

A man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, stands in an office. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background shows a wall with several papers pinned to it, including one titled "FDSIS Field Representation". To the left is a window with blinds, and to the right is a computer monitor.

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00:00:18,230 --> 00:00:13,580  
the factory of the future we're making a

2  
00:00:20,450 --> 00:00:18,240  
new pot or replacing an old one will be

3  
00:00:24,679 --> 00:00:20,460  
as automatic as getting a hardcopy on

4  
00:00:26,810 --> 00:00:24,689  
your home computer printer it may sound

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00:00:28,970 --> 00:00:26,820  
like science fiction but it's being

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00:00:31,279 --> 00:00:28,980  
developed right now in the automated

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00:00:33,080 --> 00:00:31,289  
manufacturing research facility at the

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00:00:41,600 --> 00:00:33,090  
National Institute of Standards and

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00:00:44,270 --> 00:00:41,610  
Technology manufacturing is important to

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00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:44,280  
the United States economy wherever we

11  
00:00:49,220 --> 00:00:47,370  
have trouble with offshore competition

12  
00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:49,230  
it turns out that manufacturing is a

13  
00:00:55,639 --> 00:00:52,620

major part of the problem this shows up

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00:01:00,349 --> 00:00:55,649

in terms of quality cost and speed in

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00:01:02,180 --> 00:01:00,359

going to market from its initial work in

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00:01:04,490 --> 00:01:02,190

discrete parts manufacturing in the

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00:01:07,550 --> 00:01:04,500

early eighties to its more recent work

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00:01:10,190 --> 00:01:07,560

on composites and metal atomization the

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00:01:12,350 --> 00:01:10,200

AM RF has concentrated on integrating a

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00:01:20,109 --> 00:01:12,360

variety of manufacturing components

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00:01:24,459 --> 00:01:22,539

the first phase was the development of

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00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:24,469

techniques and software needed to

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00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:27,280

integrate machines on the shop floor a

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00:01:31,330 --> 00:01:29,600

great deal of effort was devoted to

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00:01:45,290 --> 00:01:31,340

simply getting these machines to work

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00:01:49,710 --> 00:01:48,120

we are now in the second phase of

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00:01:53,250 --> 00:01:49,720

development concerned with determining

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00:01:56,220 --> 00:01:53,260

how data needed to manufacture a part is

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00:01:58,740 --> 00:01:56,230

generated stored is made available when

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00:02:04,779 --> 00:01:58,750

needed and how to make sure it is in the

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00:02:09,609 --> 00:02:07,399

to understand the complexities of this

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00:02:12,170 --> 00:02:09,619

task one must first look at five

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00:02:16,600 --> 00:02:12,180

manufacturing steps in the factory of

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00:02:19,970 --> 00:02:16,610

the future designed process planning

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00:02:24,530 --> 00:02:19,980

offline programming shop floor control

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00:02:26,900 --> 00:02:24,540

and manufacturing processes the first

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00:02:28,940 --> 00:02:26,910

step is to create the specifications for

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00:02:32,839 --> 00:02:28,950

a part with the help of computer-aided

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00:02:35,449 --> 00:02:32,849

design programs once the part has been

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00:02:38,360 --> 00:02:35,459

designed using the CAD system and other

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00:02:40,400 --> 00:02:38,370

engineering analysis tools that data is

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00:02:44,390 --> 00:02:40,410

communicated to a process planning

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00:02:46,520 --> 00:02:44,400

system this system determines the steps

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00:02:49,339 --> 00:02:46,530

to be taken in order to make the part

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00:02:56,600 --> 00:02:49,349

the kind of tools needed and the

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00:02:58,880 --> 00:02:56,610

sequence in which they will be used the

47

00:03:01,130 --> 00:02:58,890

next step is to use offline programming

48

00:03:03,289 --> 00:03:01,140

to generate the data to drive each piece

49

00:03:04,960 --> 00:03:03,299

of equipment specified in the process

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00:03:07,870 --> 00:03:04,970

