

The value of good product data

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The data in most companies is poor at best lacking useful information.

Today's Data

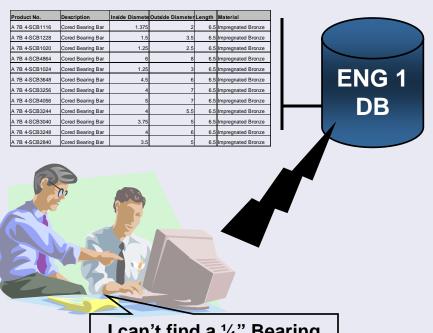
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Problem

- The data is inconsistent and incomplete
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Product data can be scattered in different locations, in many formats, and databases across a company.

Problem



I can't find a ¼" Bearing in our database, matter of fact I don't know what most of these bearings are anyways. Lets just submit a new order.

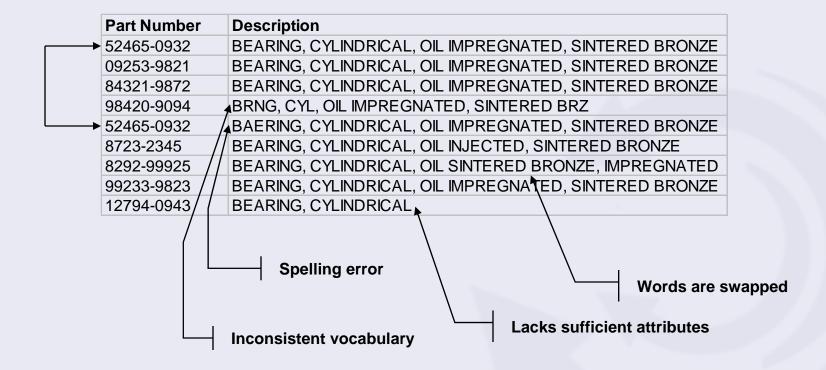
Should we write-off those bearings sitting in stock? I don't understand why we have so many!



roduct No.	Description	Inside Diamete	Outside Diameter	Length	Material
7B 4-SCB1116	Cored Bearing Bar	1.375	2	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB1228	Cored Bearing Bar	1.5	3.5	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB1020	Cored Bearing Bar	1.25	2.5	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB4864	Cored Bearing Bar	6	8	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB1024	Cored Bearing Bar	1.25	3	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB3648	Cored Bearing Bar	4.5	6	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB3256	Cored Bearing Bar	4	7	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB4056	Cored Bearing Bar	5	7	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB3244	Cored Bearing Bar	4	5.5	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB3040	Cored Bearing Bar	3.75	5	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB3248	Cored Bearing Bar	4	6	6.5	Impregnated Bronze
7B 4-SCB2840	Cored Bearing Bar	3.5	5	6.5	Impregnated Bronze

Typically data on existing parts lack useful information, leaving you with ambiguous descriptions, erroneous data, making it hard to differentiate one part from another.

Data Problem



Even if complete information is available, it is probably scattered around multiple systems, geographies or even other companies.

Problem

ERP

Part #	Description	Source	Supplier	
A 7B 4-3648	Cored Bearing Bar	Make	NHBB	

Same item

Stored in the ERP system



Part #	Description	Drawing #	Drawn by
A 7B 4-3648	Crd Bearng Bar	2334234	Bill Burke

Stored in the PLM system

Stored Joe's personal spreadsheet and not accessible to anyone else

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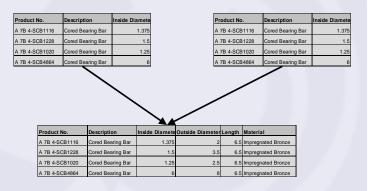
Collecting, organizing and cleansing the data using manual methods and Mustrative excel spreadsheets is difficult, time consuming and error prone.

