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Enabling Digital Engineering with Federated PLM – Experiences from the Heliple-2 Project

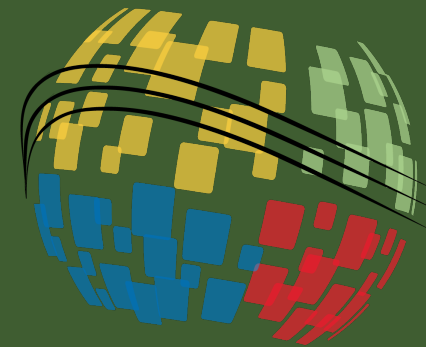
Saab Aeronautics – and our products



- Multiple parallel projects
- International operations and interoperability
- Exports
- International collaboration
 - Multi-site Development & Production
- More stringent international regulations
- Speed!
 - Product development
 - Enabling system

Agenda

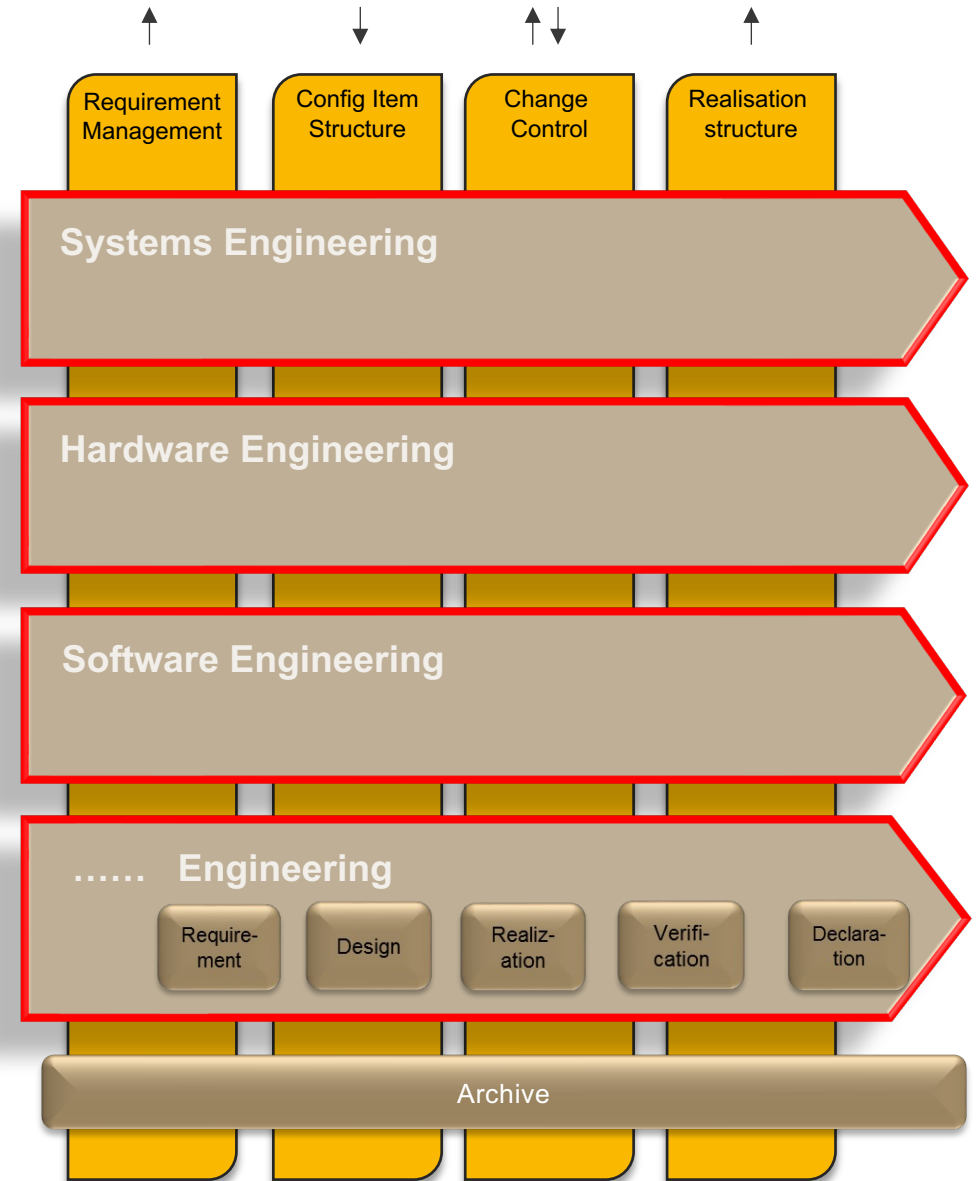
1. Enabling Digital Engineering with Federated PLM
2. Configuration management challenges
3. Implementation Experiences
4. Conclusions and next steps



