

Craft Tools Hub Manual

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Craft Tools Hub - Quick Start Guide

For Testers/Coworkers

Prerequisites

- Install Node.js (v18 or higher): <https://nodejs.org/>

Quick Start Options

Option 1: Run from NAS (Recommended for Teams)

If your IT has deployed to NAS:

1. **Set Environment Variable** (one-time setup):





```
# Run the setup script from NAS
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1
```

2. **Launch App:**

```
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\updates\latest\run-app.bat
```

Or create a desktop shortcut to this location.

Advantages:

-  No local installation needed
-  Always get latest version
-  Shared component database
-  IT manages updates

Option 2: Local Development

Option 1: Double-click to run

1. Double-click `run-app.bat`
2. The app will:
 - Install dependencies (first time only)
 - Start in development mode
 - Open automatically with DevTools

Option 2: Build and package

1. Double-click `build-app.bat` to build the app
2. Run `npx electron-builder` to create the installer
3. Find the installer in the `release/` folder

Troubleshooting

"npm is not recognized"

- Node.js is not installed or not in your PATH
- Install from: <https://nodejs.org/>

Port 5173 already in use

- Another instance is running
- Close it or restart your computer

App doesn't show my changes

- The app uses local data in: `C:\Users\<YourName>\AppData\Local\electron-vite-react-app\data`
- Delete this folder to reset

Data Files Location

- Projects database: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\projects.json`
- Settings: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\settings.json`
- CSV log: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\projects_log.csv`

For Developers

See the main README.md for full development documentation.

Craft Tools Hub - User Guide

Welcome to Craft Tools Hub! This guide will help you navigate and use all the powerful tools available in the application.

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Getting Started

Launching the App

1. **Double-click** `run-app.bat` to start the application
2. Wait for the **splash screen** (with animated spinner)
3. The app will open to the **Dashboard** automatically

First Time Setup

1. Navigate to **Settings** ( icon in sidebar)
 2. Configure your preferences:
 - **Display**: Choose Compact or Expanded card layout
 - **Export**: Set default export location and format
 - **Links**: Add frequently used websites
 - **Documents**: Add important document links
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Dashboard Overview

The Dashboard is your home base with quick access to everything you need.

Dashboard Sections

Recent Quotes

- View your 5 most recent quotes
- Click any quote to open it
- Shows: Project name, Quote ID, and Customer

Document Hub

- Quick access to important documents
- Default documents:
 - Marketing Brochure
 - Standard SOP
 - UL508A Guide
- Click any document icon to open (opens in browser/PDF viewer)

Useful Links

- Quick access to websites you use frequently
- Customize in Settings → Links tab
- Opens links in your default browser

Welcome Message

- Displays your custom welcome message

- Shows Craft Automation logo
- Can be customized or hidden in Settings → Layout

Plugin Tools

Access any plugin tool from the **left sidebar** or **top tabs**.

1 Quote Configurator

Purpose: Build custom quotes for brewery and distillery projects

How to Use:

1. Click **Quote Configurator** in sidebar
2. Fill out the **6-step wizard**:
 - **Step 1:** Quote Information (ID, customer, dates)
 - **Step 2:** Product Selection (choose from template)
 - **Step 3:** Component Configuration (add line items)
 - **Step 4:** Pricing & Costs (materials, labor, shipping)
 - **Step 5:** Terms & Conditions (payment, delivery)
 - **Step 6:** Review & Export (preview and save)

Tips:

- Use **Product Template Manager** to create templates first
- Search for components using **Ctrl+K** global search
- Save quotes at any step
- Export to PDF or CSV when complete

2 Product Template Manager

Purpose: Manage product templates organized by category

Product Categories (with custom icons):

-  **Brewery** (100-149): Brewhouse, Brite Tanks, Unitanks
-  **Distillery** (150-199): Pot Stills, Column Stills, Spirit Vessels
-  **Fermentation** (200-249): Fermenters, Glycol Systems, Valves
-  **Grain** (250-299): Grain Handling, Milling, Storage
-  **Motor Control** (300-349): Drives, Soft Starters, Motors
-  **Pneumatics** (400-449): Valves, Actuators, Regulators
-  **Sanitary** (450-499): CIP Systems, Pumps, Fittings
-  **Remote** (500-549): HMI, SCADA, PLCs
-  **Heating** (550-599): Heat Exchangers, Boilers
-  **General** (990-999): Misc Components

How to Use:

1. Click **Product Template Manager**
2. **Category View:** See all 10 categories with:
 - Number of products in category
 - Available product numbers
 - Configuration progress bar
3. Click a **category** to view products
4. Select **available number** from dropdown
5. Click **Create**, **Edit**, or **View** any product

Product Number Ranges:

- Each category has a dedicated range (shown above)
 - Available numbers show in green dropdown
 - Unavailable/used numbers are hidden
-

3 Component Manager

Purpose: Manage the master component database

Features:

- **View all components:** Browse 1000+ components
- **Add new components:** Create custom component entries
- **Edit existing:** Update prices, descriptions, specs
- **Delete components:** Remove obsolete items
- **Import/Export:** Bulk operations via CSV

Component Fields:

- SKU (unique identifier)
- Description
- Category
- Manufacturer/Vendor
- Price
- Quantity
- Part Abbreviation

Quick Actions:

- Use **Ctrl+K** to search components globally
 - Export filtered lists to CSV
 - Import from Excel/CSV templates
-

4 Manual BOM Builder

Purpose: Create Bills of Materials (BOMs) manually

How to Use:

1. Click **Manual BOM Builder**
2. Enter **BOM Name** and **Description**
3. **Add Line Items:**
 - Use Component Search (Ctrl+K)
 - Or enter manually (SKU, Description, Qty, Price)
4. Configure **Assembly Categories:**
 - Assign components to assembly groups
 - Set category abbreviations
5. **Calculate Totals** automatically
6. **Export** to CSV with timestamp

Assembly Categories:

- Brewhouse (BH)
- Cellar (CL)
- Packaging (PK)
- Utilities (UT)

- Controls (CT)
 - CIP (CP)
 - Custom categories supported
-

5 BOM Panel Builder

Purpose: Import and organize BOMs from spreadsheets

How to Use:

1. Prepare CSV file using template
2. Click **BOM Panel Builder**
3. **Import CSV:** Select your file
4. **Review** imported data
5. **Map** assembly categories
6. **Assign** panel numbers
7. **Export** organized BOM

Template Fields:

- Item #
- Description
- Manufacturer
- Part Number
- Quantity
- Unit Price
- Assembly Category

Download Template: Use `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` in project root

6 Assembly Manager

Purpose: Manage assembly definitions and categories

Features:

- Create assembly groups
- Assign components to assemblies
- Set assembly abbreviations (2-3 letters)
- Track assembly costs
- Generate assembly-specific BOMs

Common Assemblies:

- BH: Brewhouse
 - CL: Cellar/Fermentation
 - PK: Packaging Line
 - UT: Utilities (glycol, air, water)
 - CT: Controls/Automation
 - CP: CIP System
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7 Project Manager

Purpose: Track multiple projects and their quotes

Features:

- View all active projects
- Link quotes to projects
- Track project status
- Manage customer information
- Timeline view
- Budget tracking

Project Lifecycle:

1. **New:** Just created
2. **Quoting:** Building quote
3. **Submitted:** Quote sent to customer
4. **Won:** Customer accepted
5. **In Progress:** Build phase
6. **Completed:** Delivered

8 FLA Calculator

Purpose: Calculate Full Load Amperage for electrical systems

How to Use:

1. Select **Voltage** (120V, 208V, 240V, 480V, 600V)
2. Select **Phase** (Single or Three Phase)
3. Enter **Horsepower** or **kW**
4. Calculator shows:
 - FLA (Full Load Amps)
 - Recommended wire size
 - Recommended breaker size
 - Conduit size

Common Motor Sizes:

- 0.5 HP to 500 HP
- NEC Table 430.250 reference
- Includes safety factors

9 Margin Calculator

Purpose: Calculate profit margins and pricing

How to Use:

1. Enter **Cost** (your total cost)
2. Enter **Sell Price** (what you'll charge)
3. Calculator shows:
 - Gross Margin (\$)
 - Margin %
 - Markup %
4. Or enter desired **Margin %** to calculate sell price

Formulas:

- $\text{Margin \%} = (\text{Sell} - \text{Cost}) / \text{Sell} \times 100$
 - $\text{Markup \%} = (\text{Sell} - \text{Cost}) / \text{Cost} \times 100$
-

10 Number Generator

Purpose: Generate unique quote/project numbers

Features:

- Auto-increment numbering
- Custom prefixes (CRAFT-, Q-, etc.)
- Year-based formatting (2025-001)
- Format templates
- Check for duplicates

Common Formats:

- CRAFT-2025-001
 - Q-20251106-001
 - PRJ-12345
-

Settings & Customization

Access Settings via the  icon in the left sidebar.

