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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



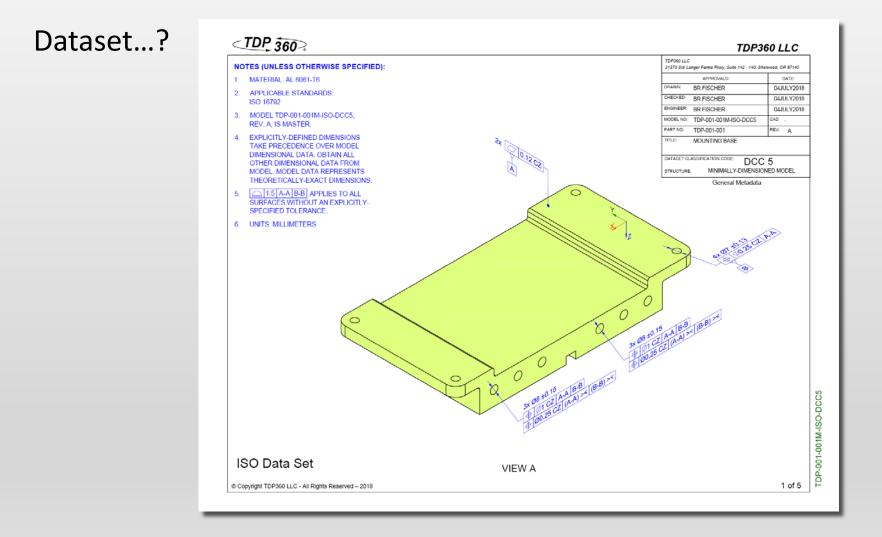
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Why MBD and MBE?

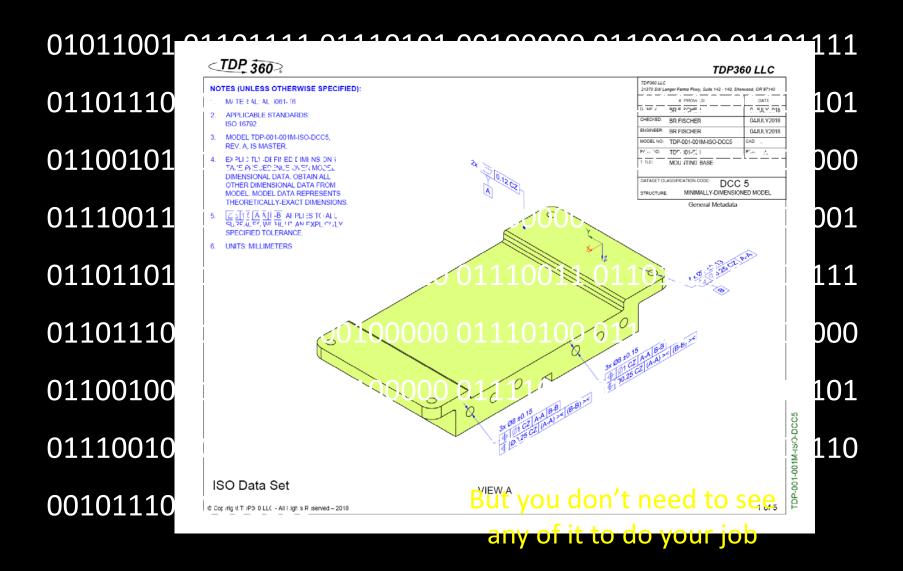
- The purpose of MBD is to support MBE
- The purpose of MBE is to
 - Increase productivity
 - Increase quality
 - increase throughput
 - Increase profit
 - Increase benefit to society
 - Through automation It's all about automation



What Do MBD and MBE Look Like?

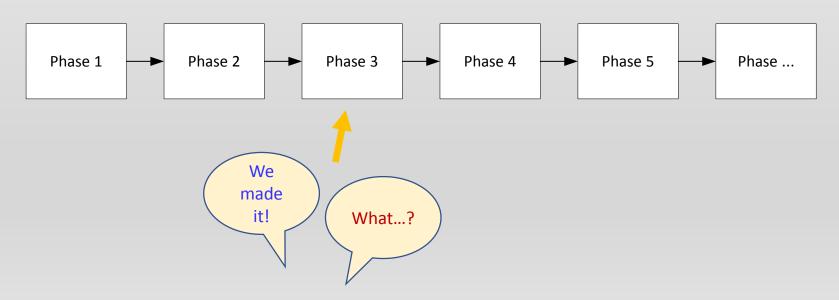


Okay, it's really something like this...



- 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

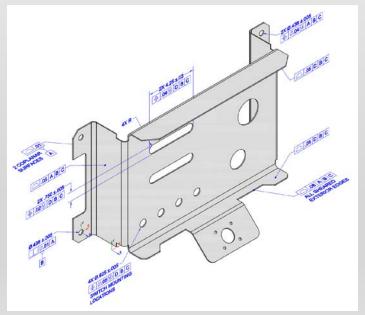
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- All presentation-based use is a barrier
- The only use for presentation data
 - To be manually acted upon
 - To recreate data in a disconnected process
- Increased chance of error
- Drives derivative data, duplicate data, discrepancies, etc.

• 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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