Problem

Sample Timeline for 10K parts

ID	Task Name	Duration	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9
8	Collect data	2 wks									
9	Develop method for merging spreadsheets	1 wk									
10	Merge spreadsheets	2 wks		L							
11	Resolve discrepancies	8 wks	1								
12	Write validation macros	4 wks									
13	Fix errors	4 wks			i ii						
14	Develop addition data	16 wks									
15	Fix errors	2 wks									
16	Complete	0 days									

- Merging data from multiple spreadsheets is error prone
- Keeping the data straight in spreadsheets requires constant administration
- Even with a database, problems will occur without a good data model or tools to help clean your data
- Custom data validations will need to be created and run
- Data problems are not recognized until the final stages lengthening the validation task



CDS Design for Retrieval software improves return on investment benefits by eliminating most data production problems.

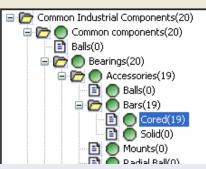
Software Benefits

- The <u>Category</u> and <u>Attribute Managers</u> provide an environment for disparate user communities to quickly collaborate towards a larger whole while capturing the best intelligence from each group
- A simple Workflow assists with efficiently coordinating category, attribute and data creation activities while reducing errors, rework and redundancy
- The <u>Data Developer</u> assists with creating, fixing and releasing data incrementally enabling the data to be used sooner
- Specialized <u>Data Validation</u> capabilities improve data consistency and accuracy
- A <u>Item Importer</u> allows data to be captured from many different sources and improves data development efficiency
- Item Clusters allows the data to be analyzed to identify opportunities for rationalization or strategic sourcing

The CDS Design for Retrieval approach results in useful data faster and with higher quality.

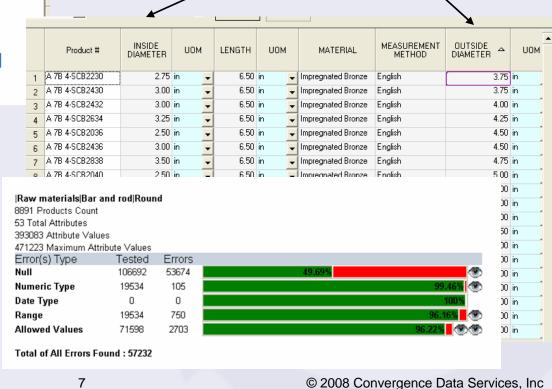
Outside Part # Description Inside Source Supplier Drawing # Drawn by 1. Collect Diameter Diameter Length Material A 7B 4-3648 Cored Bearing Bar **NHBB** 2334234 Make Bill Burke Data 2 6.5 1.375 Bronze

