

Clearly OSLC is the Answer - But what are the Questions?

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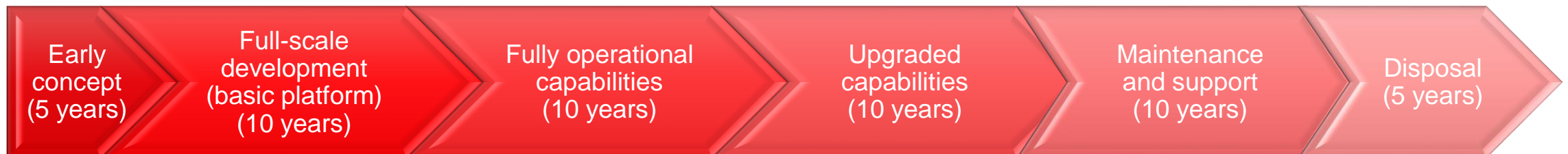


What is a Saab?



System characteristics

- Long lifecycles Safety critical systems
- Continuous development
- Development system life is substantially **shorter** than System life
- Historical observation
 - Need to replace development system **trice** over the life of the system



Consequences

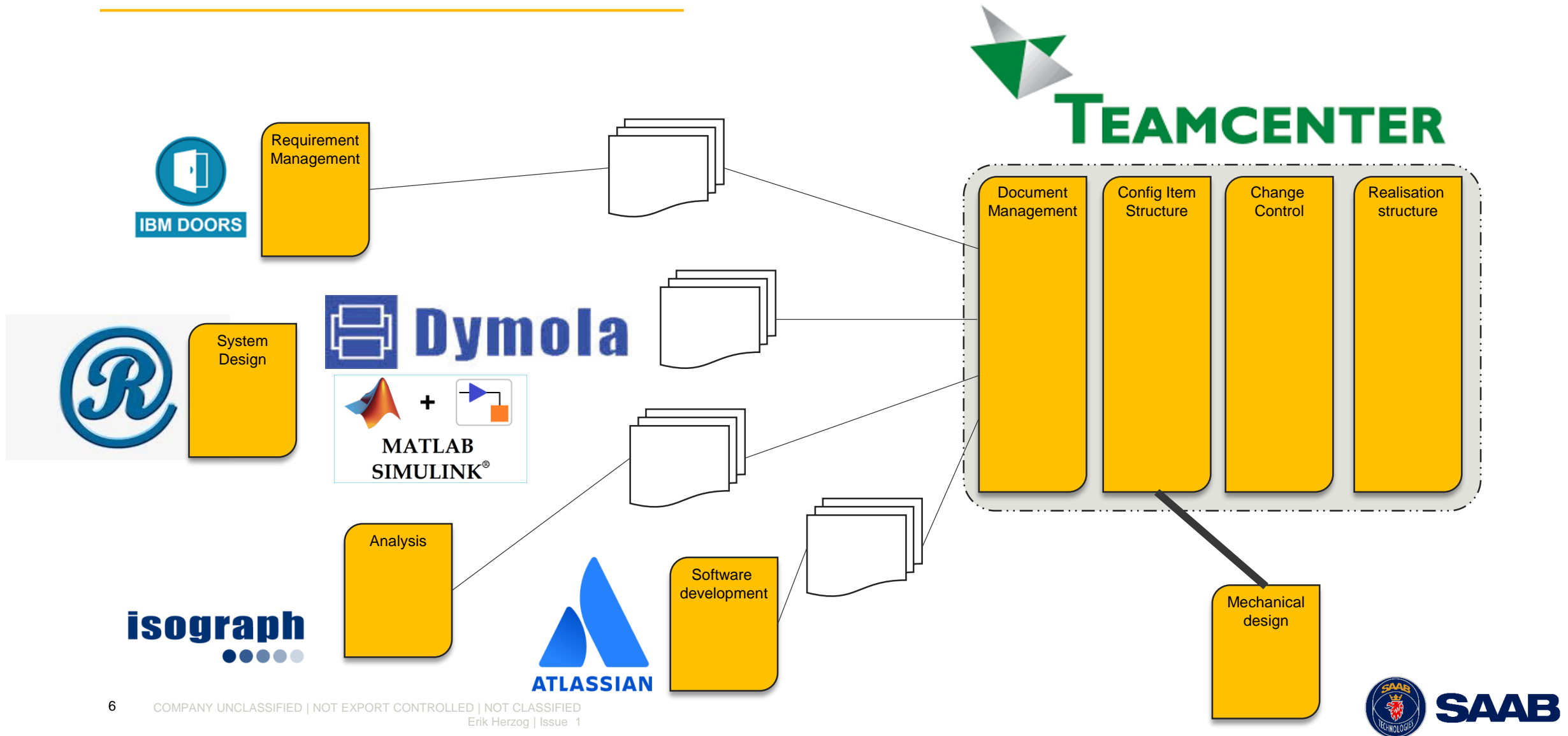
New strategic directions for thriving in the new **unpredictable** world:

