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FlexPDM F/A (Footwear / Apparel)

FlexPDM F/A (Footwear/Apparel) is a vertical application targeting the Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) business and operational requirements of the Footwear and Apparel industry. Key to providing a successful PLM solution to the F/A industry is delivering a product that can be provided as an out-of-box solution, while allowing companies to buy what they need and evolve the solution as their business needs warrants.

Capabilities Overview

FlexPDM provides several fundamental capabilities for the Retail, Footwear, and Apparel vertical. Each capabilities addresses the unique requirements in this vertical.

- Flexible Object and Data Model Definition - Interactive pages to define and change the object models, relationships, and attributes at any time.
- Seasonal Line Definition - Capture the Season goals, themes, and ideas while developing the relationships to Styles and SKUs.
- Style and SKU Definition - Provides ability to create and manage Styles and associated SKUs in a phased approach.
- Bill of Materials - Ability to fully detail the Bill of Materials of a Style and their associated SKUs.
- Materials Library - Develop and manage a central library of Materials for use in Style and SKU definitions.

- Interactive Reports - Each interactive views or reports allows individuals to review the evolving state of a given Season.

The following sections provide more detail of the functional areas thar addressed by the FlexPDM solution.

Line Planning

The FlexPDM F/A Line Plan Viewer provides the gathering place for all the contributors to your line development effort, reaching across brands, departments, and business units in real time to enable a true collaborative process. Products are represented with detailed information including images, fabrics, and development status. Users can easily configure the Line Plan view based upon their role or responsibility in the organization.

The screenshot shows the Windchill Line Plan Viewer interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Windchill logo and user options like 'User Preferences | LogOut | Help'. Below this is a menu with 'Home', 'Concept', 'Development', 'Product Details', and 'Sourcing Setup'. The 'Line Plan' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'Womens Spring 2005' and 'Line Plan Viewer:'. It includes filters for 'Hide Images', 'Excel Export', and 'Run'. The table below displays product information:















Actions	Image	Department	Classification	Name	Status	Devel
		7 - Knit Tops	1106 - Knit Tunics	03263 - Embroidered sweater	Handoff	kenh
		3 - Dresses	1106 - Knit Tunics	03302 - Long sundress	Initial	kenh
		1 - Outerwear	1101 - Tanks and Shells	04858 - Pullover Hoodie	Active	scottm

Color Management

FlexPDM F/A allows companies to define colors using your preferred color system including pantone, NRF, RGB definition or freeform.

- Integrates with Spectrophotometer technology
- Automated Lab Dip management
- Color Palette control
- Formula and testing management

The screenshot displays the Windchill Color Management interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Windchill' logo, search fields for 'New', 'Find', and 'Reports', and a user profile for 'Admin'. Below this is a menu bar with options like 'Home', 'Concept', 'Development', 'Product Details', and 'Sourcing Setup'. The main content area is titled 'Womens Spring 2005' and includes a 'Seasonal Information' dropdown and an 'Edit' button. The 'Colors' tab is active, showing a table of color definitions.

Actions	Palette Color Name	Color	Pantone Ref
Print			
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Summer Fun	Floral Fun	
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Spring Mist	Summer Mist	
Solid (Pantone)			
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Dark Green	Dark Teal	18-5611 TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Navy Blue	Cadet	17-4020TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Light Green	Hunter	19-5920 TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Soft Blue	18-3963	18-3963
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Brown	19-0712	19-0712
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Plum	19-3712	19-3712
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Beige	Stone	12-4302 TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Green	Sage	15-0326 TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Grey	Slate	18-3818 TC
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Light Red	18-1663	18-1663
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Green	Celery	12-1416 TC
Special			
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	 Dark Red	Poinsetta Red	19-2024 TC

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Seasonal Calendar Management

FlexPDM F/A provides the definition and management of Seasonal Product Lines that are created and maintained from an interactive Webbased Line Plan view.

