

PTC PDM Product Matrix

PTC® Windchill® PDM solutions introduce product data management software for small to medium-sized companies. Use the product feature matrix below to see which solution best meets your needs. And don't worry if your business is changing, each solution can be readily scaled up later for growing companies.

Feature	PTC® Windchill® PDM Essentials™	PTC® Windchill® PDMLink®
Secure access	X	Х
Single central repository	X	X
Revision control	X	X
Search	X (Metadata search only – no indexed content search)	X
File history	X	X
Automated approval processes	X	X
Automated change management process		X
Remote access	X	X
Notifications	X	X
Full document preview	X	X
Find and re-use design data	X	X
BOMs and relationship reports	X (CAD BOMs only – no part BOMs)	X
Product structures defined and managed independently from a CAD model		X
Audit trail	X	Х
Scalability	Up to 25 CAD users, 200 viewers	Unlimited



Feature	PTC® Windchill® PDM Essentials™	PTC® Windchill® PDMLink®
System configuration	Windows only, SQL Server only, single physical or virtual deployment	Custom configuration
Automatically generated secondary formats	Lightweight viewables, PDF, DXF, IGES, STL	Lightweight viewables, PDF, DXF, IGES, STL
Integrated or standalone data management client	X	X
View, markup, measure, and section drawings and models	X	X
Multi-CAD support	PTC® Creo®, AutoCAD®, SolidWorks®, Autodesk Inventor®, PTC® Pro/ENGINEER® Wildfire®, PTC® Creo® Elements/Direct®, and PTC® Mathcad®	PTC® Creo®, AutoCAD, SolidWorks, Autodesk Inventor, PTC® Pro/ENGINEER® Wildfire®, PTC® Creo® Elements/Direct®, PTC® Mathcad®, PTC® CADDS® 5, Siemens PLM NX®, CATIA®, Mentor Graphics®, Zuken®, and Cadence®
Microsoft Office direct integration	X	X
Distributed design teams	(No replication)	X
Data replication to multiple sites		X
ERP/MRP integration		X
Optional PTC® Windchill® modules available		X

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