

#### **Fascination with Integration**

## DSC Software AG

Parts management with SAP Engineering Control Center and PARTsolution from CADENAS

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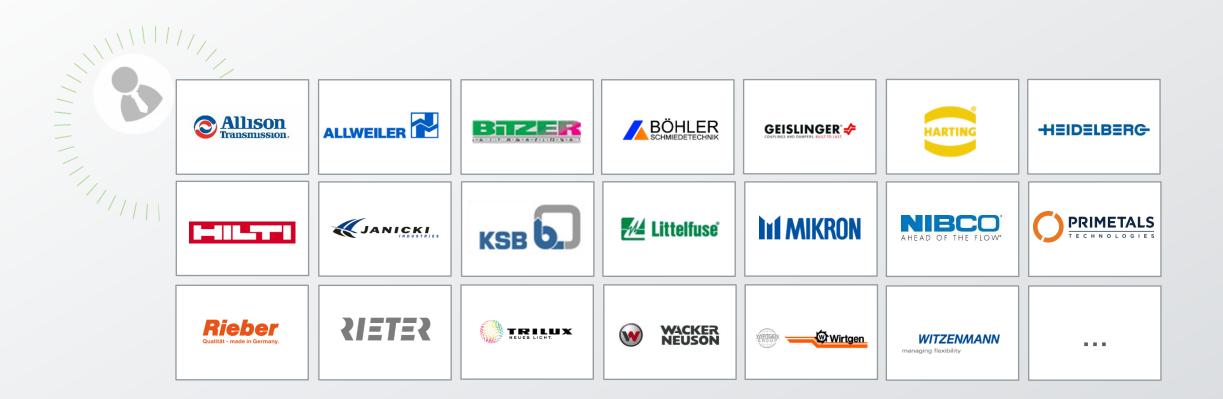
- Founded 1983, spin-off DSC Software AG 1998
- 150 employees
- Expertise
  - 350 SAP PLM projects
  - Manufacturing industry, aerospace & defense, automotive
  - Medicinal equipment, engineering
- Competences
  - Consultation and implementation of PLM processes and CAD integrations
  - CAD data migration
  - Integration of engineering in logistics, cooperation externs
- SAP development partner for
  - SAP Engineering Control Center
  - SAP Engineering Control Center interface to NX
- Strong partnerships







#### Selected references



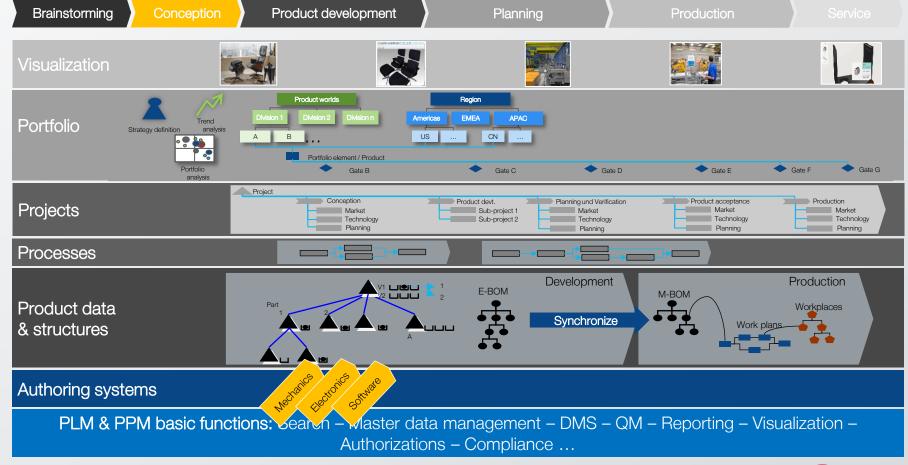


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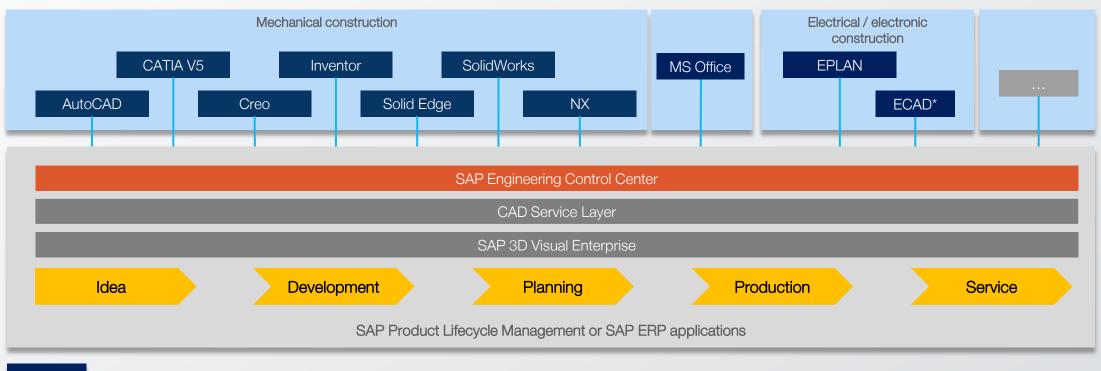


## Solutions for product development - "Our guiding principle"





Integrating product life phases, processes, product data and systems optimally



#### ECAD\*

Currently available: Integration of Altium Designer, CADENCE Allegro,

CADENCE OrCAD, Mentor DX/Expedition,...