- Forecasting by Product Categories
- Seasonal Calendar/Timelines
- Add – Drop Management
- Executive Dashboard Reporting

Product Calendars						
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	06/17/2004	07/11/2004	07/24/2004	08/14/2004	08/15/2004	09/21/2004
	Actual	Actual	Target	Target	Target	Target
	06/17/2004	07/11/2004	07/22/2004	08/14/2004	08/15/2004	09/21/2004
	 View Details					
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	06/17/2004	07/11/2004	07/24/2004	08/14/2004	08/15/2004	09/21/2004
	Actual	Actual	Target	Target	Target	Target
	06/17/2004	07/11/2004	07/24/2004	08/14/2004	08/15/2004	09/21/2004
	 View Details					
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	05/31/2004	06/24/2004	07/07/2004	07/29/2004	07/28/2004	09/04/2004
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Target	Target
	05/31/2004	06/24/2004	07/07/2004	07/15/2004	07/26/2004	09/02/2004
	 View Details					
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	05/17/2004	06/10/2004	06/23/2004	07/14/2004	07/15/2004	08/21/2004
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target
	05/17/2004	06/10/2004	06/23/2004	07/14/2004	07/15/2004	08/21/2004
	 View Details					
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	05/05/2004	05/29/2004	06/11/2004	07/02/2004	07/03/2004	08/09/2004
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target
	05/05/2004	05/29/2004	06/11/2004	07/02/2004	07/03/2004	08/09/2004
	 View Details					
	Merchandising Sheets created	Showroom Fit Samples Order	1st Fit Sample Approved	2nd Fit Sample Approved	Line Plan Created	Prod Sample Approved
	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	05/21/2004	06/14/2004	06/27/2004	07/18/2004	07/19/2004	08/25/2004
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
	05/21/2004	06/14/2004	06/27/2004	07/18/2004	07/19/2004	08/25/2004
	 View Details					

Product Data Management

FlexPDM F/A supports Product Data Management definitions including image capture, construction details, points of measure and automated graded measurements based on Product/SKU size runs, providing the ability to create and manage every aspect of your product development infrastructure

- Web Based Product Specifications
- Quick costing
- Real time image markup and collaboration capability
- Configurable forms, fields, security and user interface
- Proven global deployment ensures a rapid return on investment

Bill of Materials (BOM)

FlexPDM F/A provides the ability to fully detail the BOM of a Product/SKU, including detailed Materials costing. Ability to fully detail the BOM of a Style and its associated SKUs, as well as size specific support. Easy to use interactive interface for defining BOM and referencing Materials Library. Include specifics on suppliers, associated color, and source/factory specific BOM details

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Home Concept Development Product Details Sourcing Setup Ken Halgrimson 07/21/2004 - 11:18 AM
 Summary Specification Testing Samples Costing Processes Change Activities History System

Womens Spring 2005 : 06018 - Three-quarter sleeve surplice top Actions: [v]

Product Images Documents Materials Measurements Construction

Bill of Materials: Update

BOM Rollup: \$ 44.01

Row	Part Name	Material	Supplier	Color	Yield	UOM	Color	Price Override	Loss %
Shell 1									
1	Main Shell	Canvas 50% cotton, 50% spandex 50 oz		Floral Fun	2.5	Sq Yard	0	12.5	6
2	Interlining	Fleece 65% polyester, 35% cotton 240 gsm		Sage	1.5	Sq Yard	0	3.5	3
3		Crepe 100% cotton 12.5 oz	Fabrics R Us	18-3963	0.6	Sq Yard	0	1.26	4
4		Canvas 50% cotton, 50% spandex 50 oz		Cadet	0.1	Sq Yard	0	3.55	2
5		Felt 100% wool 210 gsm			0.3		0	2.26	6
6	Outlining	Fleece 65% polyester, 35% cotton 240 gsm	Fabrics R Us	Blue	1.8	Sq Yard	0	3.5	8
7	Lining	Mesh 100% cotton 15 oz			0.7	Sq Yard	0	0	0
Packaging									
1	Primary packaging	For polybag #4			1		0	0	0
Trim									
4		24 ligne stud button	Raf and Sons - Pakistan				0	0	0

Material and Supplier Management

FlexPDM F/A is capable of defining and managing a central library of Fabric and Trim (Materials) for use in Product and SKU definitions. Formalize supplier selection based on price, lead-time, or quality.

- Enables designers, technical specialists, and purchasing to develop and manage a central library of Fabric and Trim (Materials) for use in Style and SKU definitions.
- Ability to collaborate and visually mark up images, prints and graphics in real time.
- Each Material can be associated to one or more Colors and one or more suppliers. Includes the ability to establish supplier specific reference numbers, pricing, approval status, as well as when prices are effective.