Layout Settings

Welcome Message:

- Show/hide welcome message
- Show/hide Craft logo
- Custom title text
- Custom subtitle text

Dashboard Widgets:

- ✓ Show Recent Quotes
- ✓ Show Document Hub
- ✓ Show Useful Links

Card Display:

- **Compact:** Smaller cards, more on screen
- **Expanded:** Larger cards, easier to read

Export Settings

Default Export Location:

- Click **Browse** to select folder
- All exports go here by default
- Can override per export

Default Export Format:

- CSV (Excel compatible)
- Excel (.xlsx)
- PDF (formatted quote)

Timestamp Options:

- ✓ Include timestamp in filename

- Format: `BOM_2025-11-06T14-30-00.csv`

Useful Links

Add Custom Links:

1. Click **+ Add Link**
2. Enter **Title** (e.g., "Google Drive")
3. Enter **URL** (e.g., <https://drive.google.com>)
4. Select **Icon** (from Lucide icons)
5. Click **Save**

Default Links:

- Component Database
- External Link Reference
- Hard Drive Backup
- Database Docs

Document Hub

Add Documents:

1. Click **+ Add Document**
2. Enter **Title** (e.g., "Safety Manual")
3. Enter **Path** (file path or URL)
4. Select **Icon**
5. Click **Save**

Supported Types:

- PDF files
- Word documents
- Web links
- Network drives



Tips & Shortcuts

Keyboard Shortcuts

| Shortcut | Action |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Ctrl+K | Open Global Component Search |
| Esc | Close modals/search |
| Tab | Navigate between fields |
| Enter | Submit search/forms |

Global Component Search (Ctrl+K)

Most Powerful Feature!

1. Press **Ctrl+K** anywhere in the app
2. Type to search across **all components**
3. Search by:
 - SKU

- Description
 - Category
 - Manufacturer
 - Part Abbreviation
4. Click result to **view component details**
 5. Click **Use Component** to auto-fill into active form
 6. Click **View Manual** to access component documentation

Search Tips:

- Search is **case-insensitive**
- Partial matches work (type "relay" finds "Safety Relay")
- Results update **as you type**
- Shows **100 most relevant** results
- **Drag and resize** the search window
- Press **ESC** to close search

Component Details Dialog:

- View full component specifications
- **Copy Data:** Copy component info to clipboard
- **View Manual:** Smart manual lookup (see below)
- **Use Component:** Insert into active form






Smart Manual System :

1. Click **View Manual** on any component
2. System checks if manual is already cached
3. If cached: Opens manual instantly
4. If not cached:
 - Automatically searches manufacturer website
 - Opens browser with search results
 - Prompts you to confirm if correct manual
 - Click **Save Reference** to cache for next time
5. Next time: Opens directly (zero wait!)

Supported Manufacturers:

- Allen Bradley / Rockwell Automation
- Siemens
- Schneider Electric
- ABB
- Endress+Hauser
- Festo
- Others (via Google search)

Manual Benefits:

-  No upfront manual collection needed
-  Builds library organically as you use it
-  Self-correcting (you validate each manual)
-  Works immediately with smart search
-  Future: Will download and store PDFs locally

For detailed manual system documentation, see `MANUAL_SYSTEM.md`.

Quick Navigation

Sidebar:

- Click any plugin icon to switch
- Current plugin highlighted in blue
- Tooltips show plugin names

Top Tabs:

- Recently opened plugins appear as tabs
- Click ✕ to close tab
- Click tab name to switch

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

"Component not found"

- **Solution:** Use Ctrl+K to search global database
- Check spelling and SKU format
- Component might be in different category

"Settings not saving"

- **Solution:** Settings save automatically
- Check: %APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\
- If missing, app will recreate defaults

"Export failed"

- **Solution:** Check export folder exists
- Verify write permissions
- Close any open Excel/PDF files with same name

"Splash screen stuck"

- **Solution:** Wait 10 seconds
- If persists, restart app
- Check electron process in Task Manager

Data Locations

User Settings:

```
%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\  
├─ dashboard_settings.json  
├─ useful_links.json  
└─ doc_hub_items.json
```

Project Data:

```
Craft_Tools_Hub\src\data\  
├─ quotes\  
├─ assemblies.json  
├─ manual_boms.json  
└─ project_quote_schema.json
```

Component Database:

```
Craft_Tools_Hub\public\  
└─ COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv
```

Getting Help

1. Check this guide first
2. See `README.md` for technical details
3. See `QUICK_START.md` for setup instructions
4. Check specific guides:
 - `BOM_IMPORTER_GUIDE.md`
 - `GLOBAL_COMPONENT_SEARCH.md`

Additional Resources

Quick Start Guides

- **BOM Import:** See `BOM_IMPORTER_QUICK_START.md`
- **Component Search:** See `GLOBAL_COMPONENT_SEARCH.md`
- **Assembly Mapping:** See `BOM_ASSEMBLY_CATEGORY_MAPPING.md`

Templates

- **BOM Import:** `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv`
- **Component Database:** `COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv`

Development

- **Build App:** `build-app.bat`
- **Run Dev:** `npm run electron:dev`
- **Build Electron:** `npm run build`

Best Practices

Workflow Recommendations

1. **Start with Product Templates**
 - Define all products in Product Template Manager
 - Organize by category
 - Complete configurations before quoting
2. **Use Global Search**
 - Press Ctrl+K frequently
 - Faster than manual entry
 - Reduces errors
3. **Save Often**
 - Quotes auto-save on step changes
 - Manual save recommended for large changes
 - Export backups regularly
4. **Organize Components**

- Use consistent SKU formats
- Complete all fields (category, manufacturer)
- Keep descriptions clear and searchable

5. Customize Your Dashboard

- Add your most-used links
- Hide widgets you don't need
- Choose display style that fits your workflow

Updates & Maintenance

Updating Component Database

1. Open component CSV in Excel
2. Make changes (add, edit, delete)
3. Save as CSV (UTF-8)
4. Replace file in `public/` folder
5. Restart app to reload

Backing Up Data

Recommended backup locations:

- Settings: `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\`
- Quotes: `Craft_Tools_Hub\src\data\quotes\`
- Components: `Craft_Tools_Hub\public\`
- Exports: Your chosen export folder

Backup Frequency:

- Daily: Export folder
- Weekly: User settings
- Monthly: Full app data folder

Pro Tips

1. **Dual Monitors:** Open search (Ctrl+K) on second screen while working
2. **Templates:** Create product templates for repeat customers
3. **Categories:** Use assembly categories to organize complex BOMs
4. **Export Settings:** Set default location to shared network drive
5. **Custom Links:** Add customer portals and supplier sites
6. **Search:** Type part of description, don't need exact match
7. **Keyboard:** Use Tab to navigate forms quickly
8. **Preview:** Always review quotes in Step 6 before exporting

Support

For technical issues or questions:

- Check troubleshooting section above
 - Review relevant documentation files
 - Check GitHub repository: `github.com/2nist/craft_tools_hub`
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Happy Quoting! 🗨️ ⚙️

Global Component Search - Integration Guide

Overview

The Global Component Search is a centralized, moveable, and resizable modal for finding components across the entire application. This replaces individual plugin search implementations.

Deployment Considerations

NAS Deployment

When deployed via NAS using `scripts/publish-to-nas.ps1`:

- Component database syncs automatically from `public/COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv`
- Search indexes are built on first launch
- Updates to component database require re-deploying to NAS
- All workstations share the same component database

Environment Setup

The search system respects the `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT` environment variable:

- Set via `Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1` (generated during NAS deployment)
- Points to the `latest` folder on NAS
- Ensures all users search the same component database

Features

- ✓ **600x500px default size** (centered on screen)
 - ✓ **Moveable** - Drag by header to reposition
 - ✓ **Resizable** - Drag corners/edges to resize
 - ✓ **Keyboard Shortcut** - `Ctrl+K` (Windows) / `Cmd+K` (Mac)
 - ✓ **Menu Access** - View > Search Components...
 - ✓ **Real-time Search** - Searches SKU, Description, Category, Manufacturer
 - ✓ **Pub/Sub Pattern** - Plugins subscribe to component selection events
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How to Open the Modal

1. From the Menu

View > Search Components...

2. Keyboard Shortcut

Press `Ctrl+K` (Windows) or `Cmd+K` (Mac)

3. Programmatically

```
import { useAppContext } from '../context/AppContext';

function MyComponent() {
  const { openSearchModal } = useAppContext();

  return (
    <button onClick={openSearchModal}>
      Search Components
    </button>
  );
}
```

How Plugins Receive Component Selections

Plugins use the **EventBus** to subscribe to component selection events.