plan

51  
00:03:10,450 --> 00:03:07,880  
offline programming along with process

52  
00:03:16,030 --> 00:03:10,460  
planning and design form the foundation

53  
00:03:18,010 --> 00:03:16,040  
for concurrent engineering all this data

54  
00:03:21,820 --> 00:03:18,020  
is then made available to the control

55  
00:03:26,800 --> 00:03:21,830  
function then the real-time planning and

56  
00:03:29,080 --> 00:03:26,810  
scheduling of the work can be done the

57  
00:03:34,200 --> 00:03:29,090  
data is then communicated to a system of

58  
00:03:39,880 --> 00:03:34,210  
workstations the part is machined

59  
00:03:43,680 --> 00:03:39,890  
deburred and inspected using the control

60  
00:03:45,940 --> 00:03:43,690  
and machining system developed by NIS T

61  
00:03:47,500 --> 00:03:45,950  
the first step in this integrated

62  
00:03:49,390 --> 00:03:47,510  
process is to build a detailed

63  
00:03:52,180 --> 00:03:49,400

architecture which describes the

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00:03:53,830 --> 00:03:52,190

functionality the relationships and the

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00:03:57,400 --> 00:03:53,840

interfaces of those manufacturing

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00:03:59,290 --> 00:03:57,410

components the second step is to provide

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00:04:00,610 --> 00:03:59,300

the protocols and standards which allow

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00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:00,620

the computers to talk to one another

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00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:03,350

across their assigned interfaces the

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00:04:06,660 --> 00:04:05,120

third step is to provide the standards

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00:04:08,890 --> 00:04:06,670

which allow for storing retrieving

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00:04:10,990 --> 00:04:08,900

displaying and exchanging the

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00:04:15,670 --> 00:04:11,000

information they need to carry out their

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00:04:17,470 --> 00:04:15,680

assigned functions NIH team strategy was

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00:04:20,440 --> 00:04:17,480

to develop two separate kinds of

76  
00:04:22,240 --> 00:04:20,450  
interfaces one to manage the retrieval

77  
00:04:26,140 --> 00:04:22,250  
of data from a variety of data

78  
00:04:28,000 --> 00:04:26,150  
repositories and another to enable the

79  
00:04:31,390 --> 00:04:28,010  
engineering and control functions to

80  
00:04:34,570 --> 00:04:31,400  
communicate with each other let's

81  
00:04:37,420 --> 00:04:34,580  
examine the second interface first in

82  
00:04:39,730 --> 00:04:37,430  
manufacturing a complex part it is often

83  
00:04:41,920 --> 00:04:39,740  
necessary for a wide variety of CAD

84  
00:04:46,120 --> 00:04:41,930  
systems at different companies to be

85  
00:04:52,090 --> 00:04:48,980  
the first attempt to do this was called

86  
00:04:55,340 --> 00:04:52,100  
ages the initial graphics exchange

87  
00:04:57,020 --> 00:04:55,350  
specification it provides a neutral

88  
00:05:00,080 --> 00:04:57,030

format for the exchange of

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00:05:02,480 --> 00:05:00,090

computer-aided design data but it has

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00:05:04,730 --> 00:05:02,490

some limitations for use by downstream

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00:05:06,909 --> 00:05:04,740

planning and manufacturing process

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00:05:09,409 --> 00:05:06,919

I just drawing notes and annotations

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00:05:12,220 --> 00:05:09,419

were really intended for human

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00:05:15,500 --> 00:05:12,230

consumption tolerance and surface finish

95

00:05:17,960 --> 00:05:15,510

information is not tied directly to the

96

00:05:21,890 --> 00:05:17,970

geometry of the part and this makes it

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00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:21,900

unusable by automated systems the most

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00:05:25,850 --> 00:05:23,280

recent attempt to extend the

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00:05:28,610 --> 00:05:25,860

capabilities of August is called step

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00:05:33,170 --> 00:05:28,620