- Alignment with best **international practise**
- Need to architect organisation and development environment for **Flexibility**
 - Optimise **overall capability**
 - Ability to adapt the latest **processes, methodology and tools**
- Quick adaptation to **new product development scenarios**
 - At **low cost**



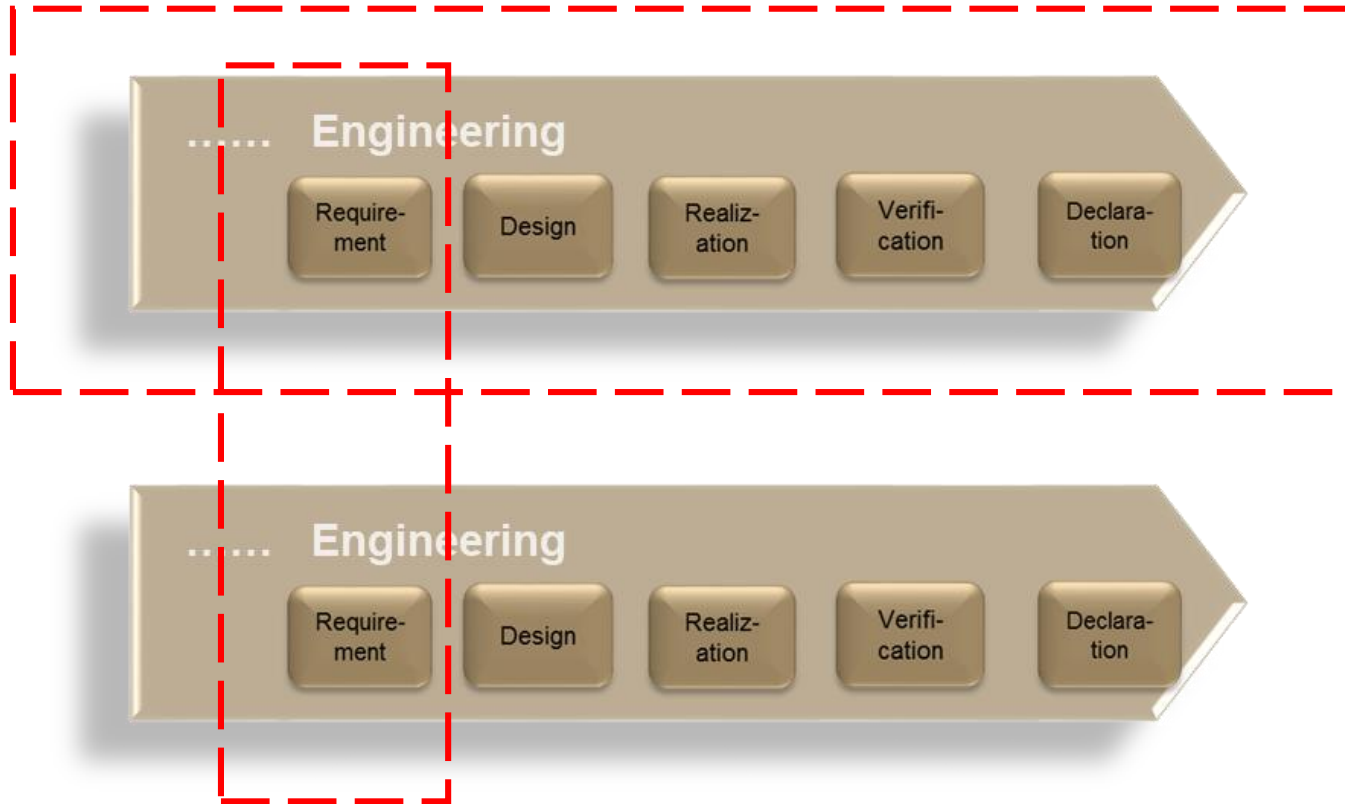
The real world we are living in

The problem – an illustration



Where we want to go

The need – standard based integration



Integration within a process flow – creating an integrated development environment

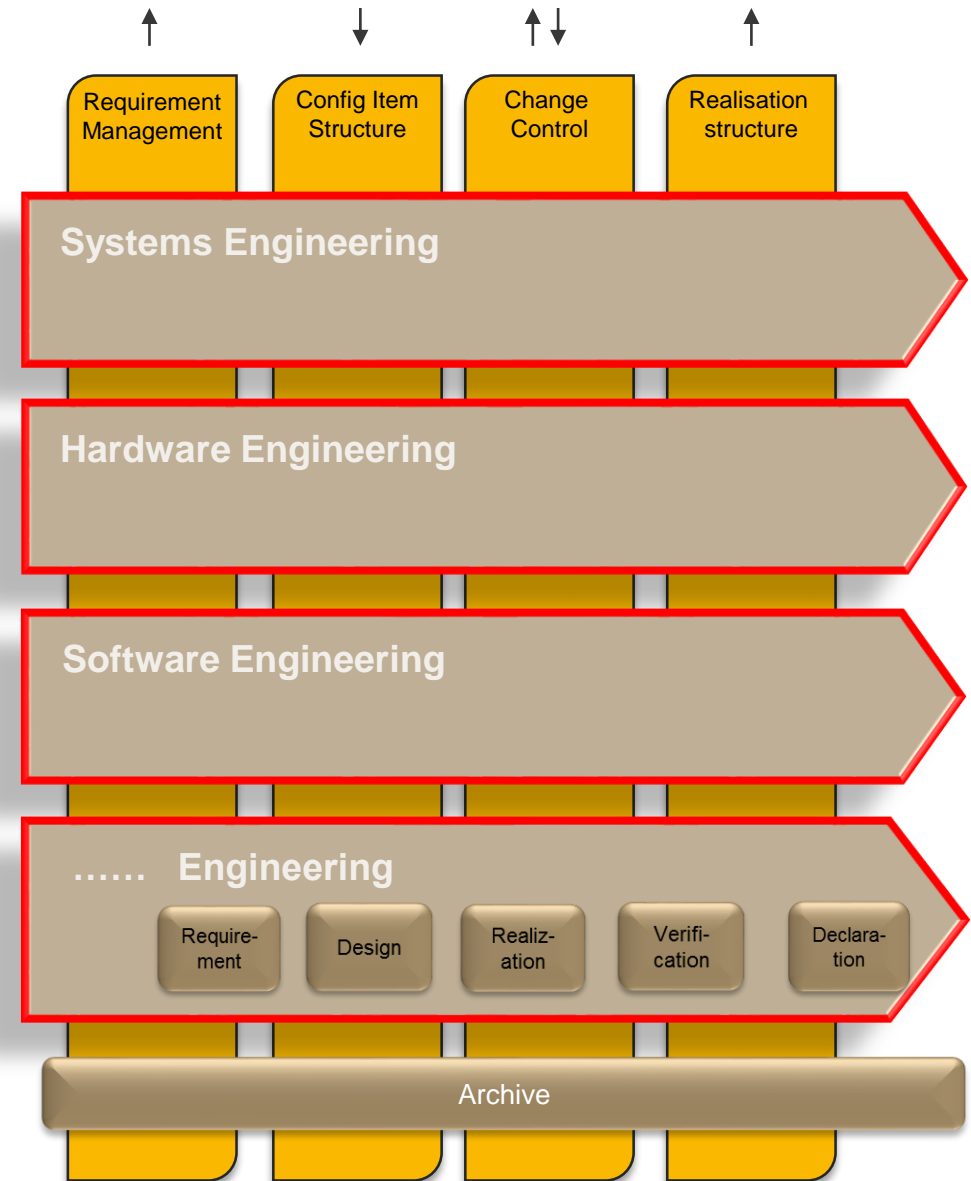
Operational need for standards based integration.

