

ILC EDMS Selection Committee Progress Report

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Committee Members

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Charge to the Committee

The committee should recommend a specific web based software solution, which may mean an integrated collection of distinct software packages that will allow ILC collaborators worldwide to store, search for and retrieve various kinds of documents.

At least three basic kinds of documents must be handled:

- 1. meeting/conference/seminar related files
- 2. publications/white papers/notes and
- 3. engineering documents:
 - CAD drawings, cost estimates, vendor quotes, and QC documents.



Timeline (from Charge)

A progress report to the GDE should be made at the December 2005 meeting. It is hoped that a decision can be made early enough in 2006 that implementation, testing and backfilling of the archive can occur before the fourth meeting of the GDE in March 2006, with release to the general ILC community targeted to April 1, 2006.



Status

A decision has been made to recommend a product suite composed of

- InDiCo meeting management
- CERN Document Server general documentation
- UGS TeamCenter CAD and ILC "Lifecycle Management" (jargon for: part design, versions, manufactured instances, installation, operation, maintenance & decommissioning)

ILC Specific servers have been commissioned

- InDiCo: http://ilcagenda.cern.ch/
- CDS: http://ilcdoc.cern.ch/

Negotiations for ILC-devoted technical support of these products with CERN DG and DESY Research Director have begun



Why This Talk Today?

In an ideal world (think restaurant, commercial software) some group would package all the tools, load them with content, debug the system and have a trained support staff ready before "product launch"

You never have a second chance to make a first impression

However, we view the GDE as venture cap investors not customers and we want to take opportunity of this meeting to discuss the best way to proceed before the "initial public offering" to the wider ILC community

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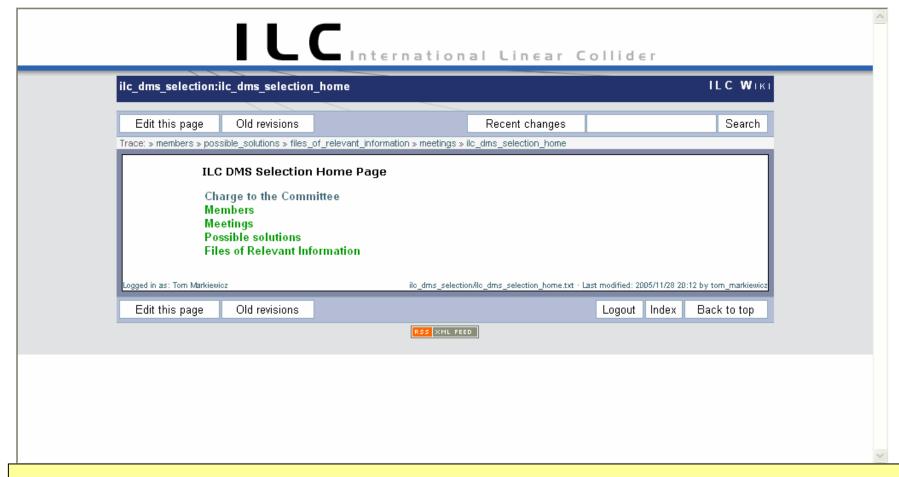


Treading the Slippery Slope Between Recommendation, Implementation, Configuration & Support

- The EDMS Selection Committee is not qualified and has not agreed to do anything other than to recommend and justify its recommendation
 - Lars is an expert; John as well, but now a chief
- There are many other stakeholders who need to be consulted regarding configuration
 - DCB, CCB, relevant Engineering and IT departments
- Embedding these tools in an appropriate environment along with other tools required for effective international communication (email-listservers, discussion boards, wikipages, vid-con, tel-con,...), secure yet convenient user authentication, project management tools (cost breakdown and work breakdown tools) and creating a support team will be essential if ILC wants a unfragmented knowledgebase
 - We strongly recommend that Exec Comm takes action here



