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Windchill Aerospace & Defense Module

The Windchill Aerospace & Defense Module is an optional add-on module for [Windchill PDMLink](#) that was developed to meet the unique needs of the global Aerospace & Defense (A&D) industry for traceability of highly complex product and program information across the program lifecycle.

Aerospace & Defense companies are commonly faced with information that is disconnected and spread across many organizations and facilities, making configuration management of their products an extremely laborious, error-prone and time-intensive process. The combination of Windchill PDMLink and Windchill Aerospace & Defense Module creates a solution that allows A&D manufacturers and government program offices to efficiently manage and securely share digital product and program information internally and externally with customers and suppliers

With the Windchill Aerospace & Defense Module, Windchill PDMLink now offers:

- Contract deliverables management (CDRLs and SDRs)
- Advanced serialized parts management with traceability
- Advanced effectivity management
- As-built / as-maintained configuration management
- Advanced change management processes

CDRLs and SDRLs

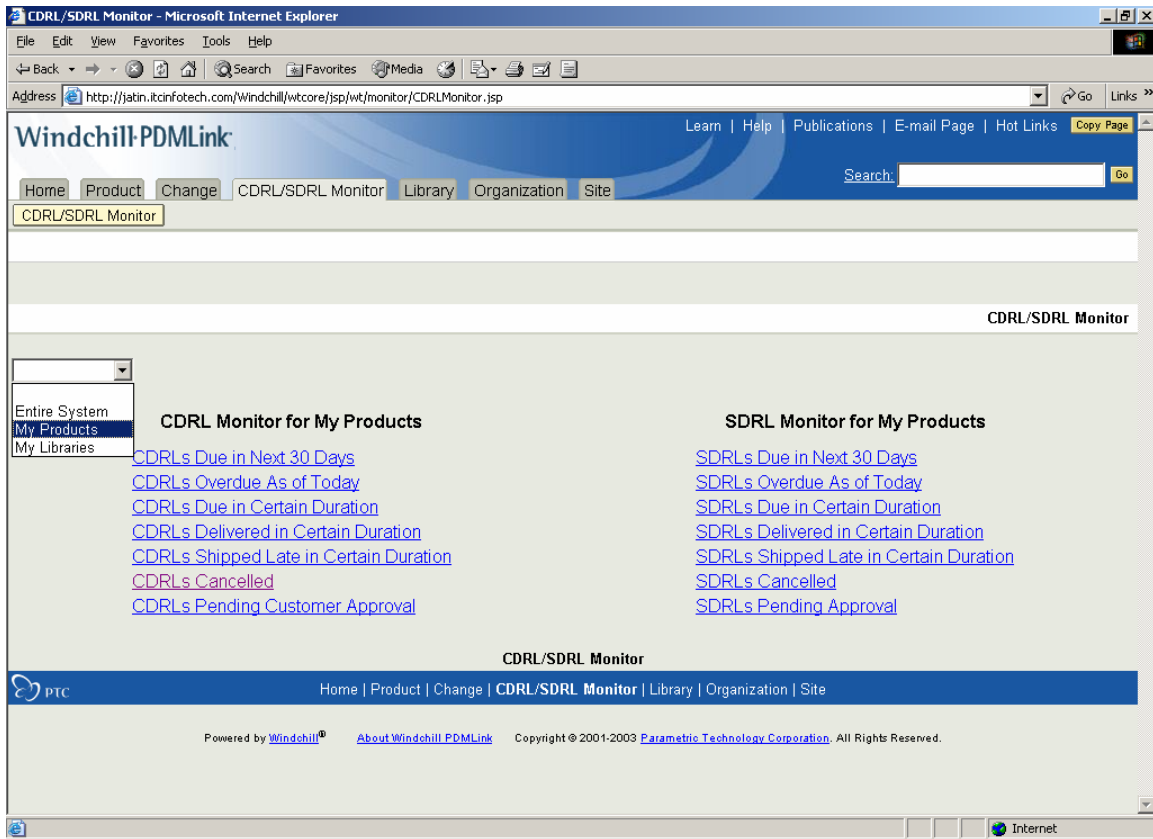
The Contract Delivery Requirements List (CDRL) and Supplier Delivery Requirements List (SDRL) creates and manages lists of A&D Template documents and models (deliverables). The A&D Module CDRL/ SDRL content is based on DoD Form 1423-1. CDRL attributes include Customer/ Supplier name, CAGE Code, Data Item Number, Data Item Description, number, data item name, scheduled and actual delivery dates, transmittal number, acceptance/ approval criterion, and customer/ supplier transmittal number. The A&D Module allows users to create Data Item Lists associated with each Customer/ Supplier along with schedule information (delivery dates). The objects will have a delivery date attribute. The CDRL/SDRL form provides for the attachment of deliverables and CDRL/SDRL data items may be associated to a Product.