The Genesis PLM architecture

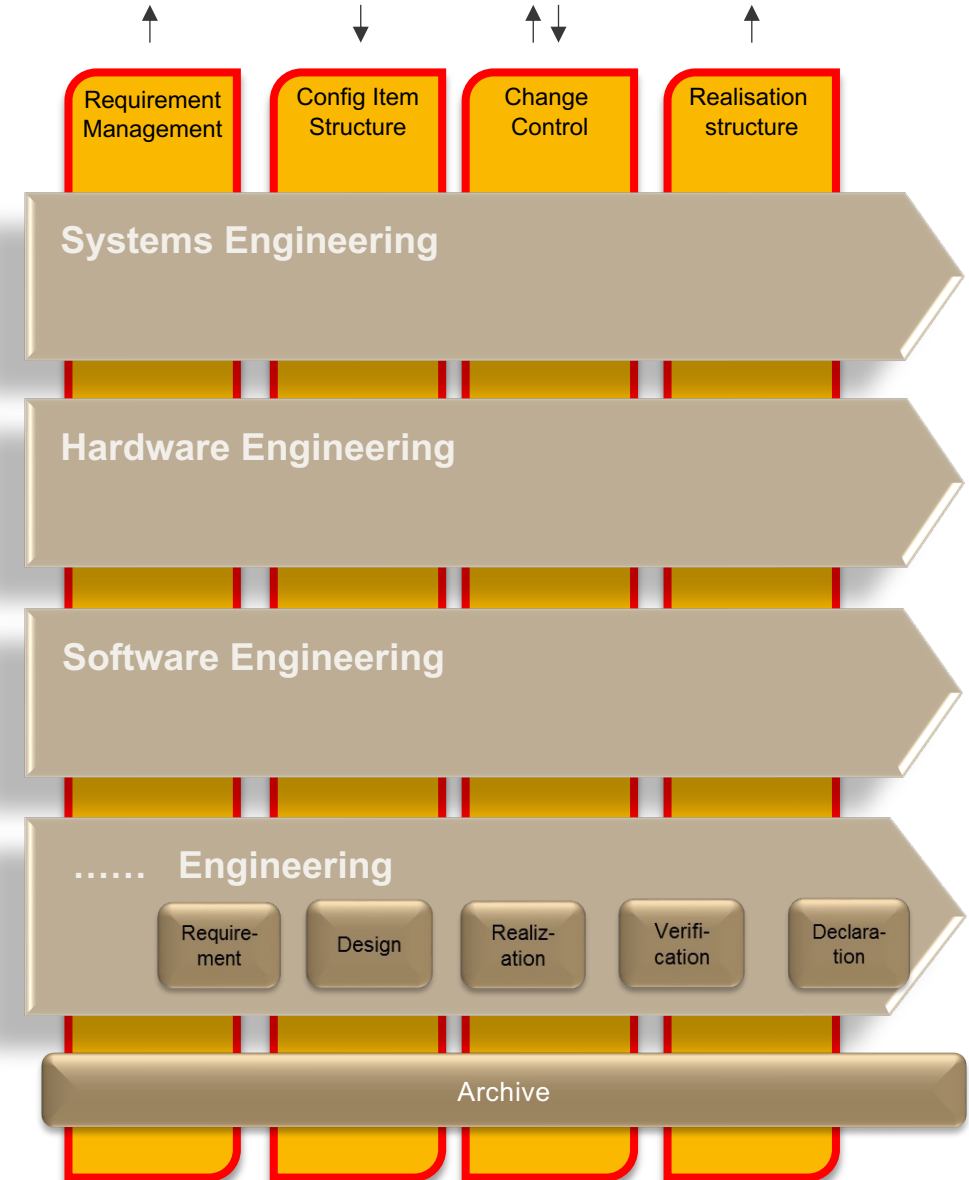
Modularity

- Optimise support for each engineering discipline
 - Maximise automation, as provided by the supplier
 - Minimise application family switching
- Bring together management and engineers in a single environment
 - E.g., Change management and Status reporting
- Ability to upgrade individual capabilities independent of others
- Redundant capabilities accepted
- Ability to replace environment without upsetting the complete PLM landscape



Traceability

- Need capability to ensure traceability and integrity of product data
- Traceability dimensions between engineering discipline environments
 - Requirements
 - Configuration item structure
 - Change management
 - Realization
- **Configuration Management** capability required for Requirements Traceability, Configuration item structure and Realization structure
 - Versions and baseline capability
- The OSLC standard offers the desired capabilities
 - Exploit for low cost and high quality integrations

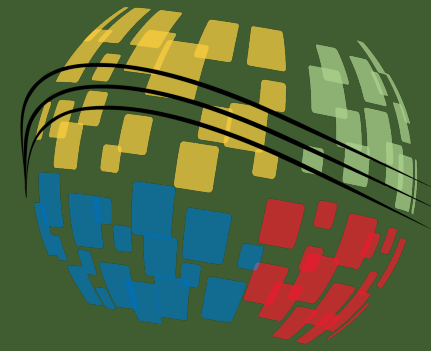


Evaluation criteria

Federated PLM – feasibility dimensions

- Technical feasibility
 - Does OSLC offer industrial strength solutions for integrating stand-alone PLM systems?
- Development efficiency
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Configuration management challenges