2. Build the categories and attributes Collaboratively

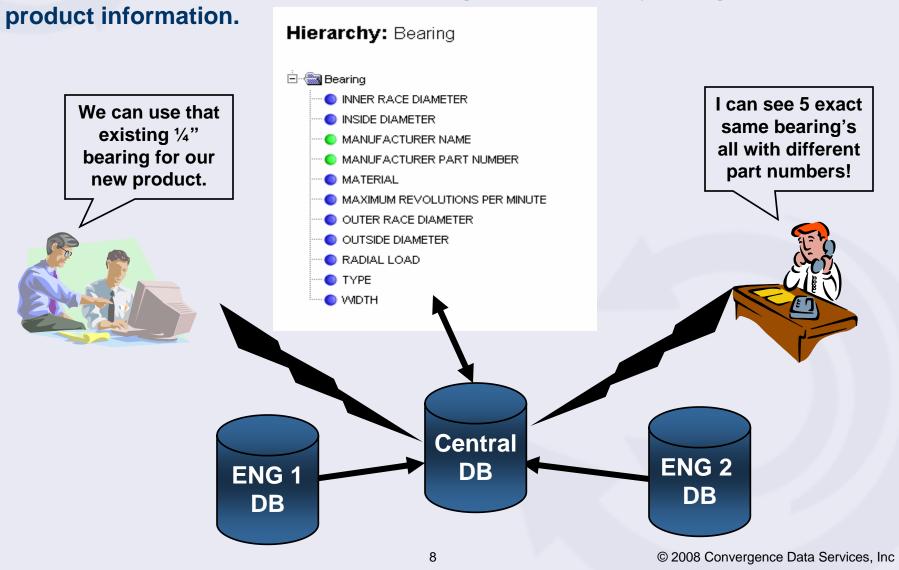


3. Import existing data and create supplemental data

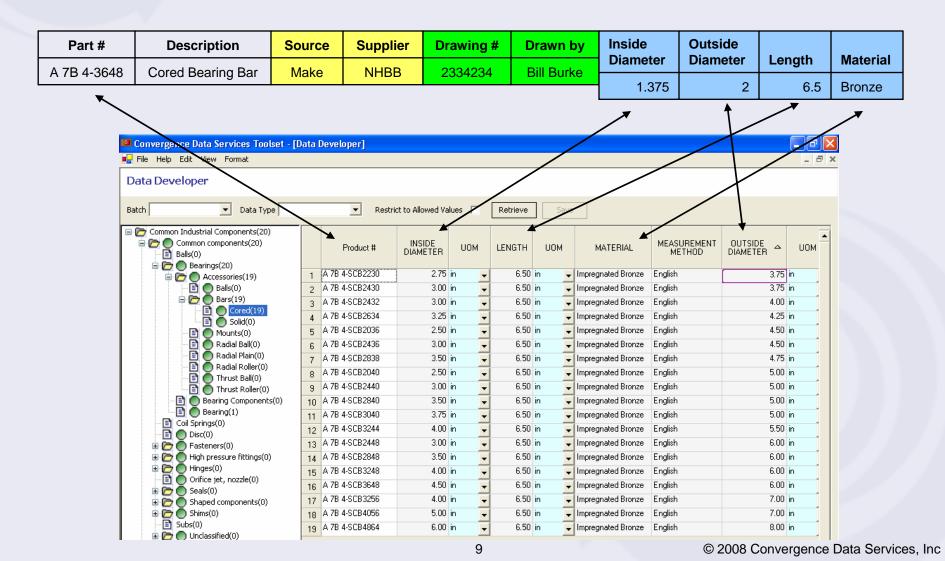
- 4. Validate and cleanse the data
 - 5. Release the data that is ready



The Convergence software provides the capability to collaboratively develop an enterprise schema promoting a common way to organize

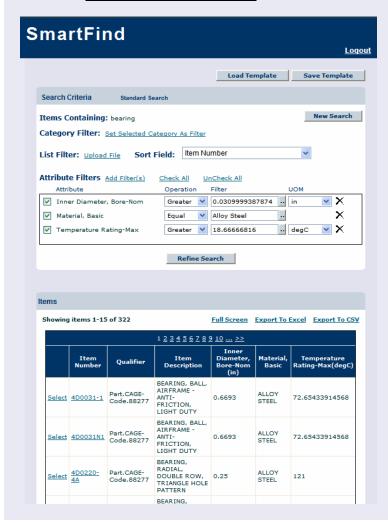


Combining data from multiple systems into a unified representation which forms a complete description of the item accessible to everyone.

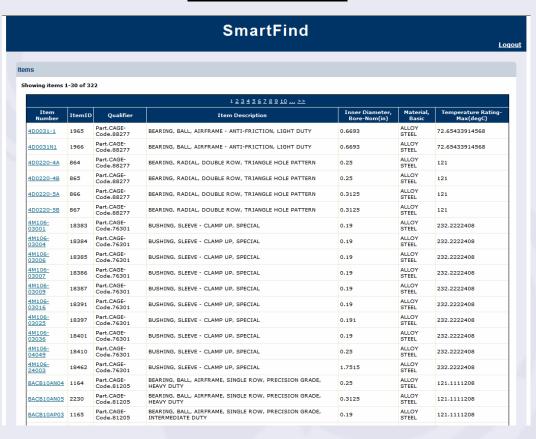


Using SmartFind users are presented different attribute filters to help them find the exact bearing they need.