Example: Basic Subscription

```
import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';
import { eventBus, EVENTS } from '../services/EventBus';

export default function MyPlugin() {
  const [selectedComponent, setSelectedComponent] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    // Subscribe to component selection event
    const unsubscribe = eventBus.subscribe(
      EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED,
      (component) => {
        console.log('Component selected:', component);
        setSelectedComponent(component);
        // Do something with the component...
      }
    );
  });

  // Cleanup subscription on unmount
  return () => unsubscribe();
}, []);

return (
  <div>
    {selectedComponent && (
      <div>
        <h3>Selected: {selectedComponent.description}</h3>
        <p>SKU: {selectedComponent.sku}</p>
        <p>Category: {selectedComponent.category}</p>
      </div>
    )}
  </div>
);
}
```

Example: Adding to a List

```
import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';
import { eventBus, EVENTS } from '../services/EventBus';

export default function ComponentList() {
  const [components, setComponents] = useState([]);
```

```

useEffect(() => {
  const unsubscribe = eventBus.subscribe(
    EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED,
    (component) => {
      // Add component to list (avoid duplicates)
      setComponents(prev => {
        const exists = prev.some(c => c.sku === component.sku);
        if (exists) return prev;
        return [...prev, component];
      });
    }
  );

  return () => unsubscribe();
}, []);

return (
  <div>
    <h2>Components ({components.length})</h2>
    <ul>
      {components.map(c => (
        <li key={c.sku}>
          {c.sku} - {c.description}
        </li>
      ))}
    </ul>
  </div>
);
}

```

Example: Using with Forms

```

import React, { useEffect } from 'react';
import { eventBus, EVENTS } from '../services/EventBus';

export default function ComponentForm() {
  const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
    sku: '',
    description: '',
    quantity: 1
  });

  useEffect(() => {
    const unsubscribe = eventBus.subscribe(
      EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED,
      (component) => {
        // Populate form with selected component
        setFormData(prev => ({
          ...prev,
          sku: component.sku,
          description: component.description
        }));
      }
    );

    return () => unsubscribe();
  }, []);

  return (
    <form>
      <input
        value={formData.sku}
        onChange={e => setFormData({...formData, sku: e.target.value})}
        placeholder="SKU"
      />
    </form>
  );
}

```



```

    <input
      value={formData.description}
      onChange={e => setFormData({...formData, description: e.target.value})}
      placeholder="Description"
    />
    <input
      type="number"
      value={formData.quantity}
      onChange={e => setFormData({...formData, quantity: e.target.value})}
      placeholder="Quantity"
    />
  </form>
);
}

```

Component Data Structure

When a component is selected, it contains the following properties:

```

{
  sku: string,           // Component SKU/Part Number
  description: string,   // Component description
  category?: string,     // Category (if available)
  manufacturer?: string, // Manufacturer (if available)
  quantity?: number,     // Quantity (if available)
  price?: number,        // Price (if available)
  vendor?: string,       // Vendor (if available)
  // ... other component properties
}

```

Available Events

```

import { EVENTS } from '../services/EventBus';

EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED // Fired when user selects a component
EVENTS.SEARCH_OPENED      // Fired when search modal opens
EVENTS.SEARCH_CLOSED      // Fired when search modal closes

```

Migrating from Plugin-Specific Search

Before (Old Way):

```

// Each plugin had its own search implementation
const [searchTerm, setSearchTerm] = useState('');
const [components, setComponents] = useState([]);

const handleSearch = async () => {
  const results = await window.components.search({
    sku: searchTerm
  });
  setComponents(results);
};

```

After (New Way):

```
// Use EventBus to receive selections from global search
useEffect(() => {
  const unsubscribe = EventBus.subscribe(
    EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED,
    (component) => {
      // Handle selected component
      handleAddComponent(component);
    }
  );
  return () => unsubscribe();
}, []);
```

Benefits

1. **Consistency** - Same search UX across all plugins
2. **Maintainability** - Single search implementation to update
3. **Better UX** - Users learn one search interface
4. **Decoupling** - Plugins don't manage search state
5. **Flexibility** - Modal can be moved/resized as needed

Next Steps

- Remove plugin-specific search implementations
- Subscribe to `EVENTS.COMPONENT_SELECTED` in your plugin
- Test component selection flow
- Consider adding plugin-specific actions after selection

Support

For questions or issues, see:

- `src/services/EventBus.js` - Event bus implementation
- `src/services/SearchService.js` - Search logic
- `src/components/GlobalComponentSearch/index.jsx` - Modal component

Legacy BOM Importer - Quick Start Instructions

What This Tool Does

The Legacy BOM Importer converts your old CSV BOM files into the new system format:

-  Creates **Assemblies** automatically
-  Updates **Product Templates** with assembly references
-  Handles multiple products in one file
-  Allows creating new products on the fly

Quick Start (5 Minutes)

Step **1**: Prepare Your CSV File

Option A: Use the Template

- Open `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv`
- Replace the sample data with your actual BOM data
- Keep the same column headers: `Product Name` , `Assembly Name` , `Component SKU` , `Quantity`

Option B: Use Your Own CSV

- Your CSV can have **any column names** - you'll map them in the tool
- Must include these 4 pieces of info:
 1. Product/system name
 2. Assembly/section name
 3. Component SKU/part number
 4. Quantity

Step 2: Open the BOM Importer

1. Launch Craft Tools Hub
2. Click **"BOM Importer"** from the plugin menu
3. Click **"Select .csv File"** button
4. Choose your CSV file

Step 3: Map Your Columns

Match your CSV columns to the system fields:

| System Needs | Your CSV Column | Example |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Product Name | → Select your column | "Product", "System", "ProductType" |
| Assembly Name | → Select your column | "Assembly", "Section", "Sub-Assembly" |
| Component SKU | → Select your column | "SKU", "Part#", "MPN", "Component" |
| Component Quantity | → Select your column | "Qty", "Quantity", "Count" |

Click **"Map Products →"**

Step 4: Map Products to Codes

For each product name in your CSV, choose:

Existing Product:

- Select from dropdown: `100 - Brewhouse` , `200 - CIP System` , etc.

New Product:

- Select **"+ Create new product..."**
- Enter **New Code**: `700` , `800` , etc. (3 digits)
- Enter **New Name**: "Custom Skid", "Service Panel", etc.

Click **"Process & Import →"**

Step 5: Done!

- See how many assemblies were created
- See how many products were updated
- Your data is now in the system
- Click **"Start New Import"** to process another file

CSV Format Examples

Example 1: Standard Format (Recommended)

```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Quantity
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,VFD-1.5HP,1
CIP Skid,Pump Control,PLC-IEEC-40IO,1
```

Example 2: Different Column Names (Still Works!)

```
System,Section,Part Number,Qty
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
```

You'll just map "System" → Product Name, "Section" → Assembly Name, etc.

Example 3: Minimal Format

```
Prod,Asm,SKU,Q
Panel,Main,DISCONNECT-100A,1
Panel,Controls,PLC-40IO,1
```

Any column names work as long as you have the 4 required pieces of data!

Before You Import - Checklist

- ☐ **Component Library is populated**
 - Go to **Component Manager** first
 - Import/sync your components from Smartsheet or CSV
 - Verify all SKUs in your BOM exist in the component library
 - ☐ **CSV file is clean**
 - No empty rows between data
 - Product names are consistent (not "Brewhouse" and "BrewHouse")
 - Quantities are numbers (not "two" or "N/A")
 - No special characters in SKUs
 - ☐ **Know your product codes**
 - List existing products: 100, 200, 300, etc.
 - Decide which are new vs existing
 - Pick unique codes for new products (700, 750, 800, etc.)
-

What You'll Get After Import

Assemblies Created

Each unique **Product + Assembly** combination becomes one assembly:

Example:

- CSV has 3 rows for "Brewhouse - Main Disconnect"
- Creates 1 assembly with 3 components inside it
- Assembly ID: `ASM-1730000001`

Product Templates Updated

Products get their assembly lists updated:

Example:

- Product "100 - Brewhouse" file
- Gets assembly IDs added: [`"ASM-1730000001"`, `"ASM-1730000002"`]
- Ready to use in Quote Configurator

Common Issues & Fixes

"All four fields must be mapped"

- ✖ **Problem:** Skipped a required field
- ✔ **Fix:** Map all 4 fields in Step 2 (no skips allowed)

"Product has not been mapped"

- ✖ **Problem:** Left a product unmapped in Step 3
- ✔ **Fix:** Select a code or create new product for every row

"New product code already exists"

- ✖ **Problem:** Code `700` is already used
- ✔ **Fix:** Try `701`, `750`, `800`, etc.

Components not showing in assemblies

- ✖ **Problem:** SKUs don't exist in component library
- ✔ **Fix:** Add components to library first (Component Manager)

File won't open

- ✖ **Problem:** Wrong file format or permissions
- ✔ **Fix:** Ensure it's a .csv file, not .xlsx or .xls

Pro Tips

1. Test with Small File First

- Export just 5-10 rows from your full BOM
- Import the test file
- Verify results in Assembly Manager
- Then import the full file

2. Use Consistent Naming

- Assembly names should be descriptive: "Main Disconnect" not "MD"
- Product names should match across rows

- Avoid typos that create duplicate products

3. Group Components Logically

- Put related components in same assembly
- Think about how you'll use them in quotes
- Example: All VFD components together in "Kettle VFD Assembly"

4. Component Library First

- **Always** populate your component library before importing BOMs
- Missing SKUs will cause errors or incomplete assemblies
- Use Component Manager to sync from Smartsheet

5. Product Code Strategy

- Use hundreds: 100, 200, 300 (not 101, 102, 103)
- Leave gaps for future products
- Group by category: 100-199 Brewhouse, 200-299 CIP, etc.

Where Your Data Goes

After Import:

1. **Assemblies** → `src/data/assemblies/assemblies.json`
 - View in: **Assembly Manager** plugin
 - Use in: Quote Configurator, Manual BOM Builder
2. **Product Templates** → `src/data/product-templates/[code].json`
 - View in: **Product Template Manager** plugin
 - Use in: Quote Configurator

After Import - Next Steps

1. Verify Assemblies

- Open **Assembly Manager**
- Search for your new assemblies
- Check components and quantities are correct
- Edit if needed

2. Check Products

- Open **Product Template Manager**
- Select your product code
- Verify assembly references appear
- Test in Quote Configurator

3. Build a Test Quote

- Open **Quote Configurator**
- Create new quote with your product

- Verify assemblies load correctly
- Check cost calculations

Need Help?