the standard for the exchange of product

101  
00:05:36,170 --> 00:05:33,180  
model data step is intended to support a

102  
00:05:38,480 --> 00:05:36,180  
wide variety of applications which cover

103  
00:05:40,879 --> 00:05:38,490  
the life cycle of the product from

104  
00:05:43,280 --> 00:05:40,889  
design through manufacture and support

105  
00:05:46,010 --> 00:05:43,290  
the step standard is designed to be

106  
00:05:50,120 --> 00:05:46,020  
extensible and not limited to file

107  
00:05:52,430 --> 00:05:50,130  
exchange technology the u.s. effort to

108  
00:05:55,340 --> 00:05:52,440  
develop the international standard step

109  
00:06:00,500 --> 00:05:55,350  
is known as pedis which stands for

110  
00:06:02,630 --> 00:06:00,510  
product data exchange using step a major

111  
00:06:04,490 --> 00:06:02,640  
focus of the product data sharing effort

112  
00:06:06,950 --> 00:06:04,500  
is the development of the national PDS

113  
00:06:09,050 --> 00:06:06,960

testbed the national PDS testbed will

114

00:06:10,310 --> 00:06:09,060

provide a testing based foundation for

115

00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:10,320

the development of product data

116

00:06:15,879 --> 00:06:13,710

standards the testbed supports PDS Inc a

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00:06:18,379 --> 00:06:15,889

major industrial consortium the

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00:06:20,360 --> 00:06:18,389

consortium consists of more than 25

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00:06:21,980 --> 00:06:20,370

member companies that have a strong

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00:06:25,000 --> 00:06:21,990

interest in product data sharing

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00:06:27,890 --> 00:06:25,010

technology the testbed provides systems

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00:06:30,469 --> 00:06:27,900

software and personnel to these tests

123

00:06:32,750 --> 00:06:30,479

and evaluation efforts what I've

124

00:06:35,659 --> 00:06:32,760

observed is that within the peta sync

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00:06:37,940 --> 00:06:35,669

effort itself there's an enormous amount

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00:06:40,190 --> 00:06:37,950

of sharing and that accelerates the

127

00:06:42,590 --> 00:06:40,200

whole process companies that become

128

00:06:44,900 --> 00:06:42,600

involved early on in the pedis

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00:06:48,590 --> 00:06:44,910

initiative will have a great opportunity

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00:06:50,990 --> 00:06:48,600

to develop a competitive edge NISD is

131

00:06:53,300 --> 00:06:51,000

also continuing to refine the rest of

132

00:06:54,830 --> 00:06:53,310

the interfaces which drive the functions

133

00:06:58,159 --> 00:06:54,840

that generate all the day

134

00:07:01,730 --> 00:06:58,169

needing to plan schedule manufacture and

135

00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:01,740

inspect each individual part step

136

00:07:06,140 --> 00:07:03,840

provides one of the key interfaces for

137

00:07:08,900 --> 00:07:06,150

exchanging data between manufacturing

138

00:07:11,260 --> 00:07:08,910

functions these interfaces will allow

139

00:07:13,640 --> 00:07:11,270

the paperless exchange of data between

140

00:07:16,520 --> 00:07:13,650

manufacturing functions which control

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00:07:18,830 --> 00:07:16,530

the flow of production across different

142

00:07:21,890 --> 00:07:18,840

factory equipment three of these

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00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:21,900

manufacturing functions include process

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00:07:27,260 --> 00:07:24,510

planning scheduling and offline

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00:07:30,500 --> 00:07:27,270

programming offline programming is also

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00:07:34,310 --> 00:07:30,510

used to create simulations or animations

147

00:07:36,980 --> 00:07:34,320

of actual manufacturing activities here

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00:07:39,140 --> 00:07:36,990

a programmer manipulates a graphical

149

00:07:42,469 --> 00:07:39,150

representation of the robot to perform a

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00:07:45,680 --> 00:07:42,479