Possible future standard integrations

Available since July 2016 also for



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# SAP Engineering Control Center

Cockpit for Technical Information and Processes in SAP

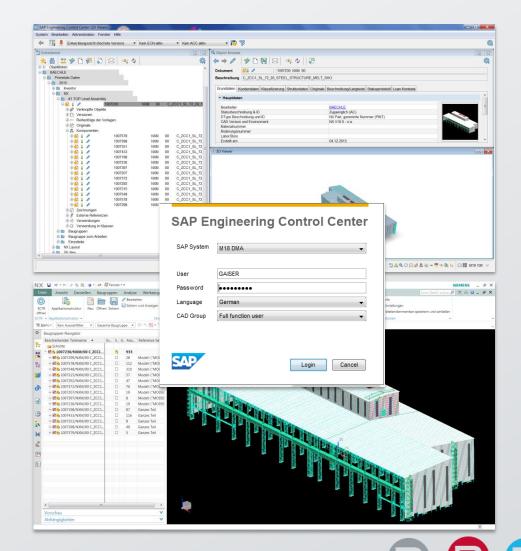
Comprehensive Integration Platform

Consistent integration of authoring systems along the value chain, e.g. MCAD, ECAD, Office, e-mail, software, ...

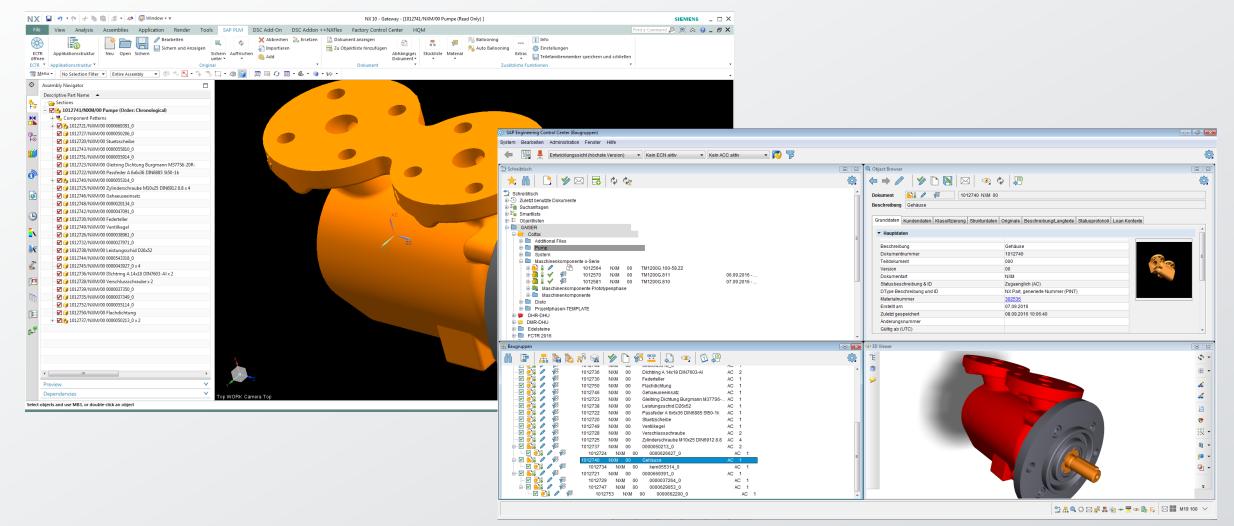
- **360° product view** including mechanics, electronics, software, simulation etc.
- Ideal user interface for authors
   Easy and intuitive utilization of rich SAP data
- ONE integrated system for PLM and ERP
   Efficient working environment

Automated workflows and processes

Consistent engineering processes and logistics processes

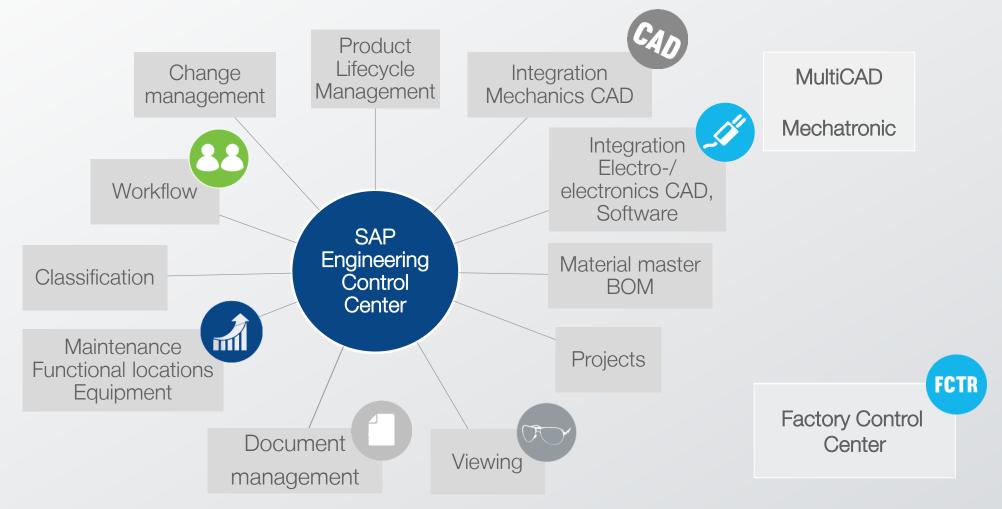


#### SAP Engineering Control Center SAP for Engineering



## What can SAP Engineering Control Center do?

Integration platform and cockpit for technical information and processes in the SAP system