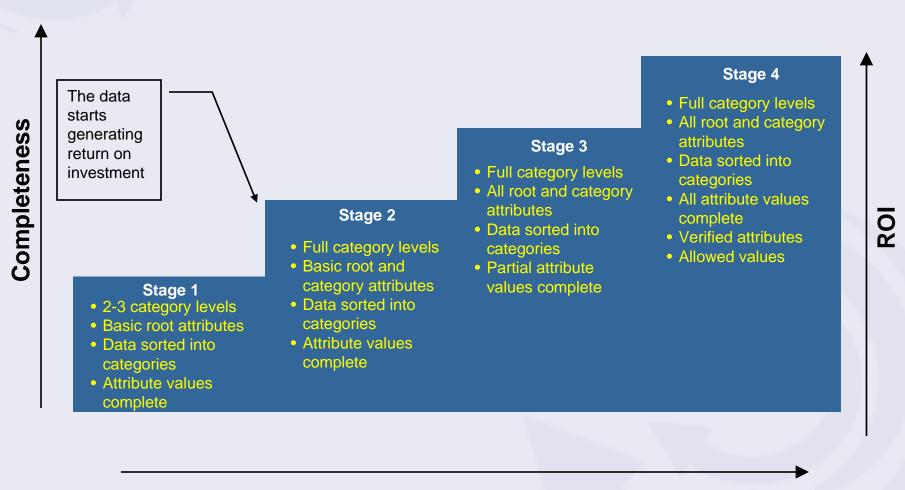
Search Criteria



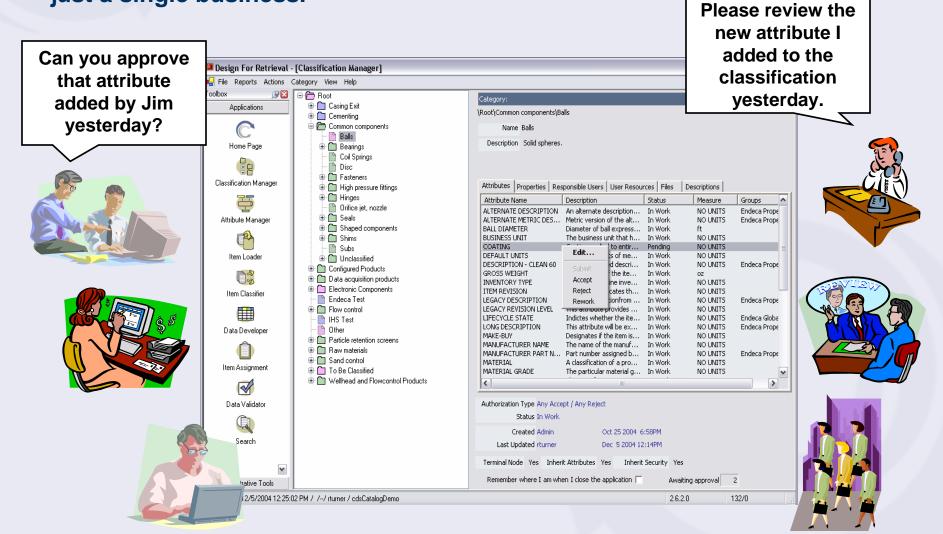
Search Result



A staged approach to progressive data creation using CDS software can yield faster return on investment.



The Convergence Data Toolset allows diverse groups of people to collaborate on data structure that can meet the needs of the enterprise, not just a single business.



Product data must be transformed into high quality information to become a strategic asset for your business.

Before

After using DFR

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- The data is complete, accurate and easy to use
- Products are grouped and easy to find by their characteristics leading to higher reuse
- It's easy to see the duplicate items for inventory reduction
- The data can be analyzed for consolidation, strategic sourcing and other purposes