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Windchill PartsLink Classification and Reuse

Part duplication and part number proliferation is inefficient and expensive. By reusing existing designs via an online catalog, you can reduce cost and time to market. Windchill PartsLink Classification and Reuse – an integral option for Windchill PDMLink – allows you to organize internal design libraries and make them available to your engineering team through flexible, easy-to-use Web-based library searching mechanisms.

Cost Savings - Most companies have between 5-30% duplicate parts. At an average cost of 10,000 US dollars per new part introduced, this can add up to significant saving quickly. For example, if a parts database has 5000 parts, and has 10% duplicates, the result is 500 duplicate parts at an average cost of 10,000 USD each, or 5 million USD total, which could be saved.

Benefits

- Design product or part classification schemas and develop content for structured product information systems
- Support design reuse and provide decision support tools through parts classification and parametric search

- Optimize the creation, use and reuse of designs at all points in the product development process
- Increased engineering productivity, through parametric searches, graphical navigation, and built-in 3D visualization tools
- Parts management drives faster time to market, better sourcing decisions, increased engineering productivity

Owners of Windchill PartsLink Catalog, typically system librarians or Administrators, will use CounterPart to classify product data and then publish it to Windchill PartsLink Catalog for display in the interactive product catalog.

Understanding Classification Hierarchy: Overview

In its most basic sense, a classification schema is a hierarchy. At the top level of the hierarchy is the Root. There can only be one Root in a classification hierarchy. Below the root are parent nodes and child nodes. Any object that has a child node beneath it is a parent node. (In a sense, therefore, the ROOT level itself is a parent to the parent nodes beneath it.) Parent nodes can have more than one child node. The term family refers to a class and all classes below it in the tree. The term sibling refers to children with the same parent node. A leaf is a node with no children.

CounterPart automatically applies the attributes of the parent to the children beneath it. This is called inheritance. For example, if a parent node contains the attribute Color, then all children beneath the parent node will also have the Color attribute. By automatically applying inheritance to the children, CounterPart helps speed up the process of classifying your products.

A PTC classification system consists of a hierarchy containing classes, attributes, values, and units.

More information can be found at

<http://www.ptc.com/products/windchill/partslink-classification-and-reuse>
http://www.ptc.com/WCMS/files/51815/en/2357_WindchillPartsLink_DS_EN.pdf

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Windchill PartsLink: Creating your own Parts Catalogue

In the following scenario we will create a classification to catalogue software IP used in the design of SOC (System on a Chip) Integrated Circuits. After the creation of this Classification Schema our IP Design Centers around the Globe will all be able to leverage each other's pre-existing IP data. It is believed that leveraging pre-existing IP your company will save 10 million per year. Your particular needs may be to catalogue gears, springs, mechanical fasteners, electrical parts, or software components.

Before you begin research and document how you want to structure the schema/ hierarchy

- Mechanical Parts
 - o Bearings
 - Roller Bearings
 - Thrust Bearings
 - o Valves
 - Manual
 - Solenoid
 - normally Open
 - normally Closed

You should document the parameters you wish to associate to each node of the schema.