Debug Steps:

1. Press **F12** to open browser console
2. Look for error messages in red
3. Check the specific error details
4. Refer to BOM_IMPORTER_GUIDE.md for detailed troubleshooting

Still Stuck?

- Review the full guide: `BOM_IMPORTER_GUIDE.md`
- Check CSV format against template
- Verify component library is complete
- Test with the provided template file first

Template File Included

Use `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` as your starting point:

- 5 sample products
- 15 assemblies
- 35+ component rows
- Shows proper format
- Ready to customize with your data

To use:

1. Open `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` in Excel or text editor
2. Replace sample data with your actual BOM
3. Keep the column headers OR use your own (you'll map them)
4. Save as .csv
5. Import!

Estimated Time

| Task | Time |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Prepare CSV file | 10-15 min |
| Import through wizard | 5 min |
| Verify results | 5 min |
| Total | ~20-25 min |

For a typical 100-row BOM file

Success Checklist

After import, you should be able to:

- ☐ See new assemblies in Assembly Manager
- ☐ Find assemblies by searching product or assembly name
- ☐ See assembly references in Product Template Manager
- ☐ Create a quote using the imported product
- ☐ See assemblies populate in quote configurator
- ☐ Calculate costs correctly
- ☐ Add assemblies to Manual BOM Builder

Remember

1. **Component library first** - Always!
2. **Clean CSV data** - No typos, consistent names
3. **Test small first** - Use sample file before full import
4. **Map carefully** - Take time in Steps 2 & 3
5. **Verify after** - Check Assembly Manager and Product Templates

Ready to import? Open the BOM Importer plugin and get started!

Files Included:

- `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` - Sample CSV template
- `BOM_IMPORTER_GUIDE.md` - Comprehensive reference guide
- This file - Quick start instructions

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Legacy BOM Importer - Complete Guide

Overview

The Legacy BOM Importer is a 4-step wizard that converts old CSV BOM files into the new system format, automatically creating assemblies and updating product templates.

CSV File Requirements

Required Columns (in any order)

Your CSV file must contain these four pieces of information:

1. **Product Name** - The overall product/system name
 - Examples: "Brewhouse", "CIP Skid", "Control Panel"
2. **Assembly Name** - The sub-assembly or section within the product
 - Examples: "Main Disconnect", "Kettle VFD", "PLC Assembly"
3. **Component SKU** - The unique part number (Manufacturer Part #)
 - Examples: "VFD-1.5HP", "PLC-IDEA-40IO", "WIRE-14AWG-BLK"

4. **Quantity** - Number of components in that assembly
- Examples: "1", "2", "0.5" (for partial quantities)

Column Header Names

Your CSV can use **any column names** - you'll map them in Step 2. Common variations:

- Product: "Product", "Product Name", "System", "ProductType"
- Assembly: "Assembly", "Assembly Name", "Sub-Assembly", "Section"
- SKU: "SKU", "Part Number", "MPN", "Component", "Part#"
- Quantity: "Qty", "Quantity", "Count", "Amount"

Example CSV Format

```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Qty
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,VFD-1.5HP,1
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,CONTACTOR-30A,1
CIP Skid,Pump Control,PLC-IDEA-40IO,1
CIP Skid,Pump Control,RELAY-24VDC,3
```

Alternative Format Example:

```
System,Section,Part#,Count
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
```

This works too! You'll map "System" → Product Name, "Section" → Assembly Name, etc.

Step-by-Step Import Process

Step 1: Upload BOM

1. Click **"Select .csv File"** button
2. Navigate to your legacy BOM CSV file
3. Click **Open**
4. The file will be automatically parsed and headers detected

What Happens:

- File is read into memory
- CSV headers are extracted
- System advances to Step 2

Step 2: Map Columns

Map your CSV columns to the system's required fields.

Field Mappings

| System Field | Description | What to Map |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| Product Name | The overall product/system | Select the CSV column containing product names |

| System Field | Description | What to Map |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Assembly Name | The sub-assembly within the product | Select the CSV column containing assembly/section names |
| Component SKU | The unique part number | Select the CSV column containing SKU/MPN/Part# |
| Component Quantity | How many of this component | Select the CSV column containing quantities |

Example Mapping Scenario

Your CSV Headers:

```
System, Panel Section, Manufacturer Part, Qty Needed
```

Your Mappings:

- Product Name → **System**
- Assembly Name → **Panel Section**
- Component SKU → **Manufacturer Part**
- Component Quantity → **Qty Needed**

Skip Option

- If you have extra columns you don't need, leave them as `-- (Skip) --`
- **All 4 required fields MUST be mapped** to proceed

Validation:

- The "Map Products" button is disabled until all 4 fields are mapped
- Click "**Map Products** →" to continue

Step 3: Map Products

The system finds all unique product names from your CSV and asks you to map them to product codes.

Product Mapping Options

Option 1: Map to Existing Product

- Select an existing product code from the dropdown
- Format: `100 - Brewhouse`, `200 - CIP System`, etc.
- Use this when the product already exists in your product schema

Option 2: Create New Product

- Select **"+ Create new product..."** from dropdown
- Two new fields appear:
 - **New Code**: Enter a unique 3-digit code (e.g., `700`, `800`)
 - **New Name**: Enter the product name (e.g., "Custom Skid", "Service Panel")

Example Product Mapping Table

| Product Name (from CSV) | System Product Code | New Product (if creating) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Brewhouse | <code>100 - Brewhouse</code> | <i>(not creating)</i> |
| Custom Panel | <code>+ Create new product...</code> | Code: <code>750</code> , Name: "Custom Control Panel" |
| CIP Skid | <code>200 - CIP System</code> | <i>(not creating)</i> |

Validation Rules

- Every product name must have a mapping
- New product codes must be unique (can't match existing codes)
- New product codes and names cannot be empty
- System validates before allowing import

Click **"Process & Import →"** when all products are mapped

Step 4: Complete

Import processing happens and results are displayed.

What Gets Created/Updated

Assemblies Created:

- Each unique `Product Name + Assembly Name` combination creates one assembly
- Assembly ID format: Generated unique ID
- Each assembly contains its list of components with quantities
- Saved to: `src/data/assemblies/assemblies.json`

Product Templates Updated:

- Products get their `componentAssemblies` field populated with assembly IDs
- New products are created in the schema if you selected "Create new product"
- Saved to: `src/data/product-templates/[product-code].json`

Success Screen Shows:

- ✓ **Assemblies Created:** Total number of assemblies generated
 - ✓ **Product Templates Updated:** Number of product files updated
 - Confirmation that files are ready to use
 - **"Start New Import"** button to process another file
-

Data Flow Example

Input CSV:

```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Qty
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,VFD-1.5HP,1
```

Step 2 Mapping:

- Product Name → `Product Name`
- Assembly Name → `Assembly Name`
- Component SKU → `Component SKU`
- Quantity → `Qty`

Step 3 Mapping:

- "Brewhouse" → `100 - Brewhouse` (*existing product*)

Results:

2 Assemblies Created:

1. Assembly: "Brewhouse - Main Disconnect"

```
{
  "assemblyId": "ASM-1730000001",
  "description": "Brewhouse - Main Disconnect",
  "components": [
    { "sku": "DISCONNECT-200A", "quantity": 1 },
    { "sku": "WIRE-14AWG-BLK", "quantity": 25 }
  ]
}
```

2. Assembly: "Brewhouse - Kettle VFD"

```
{
  "assemblyId": "ASM-1730000002",
  "description": "Brewhouse - Kettle VFD",
  "components": [
    { "sku": "VFD-1.5HP", "quantity": 1 }
  ]
}
```

1 Product Updated:

- File: `src/data/product-templates/100.json`
- Field `componentAssemblies` now includes:

```
"componentAssemblies": [
  "ASM-1730000001",
  "ASM-1730000002"
]
```

Common Issues & Solutions

Issue: "All four fields must be mapped"

Cause: One or more required fields is still set to `-- (Skip) --`

Solution: Ensure Product Name, Assembly Name, Component SKU, and Quantity all have CSV columns selected

Issue: "Product has not been mapped"

Cause: A product name from CSV wasn't assigned a code in Step 3

Solution: Go through each row in Step 3 and select either an existing product or create a new one

Issue: "New product code already exists"

Cause: You tried to create a new product with a code that's already in the system

Solution: Choose a different code (e.g., if `700` exists, try `701`, `750`, `800`, etc.)