Parts management with SAP



## What do designers want?

- Access to current 3D models from different manufacturers (standard and catalog parts), conform to the company's own CAD methods
- Finding (instead of looking for) suitable parts and solutions
- High-performance user interface current technical and commercial information at a glance:
  - CAD information (geometry, weight,...)
  - ERP information (preferred parts, availability,..)
    - Can the part be replaced by a similar one?
    - What parts must not be used?
    - What parts are the best-priced?
    - What parts are in stock / on hand?
- Simple classification of own parts preferably automatic



## Why parts management in SAP?

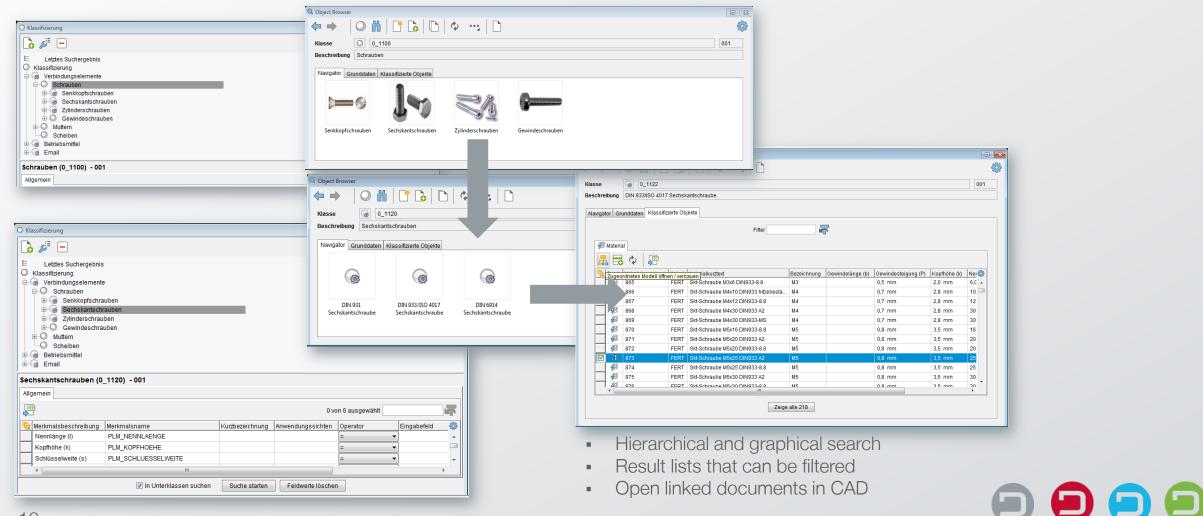
- SAP ONE system for the company-wide management of master data
- Management of parts AND product-related documents
- ONE classification system for the organization and reuse of information:
  - Graphical search of objects by the SAP class search
  - Search by characteristics / functions
  - Full-text search
  - Search by linked objects
  - Search by part usage
- Linkage of documents provides information

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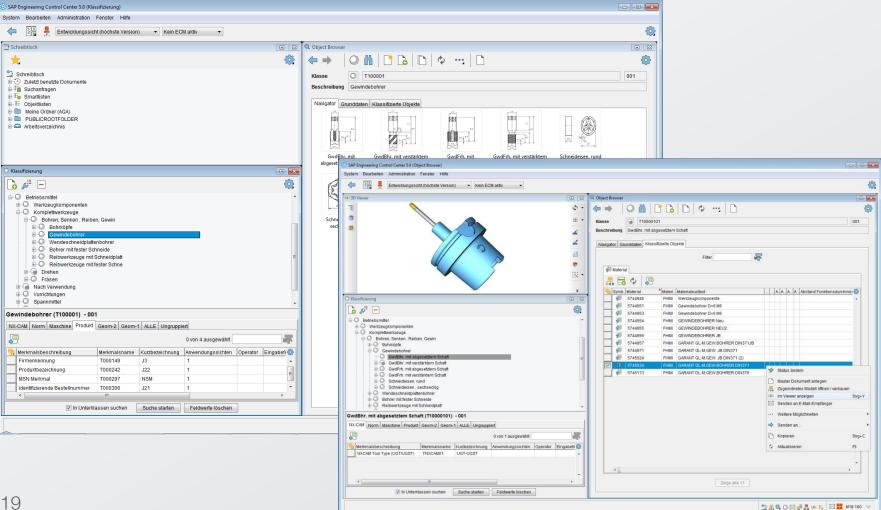
### Retrieve and reuse parts

Example: Retrieve standard parts / catalog parts or individual parts by using the SAP material classification



