

How Model-Based Integration Eases Mergers, Acquisitions, and Internal Restructuring

Software delivery organizations are no strangers to change. Mergers and acquisitions are common, as are divestitures. A startup may be acquired and brought under the fold of a much larger organization. Or two major players will merge to solidify market leadership.

As a result, what were previously two distinct units, each with its own products, toolchains, and processes, must integrate and form something cohesive. Company integrations can take years, but teams rather quickly need to forge a common language to collaborate and measure what they do together.

Toolchain integration helps data flow across the disparate toolchains, but it is model-based integration that enables the seamless communication and cooperation following a merger or acquisition.

The beauty of models is that they do not force change on the software delivery teams nor disrupt their work. Instead of forcing everyone to converge on the same tools, processes, and systems within a very short period of time, models guarantee agility and autonomy to the teams while ensuring the right data flows between systems.

Models standardize the information exchanged by integrations into archetypes of business value. They express the organizational consensus of the data package that needs to flow for each artifact type.

It is not just M&A that creates the need for models. Internal organization restructuring, big staffing upheavals, or the introduction of new tooling all drive the need for a common, stable way to communicate software delivery performance in business terms.

“Planview Tasktop Hub prevented us from rushing to find a new workflow tool at a critical point in our project and eliminated the need for massive re-training by integrating into our existing processes with just a few minor tweaks.”

– Lead Business Analyst at Fortune 100 Financial Services Providers

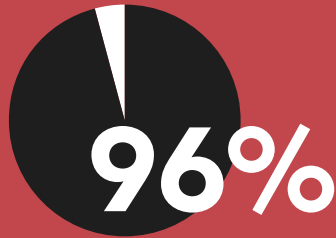
Planview® Tasktop Hub comes with several out-of-the-box models you can readily use. These models are designed based on our extensive experience working with large software delivery organizations, made possible by our systematic approach to tool integration.

“Planview Tasktop Hub has enabled us to simplify the integration when acquiring smaller firms by synching work items and minimizing the disruption on each side.”

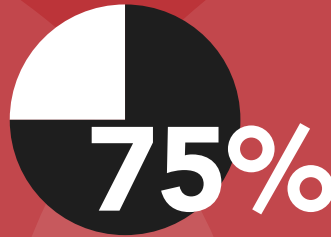
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The Benefits of Model-Based Integration

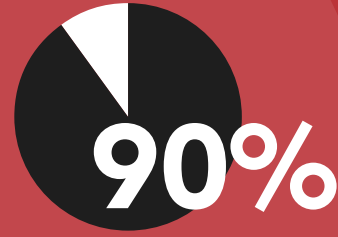
SAVINGS



Decrease in number of mappings



Faster on integration setup



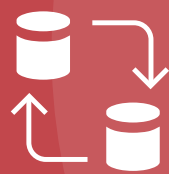
Time saved on integration maintenance

FLEXIBILITY



Accommodate organization change (mergers, acquisition, reorgs)

Models translate each unique value creation process into a shared, measurable language.



Make changes to tooling

Map the new tool's artifacts to the model for rapid toolchain integration.



Support new tool versions without disruption

Models keep data exchange smooth and uninterrupted by third party changes.



Minimize team disruption

Models help teams maintain autonomy in their tools and processes and require no practitioner retraining.

REPORTS



Standardized data for easy, cross-tool, cross-departmental reporting



No lead time in report generation



Reports are easily and readily understandable to the business

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