CDRL/SDRLs are fully searchable and are managed objects with check-in, checkout, and tracking of data submittal capabilities. CDRL/SDRLs can be associated to a product configuration. A CDRL/SDRL item may be updated to change metadata or record a new delivery. Revision and iteration history of CDRL/SDRL items are maintained.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Add CDRL/SDRL - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The main content area is a form titled "Add CDRL/SDRL". The form is organized into several sections:

- Top Section:** Includes fields for "*CDRL ID:" (with a note: "optional: will auto-generate if no value is entered"), "* Organization ID:" (with a "Search" button), "Cdri Type:" (dropdown menu set to "CDRL"), and "Cdri Category:" (dropdown menu set to "Configuration Management").
- Contract and Item Information:** Fields for "*Contract Line Item Num:", "System Item:", "Data Item Num:", "Authority [DID]:", "DD 250 Req:", "App Code:", and "Transmit Num:". Also includes "Contract Num:", "Title of Data Item [DID]:", "Contract Ref:", "Frequency:", "Date As Of:", and "Customer Supplier Transmit Num:".
- Contractor and Submission Details:** Fields for "Contractor:", "Subtitle:", "Requiring Office:", "Date First Submit:", and "Date Subsequent Submit:".
- Remarks:** A large text area for "Remarks:".
- Date Fields:** "Due Date:", "Submitted Date:", and "Approved Date:".
- Location:** Radio buttons for "Autoselect Folder (/bond's product)" (selected) and "Select Folder" (with a dropdown arrow).
- Footer:** "OK", "Apply", and "Cancel" buttons. A note "* Required Field" is present at the bottom center.

(Fig. 1) CDRL/SDRL form



(Fig. 2) CDRL/SDRL Monitor.

Serialized Parts Management & Traceability

Trace Code identifies the traceability requirement of a component or assembly and is visible in the product structure detail information display. Trace Code is an optional attribute presented for each component in indented product structure displays and reports. Valid Trace Code values are S (serial number), X (serial number and lot number), L (lot number or date), or the default null (traceability is not required). Trace Code is a searchable attribute.

Subsequent traceability behaviors are based on the value of the trace code. Products and product structures are traceable, based on the value of the Trace Code, by the single Lot/Date Code attribute and/or the single Serial Number attribute.

Advanced Effectivity Management

Change effectivity is the process of implementing product or product structure changes while managing the traceability of products and or product structures. Schedule dates, inventory levels, or compulsory corrective actions may drive the changes.