Issue: "New product is missing Code or Name"

Cause: When creating a new product, you left the code or name field blank

Solution: Fill in both the "New Code" and "New Name" fields

Issue: Components not showing up in assemblies

Cause: The component SKU doesn't exist in your component library

Solution:

1. Go to **Component Manager** plugin
 2. Add the missing components first
 3. Re-run the BOM import
-

Best Practices

1. Clean Your CSV First

- Remove empty rows
- Ensure consistent naming (e.g., don't mix "Brewhouse" and "BrewHouse")
- Verify quantities are numeric
- Check for typos in SKUs

2. Component Library First

- Import/sync your component library **before** importing BOMs
- Use **Component Manager** to sync from Smartsheet or CSV
- Verify all SKUs exist in the system

3. Product Schema Setup

- Define your product codes in the schema first if possible
- Use consistent 3-digit codes (100, 200, 300, etc.)
- Leave gaps for future products (e.g., use 100, 200, 300 instead of 100, 101, 102)

4. Assembly Naming Convention

- Be consistent with assembly names in your CSV
- Use descriptive names: "Main Disconnect" not "MD"
- Group related components logically

5. Test with Small File First

- Try importing a 5-10 row sample first
 - Verify the results in Assembly Manager
 - Then import your full BOM
-

After Import

Where to Find Your Data

Assemblies:

- Location: `src/data/assemblies/assemblies.json`
- View/Edit: **Assembly Manager** plugin
- Use in: **Quote Configurator**, **Manual BOM Builder**

Product Templates:

- Location: `src/data/product-templates/[code].json`
- View/Edit: **Product Template Manager** plugin
- Use in: **Quote Configurator**

Next Steps

1. Verify Assemblies

- Open **Assembly Manager**
- Search for your newly created assemblies
- Verify components and quantities are correct

2. Check Product Templates

- Open **Product Template Manager**
- Select your product code
- Verify assembly references are added

3. Test in Quote Configurator

- Create a new quote
- Select your product
- Verify assemblies appear and calculate correctly

4. Manual BOM Builder

- Your new assemblies are now available to add to custom BOMs
- Search and add them as needed

Technical Details

API Endpoints Used

- `window.app.showOpenDialog()` - File picker dialog
- `window.app.readFile()` - Read CSV file content
- `window.bomImporter.getCsvHeaders()` - Extract CSV column headers
- `window.bomImporter.processImport()` - Process and save the import
- `window.schemas.getProduct()` - Get available product codes

File System Changes

The importer modifies:

1. `src/data/assemblies/assemblies.json` - Adds new assemblies
2. `src/data/product-templates/[code].json` - Updates product template files

Assembly ID Format

- Pattern: `ASM-[timestamp]`
- Example: `ASM-1730000001`
- Guaranteed unique based on creation time

Quick Reference Card

Import Checklist

- ☐ Component library is populated (use Component Manager first)
- ☐ CSV file has 4 required columns (in any order)
- ☐ CSV is clean (no empty rows, consistent naming)
- ☐ Product codes are planned (know which are new vs existing)
- ☐ Ready to map columns in Step 2
- ☐ Ready to map products in Step 3
- ☐ Will verify results after import

Required CSV Columns

1. Product Name (any header name, you'll map it)
2. Assembly Name (any header name, you'll map it)
3. Component SKU (any header name, you'll map it)
4. Quantity (any header name, you'll map it)

Mapping Strategy

- **Step 2:** Match CSV headers to system fields
- **Step 3:** Map product names to codes (create new if needed)
- **Validation:** System checks everything before processing

Support & Troubleshooting

Error Messages

| Error | Meaning | Fix |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| "All four fields must be mapped" | Missing required column mapping | Map all 4 fields in Step 2 |
| "Product has not been mapped" | Incomplete product mapping | Complete all product mappings in Step 3 |
| "New product code already exists" | Duplicate product code | Choose different code |
| "Failed to read file" | File access error | Check file permissions, format |
| "Failed to parse CSV" | Invalid CSV format | Verify CSV structure, encoding |

Debug Mode

Check browser console (F12) for detailed error messages:

- File reading issues
- CSV parsing errors
- API call failures
- Validation problems

Getting Help

1. Check console for error details
2. Verify CSV format matches examples
3. Test with sample file first
4. Review this guide for common issues

Appendix: Full CSV Examples

Example 1: Multi-Product BOM

```
Product,Assembly,Part Number,Qty
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DISCONNECT-200A,1
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,25
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,WIRE-14AWG-RED,25
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,VFD-1.5HP,1
Brewhouse,Kettle VFD,CONTACTOR-30A,1
Brewhouse,HMI Panel,HMI-7INCH,1
CIP Skid,Pump Control,PLC-IDEK-40IO,1
CIP Skid,Pump Control,RELAY-24VDC,3
CIP Skid,Pump Motor,MOTOR-3HP,1
CIP Skid,Pump Motor,STARTER-3HP,1
```

Example 2: Service Call BOM

```
System,Section,Component,Count
Service Call,Replacement Parts,CONTACTOR-30A,2
Service Call,Replacement Parts,RELAY-24VDC,5
Service Call,Replacement Parts,FUSE-10A,10
Service Call,Wiring,WIRE-14AWG-BLK,50
Service Call,Wiring,WIRE-14AWG-RED,50
```

Example 3: Minimal Format

```
Prod,Asm,SKU,Q
Panel,Main,DISCONNECT-100A,1
Panel,Main,BREAKER-20A,3
Panel,Controls,PLC-40IO,1
```

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Craft Automation Tools Hub

Smart Manual System

Overview

The Global Component Search now includes a smart, lazy-loading manual system that automatically finds and caches component manuals with zero upfront work required.

NAS Deployment Integration

When deployed via the NAS using `scripts/publish-to-nas.ps1`:

Manual Index Storage:

- Stored in user's `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data>manual_index.json`
- Each user maintains their own manual cache
- Cached references persist across app updates

Shared Manual Library (Future):

- Future enhancement: Store manuals on NAS for team sharing
- Path: `\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\ComponentManuals\`
- Controlled via `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT` environment variable

Benefits:

- Users can run from NAS without local installation
- Manual cache stays with user profile
- IT can deploy updated component database via publish script
- Manuals build organically across team

How It Works

First-Time Access

1. Open Global Component Search (`Ctrl+K`)
2. Search for a component and select it
3. Click **View Manual** button
4. System checks local cache (instant)
5. If not cached, system automatically:
 - Generates manufacturer-specific search URL
 - Opens browser with search results
 - Prompts you to confirm if it's the right manual
6. Click **Save Reference** if correct
7. Manual is now cached for instant access

Subsequent Access

1. Click **View Manual**
2. Opens directly from cached reference
3. Zero waiting, zero searching

Supported Manufacturers

The system has built-in smart search URLs for:

- **Allen Bradley / Rockwell Automation**

`literature.rockwellautomation.com`

- **Siemens**

`support.industry.siemens.com`

- **Schneider Electric**

`se.com search`

- **ABB**

`search.abb.com library`

- **Endress+Hauser**

`portal.endress.com`

- **Festo**

`festo.com catalog`

Fallback

For other manufacturers, the system performs a Google search with:

`[Manufacturer] [SKU] manual pdf`

Manual Index Storage

Manual references are stored in:

```
%APPDATA%/craft-tools-hub/data/manual_index.json
```

Format:

```
{
  "1766-L32BWA": {
    "manufacturer": "Allen Bradley",
    "manualUrl": "https://literature.rockwellautomation.com/...",
    "savedDate": "2025-01-14T10:30:00Z",
    "localPath": null
  }
}
```

Future Enhancements

Planned Features

1. **Download & Store PDFs:** Save actual PDFs to NAS directory
2. **Manual Preview:** Show PDF preview in modal
3. **Version Tracking:** Track manual revisions
4. **Bulk Import:** Import existing manual library
5. **Manual Annotations:** Add notes/highlights
6. **Offline Mode:** Cache PDFs for offline access

Developer API

Frontend (React)

```
// Check if manual exists locally
const result = await window.manuals.checkLocal({
  sku: 'ABC123',
  manufacturer: 'Allen Bradley'
});

// Generate smart search URL
const search = await window.manuals.smartSearch({
  sku: 'ABC123',
  manufacturer: 'Allen Bradley',
  vndrnum: '1766L32BWA'
});

// Save manual reference
await window.manuals.saveManualReference({
  sku: 'ABC123',
  manufacturer: 'Allen Bradley',
  manualUrl: 'https://...',
  savedDate: new Date().toISOString()
});

// Get entire manual index
const index = await window.manuals.getIndex();
```

Backend (Electron IPC)

```
// Handler: manuals:check-local
ipcMain.handle('manuals:check-local', async (event, component) => {
  // Returns: { found: boolean, path?: string }
});

// Handler: manuals:smart-search
ipcMain.handle('manuals:smart-search', async (event, component) => {
  // Returns: { url: string }
});

// Handler: manuals:save-reference
ipcMain.handle('manuals:save-reference', async (event, data) => {
  // Returns: { success: boolean }
});
```

Benefits

Zero Setup Required

- No need to collect manuals upfront
- No manual linking or configuration
- Works immediately with smart search

Self-Building Library

- Builds organically as users need manuals
- Only caches manuals that are actually used
- Library grows with actual usage patterns

Self-Correcting

- Users validate each manual before saving
- Prevents incorrect associations
- Easy to re-search if manual is wrong

Low Maintenance

- No manual updates needed
- No broken links (browser always has latest)
- No storage space issues

Troubleshooting

Manual Won't Open

1. Check internet connection
2. Verify manufacturer website is accessible
3. Try manual search via Google

Wrong Manual Cached

1. Open Global Component Search
2. Search for component
3. Click **View Manual**
4. When prompted, click **Not the Right Manual**
5. Do manual search, then save correct link

Clear Manual Cache

Delete or edit:

```
%APPDATA%/craft-tools-hub/data/manual_index.json
```

Troubleshooting: v2.0 UI Not Showing

Quick Fix Steps

Step 1: Check if you're in DEV mode or BUILD mode

If using `npm run electron:dev` (DEV MODE):

1. Stop the server (Ctrl+C in terminal)
2. Restart: `npm run electron:dev`
3. In Electron window, press **Ctrl+R** (Windows) or **Cmd+R** (Mac) to reload
4. Or close and reopen the Electron window

If using `npm run build` (BUILD MODE):

1. Rebuild the app: `npm run electron:build`
2. Run the built app from `dist/` folder
3. **Note:** Changes won't appear until you rebuild!