Access to Tools Through EDMS Web Page: Possible Solutions



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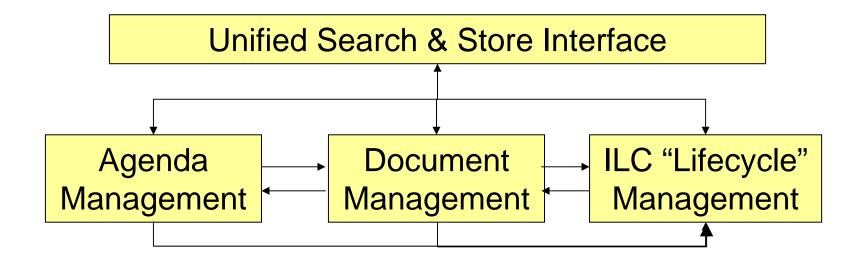


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Possible Solutions Table of Contents Possible Solutions Edit InDiCo. InDiCo CERN Document Server (CDS) SLAC WBS Tool. InDiCo Home Page The CERN InDiCo Server Note that ~20000 meetings recorded in the CERN CDS Agenda have been converted to InDiCo and are in the process (as of 2006.01.17) of being migrated to the InDiCo production server. Slides presented during InDiCo demo at 2005.11.08 meeting of by Thomas Baron Talk on InDiCo given at 2005.10.10 HEPiX meeting at SLAC by Thomas Baron. Proposed InDiCo Tree Structure for ILC and Related Questions InDiCo Questions and Answers InDiCo Bugs Reported by Users InDiCo Wish List Items Submitted by Users ILC InDiCo Server ILC InDiCo Registration Page ILC InDiCo Help & Documentation Note that the main meeting user documentation may not at first be evident among the many files meant to provide help to conference setup. Edit CERN Document Server (CDS) CERN Document Server, opening at Search Page Another point of access to CERN Document Server, with latest news CDS Software Consortium Demo of CERN Document System by Jean Yves Le Meur ILC Document Server Edit SLAC WBS Tool WBS Tool Home Page Example of htm code to display wbs



Eventual Top Level Architecture



Before it declares success and retires, EDMS committee will work with current technical experts to

- •implement a basic version of this architecture
- •devise an interim support model, upgrade path & schedule



Monolithic vs. Separate Products

Considering the phase transitions the EDMS is meant to span

gaseous to frozen scientific to engineering light to heavy

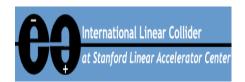
free submission to controlled submission many untrained users to relatively few highly trained users

all roughly correlated to period when variants in design & configuration is done by physicists and is to be encouraged and facilitated vs. period when strict engineering change control by project managers, engineers, designers and purchase agents is desired, we did not think a monolithic solution would be viable.



What is NOT in the EDMS

- It would be technically easy to incorporate listserver and bulletin board like content
- Nonetheless, it was decided to ask the submitter to make a conscious decision to "archive" the results of an email thread or discussion board summary, rather than to automatically incorporate all communication
- Once a conscious decision is made, an individual or group can post anything it wants with whatever level of review it decides is appropriate



Justification of Choice in a Nutshell

Once the model became one where "best of breed" was allowed:

INDICO was chosen for its "value added" meeting & conference management features, CDS Agenda heritage, strong support team with active plans for product improvement & willingness to host ILC

Deciding whether or not to merge document management, which has a component of "change control" or "management authorization" with the EDMS products that have good but "heavy" "work flow" engines was difficult. Need, especially at this point in ILC lifecycle to encourage communication led to decision to use separate product. CDSware was chosen as it will eventually be integrated with InDiCo, has flexible work flow configuration, strong support team & willingness to host.

We do feel a beta test is required before this decision is cast in stone.