- OutsideDiameter
 - o Thread_Pitch
 - Grip_Length
 - Max_Load

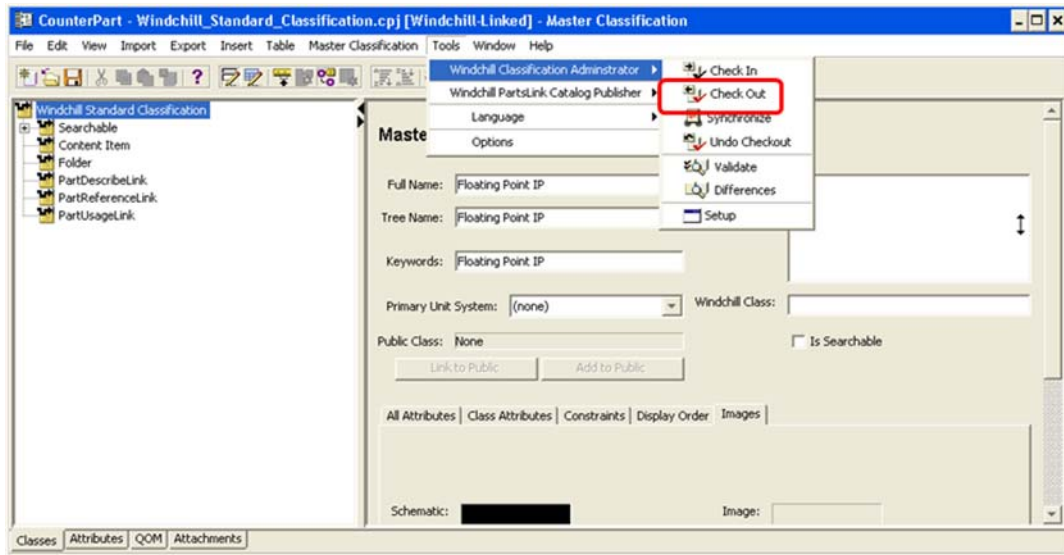
It is also useful to locate pictures which will represent each Node of the schema.

During the installation of PartsLink, CounterPart (our Component Classification application) and its shortcut was installed on your hardware.

The executable is located at ../counterpart/bin/counterpart.bat

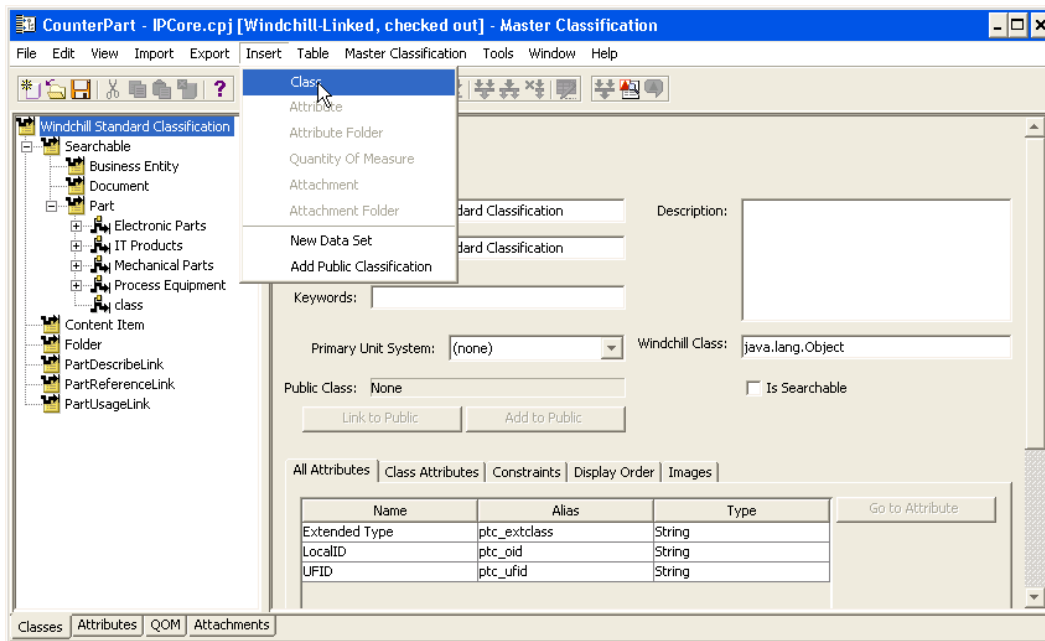
Creating a Part Classification

After launching and authenticating onto Counterpart you will see the following screen. Select Tools/Windchill Classification Administrator/ Check Out to begin creating a new Searchable Classification.