Objective: Plug and Play – minimising integration and maintenance costs

Integration between environments for ensuring the digital thread

Modularity

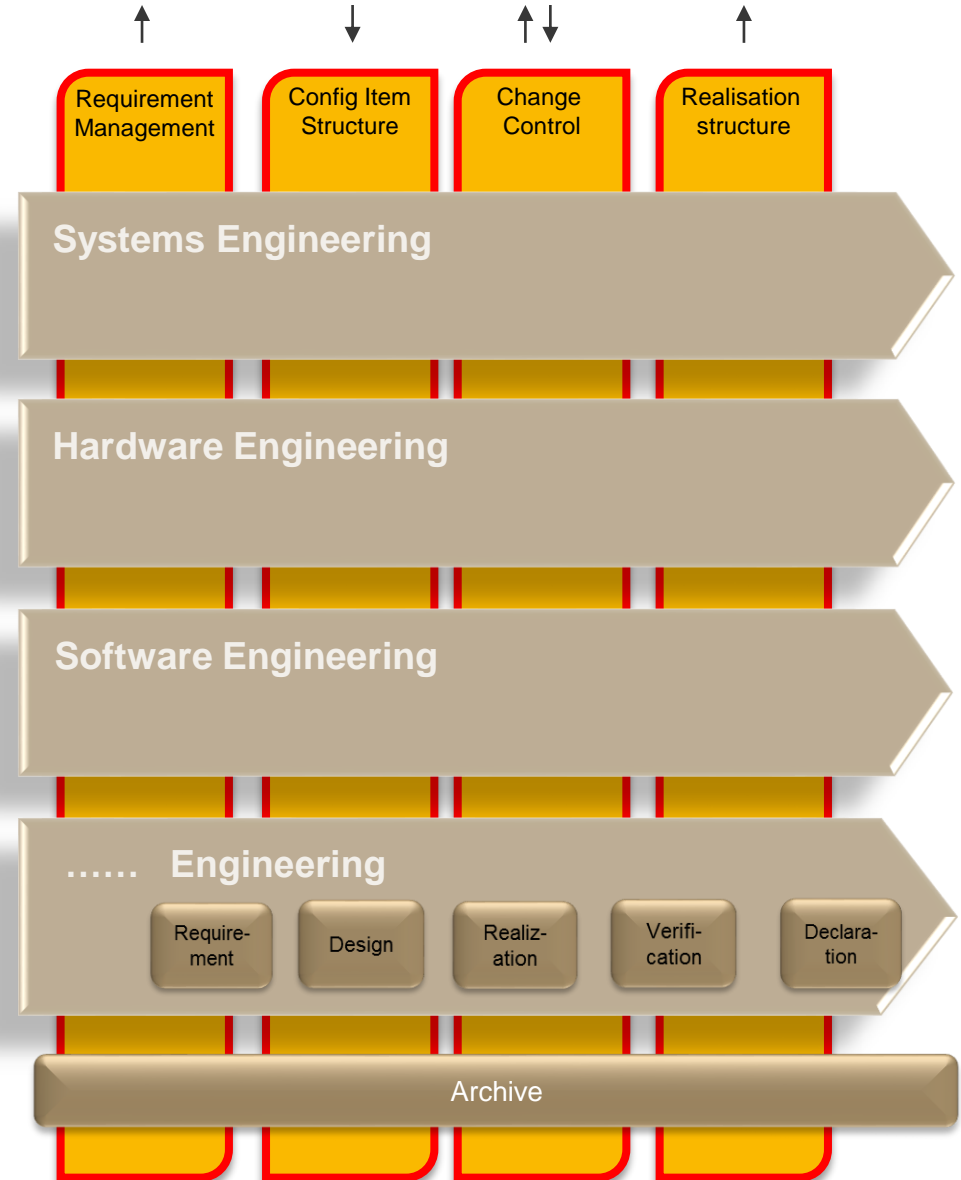
- Optimise support for each **engineering discipline**
 - **Maximise automation**, as provided by the supplier
 - Minimise application family **switching**
- Bring together **management and engineers** in a single environment
 - E.g., Change management and Status reporting
- **Redundant** capabilities accepted
- Ability to **upgrade or replace** environments without upsetting the complete PLM landscape