#### Retrieve and reuse parts

Example: find tool assemblies using SAP material classifications

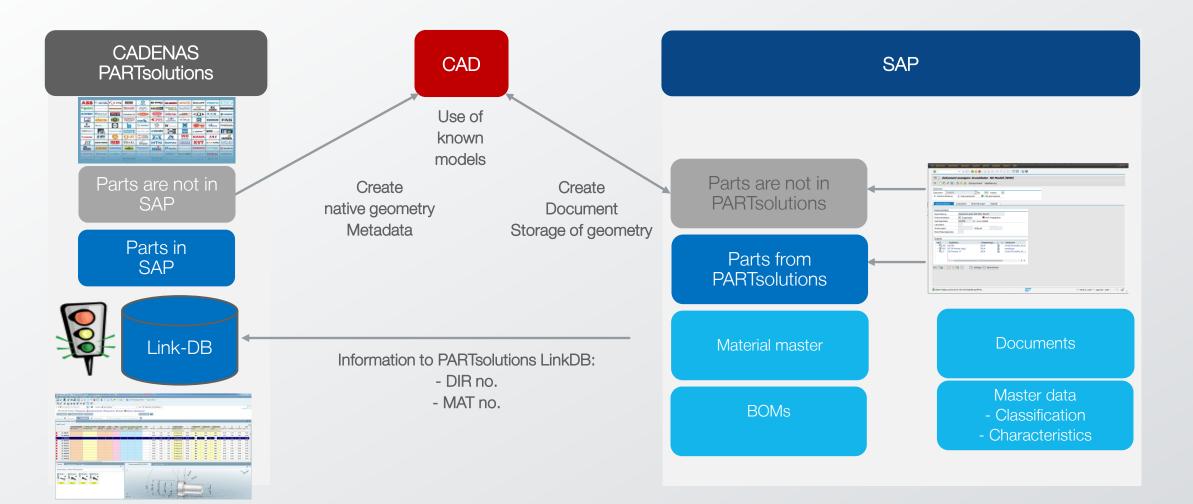




Interaction between CADENAS PARTsolutions, CAD and SAP



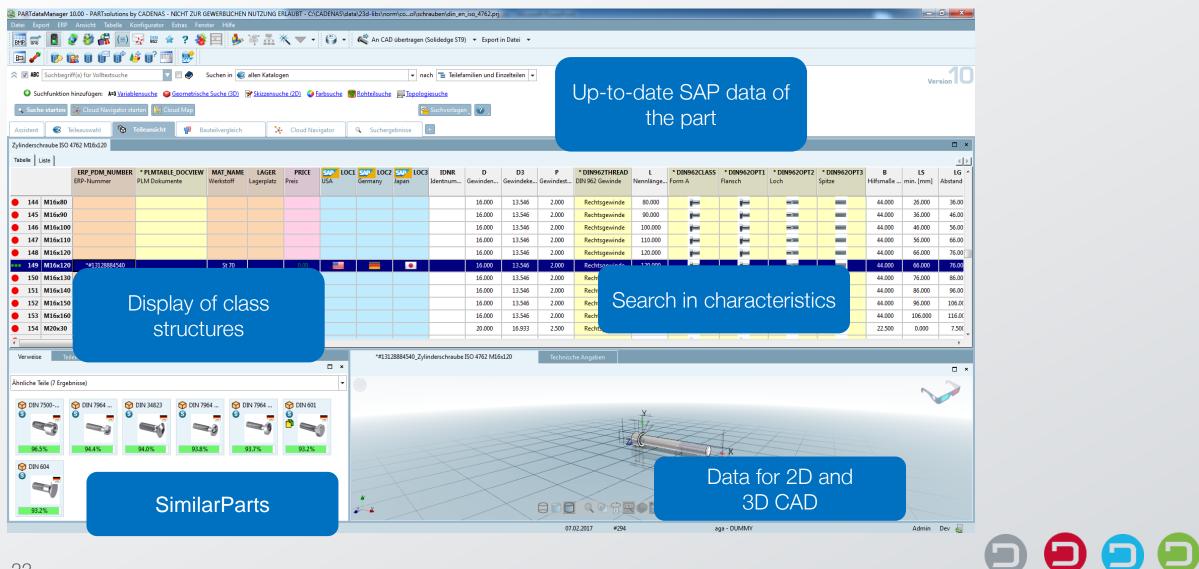
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## **CADENAS PARTsolutions**

#### Business data and technical data in one user interface



## Management of standard and purchased parts in SAP?

#### CADENAS PARTsolutions supplements the existing PLM process:

- Access to standard part catalogs and to more than 600 manufacturers' catalogs. Updates are made by the manufacturers.
- Create standard parts, purchased parts and repeat parts from PARTsolutions as CAD parts and store them in SAP
- Manage SAP information (mat. status) in PARTsolutions
- Conduct search for parts from CAD using ++partSolutionsNX, e.g. by geometric similarity search

