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# Barriers to Implementing MBD and MBE



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## **Barriers to Implementing MBD and MBE**

- MBD and MBE are hot topics
- Many implementations have been undertaken
  - Some may succeed
  - Some have failed
  - Some were abandoned
  - Most have underperformed
- To succeed, we must understand what MBD and MBE are, the benefits they offer, and the reasons to use them



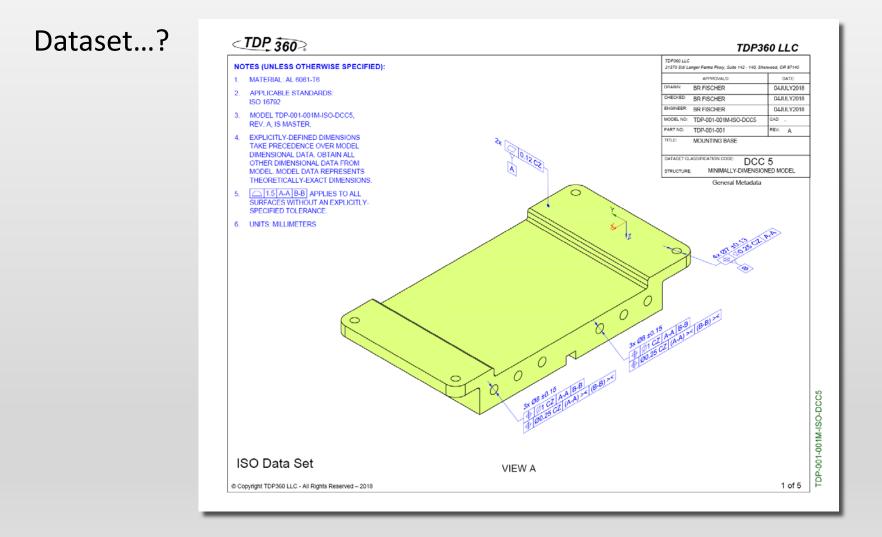
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## Why MBD and MBE?

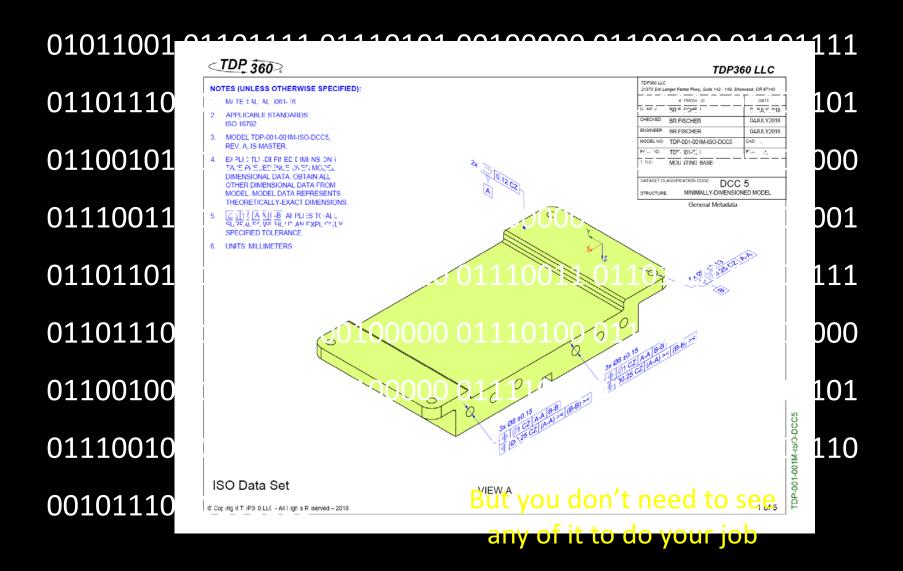
- The purpose of MBD is to support MBE
- The purpose of MBE is to
  - Increase productivity
  - Increase quality
  - increase throughput
  - Increase profit
  - Increase benefit to society
  - Through automation It's all about automation