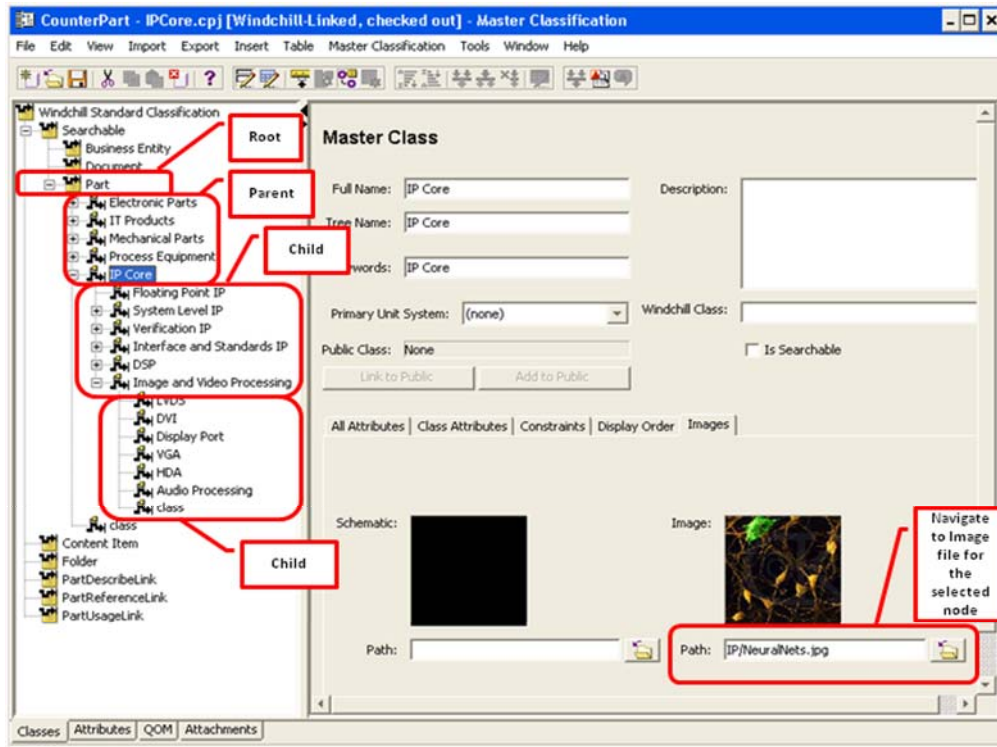


Adding a new Part Type

- Navigate to Part in the folder view
 - o Select Searchable/Part
- From the Top Menu
 - o Select Class/give the new part classification structure a name (IP Core)
 - This will be the Root node of your new structure

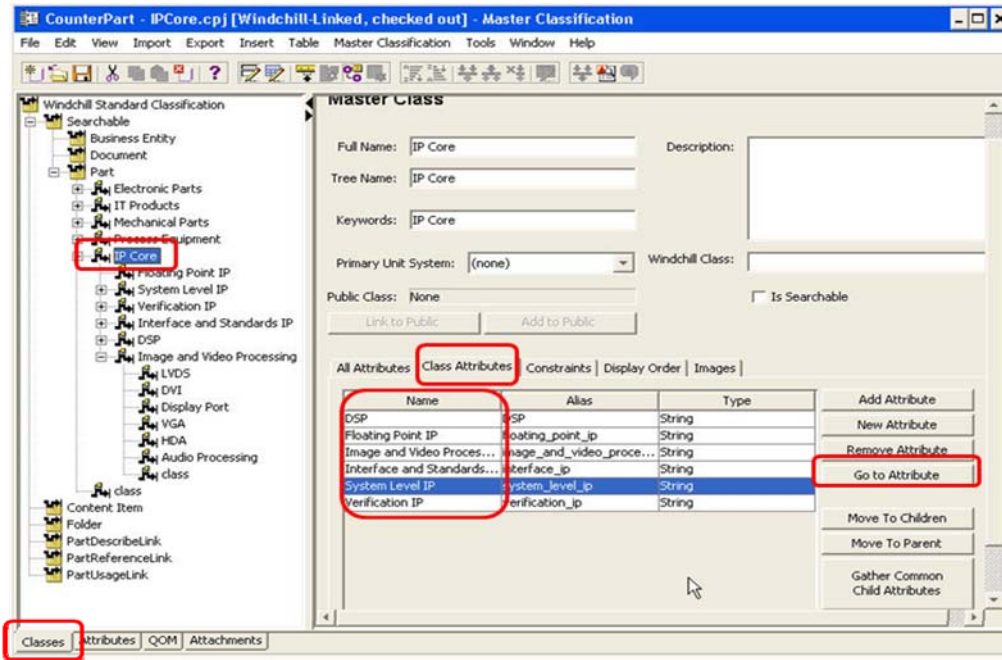


Double click the Root node to add Parent nodes and Child nodes following the same process as mentioned previously. You can attach a picture to represent each node. This will allow you to build you schema /hierarchy as you had documented. You can also navigate by Schematic or choose not to display an image.