Step 2: Check the Console

1. Open DevTools in Electron (F12 or right-click > Inspect)
2. Go to Console tab
3. Look for these messages:
 - [Template Load] Template loaded: - Should show `assembliesIsArray: true`
 - [v2.0 UI] Rendering assemblies: - Should show assembly count
 - If you see `assembliesIsArray: false` OR `NOT AN ARRAY`, migration failed






Step 3: Verify Template Migration

If using template 108 (old format), you should see:




- Console message: `Migrating legacy template "108" to v2.0 structure in memory.`
- The UI should show a "v2.0" badge on each assembly card

Step 4: Check What You Should See

NEW v2.0 UI Features:

-  Green "v2.0" badge on each assembly card header
-  Assembly cards show "Assembly Name #1", "#2" for instances
-  "Add Assembly" button (if `allowMultiple: true`)
-  Sub-Assemblies section with Required (read-only) and Optional (checkboxes)
-  Features badges displayed in assembly header

OLD UI (if still seeing this):

-  Flat I/O field list (no cards)
-  No instance numbering
-  No sub-assemblies section

- ❌ No "v2.0" badge

Step 5: Force Clear Cache

1. Close all Electron windows
2. Stop all Node processes
3. Delete `dist/` and `dist-electron/` folders (if they exist)
4. Restart: `npm run electron:dev`

Still Not Working?

Check these files are saved:

- ✅ `src/plugins/QuoteConfigurator.jsx` - Has new rendering code (lines 1021-1210)
- ✅ `electron/main.js` - Has migration service integration (line ~1811)
- ✅ `src/services/TemplateMigrationService.js` - Exists and works

If still not working, check the browser console for JavaScript errors.

Deployment & Update Guide

Internal Distribution Strategy for Craft Tools Hub

Distribution Options

Option 1: NAS-Based Installation (Recommended)

Best for: Small teams, easy updates, centralized control, automated deployment

Automated Setup with PowerShell Script

The repository includes `scripts/publish-to-nas.ps1` that automates the entire deployment:

```
## Deploy to NAS (default: \\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime)
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1

## Deploy specific version
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -Version "v1.0.0"

## Skip build (use existing artifacts)
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -SkipBuild

## Custom NAS path
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -TargetPath "\\NAS\Apps\CraftToolsHub"
```

What the script does:

- ✅ Builds the app (`npm run build`)
- ✅ Creates versioned folder structure (`updates/v1.0rc/`)
- ✅ Maintains `latest` pointer for auto-updates
- ✅ Syncs all necessary files (dist, plugins, configs)
- ✅ Generates build metadata with Git info
- ✅ Creates workstation setup scripts
- ✅ Uses Robocopy for efficient mirroring

Folder Structure Created

```

\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\
├─ updates/
│   ├── v1.0rc/          # Versioned deployment
│   │   ├── dist/        # Built frontend
│   │   ├── dist-electron/ # Electron main process
│   │   ├── electron/    # Electron source
│   │   ├── public/      # Static assets
│   │   ├── plugins/     # All plugin modules
│   │   ├── src/         # React source
│   │   ├── docs/        # Documentation
│   │   ├── OUTPUT/      # Logs folder
│   │   ├── package.json
│   │   ├── build-info.json # Version metadata
│   │   ├── run-app.bat   # Launch script
│   │   └─ ... (all config files)
│   └─ latest/           # Always points to newest
├─ runtime.env.example   # Example env variable
├─ Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1 # Workstation setup (PowerShell)
└─ Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.bat # Workstation setup (Batch)

```

Permissions Setup

- **Everyone:** Read & Execute
- **IT/Admin:** Full Control
- **Developer:** Modify (for publish script)

User Installation

First Time Setup:

1. **Set Environment Variable** (choose one):

```

# PowerShell (User scope)
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1

# PowerShell (Machine scope - requires admin)
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1 -Scope Machine

# Batch (User scope)
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.bat

# Batch (Machine scope - requires admin)
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.bat /machine

```

2. **Launch App:**

```
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\updates\latest\run-app.bat
```






Or create desktop shortcut to this location.

3. **First Launch:**

- Creates user data folder at %APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app
- Loads component database from NAS
- Ready to use!

Advantages:

- ☒ Single source of truth
- ☒ Automated deployment script
- ☒ Version tracking with Git metadata

-  Zero-downtime updates (latest folder)
-  Easy rollback (previous versions preserved)
-  No per-machine installation needed
-  Network-accessible documentation
-  Build metadata for troubleshooting

Option 2: Portable App (No Installation)

Best for: Users without admin rights, quick deployment

Setup

1. Build portable version:

```
npm run electron:build
# Copy release/win-unpacked/ folder to NAS
```

2. NAS folder:

```
\\NAS\Apps\CraftToolsHub-Portable\
├─ Craft Tools Hub.exe
├─ resources\
├─ locales\
└─ README.txt
```





3. Create desktop shortcut pointing to:

```
\\NAS\Apps\CraftToolsHub-Portable\Craft Tools Hub.exe
```




Usage

Users run directly from NAS - no installation needed!

Advantages:

-  No admin rights required
-  Runs from network
-  Instant updates for everyone
-  No per-machine installation

Disadvantages:

-  Requires network connection
-  Slightly slower startup
-  Multiple users = multiple instances

Option 3: Local Install with Update Checker

Best for: Professional deployment, automatic updates

Implementation

Add update checker to your app (I can help build this):

```
// Check NAS for new version on startup
const currentVersion = "1.0.0";
```

```
const updateCheckUrl = "\\NAS\\Software\\CraftToolsHub\\version.json";

// version.json contains:
{
  "version": "1.1.0",
  "downloadUrl": "\\NAS\\Software\\CraftToolsHub\\Current\\Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup.exe",
  "changelog": "Added new features...",
  "required": false
}
```

Flow:

1. App checks NAS on startup
2. If newer version exists → Show notification
3. User clicks "Update" → Downloads from NAS
4. Runs installer automatically

Update Workflow

For IT/Admin

When You Have a New Version:

1. Pull Latest Code:

```
git pull origin quote_config
```

2. Test Locally (optional but recommended):

```
npm run electron:dev
# Verify features work as expected
```







3. Deploy to NAS (One Command!):

```
# Navigate to repository root
cd C:\Users\CraftAuto-Sales\cth\craft_tools_hub

# Deploy with version tag
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -Version "v1.1.0"

# Or use default version (v1.0rc)
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1
```

What happens:

- o  Builds renderer and Electron (`npm run build`)
- o  Creates `updates/v1.1.0/` with all files
- o  Updates `latest/` folder automatically
- o  Generates `build-info.json` with Git metadata
- o  Creates workstation setup scripts
- o  Previous versions preserved for rollback

4. Verify Deployment:

```
# Check build info
Get-Content "\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\updates\latest\build-info.json"
```


5. Notify Users:

- Email: "New version v1.1.0 available on NAS"
- Users just need to restart the app
- No reinstallation required!

For Users

Updating to New Version:

Option A - Clean Install:

1. Uninstall old version (Settings → Apps)
2. Run installer from NAS
3. Settings/data preserved automatically

Option B - In-Place Update (if you build auto-updater):

1. Click "Update Available" notification
2. Click "Download & Install"
3. App restarts with new version

Recommended Deployment Strategy

Initial Rollout

Week 1: Pilot group (2-3 users)

1. Install from NAS
2. Gather feedback
3. Fix critical bugs
4. Update NAS version

Week 2: Full team deployment

1. Send email with instructions
2. Include link to USER_GUIDE.md on NAS
3. Schedule training/demo
4. IT available for support

Ongoing Updates

Monthly or as-needed:

- Build new version
- Test with pilot user
- Deploy to NAS
- Send notification email

Build Scripts for Deployment

Create `deploy-to-nas.bat`

```
@echo off
echo =====
```

```

echo Deploying Craft Tools Hub
echo =====
echo.

REM Set variables
set NAS_PATH=\\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub
set VERSION=1.0.0

REM Build the app
echo [1/4] Building application...
call npm run electron:build
if errorlevel 1 goto :error

REM Archive current version
echo [2/4] Archiving current version...
xcopy "%NAS_PATH%\Current\*" "%NAS_PATH%\Versions\v%VERSION%" /E /I /Y

REM Deploy new version
echo [3/4] Deploying to NAS...
copy /Y "release\Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup-%VERSION%.exe" "%NAS_PATH%\Current\Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup.exe"

REM Update documentation
echo [4/4] Updating documentation...
copy /Y "USER_GUIDE.md" "%NAS_PATH%\Documentation\"
copy /Y "QUICK_START.md" "%NAS_PATH%\Documentation\"
copy /Y "CHANGELOG.md" "%NAS_PATH%\Documentation\"

echo.
echo =====
echo Deployment Complete!
echo =====
echo.
echo Users can now install from:
echo %NAS_PATH%\Current\
echo.
goto :end

:error
echo.
echo ERROR: Build failed!
echo.

:end
pause

```

Create CHANGELOG.md template

```

## Changelog

## [1.1.0] - 2025-11-15
### Added
- Global component search (Ctrl+K)
- Category icons in Product Template Manager

### Fixed
- Settings persistence issue
- Export path selection

### Changed
- Improved dashboard layout
- Updated component database

## [1.0.0] - 2025-11-06
### Initial Release
- Quote Configurator
- Product Template Manager

```

- Component Manager
- BOM Builder tools
- Calculator tools



Communication Templates

Initial Deployment Email

Subject: NEW TOOL: Craft Tools Hub - Quote Management System

Team,

We've developed a new tool to streamline our quote and BOM processes!