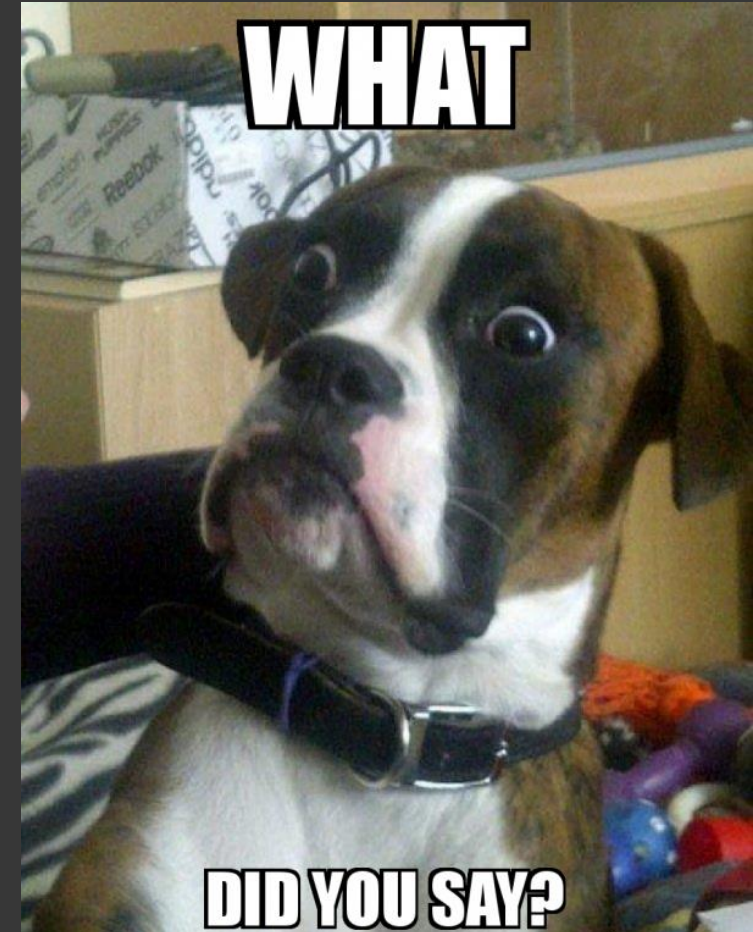
Traceability

- Need capability to ensure **traceability** and **integrity** of product data
- Traceability dimensions between engineering discipline environments
 - **Requirements**
 - **Configuration item structure**
 - **Change management**
 - **Realization**
- Configuration Management capability required for Requirements Traceability, Configuration item structure and Realization structure
 - **Versions and baseline** capabilities
- The **OSLC standard** offers the desired capabilities
 - Exploit for **low** cost and **high quality** integrations