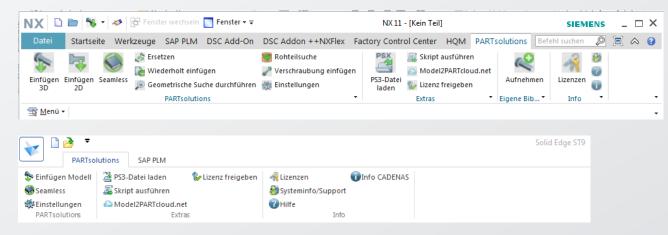
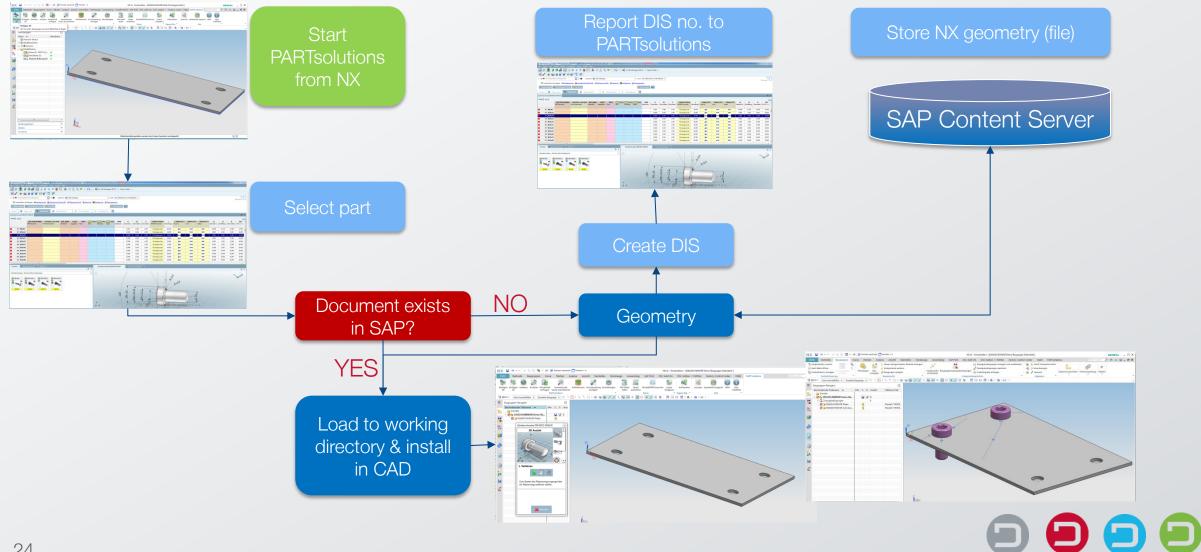


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## Finding and (re)using parts

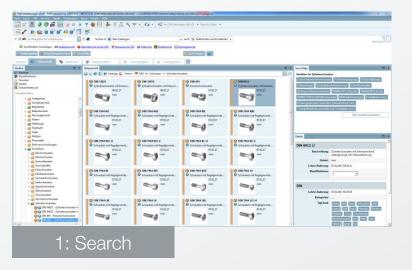


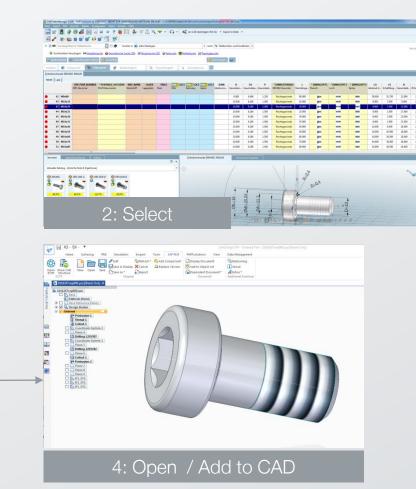
New parts creation process



## New parts creation process

#### Find a part in CADENAS PARTsolutions and create a new part in SAP

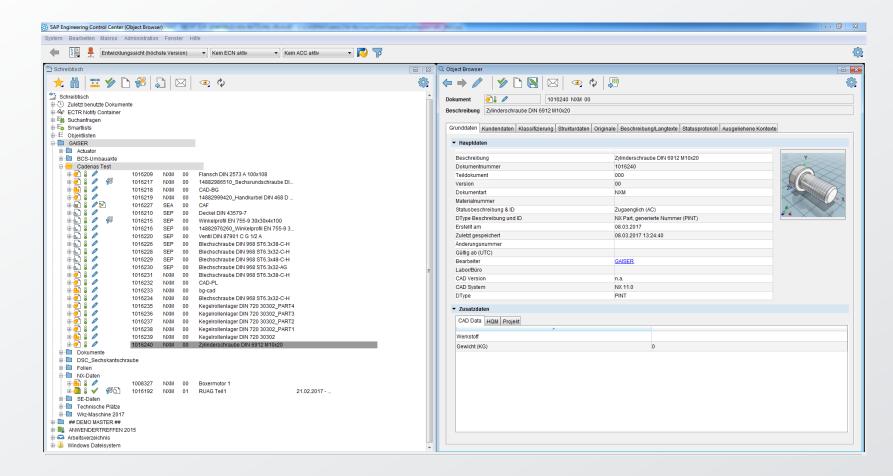




- 3. Process starts automatically:
- Create DIR in SAP
- Create NX geometry
- Store NX document in Content Server
- Provide document in NX
- Enter Doc-ID in Linkdb

## Managing parts in SAP

Parts created with CADENAS are managed in SAP as documents



- Store as document
- Different document types for each CAD system
- Link with material possible
- Classification of document and / or material



## Scope of ++PARTsolutions

- OPTIONAL: Creation of a material master in SAP during the creation of a new part from PARTsolutions and link with the document info record of the part. The SAP document key and the SAP material key are automatically entered in the LinkDB of CADENAS PARTsolutions.
- If an automatic material master creation process is implemented in SAP, PARTsolutions metadata from the document properties is also mapped to fields of the SAP material master.
- If the material master is later linked with a document info record, a cyclic comparison of data between the LinkDB and SAP can be set up.
- In PARTsolutions, roles, views, and rights can be configured. For example, a "traffic-light signal" can be configured. Greenhighlighted parts are preferred, or red-highlighted parts must no longer be used.
- PARTsolutions enables you to use further columns to display information from SAP in the user interface of CADENAS PARTsolutions.



