AGILE ENGINEERING COLLABORATION

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

Oracle’s Agile Engineering Collaboration links product designs to the enterprise product record. It enables design teams to contribute new product design information and collaborate with teams and partners across the enterprise on all aspects of bringing the product to market. The solution encourages design innovation, enforces design integrity, and allows companies to rapidly and effectively transition products from engineering to manufacturing.

The Engineering Collaboration Challenge

Many corporations have difficulty controlling and sharing design information with key stakeholders. This problem is exacerbated by distributed engineering and design teams, outsourced manufacturing, and multilevel supply chain networks. Some corporations have workgroup data management systems that house departmental engineering information. However, design information is usually scattered among multiple systems and scores of individual users, rather than centrally managed and integrated with the enterprise product record.

These organizations face significant challenges because they don’t have timely, accurate design information. Design reuse becomes time consuming—if not impossible—and part proliferation becomes common practice. In addition, these companies have no secure method to control, manage, and share intellectual property, which leads to millions of dollars in lost profits each year.

Agile Engineering Collaboration improves and streamlines engineering processes across your distributed organization with a broad range of functionalities to support product development, from the crucial concept phase through the entire lifecycle.

Design Management

The design management functionality within Agile Engineering Collaboration extends Oracle’s Agile Product Lifecycle Management platform to the designer’s desktop. It enables engineers and designers to access and leverage product designs within an enterprise design vault. Engineers can search for, check out, modify, and version mechanical and electronic computer-aided design (CAD) files; and view technical publications—all directly from their native design applications. By storing the enterprise product record within Agile Product Lifecycle Management, you gain a single heterogeneous view of product data regardless of its source. The design management functionality allows operations, engineering, and configuration management to efficiently work together to manage work-in-process design information and product changes and updates. The solution also decreases time to market by streamlining the product release process.
Design Collaboration

The design collaboration functionality within Agile Engineering Collaboration allows engineers to visually share CAD designs with other engineers, as well as with purchasing, marketing, operations, and suppliers, to obtain critical feedback prior to design release. This functionality enables anyone with privileged access to view, interrogate, and markup native CAD data from anywhere in the world, without needing the actual CAD authoring tool. Design reviews and supplier reviews can be live, with multiple participants contributing feedback simultaneously, or they can be offline, with participants engaging at their convenience. The design collaboration functionality minimizes the number of design prototypes engineers must develop, and ensures that manufacturing builds the product as it was designed.

The solution leverages Agile Product Lifecycle Management and Oracle’s AutoVue Electro-Mechanical Professional, allowing users to view and mark up hundreds of file formats; create electromechanical digital mockup sessions; speed design reviews with precise measuring; compare design alternatives to determine what parts have been added, removed, or changed; section 3-D models to draw attention to internal structures; find nets and components by cross-probing between the printed circuit board layout file and their related schematics; test for manufacturability by validating printed circuit board design integrity; and more.

BOM Publication

Engineering designs are systematically converted into bills of materials with the BOM publication functionality. Links from the design structure to the enterprise product record are maintained with complete, up-to-the-minute definitions of a company’s products—including bills of materials, specifications, drawings, models, and approved manufacturer lists. This enables design teams to contribute new product design information and collaborate with teams and partners across the enterprise on all aspects of bringing the product to market.

With BOM publication functionality, product record changes are synchronized between Oracle’s Agile Product Lifecycle Management and the CAD tool, ensuring that title blocks on drawings are up to date. All ongoing design changes are synchronized with the product record to ensure that what gets designed is what gets manufactured.

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