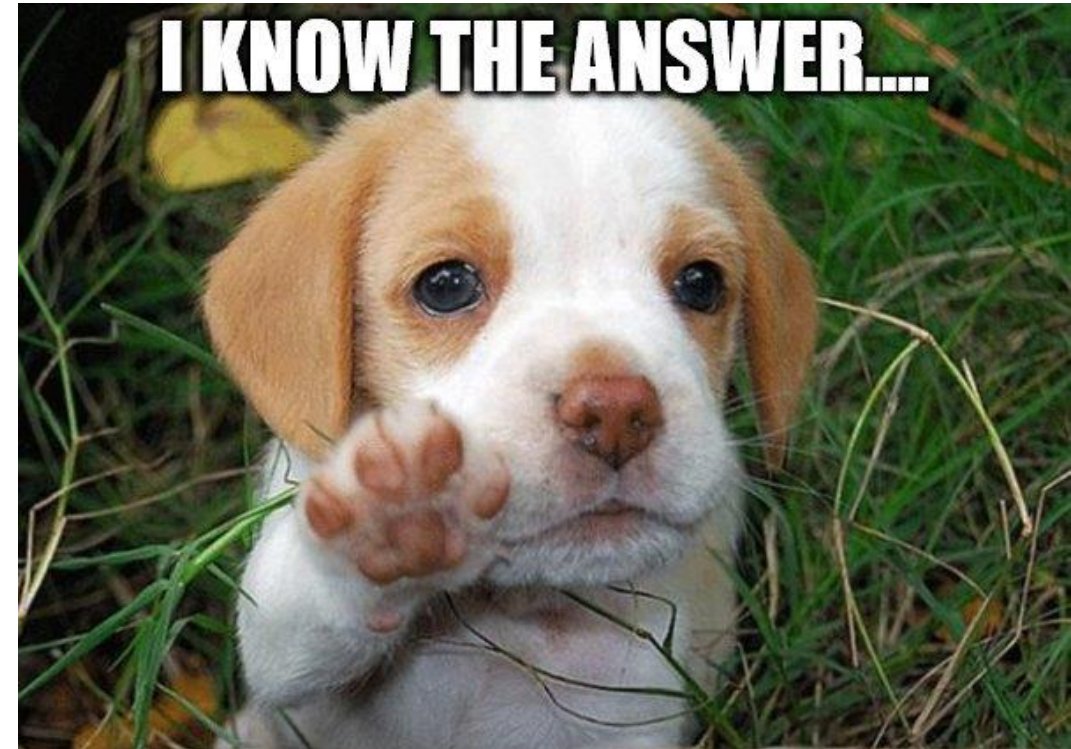
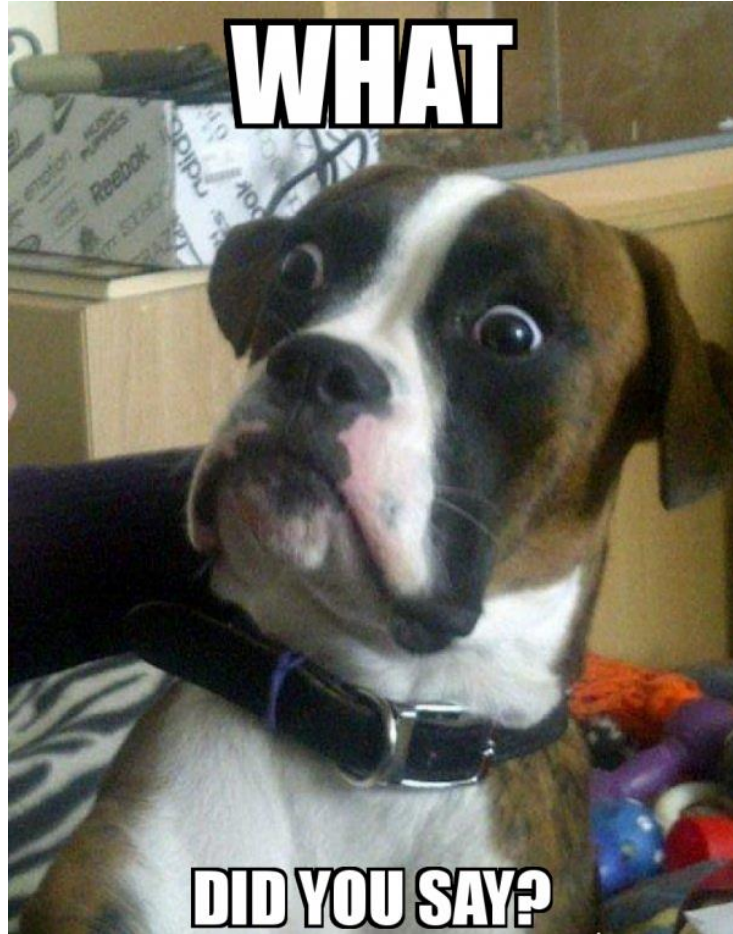
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/361418413_Genesis_-_an_Architectural_Pattern_for_Federated_PLM