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Home Concept Development Product Details Sourcing Setup Ken Hallgrimson 07/21/2004 - 11:16 AM

Details Merchandising Inspirations Silhouettes Colors/Prints & Materials

Womens Spring 2005

Seasonal Information: Edit

Colors Materials Material / Color

Actions	Image	Material	Supplier	Type	Commitment Amount	UOM	Status
Fabric/Knit							
<input type="text"/>		Drop Needle 100% cotton 14 oz	Woven Fabrics	Fabric/Knit	0	Sq Yard	In Work
<input type="text"/>		Fleece 65% polyester, 35% cotton 240 gsm		Fabric/Knit	100,000	Sq Yard	In Work
<input type="text"/>		Mesh 100% cotton 15 oz		Fabric/Knit	50,000	Sq Yard	In Work
Fabric/Woven							
<input type="text"/>		Canvas 50% cotton, 50% spandex 50 oz		Fabric/Woven	50,000	Sq Yard	In Work
<input type="text"/>		Crepe 100% cotton 12.5 oz		Fabric/Woven	20,000	Sq Yard	Under Review
<input type="text"/>		Denim 100% cotton 13.75 oz	Fabrics R Us	Fabric/Woven	50,000	Sq Yard	In Work
<input type="text"/>		Rib 100% cotton 20 oz		Fabric/Woven	0		In Work

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FlexPDM Server Side Plugins

Introduction

Many times in a FlexPDM customization, new business logic may need to be implemented which requires more than a simple GUI customization. Attribute values may need to be derived in complex ways, objects may need to be created, updated, or deleted as a side effect of some other logic, or a complex access control rule might need to be enforced. This business logic would often require custom code that would be integrated with the core Windchill or FlexPDM code and could not be upgraded with new versions easily.

A Server Side Plug-in is a custom, static, java class that is used to perform, or implement, business logic via, and during, the FlexPDM persistence mechanism. The plug-in provides a mechanism to add custom business logic to any object and event on these objects without effecting the code classes. Each plug-in is registered in a properties file and is executed based on the registration criteria, thus allowing a company too add as many new methods to capture their specific business logic without effecting upgradeability.