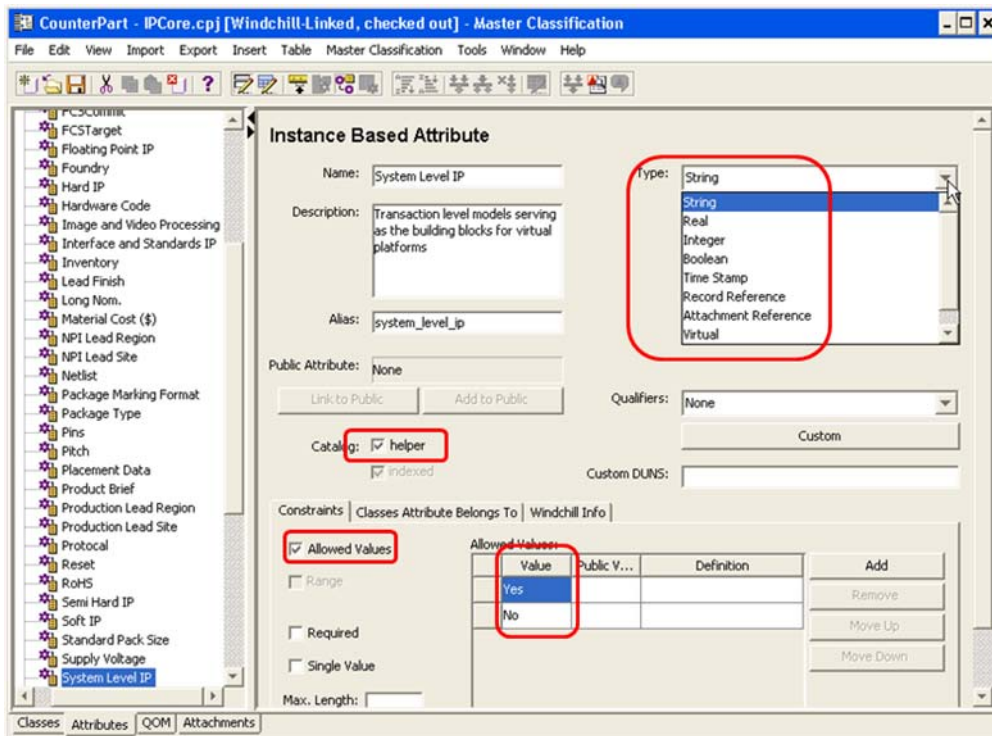


Defining Attribute Behavior

With the Classes navigation tab selected, double click the Parent Node of the classification you created. Listed will be the Attributes for the Children of the Parent node. Select the Attribute you wish to define and select “Go to Attribute” from the operation selection on the right side.