Reusing components

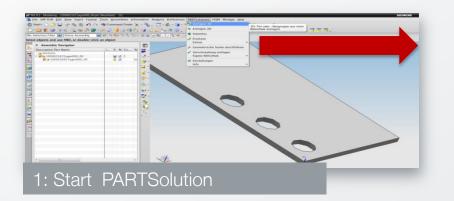


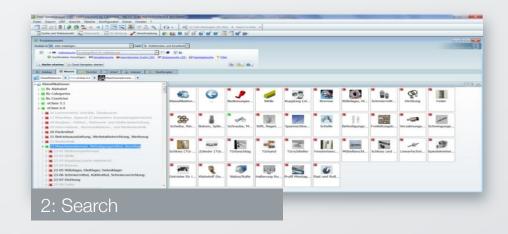
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existing standard and catalog parts

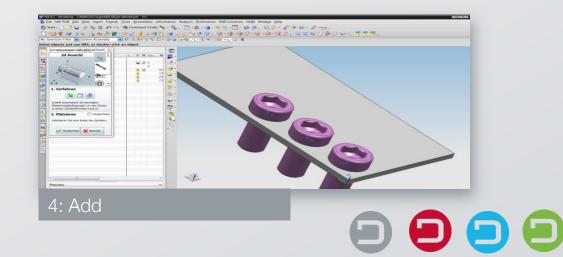
#### Find a part in CADENAS PARTsolutions and open / use it in NX