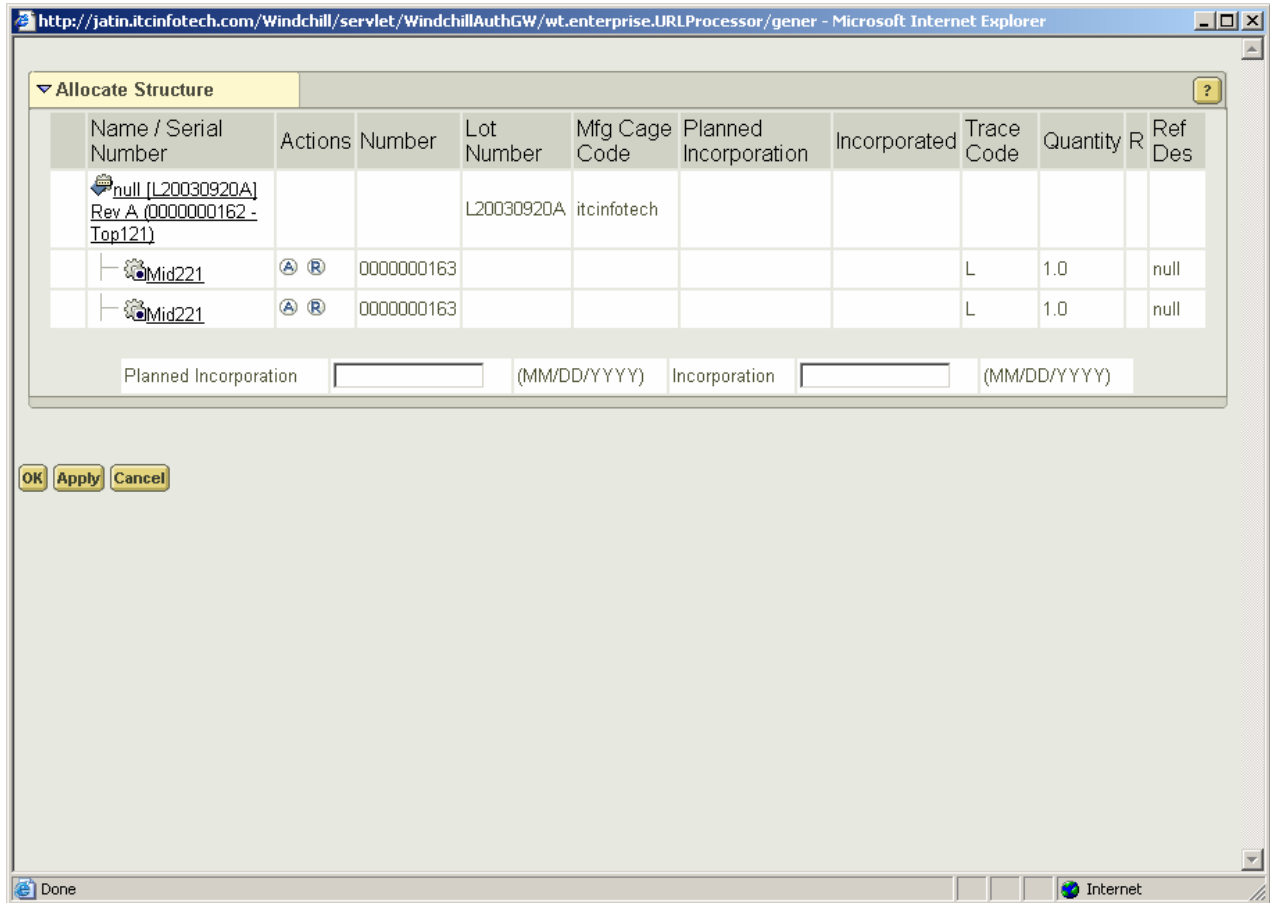
Individual traceable products (determined by the Trace Code) include Lot/Date Code and/or Serial Number for effectivity.

A product in an as-maintained configuration may be replaced by the same product with a different serial number without change to or loss of any other allocation information.

An Alternate Part may replace a part in an as-maintained configuration without change to or loss of any other allocation information maintained by the A&D Module system.

Advanced Configuration Management

Products and Product Structures can be created directly within the A&D Module environment or through the use of supported authoring applications such as ProENGINEER. Defining a product structure with the A&D Module is a top-down process. Defining configurations is a bottom-up process. The user has the choice of allocating and incorporating the serial number (SN), lot codes, or date codes while each configuration level is defined or to complete defining configurations and then begin at the lowest level configuration and complete the allocations for each configuration.