Decision between Axalant (CERN/LHC) and Teamcenter (DESY/XFEL) products for hard-core EDMS came to conscious choice of a "tightly" coupled 3D CAD-EDMS Teamcenter designed to support collaborative engineering over the battle tested older product used to build the LHC that uses an "integration team" to ensure part compatibility. Intrinsic to this decision was the admission by all parties that:

TeamCenter had all the basic hooks required to develop its "work flow" and needed time & experience

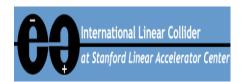
CERN would help in this effort

Tight-coupling between "privileged" CAD systems did not exclude ANY CAD system used in the manner employed at CERN

More on this topic later.

An ILC specific instance and beta testing recommended here as well.

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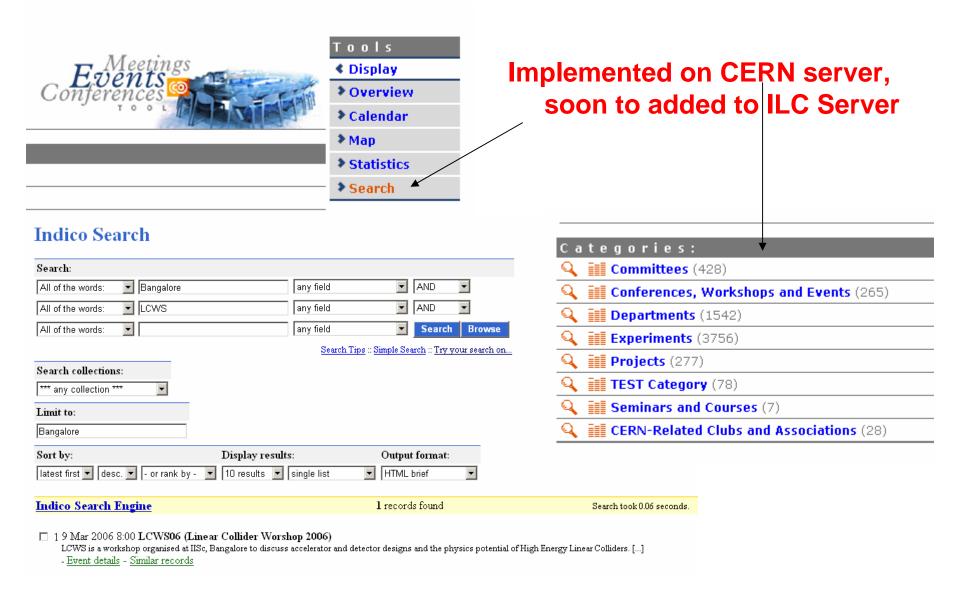
ILC InDiCo Server



Basic category "tree" discussed with ExecComm & implemented "Managers" appointed for each category
Beta-testers recruited: ~50 meetings in system
TWM fields questions & punts to CERN when required
Start of a "Wish list," "Bug List" & "Q&A" on EDMS wiki



InDiCo Search





ILC Document Server



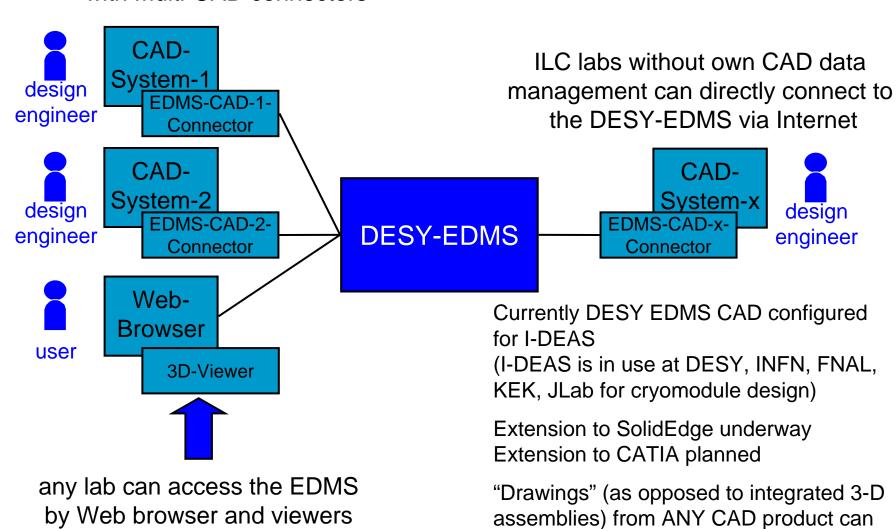
Site created so that ILC can understand how to best set "collection" types, "category" types and work flow (approval chain)