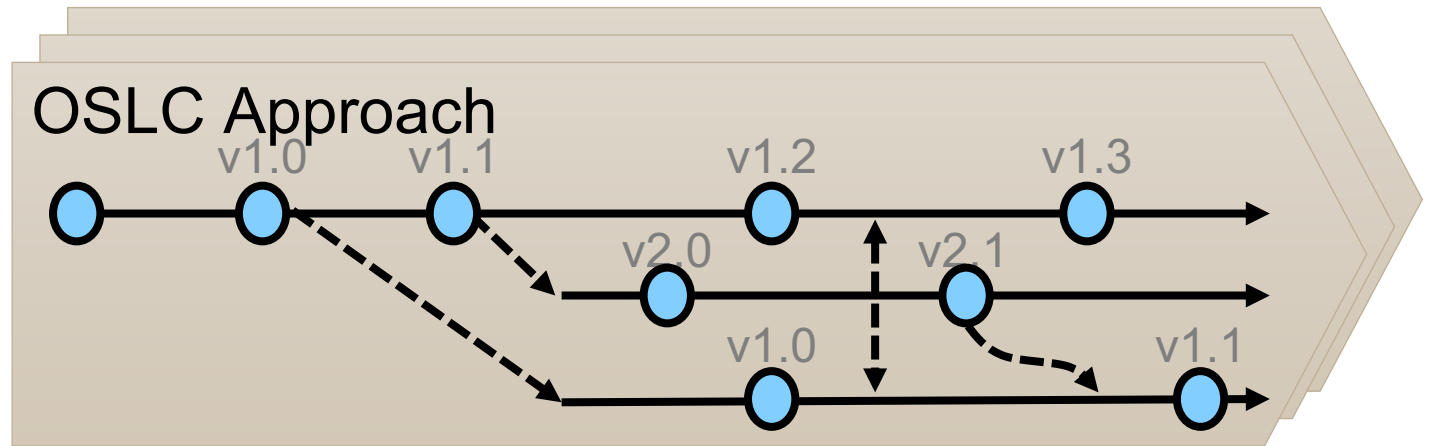


OSLC Configuration management

Targeted lifecycle phases = Requirements & ALM
Explicit configurations
Baselines



Configuration Management : OSLC approach



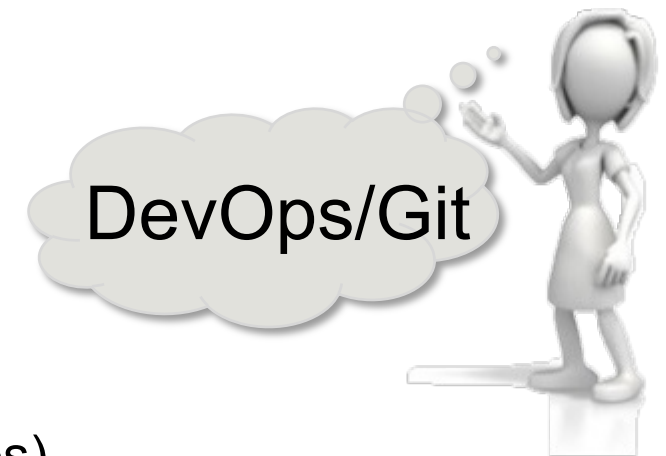
Stream →

- **Mutable** – for ongoing work
- Linking to latest artifacts
 - **implicit** - versions hidden
- **Merge** changes from other streams or baselines

Baseline ●

- A **frozen** record of a stream at a point in time
- Linking to artifacts at the time of freeze
- **Branch** into new streams

A stream (baseline) can be a contribution to other streams (baselines)



STEP Configuration management

Targeted lifecycle phases = PLM to Asset management

Implicit configurations

Continuous

Planned & Actual



- Each carrier weighs **65,000** tonnes
- Each carrier is **280** metres in length
- The carriers will have a crew complement of **700**, increasing to **1,600** with a full complement of **40** F-35B aircraft
- The flight deck is 70 metres wide and 280 metres long – enough space for three football pitches
- Each carrier is made up of 17 million parts
- There are 364,000 metres of pipes inside each Ship
- **2.1M Occurrences**
- **150,000 unique parts**
- **165 ship systems**
- **3000 compartments**
- **Lifespan of 50 years**


BAE SYSTEMS
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Configuration Management : STEP approach

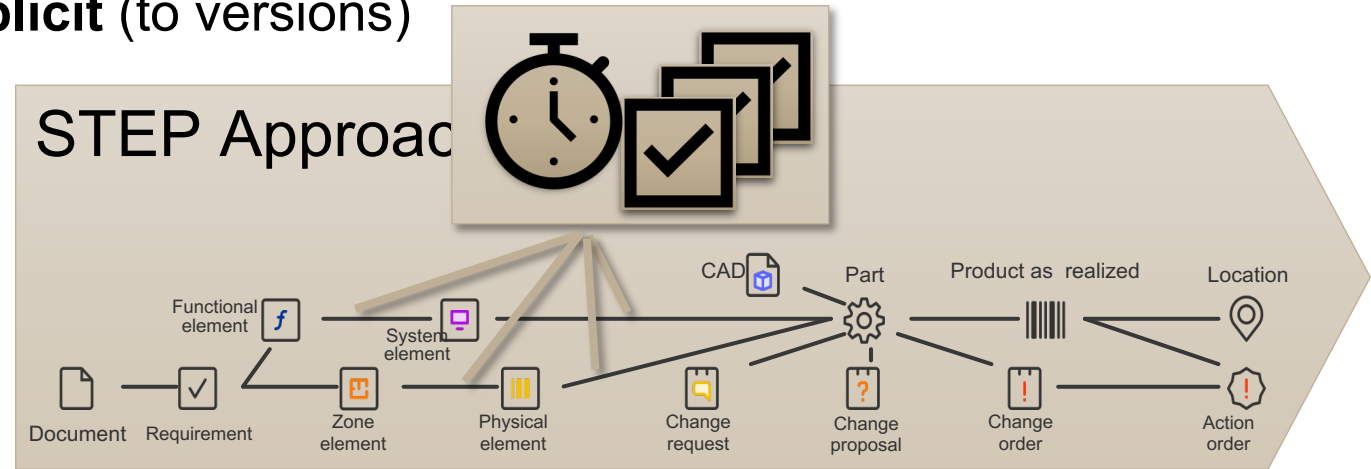
Links can be **implicit** (“latest”) or **explicit** (to versions)

Date effectivity 

- Every **link** and **property**:
 - start date, and optional end




Object effectivity (applicability) 

