

Join us at the 2009 Interoperability Network!

September 30, 2009
Lincoln, Nebraska



If you're interested in partnering in this event in the future, contact Mike Obst, Design Data's Research and Development Manager, at 402.441.4000 or via email at mike@sds2.com

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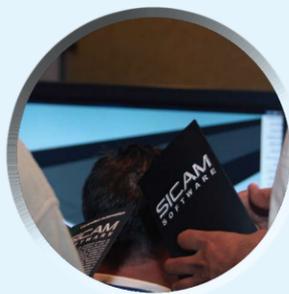
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On October 15, 2008, Design Data hosted the first Interoperability Network (IN), a development-driven event designed to bring together major players in the software industry. The IN event — which took place at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska — provided a forum that encouraged and facilitated collaboration between the 16 industry partners attending.



Robert Lipman, a senior research engineer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), opened the Interoperability Network and served as the keynote speaker at the event. Lipman, an expert in Building Information Modeling (BIM) and CIS/2, is recognized as an interoperability leader in the steel construction industry.

During the open development discussion that followed the keynote address, over 200 attendees had the opportunity to see firsthand how software can interoperate. Technical representatives from industry leaders, partnered with Design Data representatives, were on hand to demonstrate interoperability with SDS/2 — and with each other.



Each IN partner had a fully supplied booth that included a large LCD monitor, so they were able to “travel light” to the event. The booths allowed partners to speak directly to users and demonstrate the capabilities of their software, as well as how their software can communicate with others.

IN also included collaboration tables that enabled attending companies to work together.

Following the open development discussion, Mark Holland, P.E., chief engineer for Paxton & Vierling Steel Company (PVS), delivered the closing remarks. Holland is an active member of AISC’s Committee on Specifications, vice chairman of the Manual Committee, a member of the RCSC Committee on Bolts, and serves as co-chairman for the AISC Committee on Information Technology.

After IN concluded, industry partners took a tour of the Design Data headquarters in Lincoln. A casual dinner with developers followed, which allowed new relationships to be formed, while others were strengthened.

... and into the future

BIM is not just the hottest industry buzzword — it’s a valid process that will serve as the backbone of projects for years to come. Design Data believes that BIM is, at its core, a collaborative work process that enables project partners to cohesively work together.



With the establishment of the Interoperability Network, Design Data has created a venue that allows software developers to improve and enhance their products by working together with other developers — the essence of BIM.

The forum allows partnering companies to hear directly from users which enhancements are most important to them; it also highlights the need for disparate software to interoperate seamlessly with one another. Companies participating at IN have the advantage of being in the same room as needed project partners in an environment that stresses cooperation and communication.

Design Data has applied the BIM concept and what it learned at IN to its own SDS/2 software. By reaching out to its industry partners and incorporating ideas on how to better work together, Design Data has taken the first step to achieving true interoperability in the industry.

If your company is interested in partnering in next year’s Interoperability Network, to be held September 30, 2009, in Lincoln, Nebraska, contact Mike Obst, Design Data’s Research and Development Manager, at 402.441.4000 or via email at mike@sds2.com.

“It was interesting for us to attend this event, and examine the current industry trends for the future.”

Kirk Kempen, Peddinghaus Software Systems Manager.

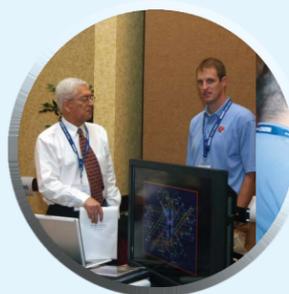
- Descon (Omnitech Associates)
- ETABS (CSI)
- FabSuite
- FabTrol MRP (FabTrol)
- Parts II Plus (Shop Data Systems)
- Peddimat (Peddinghaus)
- PythonX Versa Fab (Burlington Automation)
- Revit (Autodesk)
- RISA -3D (RISA Technologies)
- SAP2000 (CSI)
- SDS/2 (Design Data)
- SICAM (Controlled Automation)
- SmartPlant (Intergraph)
- Steel Tracking System - STS (P2 Programs)
- StruCIM (JITECH)
- VACAM (Voortman)
- WinMPM (Vernon Tool)

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