CCB (N.Toge) asked to be first beta tester for multi-part BCD document NO ILC customization or testing done yet.



Relation between EDMS & CAD

DESY operates a Web-based EDMS with Multi-CAD connectors



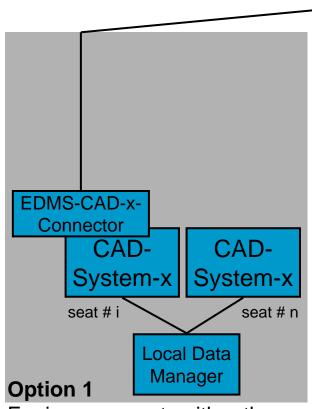
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assemblies) from ANY CAD product can

At least three options exist for connecting ILC labs which are operating their own local data managers to the DESY-EDMS, depending on the nature of their CAD systems

DESY-EDMS

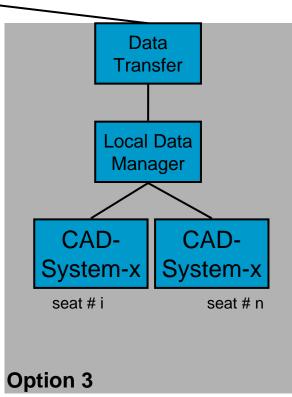
and data managers:



Engineers save to either the local data manager or to the DESY-EDMS

EDMS-CAD-1-Connector CAD-System-1 Im-/Export CAD-CAD-System-y System-y seat # i seat # n **Local Data** Manager **Option 2**

Engineers export from locally connected CAD-y seat and import into DESY-connected CAD-1 seat (and vice versa)



Engineers exchange data between their local data manager and the DESY-EDMS (direct connect, transfer file ...)



Real Time EDMS Examples

- Example 1: US Industrial Cost Study for RDR
 - Would like a complete package of drawings for vendors to study in order to estimate US cost of Type III+ cryomodule
 - 3D solid model has just been created using combination of DESY and INFN components (inside DESY EDMS)
 - BOM includes a list of all the parts but many parts do not yet have associated drawings. Drawings may exist but are not yet related to the parts.
 - Question: Do I have the latest drawing and is it consistent with the 3D model and what is actually being built?
 - <u>Answer</u>: Would be YES if everyone was properly using the same data files in a shared EDMS
 - Eventually there will be slight regional variations of the drawings (language, standards, common sizes) but still want to keep as much of the design consistent as possible.



Real Time EDMS Examples (cont'd)

- Example 2: Tunnel Layout
 - There may be as many as three different tunnel layouts being worked on right now
 - Question: Is everyone using consistent dimensions for components (cryomodule, klystrons, waveguides, etc.) and do these components reflect the latest information from the Technical and Area Groups?
 - Answer: Would be YES if everyone was properly using the same data files in a shared EDMS. Could even assure that proposed changes in the tunnel layout could get "approved" by technical experts before they are accepted. Sharing 3D model files would save time, assure consistency and help eliminate errors.



Conclusion

- The EDMS committee recommends the approach outlined in this talk
- A complete light-weight instance should be configured and implemented by an expanded team of interested parties and the result tested enough to approve/reject before 100% project approval
- Action by director, executive committee, RDR matrix leaders and users required if this is to go smoothly.
 - Good will and patience during learning period would be beneficial as well, even if "it wasn't invented here"

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