(Fig. 3) Allocating Product Structure.

With the introduction of the Windchill Aerospace & Defense Module for PDMLink, Aerospace & Defense industry users are now able to meet the complex requirements of their customers and improve their own product development processes by managing program information in the context of product lifecycle management.

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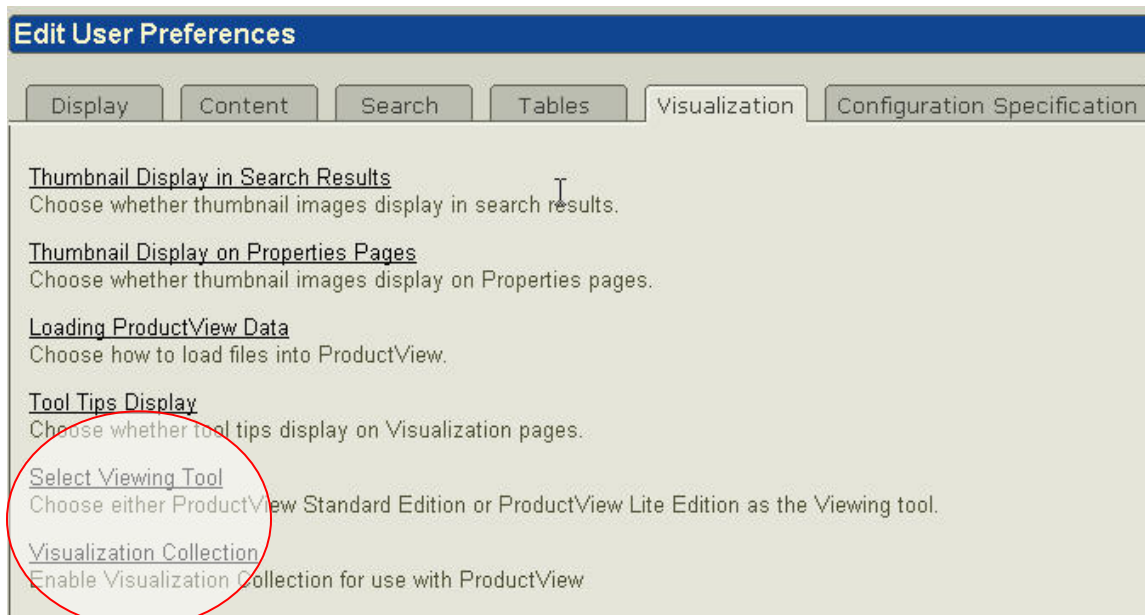
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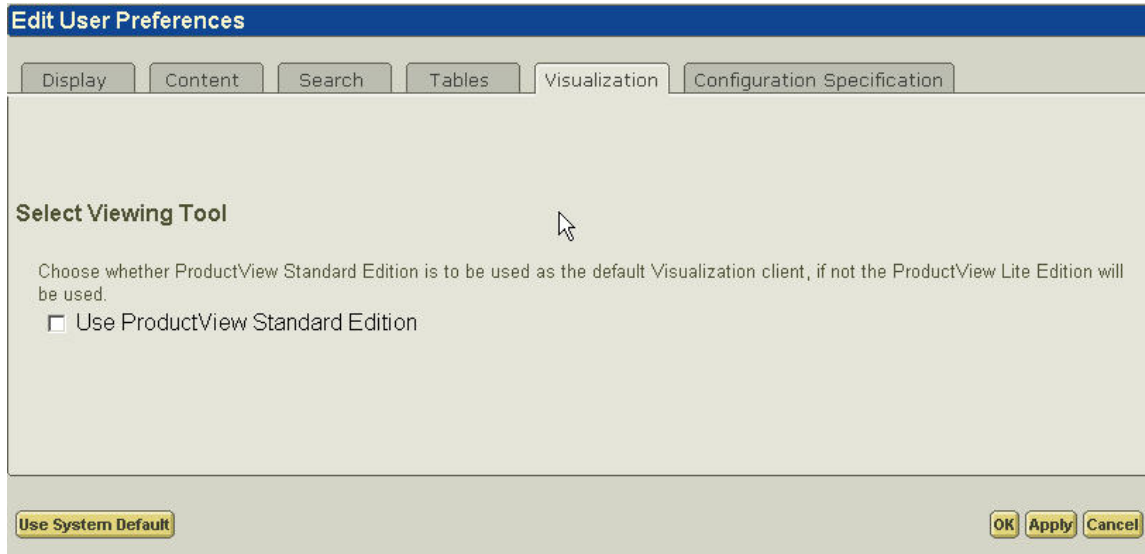
In today's global product development environment, it's not an uncommon requirement for design teams to visualize and collaborate with CAD models authored in a variety of CAD packages. Windchill provides this capability to users efficiently, directly from their desktop, utilizing the integrated ProductView tools. This accelerates the flow of critical design data to the team, significantly boosting productivity and maximizing the product development process.