The answer: OSLC!



Obviously there is a problem here!



Why isn't the answer known?

- The lack of visible end-user commitment
- A perceived closedness of the standards group
- Lack of examples turning implementations into an adventure
- The small size of the standards group

Disclaimer 1: These questions are provocative – on purpose.

Disclaimer 2: In some cases I have not provided the right answer on behalf of Saab.

Lack of visible end-user commitment

- Why should I invest in a standard when there are very few other investors?
- If we want plug and play out of the box there have to be many boxes
 - Otherwise there is nothing to play with

End users need to communicate their interest in OSLC and their desired use-cases,

And

The OSLC community need to provide the space for showcasing those use-cases

A perceived closedness of the standards group

- OSLC standards are extensive with a substantive entry threshold
 - Great potential and ample ideas for improvement
- Regular meetings, but short
 - Difficult to grasp what is going on and how to contribute
- How can the entry threshold be lowered?

Need for dedicated sessions including

- Justifications of standard constructs
- Training sessions for the new specialists
- Near and long term strategies

Implementation adventures

- The OSLC specifications are extensive
- But there are few examples
- Especially true for configuration management enabled parts

Need for clear examples

- Explaining the concepts and relationships
- The call sequences
- What to look out for
- Lessons learned

The small size of the standards group

- The standardisation group is small and relies very heavily on a small group of experts
 - With lots on their agendas
- Need to grow the group to share workload
 - Train new people to support the specialists

