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1 Application overview

You can use myPLM to run applications in various configurations. Such configurations may include application settings, a choice of product licenses, plug-ins and add-ons, files, and other aspects.

For users

Users can easily choose their required configuration in the myPLM user interface from a tree or list and additional option panels.
For administrators

Administrators can define configurations in a modular fashion. myPLM provides ways to resolve dependencies between modules, to define the priority of competing settings, and to implement user and group permissions. myPLM allows for both central and distributed administration.

At the technical level, myPLM supports various ways of customization:

- Generate configuration files, such as CATIA environment files
- Define system variables, as used by Siemens NX and many other applications
- Set command line switches when starting an application
- Move files into place (resources, templates, configuration files, properties files for Java applications, ...)
- Special operations using customer-specific myPLM plug-ins
- ...

myPLM is the evolution of myV5. It has been designed to meet the special requirements of PLM and CAD software like CATIA V5, CATIA V6, and Siemens NX. At the same time, myPLM is flexible enough to work with configurations of almost any software application on Windows and major UNIX systems.
2 User interface description

Menu
Toolbar
Newsticker
Applications
Company logo
Add-ons
Options
Message
Start button
Web link
Items marked with an asterisk * depend on the myPLM configuration and may be unused disabled by the administrator.

**File menu**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Menu Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reread XML</td>
<td>Manually reread the myPLM XML file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>Exit myPLM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Add favorite</td>
<td>Create a shortcut to the currently selected application, add-ons, and options.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Edit favorites</td>
<td>Edit favorites</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* (List of favorites)</td>
<td>Select an application, add-ons, and options.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A favorite is a shortcut to a certain selection. Choosing a favorite does not automatically start the selected application.</td>
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**Options menu**

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<th>Menu Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>* (Custom entries)</td>
<td>Select the respective options.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Metal, Nimbus, CDE/Motif, Windows, Windows Classic</td>
<td>User interface style of the myPLM window. The available choices depend on the Java installation.</td>
</tr>
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**Tools menu**

There can be several tools menus with customized names.

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<td>* (Custom entries)</td>
<td>Start the respective tools.</td>
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**Help menu**

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<tr>
<td>Reference</td>
<td>Display the reference manual (for administrators)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User manual</td>
<td>Display the user manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Check myPLM update</td>
<td>Manually check for an update of the myPLM application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Check OEM environment update</td>
<td>Manually check for updates of OEM environments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>About myPLM</td>
<td>Display myPLM version information</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Expand selected
Click this button to expand the selected tree node.

Collapse selected
Click this button to collapse the selected tree node.

Expand all
Click this button to expand all tree nodes.

Tools and favorites
Click these additional buttons to start a tool or select a favorite.
Tools are also available on the Tools menu or other customized menus.
Favorites and tools are only shown on the toolbar if an icon has been set. All favorites are available on the File menu.

News ticker
The news ticker is available depending on an administrator setting. Click the news ticker to display the next message, or to start and stop scrolling.

Company logo
In this space, a logo can be displayed. The file is myPLM_Logo.png and located in the myPLM admin directory.

Applications
This frame shows the available applications, as defined by the administrator. Entries are shown as a simple list or in a tree structure.
Some entries may have a context menu. In particular, the context menu for CATIA applications may contain options to backup, restore, or delete user settings.
If automatic update checks are enabled, a symbol next to the environment icon indicates whether the various OEM environments are up to date:

- **Check mark** = The OEM environment is up to date.
- **Cross** = The OEM environment is outdated. An update is available.
- **Exclamation mark** = The update check has failed.

**Example:**

![Environment Icon]

**Add-ons**

This frame shows add-ons available for the selected applications. Select the add-ons to start with the application. For example, you can choose CAVA and Q-Checker as add-ons for a CATIA session.

The context menu provides an alternative way to select add-ons, and to deselect all add-ons.

Double-click the title bar of the add-ons frame to show the available add-ons in a separate dialog with advanced options for selecting add-ons.

![Add-on Shuttle]

**License configuration**

Choose a license configuration.

**Message**

The status bar shows status messages when you start an application.

**Web link**

Click this area in the status bar to display a webpage. By default, this links to the TechniaTranscat website. You can specify a different link using the the –Dbrowser command line parameter.
User interface style

The user interface style ("Look and Feel") depends on the Java installation. Customized user interface styles can be added. Search the Java online documentation at https://docs.oracle.com for "Look and Feel", or search the internet for plug-ins like "J Tattoo".

Example of the myPLM interface with customized user interface style
3  Favorites

3.1  About favorites

A favorite is a shortcut for selecting an application, add-ons, and options in the myPLM window.

All favorites appear on the File menu. Favorites with an icon are also available on the toolbar. If the path of a favorite is unavailable, the respective menu entry and button are greyed out and cannot be selected.

The favorites function may be disabled by the myPLM administrator.

3.2  Add a favorite

To store the currently selected application, add-ons, and license configuration as a favorite, choose File > Add favorite.

In the favorite dialog, enter a name for the new favorite.

Optionally, you can set an icon. Favorites with an icon appear on the File menu and also on the toolbar. Favorites without an icon only appear on the File menu.

3.3  Edit favorites

To edit favorites, choose File > Edit favorites.
To change the order of favorites, select an entry and click the *Move up* or *Move down* button.

To edit the selected favorite, click *Edit entry*. You can rename the favorite, change its icon, and manually change its definition.

To delete the selected favorite, click *Delete entry*.

### 3.4 Export and import favorites

You can export favorites to a file, and import them again. You can use these functions to create a backup of your favorites, or to exchange them between myPLM installations.

**Export favorites**

1. Choose *File > Edit favorites*.
2. Click *Export*.
3. Choose a file name and location, and click *Save*.

**Import favorites**

1. Choose *File > Edit favorites*.
2. Click *Import*.
3. Choose the file to be imported, and click *Open*.

On import, existing favorites of the same name are replaced. New entries are added at the bottom of the list.