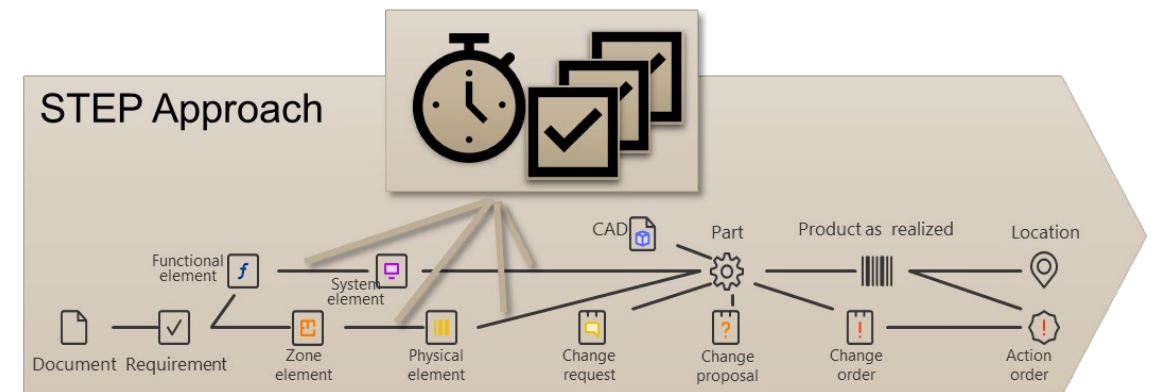
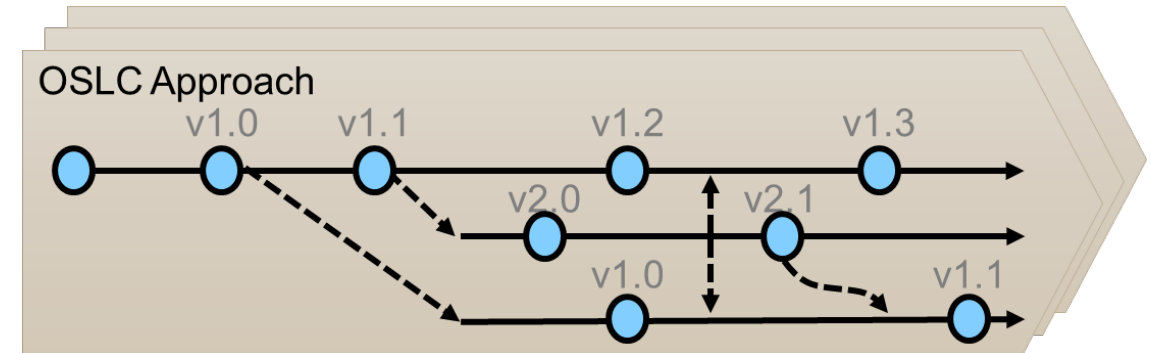
- Every **artifact and link** can have effectivity in relation to other artifacts, with conditions (no effectivity = always applicable)
- These can also have date effectivity



Now, or at any time in past, can **filter** to get the structured artifacts.

OSLC inviting STEP to play (read only)

OSLC	Equivalent in STEP
<p>Stream</p> <p>→</p>	<p>A set of object-effectivity, (with any conditions). </p> <p>Time = now</p> <p>Filter to get structure/view</p>
<p>Baseline</p> <p>●</p>	<p>A set of object effectivity, (with any conditions) </p> <p>Time = freeze time of baseline </p> <p>Filter to get structure/view</p>



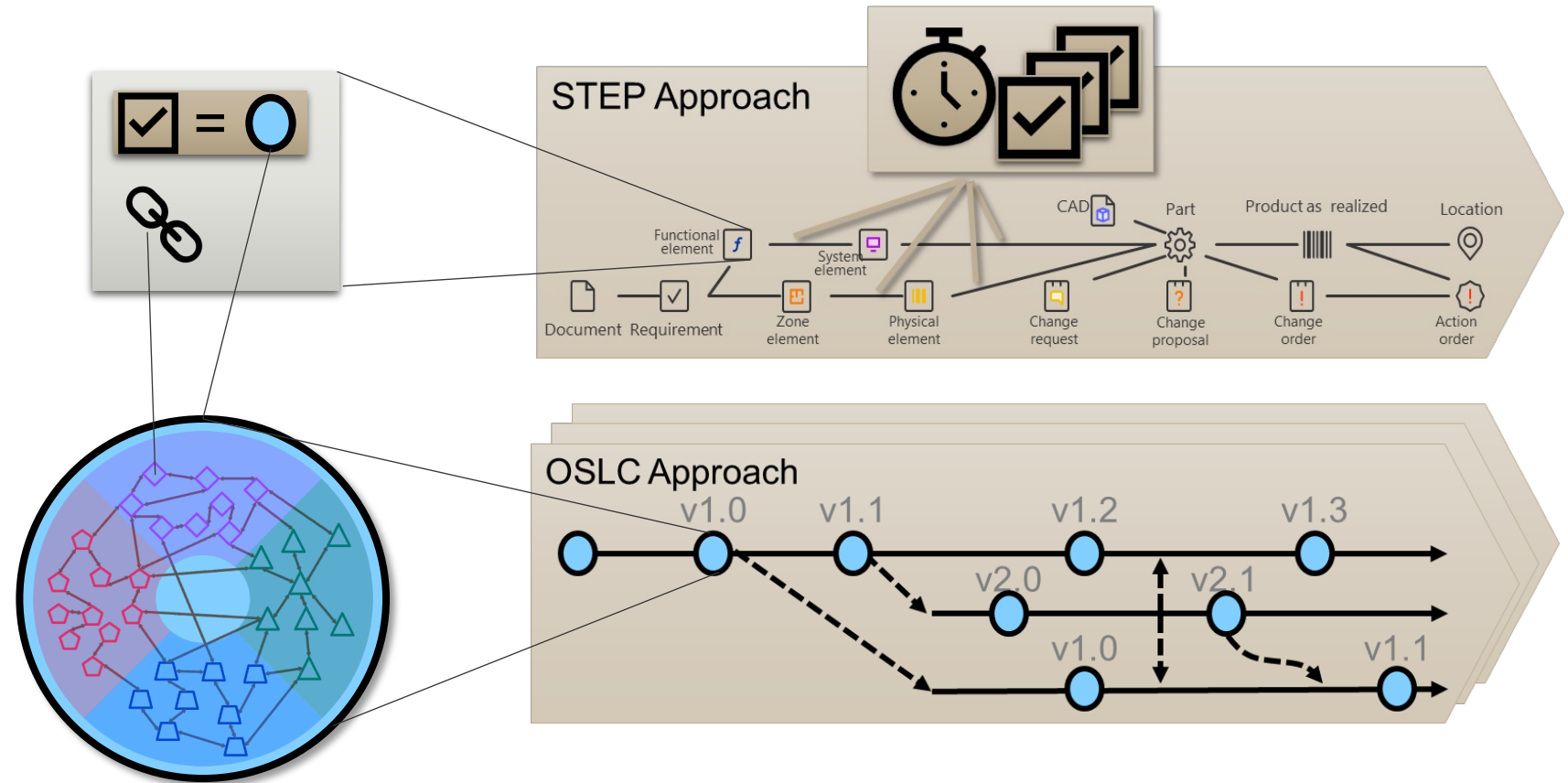
STEP inviting OSLC to play (read only)

