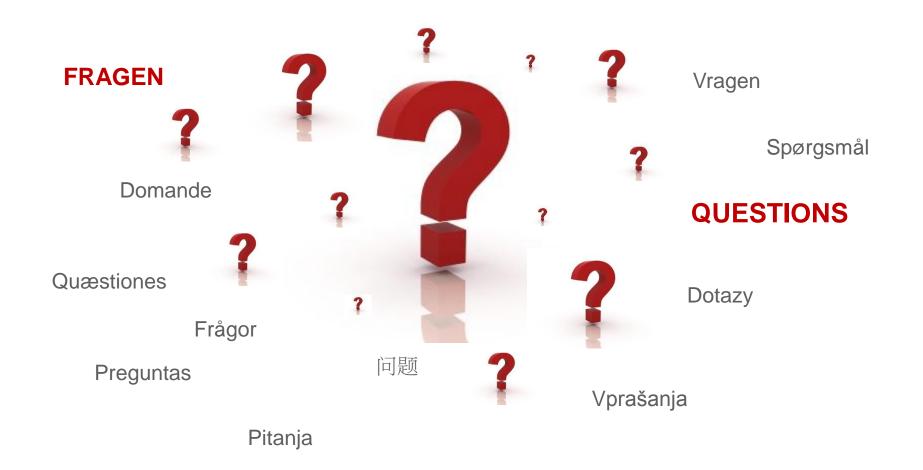
# Additional value through process integration



- Use of CADENAS PARTsolutions as 3D creation tool for standard and purchased parts
  - Creation of the NX geometry
  - Storage of standard and catalog parts automatically in SAP as documents, link to materials and classification
- Use of CADENAS PARTsolutions as finder tool
  - User-friendly selection mask with integrated 3D preview of all parts
  - Comfortable graphical part selection
  - Powerful search of attributes
  - Geometrical similarity search for 3D models in CADENAS PARTsolutions
  - Detailed presentation of geometrical comparisons
- Replace by, part usage

## **Questions**







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