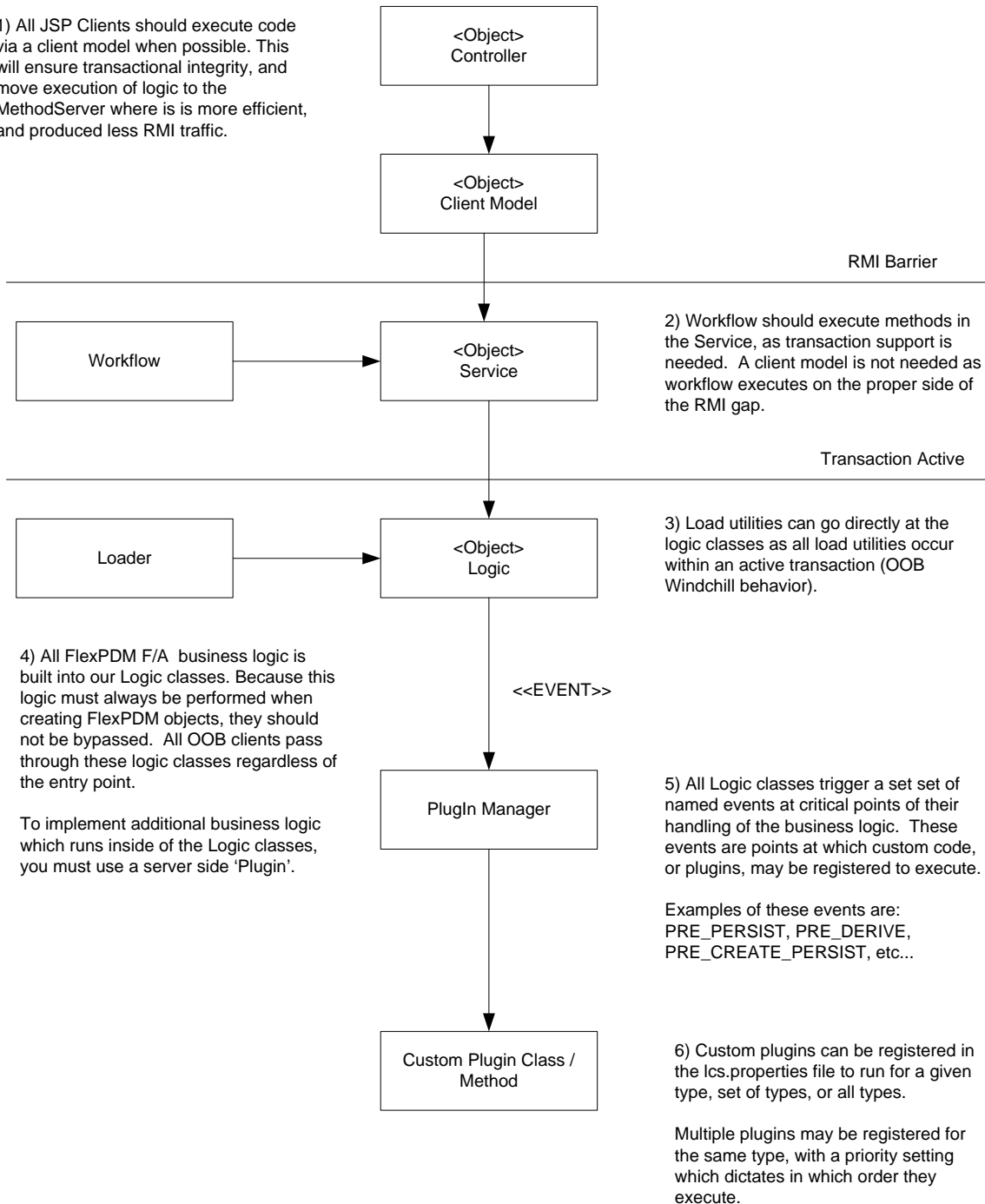
Architecture

These plug-ins occur on the server, rather than embedded within a GUI component to increase performance and portability. Good programming practices indicate that business logic should not be located in the GUI to ensure that the logic is universal and executed regardless of the interface used.

The custom code for the plug-in is placed in a location such that all clients of an action can take advantage of the custom code. Whether it be a JSP, InfoEngine task, workflow, or loader, if the code is inserted into the server side logic, then it will be executed.

The following diagram indicates when the plug-ins are executed relative to a standard Windchill persistence call.

1) All JSP Clients should execute code via a client model when possible. This will ensure transactional integrity, and move execution of logic to the MethodServer where it is more efficient, and produced less RMI traffic.



Creating Server Side Plug-ins

Adding server side plugins to FlexPDM is a simple two step process. First you must create the plug-in class and method, and then you must register the plugin with the FlexPDM PluginManager so that knows when it should execute the plugin.

Step1: Creating the Plugin Class

A server side plugin is fairly simple to create. It can be any java method in any class as long as it meets the following criteria:

1. The method must be static.

2. The method must take one parameter: a WXObject which is the object that the plug-in is registered.

Step 2: Registering the Plugin

Once your plugin test is created, you must register it with the FlexPDM PluginManager. To do this you simply add a line to the custom.lcs.properties file (followed by a MethodServer restart).

In the format above the words surrounded by < > should be replaced with the proper values. Each value is described below:

- <entryNumber> : This is a unique number or sequence for the entry in the properties file. Each plugin that you register should have a different entry number. The number has no importance other than to make the entry unique.
- <targetType> : This is the full path of the type of object you would like the plugin to run on as defined by your Type Manager classification hierarchy. An example might be "Product\\Apparel\Sourced"(insure that double backslash is used as a type seperator), or "Material". If a type is used with is a parent of other types, then the plugin will be run for all child types as well. By using 'Color' as a type, you would be saying that you want the plugin to run for all colors in the system.
- <targetClass > : This is the fully qualified path to the Object which the event is occurring for. An example might be: com.lcs.wc.product.LCSProduct
- <pluginClass>: This is the class name which holds your plugin method. In the code example above, the class name would be 'com.test .PluginTest'
- <pluginMethod>: This is the static method with one WXObject parameter inside of your plugin class. In the above code example it would be 'handleEvent'
- <event>: This is the event which you want the plugin to run. An example might be 'PRE_PERSIST' which would say you want the plugin to run before each object is saved to the database (create or update). See next section for details about different events.
- <priority>: It is possible to register multiple plugins which might qualify for a given business object. For example if you register two plugins for targetClass = com.lcs.wc.color.LCSColor one with targetType = 'Color' and one with targetType = 'Color\Cool Color', when you persist a Cool Color business obect, both plugins will be run. Priority will dictate the order in which the plugins are executed. A priority = 1 will run before priority = 2 and so on.

After attribute values are derived, FlexPDM executes its OOB business logic. Associations are built, products are iterated, placeholders are made, etc. This is the logic that is inherent to how FlexPDM functions. Once this logic is completed, business objects are saved to the database, in other words persisted. A persist can be either a create or an update.

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