task that he'd like to perform once the

151  
00:07:47,480 --> 00:07:45,690  
programmer is satisfied that the program

152  
00:07:50,000 --> 00:07:47,490  
is actually operating the way he'd like

153  
00:07:52,250 --> 00:07:50,010  
he can then download that information to

154  
00:07:55,700 --> 00:07:52,260  
an actual robot which will then perform

155  
00:07:57,740 --> 00:07:55,710  
the task determining the information

156  
00:07:59,420 --> 00:07:57,750  
that goes across functional components

157  
00:08:01,250 --> 00:07:59,430  
is one of the main problems of

158  
00:08:06,050 --> 00:08:01,260  
integrating commercial hardware and

159  
00:08:09,050 --> 00:08:06,060  
software packages one candidate

160  
00:08:13,040 --> 00:08:09,060  
developed at NIS T is known as out a

161  
00:08:15,409 --> 00:08:13,050  
language for process specification Alpes

162  
00:08:17,870 --> 00:08:15,419  
provides a single representation for

163  
00:08:20,750 --> 00:08:17,880

process plans which can be used by

164

00:08:22,940 --> 00:08:20,760

individual shop floor control subsystems

165

00:08:25,940 --> 00:08:22,950

to generate their own plans and

166

00:08:26,810 --> 00:08:25,950

schedules it's important to test the

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00:08:29,180 --> 00:08:26,820

interaction between the various

168

00:08:31,010 --> 00:08:29,190

subsystems on a factory floor however a

169

00:08:33,019 --> 00:08:31,020

lot of this testing doesn't require any

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00:08:34,190 --> 00:08:33,029

actual manufacturing to take place what

171

00:08:35,779 --> 00:08:34,200

you're looking for is the orderly

172

00:08:38,870 --> 00:08:35,789

startup and shutdown in the various

173

00:08:41,180 --> 00:08:38,880

systems identifying deadlock situations

174

00:08:43,040 --> 00:08:41,190

or unstable situations so to do that

175

00:08:44,480 --> 00:08:43,050

kind of testing with the actual factory

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00:08:46,880 --> 00:08:44,490

floor equipment would be prohibitively

177

00:08:48,620 --> 00:08:46,890

expensive instead what's better is to

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00:08:51,260 --> 00:08:48,630

try and do as much as that testing as

179

00:08:53,900 --> 00:08:51,270

possible with emulated systems and that

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00:08:55,640 --> 00:08:53,910

way you can identify the weaknesses and

181

00:08:57,500 --> 00:08:55,650

only at the end of the testing phase do

182

00:08:59,280 --> 00:08:57,510

you actually swap in the real factory

183

00:09:01,930 --> 00:08:59,290

floor equipment

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00:09:04,450 --> 00:09:01,940

the answer was to develop a control

185

00:09:08,080 --> 00:09:04,460

system in which shop floor hardware is

186

00:09:10,810 --> 00:09:08,090

simulated or animated but this is only a

187

00:09:12,730 --> 00:09:10,820

partial test to validate that product

188

00:09:16,870 --> 00:09:12,740

data is communicated completely

189

00:09:19,330 --> 00:09:16,880

accurately and unambiguously to finish

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00:09:23,470 --> 00:09:19,340

the validation process the software must

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00:09:25,630 --> 00:09:23,480

also drive the real hardware at the

192

00:09:27,280 --> 00:09:25,640

cleaning and deburring workstation both

193

00:09:30,010 --> 00:09:27,290

types of validation are being

194

00:09:32,470 --> 00:09:30,020

demonstrated the same information used

195

00:09:35,800 --> 00:09:32,480

to drive simulations drives the real

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00:09:38,470 --> 00:09:35,810

equipment here when the factory sends

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00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:38,480

information to the workstation you can

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00:09:42,880 --> 00:09:40,880

no longer tell whether the robot or a

199

00:09:45,490 --> 00:09:42,890

simulation of the robot is actually

200

00:09:47,530 --> 00:09:45,500

performing the operation this allows us

201  
00:09:50,080 --> 00:09:47,540  
to debug high-level programs without

202  
00:09:52,390 --> 00:09:50,090  
using the robot the second type of

203  
00:09:54,490 --> 00:09:52,400  
standards called for by n is T's

204  
00:09:55,990 --> 00:09:54,500  
strategy our standards for the

205  
00:10:01,180 --> 00:09:56,000  
structuring and retrieving of

206  
00:10:02,740 --> 00:10:01,190  
manufacturing data the major problem in

207  
00:10:05,470 --> 00:10:02,750  
sharing and integrating manufacturing

208  
00:10:08,230 --> 00:10:05,480  
information is diversity there is no

209  
00:10:10,810 --> 00:10:08,240  
commonality among database systems

210  
00:10:12,280 --> 00:10:10,820  
access methods or even the information

211  
00:10:14,230 --> 00:10:12,290  
model used by the various engineering

212  
00:10:16,120 --> 00:10:14,240  
systems production management and

213  
00:10:20,470 --> 00:10:16,130

scheduling systems and control systems

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00:10:23,640 --> 00:10:20,480