To visualize heterogeneous CAD data, the Windchill Visualization Collection capability must be enabled. To verify or change your Visualization Collection preferences, select the **Preferences** link in Windchill Home → Utilities. In the Edit User Preferences Window, select the **Visualization** tab and then **Visualization Collection**. Ensure that the Visualization Collection is available for use.

If your MCAD modeling practices defines the creation of geometry and parts in a single global coordinate system, ProductView Lite Edition can be used, if not, the Standard Edition, which provides the mating capability must be used. To switch your preference for ProductView Standard or Lite, select the **Preferences** link in Windchill Home → Utilities. In the Edit User Preferences Window, select the **Visualization** tab and then **Select Viewing Tool**.

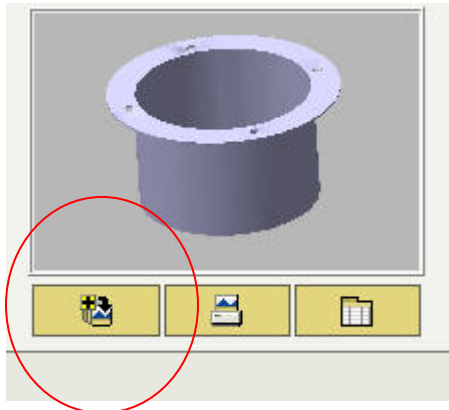


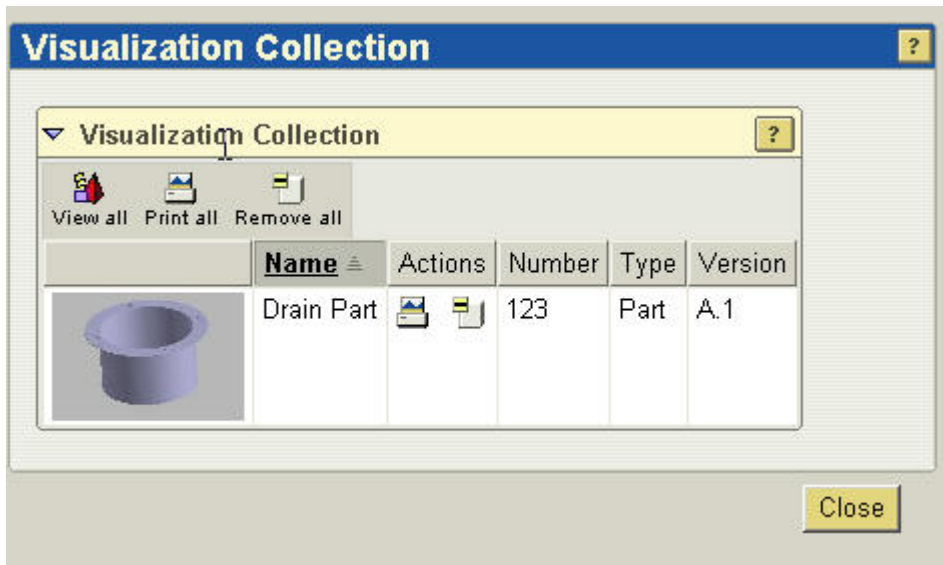
You can now select your ProductView viewing tool preference.