### What Do MBD and MBE Look Like?

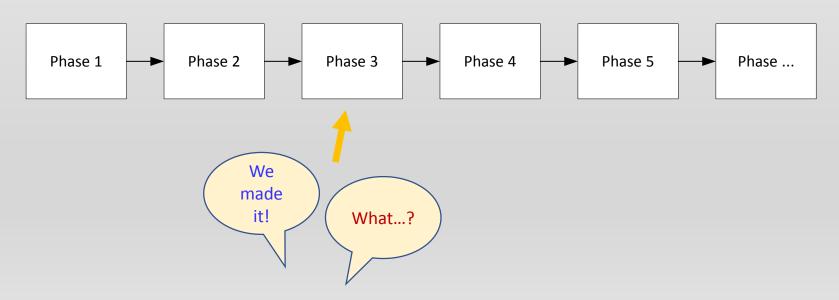


## Okay, it's really something like this...



- Future state
  - Data only
  - Finely-tuned, highly-automated processes
  - Bidirectional data flow & feedback
  - Very high productivity
  - People only do high-value-adding tasks
  - No persistent presentation
  - Represented data only presented temporarily
  - Anything less is incremental and falls short
  - Automation, Optimization, Productivity

- Stepwise and incremental transition from drawing- to model-based is appealing and makes sense,
- But, small steps are often mistaken for the goal and hinder progress
- Without the correct overall view, incremental steps are potential barriers



- Recognize inefficiencies of presentation-based use cases and eliminate them from workflow ASAP
  - Presentation-based 3D use cases are incremental steps

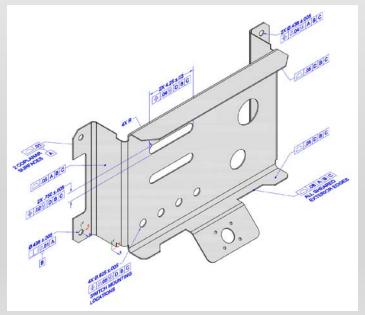
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- All presentation-based use is a barrier
- The only use for presentation data
  - To be manually acted upon
  - To recreate data in a disconnected process
- Increased chance of error
- Drives derivative data, duplicate data, discrepancies, etc.

• Many people have moved beyond thinking they need a drawing and now trust model geometry,

But few people are willing to trust machine-readable specifications without presentation

• Why?



Necessary?

Okay?

- Software limitations
  - Current software optimized or configured for drawingbased workflow
  - Inadequate tools to semantically represent specifications
  - Inadequate tools to convert semantically-modeled specifications into other systems and formats
  - Inadequate tools to reuse semantically-modeled specifications
  - Inadequate tools to define model-based processes
  - Data reuse and interoperability issues
  - These are temporary issues and improving all the time

- Structural issues
  - Supply-chain complexities and rollout
- Regulatory hurdles
  - Work in progress
- Standardization issues
  - Current product definition standards are optimized for 2D drawings
    - Long history behind this
  - Many current 3D product definition standards are more aligned with presentation data – 3D drawings
    - Work is underway to rectify this

- Personnel and management issues
  - Inertia within an organization
    - Resistance to change
      - Preservation of presentation-based methods
        - "I can't do my job unless I see dimensions"
        - "I can't do my job differently."
  - Ignoring productivity & quality losses in current methods
  - Difficult to see inefficiencies in the way we do things
  - Status quo inefficiencies are accepted, taken for granted

- Personnel and management issues (cont.)
  - Entrenched workforce, labor relations, etc.
  - Lack of leadership
  - Departmental MBx champions
  - Mid-level and upper-level management
  - True commitment at the highest level
  - Lack of authority
    - Changemakers must have authority
    - Cross-functional authority
    - To overcome trivial and short-lifespan objections

- Personnel and management issues (cont.)
  - Rewarding management and staff for the wrong metrics
    - Design: e.g. sheets/datasets released per month
    - Design: time spent per drawing/dataset
    - MB metric for design managers and staff is to measure the ability to reuse design data downstream
  - Design should be rewarded for the savings their deliverable enables throughout the product lifecycle
  - Downstream process managers should be rewarded for data reuse and useful feedback sent back upstream
  - Silos must be broken down for MBE to succeed...

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- Misconceptions about the goals and benefits of MBx
  - Confusing short-term goals with long-term goals
  - Thinking benefits of interim steps are *the* benefits
- Confusing MBD and MBE
- Misunderstanding what MBD is and its purpose
- Inadequate benefits, savings, and ROI from pilot projects
  - Ties into misconceptions above

## **Understanding Barrier Timeframes**

- How long will barrier last?
- Can we affect the timeframe?
- Mitigation and planning

## Planning for MBD and MBD

- Plan path forward by starting at the future state and working backward
- Determine minimum steps to get there
- Work with staff, suppliers, solutions providers, customers to get them to the right place with the right vision
- Set expectations
- Identify barriers and plan for their removal





# Discussion



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