the solution was M dos the integrated

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00:10:26,519 --> 00:10:23,650

manufacturing data administration system

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00:10:29,400 --> 00:10:26,529

this is how it works

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00:10:32,550 --> 00:10:29,410

when a user needs some data a query is

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00:10:35,369 --> 00:10:32,560

sent to M dos which takes care of

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00:10:38,129 --> 00:10:35,379

translation distribution and routing

220

00:10:41,309 --> 00:10:38,139

indus forwards the inquiry on to the

221

00:10:44,249 --> 00:10:41,319

appropriate Data Manager the data may

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00:10:46,590 --> 00:10:44,259

reside in one computer or in many

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00:10:50,400 --> 00:10:46,600

computers at locations all over the

224

00:10:54,299 --> 00:10:50,410

country him das receives the information

225

00:10:56,429 --> 00:10:54,309

the user needs and then assembles and

226

00:11:02,429 --> 00:10:56,439

delivers it back to the user in the

227

00:11:07,920 --> 00:11:02,439

appropriate form the entire in distress'

228

00:11:09,540 --> 00:11:07,930

parent to the user M das was originally

229

00:11:11,879 --> 00:11:09,550

designed it solve a very practical

230

00:11:14,179 --> 00:11:11,889

problem access from the control systems

231

00:11:16,350 --> 00:11:14,189

on the MRF floor to geometry information

232

00:11:17,549 --> 00:11:16,360

scheduling information and control

233

00:11:19,350 --> 00:11:17,559

programs and possibly other

234

00:11:22,079 --> 00:11:19,360

manufacturing information wherever it

235

00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:22,089

might reside as it turns out the

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00:11:26,369 --> 00:11:24,670

standard interfaces the standard forms

237

00:11:28,079 --> 00:11:26,379

of data exchange and the integrating

238

00:11:30,600 --> 00:11:28,089

information model all of which were

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00:11:32,129 --> 00:11:30,610

necessary to the distributed system may

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00:11:34,499 --> 00:11:32,139

have turned out to be the most important

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00:11:35,879 --> 00:11:34,509

parts of the project these systems have

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00:11:38,129 --> 00:11:35,889

been shown to work with relational

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00:11:39,990 --> 00:11:38,139

systems with object-oriented systems and

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00:11:41,160 --> 00:11:40,000

with file systems in short with

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00:11:45,480 --> 00:11:41,170

virtually any system in which

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00:11:48,269 --> 00:11:45,490

manufacturing data might design one of a

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00:11:50,699 --> 00:11:48,279

MRFs goals is to support development of

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00:11:53,429 --> 00:11:50,709

international standards in all areas of

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00:11:55,559 --> 00:11:53,439

manufacturing so that it is possible to

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00:11:57,929 --> 00:11:55,569

easily substitute the hardware and

251  
00:12:00,600 --> 00:11:57,939  
software of different vendors in the

252  
00:12:02,100 --> 00:12:00,610  
system what we're trying to do here at

253  
00:12:05,840 --> 00:12:02,110  
the NIST automated manufacturing

254  
00:12:08,069 --> 00:12:05,850  
research facility is to do research to

255  
00:12:10,619 --> 00:12:08,079  
develop better measurement techniques

256  
00:12:12,419 --> 00:12:10,629  
and to help develop standards for the

257  
00:12:14,220 --> 00:12:12,429  
effective application of computer

258  
00:12:15,319 --> 00:12:14,230  
technology to these manufacturing

259  
00:12:18,079 --> 00:12:15,329  
problems

260  
00:12:20,689 --> 00:12:18,089  
to compete and win in the international

261  
00:12:22,939 --> 00:12:20,699  
arena the United States companies are