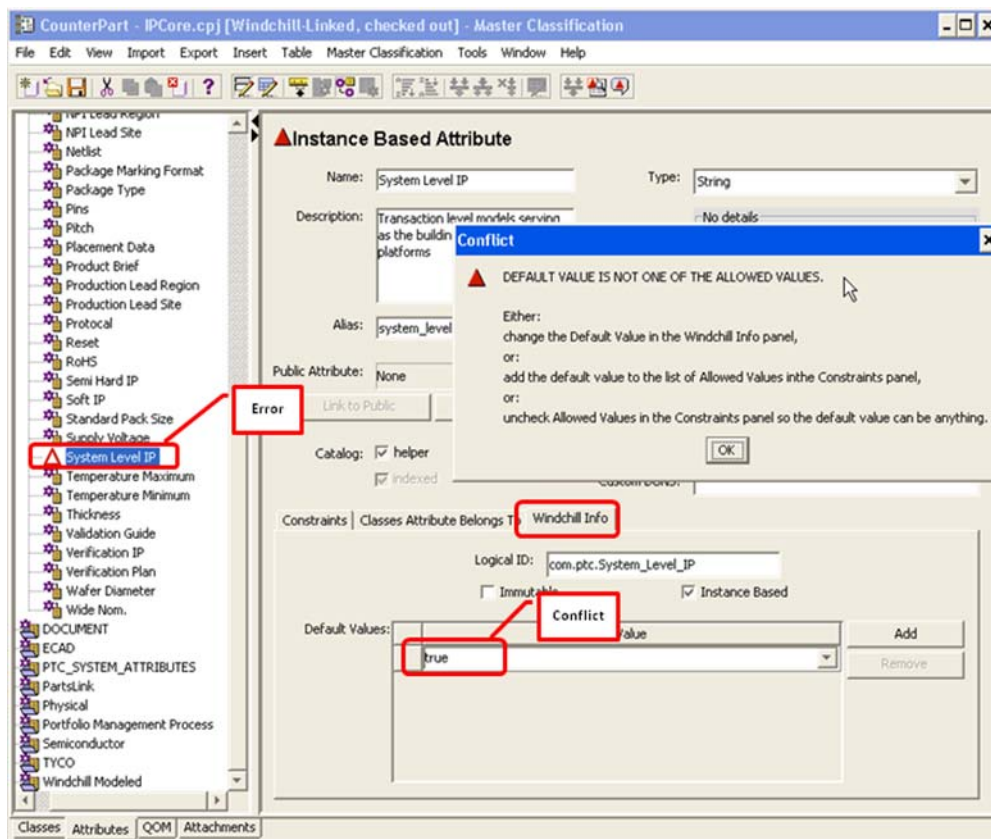
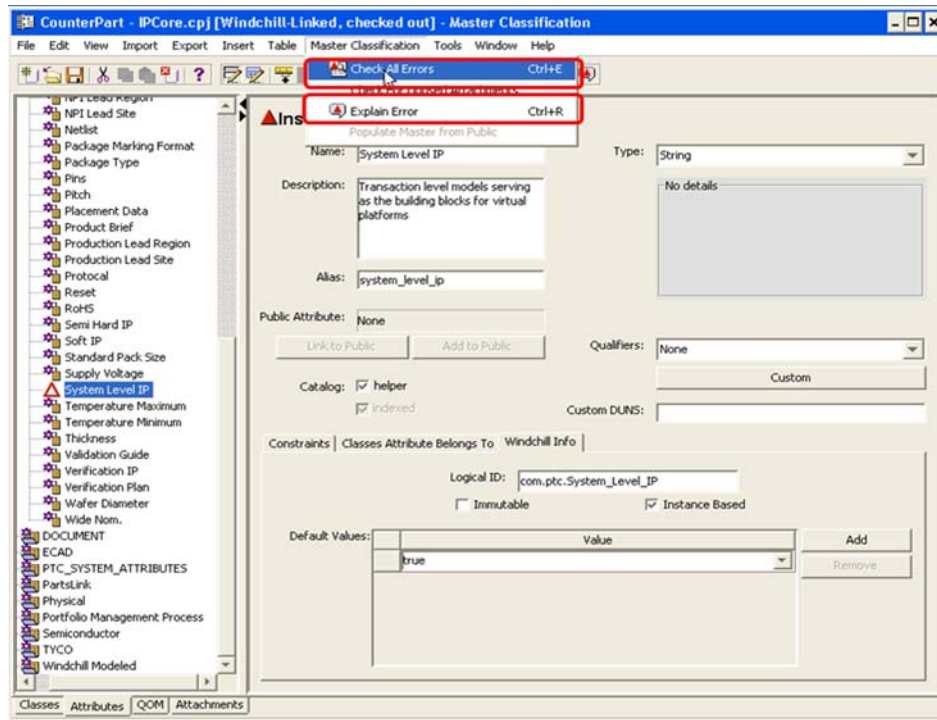
Selecting the “Go to Attribute” will display the window allowing the behavior of the Attribute to be configured.