Process sequence





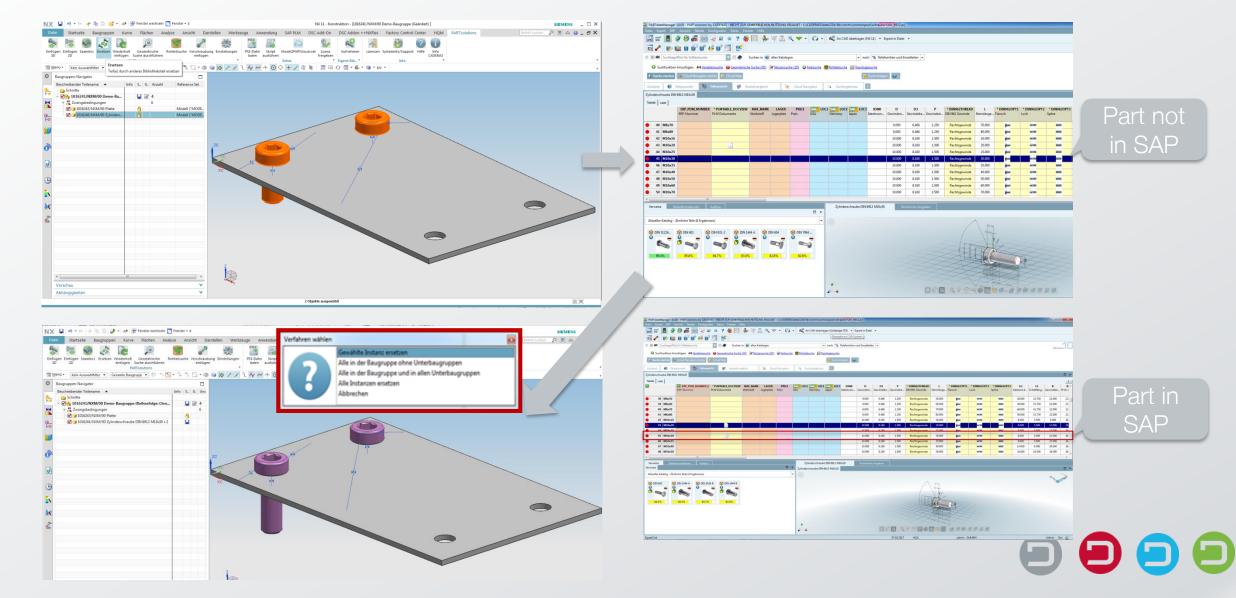




Replacing one component by another



#### Replacing a component Replacing components / Instance or all instances



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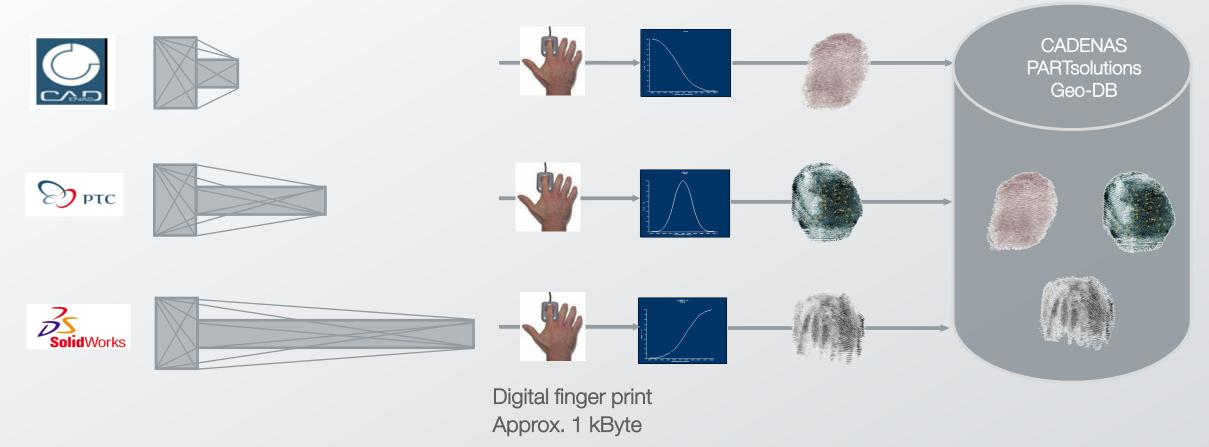
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Geometric similarity search

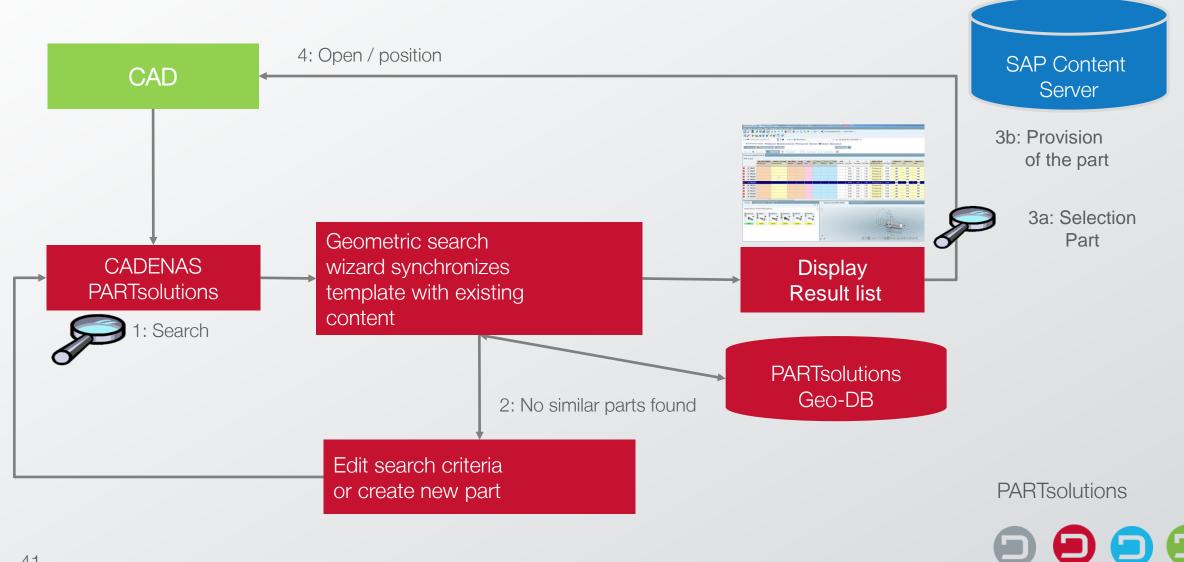


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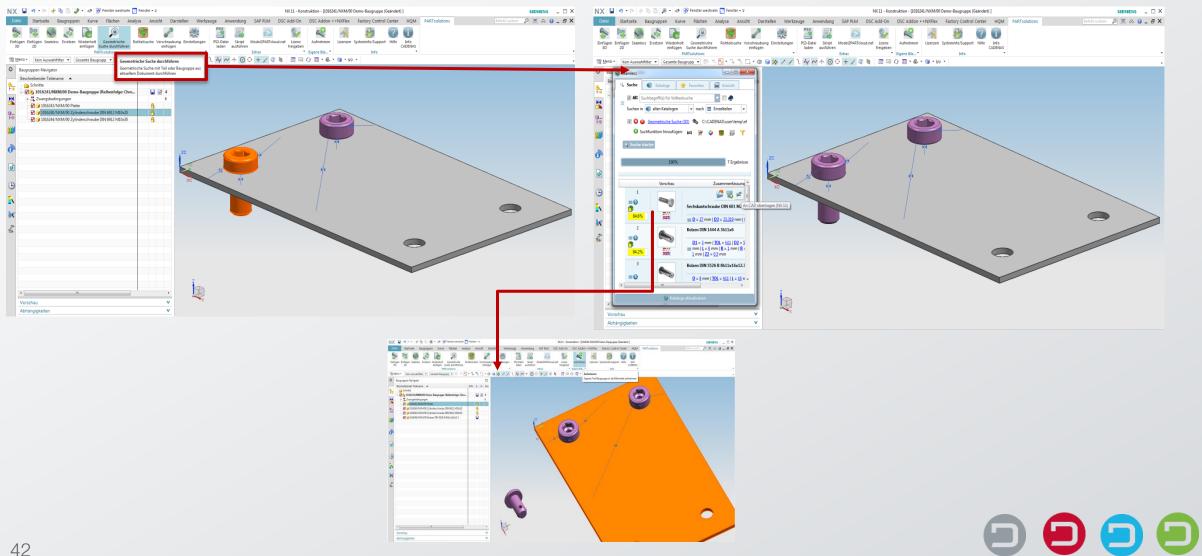
Creating a digital fingerprint