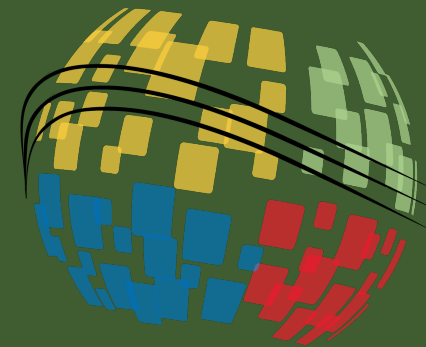
STEP PLM resource
with object effectivity

OSLC resource URI
+
OSLC Configuration

Response from OSLC:

- Configuration = baseline → fixed version
- Configuration = stream → latest version





Implementation Experiences

Early Experiences

OSLC Specification

- OSLC Core – useful capabilities
- OSLC Domains
 - Scope aims at ALM
 - Many optional properties
 - imprecise/incomplete documentation
- Freely available

OSLC Development

- Requires competence of many technologies
 - W3C RDF <https://www.w3.org/RDF/>
 - Web development
 - Browser security issues
 - Authentication
 - ...
- Eclipse Lyo Project
 - Useful test clients and servers
 - Good support for Java
 - Open Source
- Little or no support for non-java development

Development Needs

OSLC Specification

Specify new or extend existing OSLC domains

OSLC Development

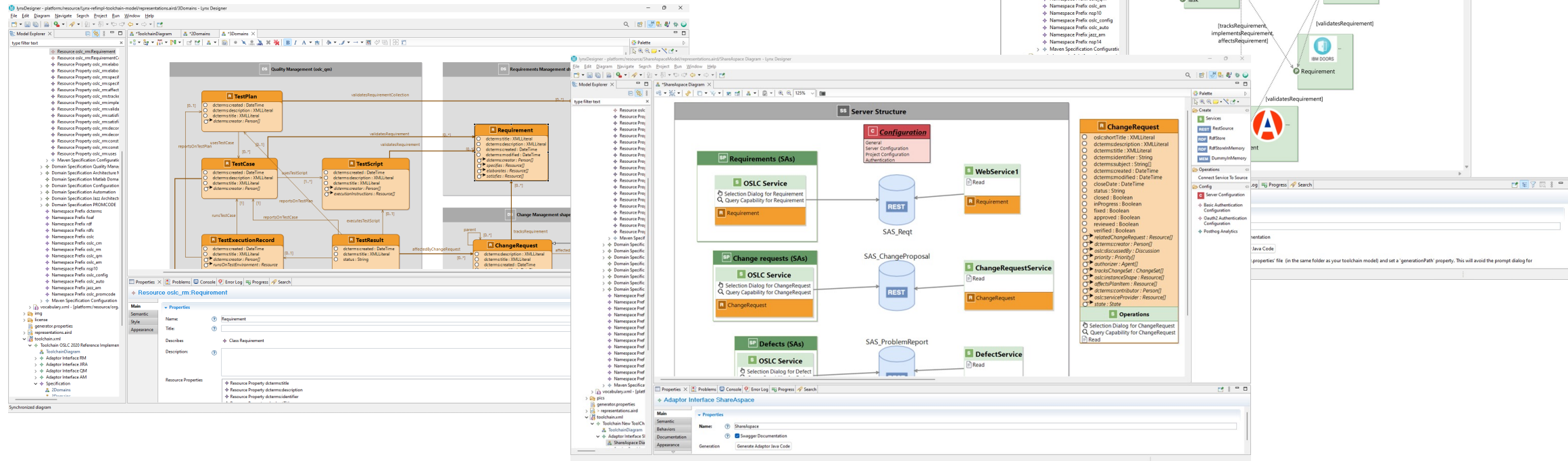
Support in handling the underlying technologies

