



PLM Interest Group

Path to PLM

A complete methodology that enables any organisation from any industry to become fully aware of PLM, and achieve a practical first implementation in 2 years.

This is not a book, or theoretical treatise. It is a hands-on instruction manual for adopting PLM at optimal speed, from cold start to working system.

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0 Executive Summary

There is no single "best" way to implement PLM. The most effective route to implementation will be different for almost every company. Until now, it has not been possible to produce a best-practice implementation plan that can be universally used.

A complete methodology is needed: one that includes the full scope of PLM and is flexible enough to adapt to the real-world situation.

The *Path to PLM* does this. It enables any organisation from any industry to become fully aware of PLM, and to achieve a practical and effective first implementation within 2 years.

It can be used by any company that decides: *"We want to find out exactly how PLM can help our business; and implement an effective system by the quickest and most practical route."*

The driving force for the Path to PLM is that you can confidently declare, at the outset, that there will be a working and effective PLM platform in place in 2 years' time. This means that you can set a date on the calendar that everyone can plan towards.

Everything then falls into place. There is a Standardised Project Framework that divides the 2-year timeframe into 3-month segments of activity; and a comprehensive set of tables to check that each activity has been successfully completed. Concepts are explained, and further reading is suggested.

The PLM adopter can therefore work confidently towards the adoption and 'Go-Live' target, knowing that everything is being done in the most effective way.

The *Path to PLM* can also be used by companies that have already started out with PLM, but feel that progress has not been as good as expected. The methodology includes a "brownfield" process that will steer the implementation onto a best-practice track within a similar timescale.

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