Once you have selected your viewing preferences, you can add your heterogeneous CAD data to a **Visualization Collection**.

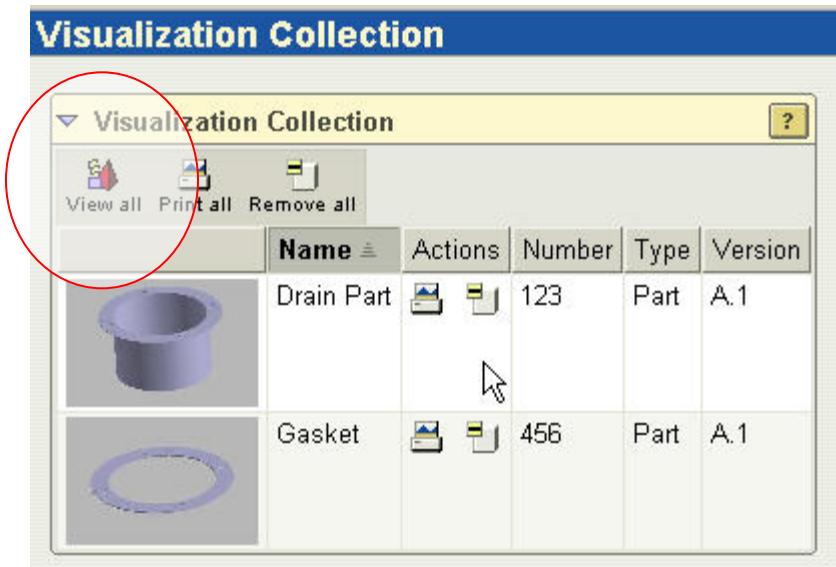
To add a model to the visualization collection, go to its Details page and select the **"Add to visualization collection"** icon just below the part's thumbnail.



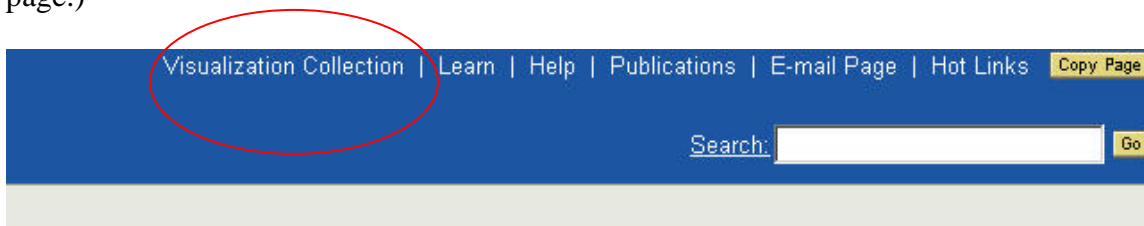


Repeat this process for any additional heterogeneous CAD data models you would like to view.