- Focus on your domain and application

LynxDesigner

A solution for the lifecycle management of a Federated Engineering Environment

1. Information models
2. Application interfaces
3. Overall architecture



Information Models

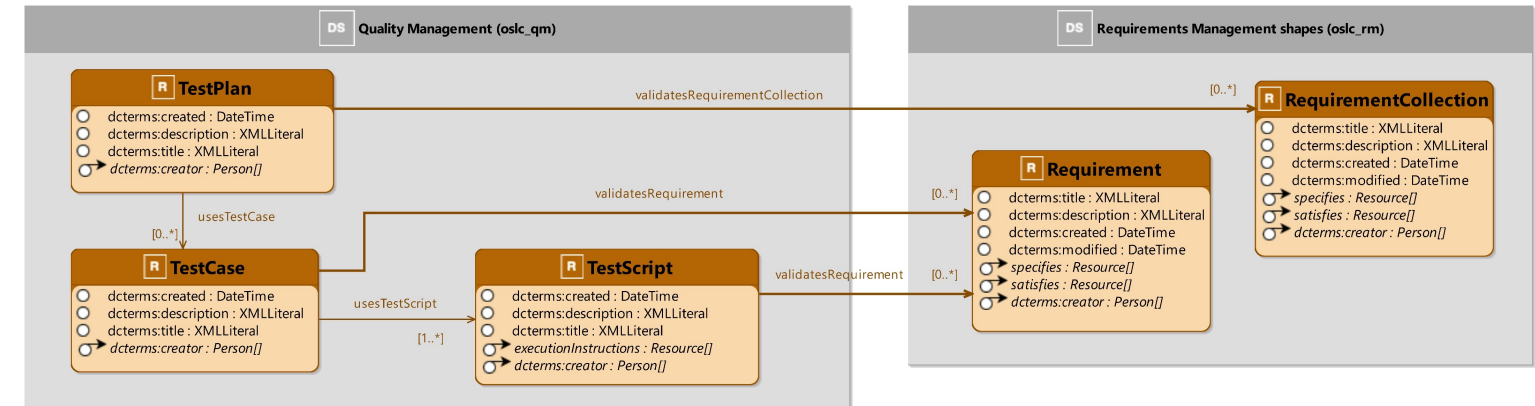
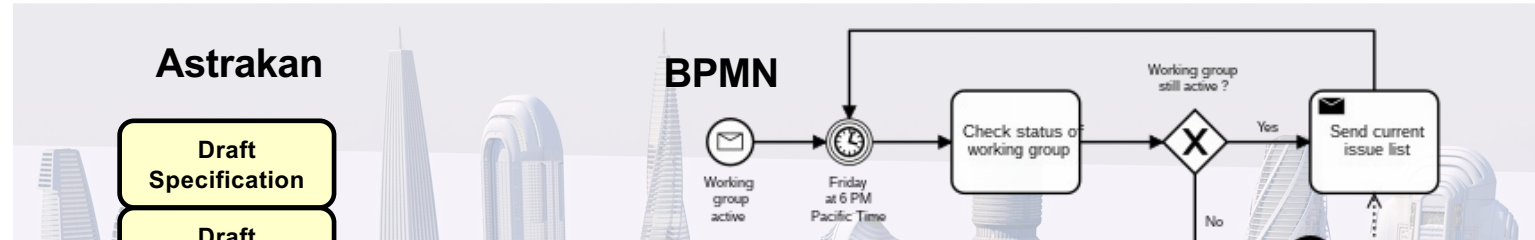
Conceptual Model

- Identifies and organizes business concepts
- Explains meaning to people
- In the collective minds of the organisation



Information Model

- Enterprise catch-all cross-domain terms
- Reflects artifacts delivered to/from process activities
- Platform independent
- Provides requirements on the IT-systems
- Reflect resources delivered to/from applications
- platform independent; yet more exact specification