## Procedure of the geometric similarity search



#### Using geometric similarity search from within CAD



## Scope of ++PARTsolutions

#### Geometric similarity search

- Different search functions, e.g.
  - Search with the help of 2D sketches
  - Search with catalog selection systems
  - Search with external geometries
  - Background search
  - Topology search

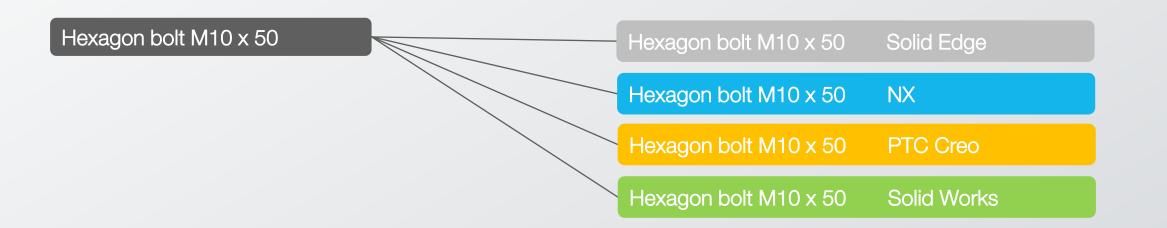


### **MultiCAD**



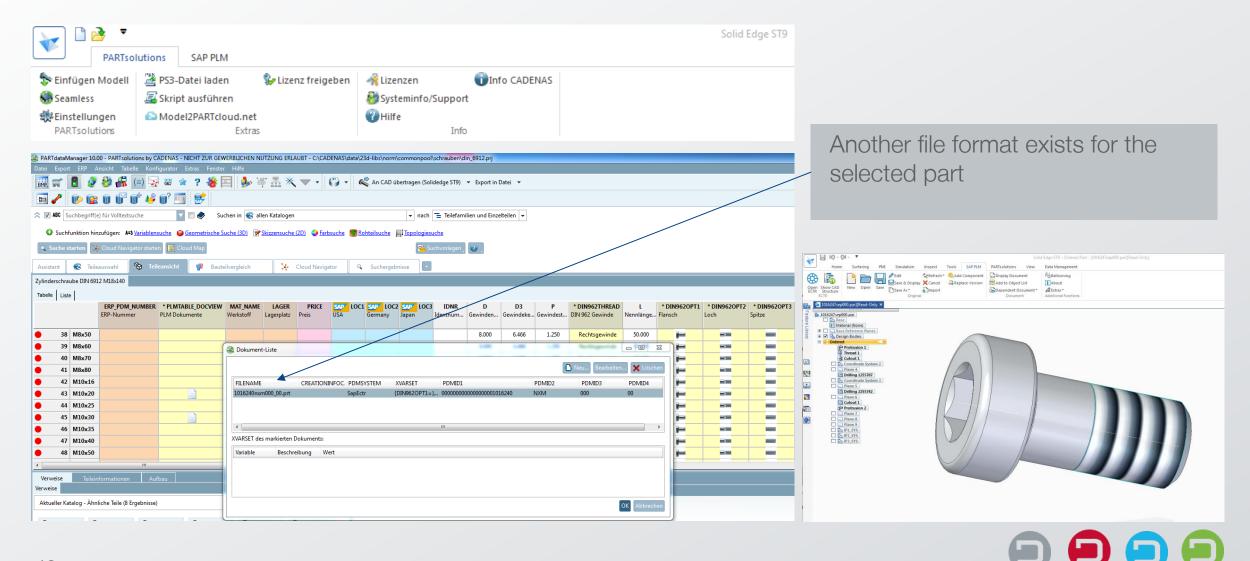
### MultiCAD

- Search from PARTsolutions
- PARTsolutions knows from which CAD system it was started
- Prefiltered search via the corresponding document type
- In SAP, multiple documents are assigned to one material master





#### **Example** Creating a component with Solid Edge



#### Example Creating a component with Solid Edge

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### Added value through process integration

- Simple access to a large pool of standard and purchased parts maintained by the manufacturers
  - Higher level of reuse through user-friendly search mask
  - Integrated 3D preview of the components
  - High-performance search by attributes
  - Geometric similarity search for 3D models
  - Display of current SAP infos supports competent selection
- Efficient setup of a parts library through simple creation of new standard and purchased parts in the respective CAD data format in accordance with SAP document naming conventions
- Optimized catalog update for PARTsolutions with versioning support by means of SAP-driven whereused list for parts



## Intelligent parts management – what does it need?

- ONE system for providing current and marketable standard and catalog parts for common CAD systems CADENAS PARTsolutions
- ✓ ONE system for the management and release/change control of own and purchased with integrations for common CAD systems

SAP Engineering Control Center interface to CAD, e.g. NX

- ONE solution for the integration of the standard and catalog system with SAP
   ++PARTsolutions
- ONE system for the control of purchasing processes, production processes and engineering processes
   SAP



#### Questions?



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