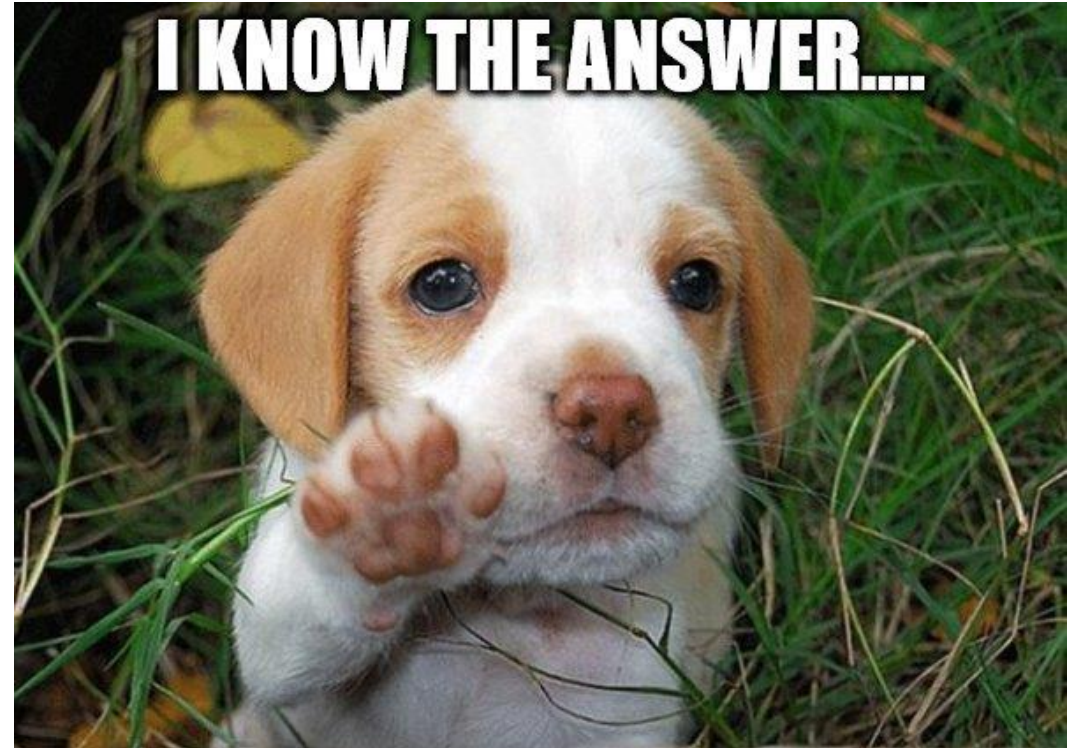
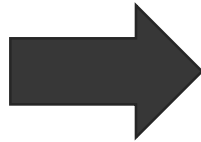
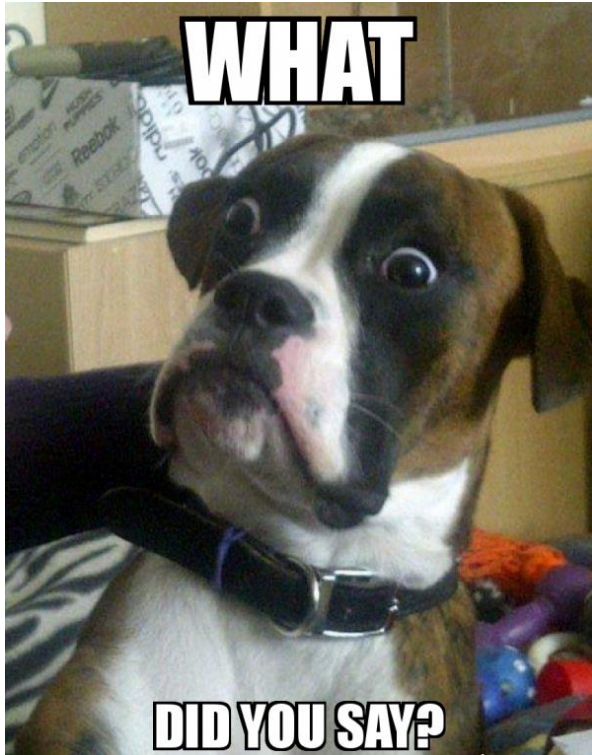
Growing the standards group by

- Active work to increase end-user commitment
- Extend the standards group activities to include investments to creating new experts
- Creating the examples that allow the new experts to grow and exchange experience

Summary

OSLC is uniquely positioned

- Excellent capability but hampered
- Need to move from:



The Heliple project

- Swedish Vinnova funded research project for investigating
 - Genesis a federated PLM architecture pattern
 - OSLC as an integration standard
- 18 months duration
- Participants
 - Eurostep
 - KTH
 - Saab