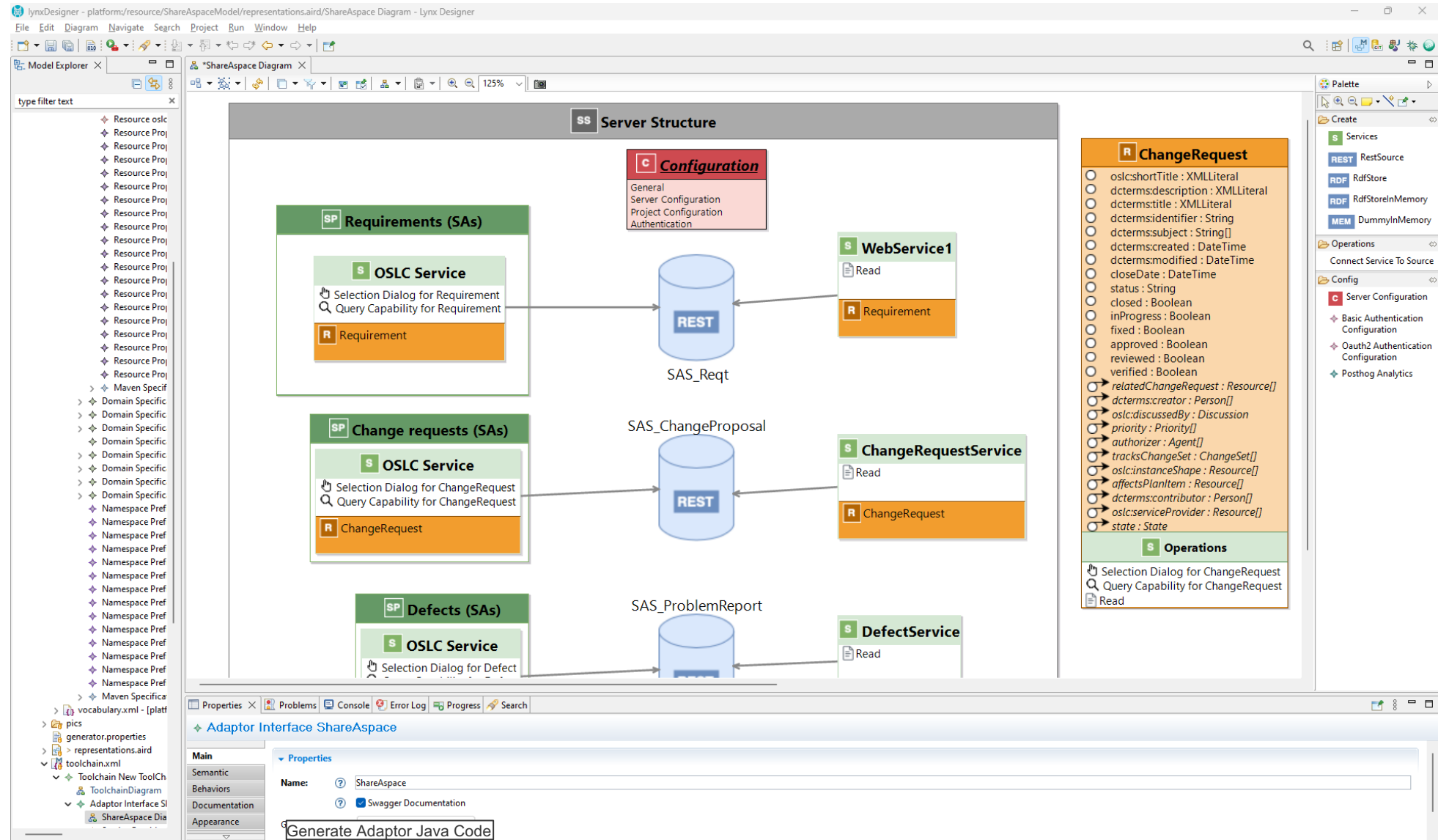


Data Model

- Persistent in individual applications



Application Interface



Application Interface

The screenshot displays the Lynx Designer application interface, which is a tool for managing and visualizing system models. The interface is divided into several panes:

- Model Explorer (Left):** A tree view showing the project structure, including folders for 'Resource Proj', 'Domain Specific', 'Namespace Pref', and 'Maven Specifica'.
- Swagger Editor (Center):** A window for editing API specifications. It shows a list of endpoints with their methods and paths, such as 'GET /projects/{projectId}', 'GET /projects', 'GET /cases/CASE-{id}', 'PUT /cases/CASE-{id}', 'DELETE /cases/CASE-{id}', 'GET /cases/CASE-{id}/largePre', 'GET /cases/CASE-{id}/smallPre', and 'GET /exec-records/EXEC-{id}'.
- Defects (SAs) Table (Bottom Center):** A table listing defects (SAs) with columns for ID, Title, and Status. The table contains three entries: 'DRIV-25', 'DRIV-24', and 'DRIV-23'. Each entry has a 'Status' column with values like 'To Do', 'InProgress', and 'n/a'.
- Selection Dialog for Defect (Overlaid):** A dialog box for selecting a defect. It includes a search bar, a 'Current Page' and 'Page Size' selector, and a 'Submit' button. Below the search bar, there are three tables of defect details, each with a title, identifier, created/modified dates, and status.
- Properties Panel (Bottom Right):** A panel showing the properties of the selected defect, including 'Name', 'Generation', and 'Adaptor Interface ShareASpace'.

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Development Experiences

- ShareAspace configurable open architecture makes it easy to use a LynxDesigner adapter
- Effort
 - Hands-on training (~4 hours) – established basic (single service) ShareAspace Adapter
 - After 6 months “business consultant” could add new services in a few hours
- Skills
 - Basic adapter needs minimal code development skills.
 - Crossing CM paradigms needed more experienced code development skills

Heliple-2: Contributions

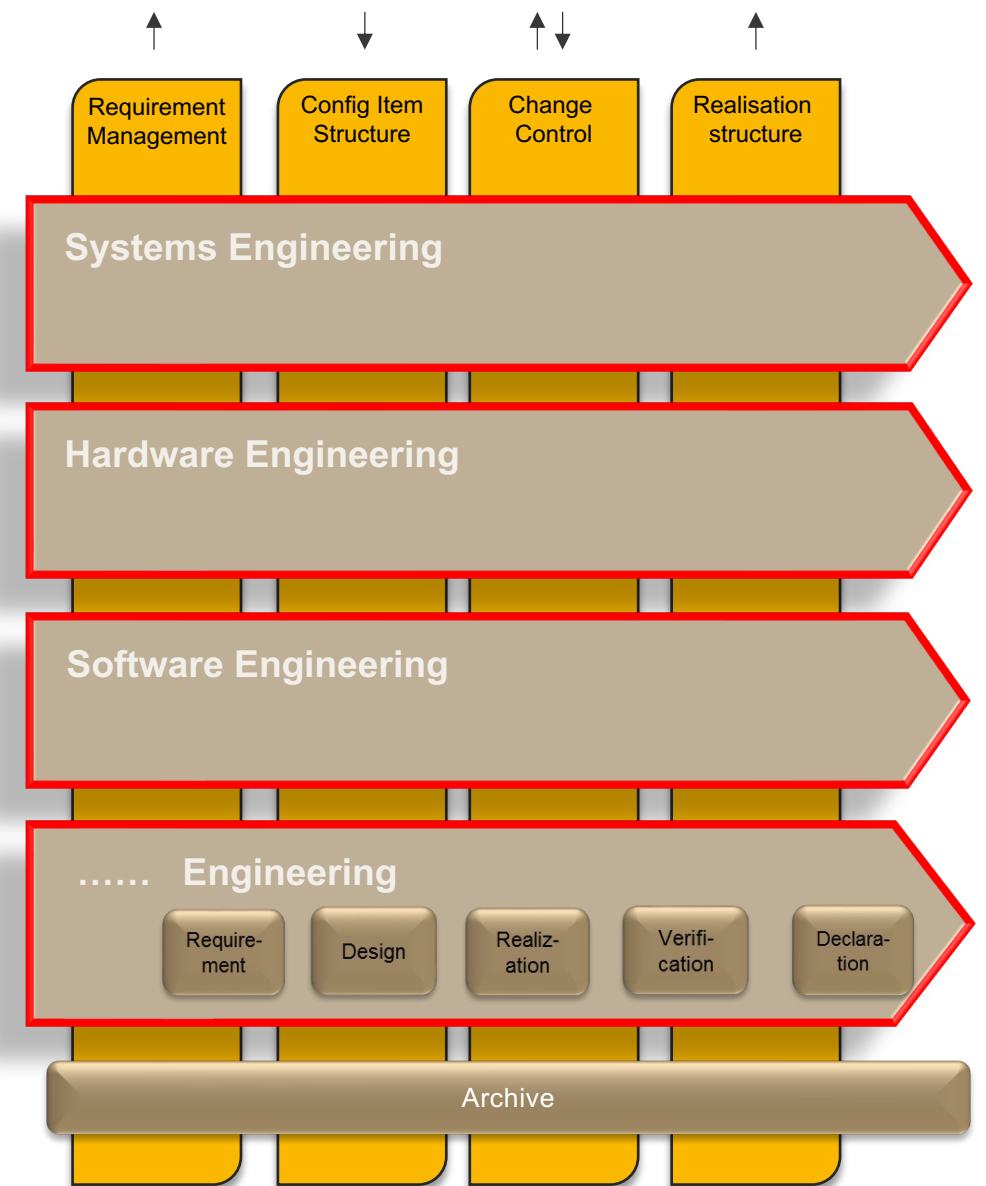
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The need for standards