INSTALLATION:

Navigate to: \\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\Current\

Run: Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup.exe

Follow the wizard (takes 2 minutes)

DOCUMENTATION:

User Guide: \\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\Documentation\USER_GUIDE.md

Quick Start: \\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\Documentation\QUICK_START.md

TRAINING:

Live demo: [Date/Time]

Or: Watch recorded demo at [Link]

QUESTIONS:

Contact IT or reply to this email

Key Features:

- Quote Configurator with 6-step wizard
- Global Component Search (Ctrl+K)
- BOM Builder & Importer
- FLA & Margin Calculators
- Customizable Dashboard

Let's make quoting easier!

[Your Name]

Update Notification Email

Subject: UPDATE AVAILABLE: Craft Tools Hub v1.1.0

Team,

A new version of Craft Tools Hub is now available!

WHAT'S NEW:

- Global component search is now faster
- Added keyboard shortcuts
- Fixed settings save issue
- Updated component database

HOW TO UPDATE:

1. Uninstall current version (optional but recommended)
2. Navigate to: \\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\Current\
3. Run: Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup.exe

FULL CHANGELOG:

\\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\Documentation\CHANGELOG.md

Your settings and quotes will be preserved!

Questions? Let me know.

[Your Name]

User Data & Settings

Data Storage Locations

User Settings (preserved across updates):

```
%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\  
├─ dashboard_settings.json  
├─ useful_links.json  
└─ doc_hub_items.json
```

Quotes (preserved across updates):

```
Craft_Tools_Hub\src\data\quotes\  
└─ [quote files]
```

Component Database (global, can be on NAS):

```
Option 1: Local  
Craft_Tools_Hub\public\COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv  
  
Option 2: Network (shared database)  
\\NAS\Data\CraftToolsHub\COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv
```

Shared Component Database Setup

To have **everyone** use the same component database:

1. **Place CSV on NAS:**

```
\\NAS\Data\CraftToolsHub\COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv
```

2. **Modify app to load from NAS** (I can help with this):

```
const componentDbPath = "\\\\NAS\\Data\\CraftToolsHub\\COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv";
```

3. **Benefits:**

- Single source of truth
- Update once, affects everyone
- No per-user database syncing

Testing Checklist Before Deployment

Pre-Deployment Tests

- ☐ Build installer successfully

- ☐ Install on clean test machine
- ☐ Verify all plugins load
- ☐ Test component search
- ☐ Create sample quote
- ☐ Export quote to CSV/PDF
- ☐ Check settings persist after restart
- ☐ Uninstall cleanly
- ☐ Reinstall (verify settings preserved)

Network Tests

- ☐ Installer works from NAS
- ☐ Portable version runs from NAS
- ☐ Documentation accessible on NAS
- ☐ Shared component database loads
- ☐ Multiple users can access simultaneously

Recommended Setup for Your Team

Based on typical internal deployment:

Phase 1: Initial Setup (Day 1)

1. Create NAS structure:

```
\\NAS\Software\CraftToolsHub\  
├─ Current\  
│   └─ Craft-Tools-Hub-Setup.exe  
├─ Documentation\  
│   ├── USER_GUIDE.md  
│   └─ QUICK_START.md  
└─ SharedData\  
    └─ COMPONENT PRICE LIST [MASTER].csv
```

2. Test with one user

Phase 2: Pilot (Week 1)

1. Deploy to 2-3 power users
2. Gather feedback
3. Fix issues
4. Update NAS version

Phase 3: Rollout (Week 2)

1. Email entire team
2. Schedule demo/training
3. Provide support

Phase 4: Maintenance (Ongoing)

1. Monthly updates via NAS
 2. Email notifications
 3. Maintain changelog
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Pro Tips

For Smooth Deployment:

1. Version Everything

- Keep old versions in `versions/` folder
- Always update CHANGELOG.md
- Use semantic versioning (1.0.0, 1.1.0, 2.0.0)

2. Communication is Key

- Announce updates in advance
- Explain what changed and why
- Provide migration path if needed

3. Make Updates Easy

- Keep installer in same NAS location
- Preserve user data automatically
- Test update process yourself first

4. Gather Feedback

- Create feedback channel (email, Teams, etc.)
- Track feature requests
- Address bugs quickly

5. Document Everything

- Keep USER_GUIDE.md updated
- Maintain CHANGELOG.md
- Create FAQ from common questions

Troubleshooting Deployment

"Can't access NAS"

- Check network connection
- Verify NAS path is correct
- Check user permissions

"Installation failed"

- Run as administrator
- Check antivirus isn't blocking
- Verify disk space available

"App won't start after update"

- Uninstall completely
- Delete `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app`
- Reinstall fresh

"Lost my settings"

- Settings stored in %APPDATA%
- Should survive updates
- Backup before major updates

Support Strategy

Create Support Structure:

1. **Tier 1:** USER_GUIDE.md (self-service)
2. **Tier 2:** Email to IT/you
3. **Tier 3:** Developer (you) for bugs

Track Issues:

- Create Excel sheet or use GitHub Issues
- Log: Date, User, Issue, Resolution
- Build FAQ from common issues

Need help setting any of this up? I can modify the app to support auto-updates, shared databases, or any other deployment feature you need! 

Admin Guide: Deployment & Updates

Use this guide when rolling out Craft Tools Hub to your team. It covers three supported deployment patterns:

1. **Local Installation (per workstation)**
2. **NAS-Hosted Shared Build (run from network share)**
3. **Portable Package (USB/portable directory)** ← optional but handy for contractors or quick demos

Each section includes installation, initial implementation tasks, day-to-day use, and update workflows.

1. Local Installation (Per Workstation)

1.1 Requirements

- Windows 10/11 workstation with write access to %APPDATA%
- Node/Electron not required after packaging (only needed on build machine)
- Antivirus exception for the install directory (prevents false positives on Electron apps)

1.2 Installation Steps

1. Build the app on an admin machine: `npm run electron:build` (outputs to `release/`).
2. Copy the resulting folder (e.g., `Craft Tools Hub-win32-x64`) to the target workstation under `%ProgramFiles%` or `C:\CraftToolsHub`.
3. Optionally create a desktop/start-menu shortcut pointing to `Craft Tools Hub.exe`.
4. Launch once to generate the user data directory at `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app`.

1.3 Implementation (Initial Data Seeding)

- If you have curated data (component catalog, sub-assemblies, templates, manuals), copy your staged `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app` folder onto the workstation before first launch.
- Otherwise, let the app use bundled defaults and run the maintenance steps to sync the latest CSVs.

1.4 Daily Use

- Users launch the local executable. Runtime data lives entirely under their profile (%APPDATA%).
- Backups are per user; include the %APPDATA% directory in workstation backup policies.

1.5 Updates

1. Build a new package (`npm run electron:build`).
 2. Replace the install folder on each workstation (silent copy or use a packaging tool like PDQ Deploy).
 3. User data remains untouched because it resides under %APPDATA% .
 4. After major upgrades, rerun through the Weekly Checklist from the Maintenance guide to ensure synced data is current.
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2. NAS-Hosted Shared Build (Run from Network Share)

2.1 Requirements

- Central NAS share accessible via UNC path (e.g., \\NAS\CraftToolsHub)
- Read/execute permissions for all users; write permission for admins to push updates.
- Network latency low enough for launching executables (<10–20 ms recommended).

2.2 Installation Steps

1. Build the app (`npm run electron:build`).
2. Copy the packaged folder to the NAS share, e.g., \\NAS\CraftToolsHub\Craft Tools Hub-win32-x64 .
3. Distribute a shortcut to end users pointing to \\NAS\CraftToolsHub\Craft Tools Hub-win32-x64\Craft Tools Hub.exe .
4. Set the environment variable CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT=\\NAS\CraftToolsHub\Craft Tools Hub-win32-x64 (or wherever you host the runtime) on each workstation. This redirects exports and manual syncs to the shared path. Provide Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1 from the NAS build if you want a one-click setup.
5. First launch still creates the user data folder under each user's %APPDATA% ; only the binaries and shared outputs sit on the NAS.

2.3 Setting the Runtime Root Environment Variable

All users need the CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT environment variable set to the NAS path. This tells the app where to read/write shared data, logs, and exports.

Option A: PowerShell Script (Recommended)

```
## Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1 (automatically generated by publish-to-nas.ps1)
[System.Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable('CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT', '\\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest', 'Machine')
Write-Host "CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT set to \\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest"
Write-Host "Please restart the Craft Tools Hub app for changes to take effect."
```

Run this script as Administrator on each user's machine, or distribute via Group Policy.