Repeat the process until all the searchable attributes have been populated under their appropriate node. Note: You can create all the attributes for a node and Push them to the children.

Verify your work & Check-in

Select Master Classification/Check for Errors from the Main menu. Select Explain Error if needed after highlighting the error.



The allowed value for the Under the Windchill Info Tab was set to “true”. This conflicts with the Allowed Values set on my Constraints tab which allowed only a “Yes” or “No”.

Once the correction was made the error disappears. It is CAP sensitive.

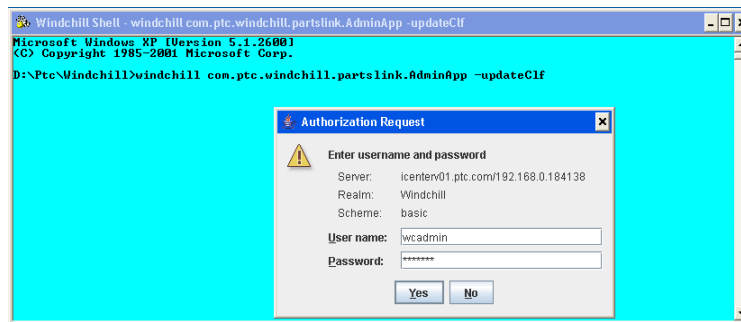
Check-in and Update the Classification in PartsLink

Select Tools/Windchill Classification Administrator/ Check In.

Add the Image files to ...\\Windchill\\codebase\\netmarkets\\jsp\\websearch\\attachments\\clf

Run the following from a Windchill Shell:

- **‘windchill com.ptc.windchill.partslink.AdminApp updateClf’**
 - wcadmin/wcadmin
 - This can take a few minutes
 - This command updates the classifications within PartsLink

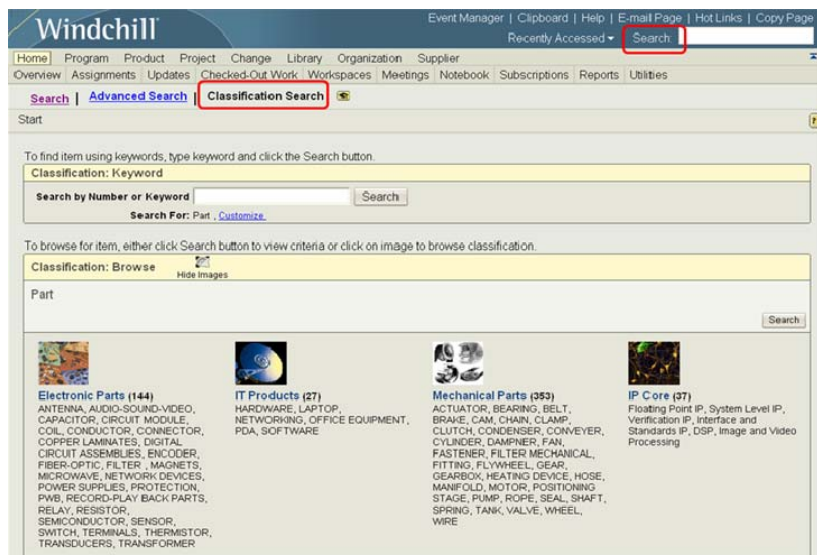


End Result

A searchable structure for component reuse

In the example, the IP components need to be associated to the correct classification node.

There are other methods to create, import and export these classifications which can make the classification process even easier.



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If you have any questions about these sessions or would like to see getting other courses, not on this list, on the schedule please feel free to contact me for more details. They are a great way to bring training to you without you having to worry about location or being out from work for long stretches.

You can register for these sessions just as you would for any normal ILT class either by:

1. calling order admin at <http://www.ptc.com/services/edserv/training/registra.htm> or
2. you can go to PTC University directly at <http://www.ptc.com/learning> and submit a registration request directly. All you have to do is search the catalog by typing in “virtual” in the search field and you will see a listing.

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- 1) Inform you on events related to PTC products (user groups, conferences, training schedules, etc.)
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