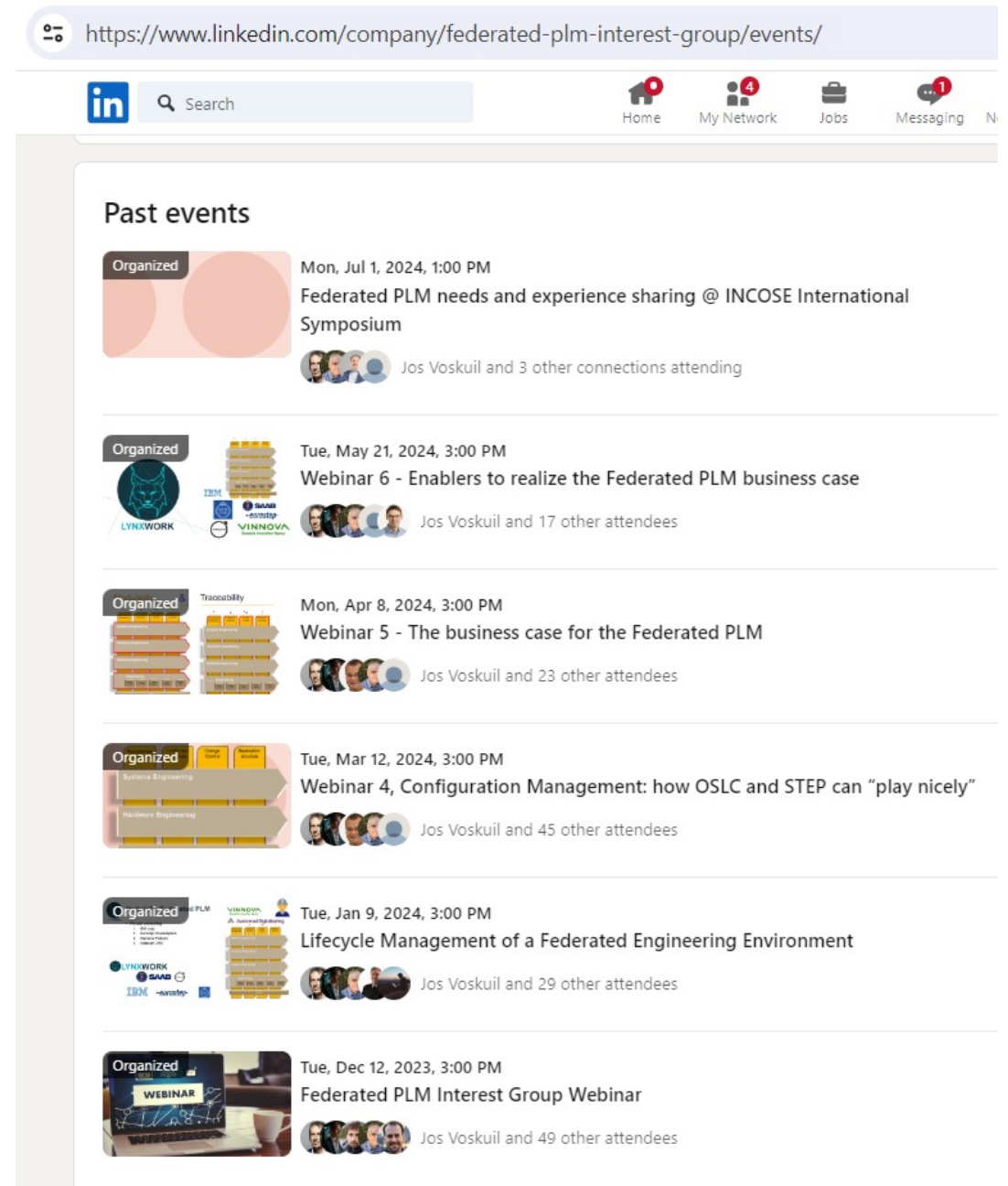
- Needs:
 - Ability to link across tool boundaries
 - Ability to exchange product data
 - Ability reason about product properties managed in different environments
 - Ability to build simulations with contributions from heterogeneous sources
- Needs can only be met if end-users drive standards development



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