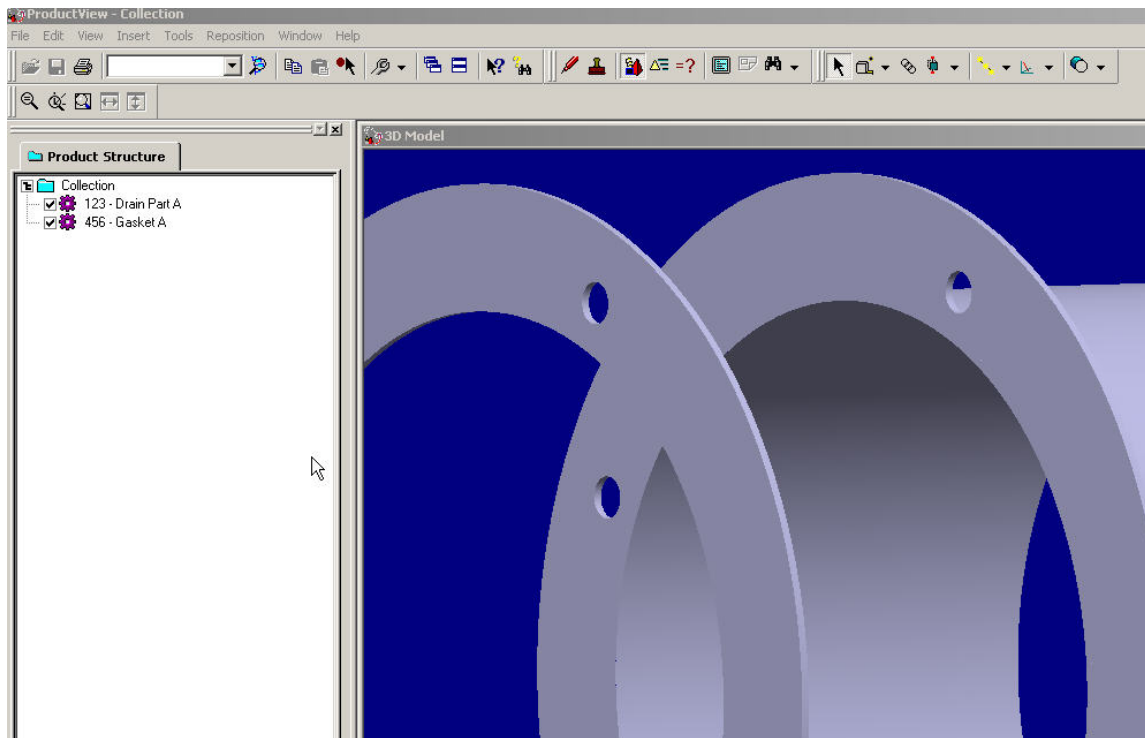
Once your collection is complete, select **View All** from the Visualization Collection.



(Note: You can always access your Visualization Collection from the top of any Windchill page.)



Now you can select your collection and visualize your heterogeneous CAD components. If a global coordinate system was not used, you may need to mate your components.



Mating Components

Use this option to mate the selected component with another component at a specified location and alignment. You must specify the points to mate to and from, along with offset values. There are two parts involved in mating: the movable part (indicated by a blue marker) and the fixed part (indicated by green marker).

To mate two components, follow these steps:

1. First, select the movable part(s).
2. Choose **Reposition > Mate Point to Point**. The Mate dialog box appears. The list of movable parts is shown in the Component box. You can add to this list by dragging other components from the Product Structure tree.
3. Specify a pick target menu option (**View > Pick target**). The option you specify will affect where the parts are mated. You can choose, for example, surface, curve, or point.
4. Next, specify the features you want to mate. These are specified in order - moveable part, fixed part, moveable, fixed, and so on. Click on a feature on the moveable part. A marker with a blue arrow is displayed. This is the primary mating point. Note: If you click on an existing marker (which will highlight it) and click the Tab key, the arrow direction will be reversed.
5. Click a point on the part to join the first part to - this will display a marker with a green arrow. The two arrows indicate the direction of alignment of the two mating points.
6. You can optionally specify X, Y, and Z offsets for the mating origin. The Distance offset can also be changed by dragging either of the colored arrows.
7. Click the Apply button on the Mate dialog box to join the components at the selected to and from points. You can also use the offset values in the Mate dialog box to specify values for the mating.

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- 2) Educate you on solutions that are available at PTC
- 3) Tips & Techniques using PTC Products

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