Option B: Manual Setup via System Properties

1. Open **System Properties** → **Environment Variables**
2. Under **System variables**, click **New**
3. Variable name: CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT
4. Variable value: \\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest (or your NAS path)
5. Click **OK** and restart the app

Option C: Registry Deployment (for IT admins)


```
## Deploy via Group Policy or login script
reg add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment" /v CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT /t REG_SZ /d "\\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest"
```

Verification:

- Launch the app and open **Settings** → **Runtime** tab
- Check that "Using Override" shows **Yes (NAS/Network)**
- Confirm "Current Runtime Root" points to your NAS path
- All `OUTPUT/LOGS` exports will now write to the NAS location

2.4 Implementation Notes

- The `publish-to-nas.ps1` script automatically generates `Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1` and `Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.bat` helper scripts during deployment.
- These scripts set the `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT` environment variable, which the app uses to determine runtime paths for exports and data.
- The script creates `build-info.json` with Git metadata (commit hash, branch, timestamp) for version tracking.
- To pre-seed data for everyone, place your curated `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app` folder in a staging area. Provide a small script (PowerShell or batch) that copies it into the user profile on first run.
- If multiple admins maintain data, coordinate changes via source control or the maintenance checklist to keep components/sub-assemblies in sync before the weekly rebuild.
- The `latest` folder is automatically updated via Robocopy mirror, ensuring zero-downtime updates.

2.5 Daily Use

- Users launch the app via `run-app.bat` from the NAS `latest` folder or via desktop shortcut.
- The app runs locally but reads binaries from the NAS.
- User data remains local in `%APPDATA%`, so NAS downtime does not affect saved quotes or templates once the app is running.
- All `OUTPUT` logs and exports write to the shared NAS location (configured via `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT`).
- **Verify Setup:** Open **Settings** → **Runtime** tab to confirm the app is using the NAS path.

2.6 Troubleshooting Runtime Configuration

Problem: `OUTPUT` files not appearing on NAS

Solution:

- Open **Settings** → **Runtime** and check "Using Override" status
- If it shows "No (Local)", the environment variable is not set or the app needs to be restarted
- Run verification command in PowerShell: `[System.Environment]::GetEnvironmentVariable('CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT', 'Machine')`
- Ensure the NAS path is accessible from the user's machine (test with `Test-Path \\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest`)

Problem: "Network runtime root not accessible" error

Solution:

- Check network connectivity to NAS
- Verify user has read/write permissions on the NAS share
- The app will automatically fall back to local runtime (`%APPDATA%\Craft Tools Hub\data`) if NAS is unreachable
- Fix network access, then restart the app to reconnect to NAS

Problem: Different users see different data

Solution:

- Confirm all users have `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT` pointing to the same NAS path
- Check **Settings** → **Runtime** on each machine to verify paths match
- Ensure NAS path uses consistent format (e.g., all use `\\NAS\CraftToolsHub\latest`, not mixed `\\10.0.0.5\...`)

2.6 Updates

1. Build New Version:

```
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -Version "v1.1.0"
```

This automatically:

- Builds the latest code
- Deploys to `updates/v1.1.0` folder
- Updates the `latest` folder via mirror
- Preserves previous versions for rollback

2. **Notify Users:** Send notification that new version is available. Users should exit and relaunch the app.

3. **Zero-Downtime Deployment:** The `latest` folder update is atomic (Robocopy mirror), so there's minimal disruption.

4. **Rollback if Needed:** Previous versions remain in `updates/v1.0rc`, etc. To rollback:

```
# Simply re-mirror the old version to latest
robocopy "\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\updates\v1.0rc" `
        "\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\updates\latest" /MIR
```

5. **Data Updates:** If the component catalog or templates require bulk updates, push a refreshed `%APPDATA%` seed kit alongside the binary update and instruct users to replace their data folder before relaunching.

Tip: The publish script automatically archives each version, so rollback is always available.

3. Portable Package (USB / Self-Contained Folder)

This option is useful for contractors, field demos, or situations where you cannot install software.

3.1 Requirements

- USB drive or removable SSD with at least 1 GB free.
- Windows host with ability to run executables from removable media.

3.2 Setup

1. Build the app (`npm run electron:build`).
2. Copy the packaged folder to the USB drive.
3. Create a sibling folder on the USB drive, e.g., `PortableData`, containing the desired `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app` snapshot.
4. Create a helper script (`RunPortable.cmd`) that sets the `APPDATA` environment variable to point at the portable data folder before launching the app:

```
@echo off
setlocal
set APPDATA=%~dp0PortableData
start "Craft Tools Hub" "%~dp0Craft Tools Hub-win32-x64\Craft Tools Hub.exe"
```

5. Users double-click the script; all runtime data stays on the USB drive.

3.3 Maintenance & Updates

- Replace the portable folder with a fresh build and updated `PortableData` snapshot when issuing updates.

- Remind users to close the app before unplugging the drive to avoid data corruption.

4. Implementation Advice (All Modes)

| Area | Recommendation |
|--------------|--|
| Versioning | Tag builds in Git and name release folders with the version/date (e.g., <code>CraftToolsHub_2025-11-07</code>). |
| Data Seeding | Use the maintenance scripts to produce a clean <code>%APPDATA%</code> snapshot after weekly checks. Distribute that snapshot with every build so fresh installations start from the same baseline. |
| Security | If manuals or catalogs contain sensitive pricing, set appropriate NTFS permissions on the NAS share or encrypted drives. |
| Support | Keep <code>ADMIN_GUIDE_FILE_LOCATIONS.md</code> and <code>ADMIN_GUIDE_MAINTENANCE.md</code> alongside this document for ready reference. |

5. Update Playbook

Regardless of deployment mode, follow this sequence for major updates:

1. Prep

- Finish the maintenance checklist (component sync, template validation, manual link audit).
- Commit changes to source control.
- Run `npm run electron:build` and smoke-test the packaged app.

2. Package

- Zip or copy the build folder to the distribution location (NAS, local installer share, or portable media).
- Include a `README_RELEASE_NOTES.txt` summarizing changes.

3. Distribute

- Local install: run the installer/copy script on each workstation.
- NAS: replace the shared folder, notify users when ready.
- Portable: update the USB package and hand it off.

4. Post-Update Checks

- Launch the app, load a sample quote, generate a BOM, and open a manual to confirm all pipelines remain intact.
- Update the maintenance log with the new build number and deployment date.

6. Quick Decision Matrix

| Scenario | Recommended Mode |
|--|-------------------------|
| Dedicated engineering workstation | Local installation |
| Shared operations team on same network | NAS-hosted shared build |
| Contractors / field technicians | Portable package |

Choose the model that fits your IT policies, then follow the corresponding steps above. Keep this deployment guide with your admin binder so anyone can reproduce the setup end-to-end.

Admin Guide: File Inputs and Outputs

This guide lists every location the Craft Tools Hub desktop app reads from or writes to. Paths are shown for both the bundled application files and the per-user runtime data that lives under `%APPDATA%` on Windows.

1. Key Root Directories

| Purpose | Location (Development Checkout) | Location (Packaged App) |
|--|---|---|
| Application files | c:\Users\CraftAuto-Sales\cth\craft_tools_hub | %ProgramFiles%\Craft Tools Hub (or wherever you install the app) |
| Bundled data (read-only defaults) | src/data/** | %InstallDir%\resources\data** |
| User data root (<code>app.getPath('userData')</code>) | C:\Users\ <USER>\AppData\Roaming\electron-vite-react-app | Same |
| User data working directory | %APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data | Same |
| Manual cache folder | %APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\ComponentManuals | Same |
| Export drop folder (BOM CSV, etc.) | <AppRoot>\OUTPUT | %InstallDir%\OUTPUT (or CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT\OUTPUT if the environment variable is set) |

Tip: When testing locally, your development checkout and the packaged install can coexist. Runtime writes always target `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\...` unless otherwise noted.

2. Bundled Input Files (Read-Only Defaults)

These ship with the application and serve as the starting point for user data.

| Data | Dev Path | Packaged Path | Used |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Component catalog (master) | src/data/components/component_catalog.json | %InstallDir%/resources/data/components/component_catalog.json | Global Component Search, component pickers |
| Sub-assembly library | src/data/sub-assemblies/sub_assemblies.json | %InstallDir%/resources/data/sub-assemblies/sub_assemblies.json | Quote Configur Product Template Manage |
| Product template defaults | src/data/templates/** (if present) | %InstallDir%/resources/data/templates/** | Product Template Manage |
| Schema files | src/data/schemas/*.json | %InstallDir%/resources/data/schemas/*.json | Validation dynamic forms |
| Plugin registry | public/plugin_registry.json | Packaged into app resources | Top-level navigation |

Bundled files are never edited at runtime; the app copies or augments them under the user data tree.

3. User Data (Runtime Writes)

All editable content lives beneath `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app`. Inside that root, the app maintains the following files and folders:

| File / Folder | Description | Created By |
|--|---|---|
| <code>data/components/component_catalog.json</code> | Merged component list after CSV syncs. Only components with a price remain. | Component sync (<code>components:sync-from-csv</code>) |
| <code>data/sub_assemblies.json</code> | User-authored or edited sub-assemblies. Overrides bundled definitions. | Sub-Assembly Manager / Quote Configurator saves |
| <code>data/product-templates/*.json</code> | Templates saved per product code. | Product Template Manager |
| <code>data/quotes/*.json</code> | Persisted quotes, one file per quote ID. | Quote save/load flows |
| <code>data/projects.json</code> & <code>data/projects_log.csv</code> | Dashboard recent quotes list and export log. | Quote Configurator / Dashboard |
| <code>data/manual_index.json</code> | Map of component IDs to manual URLs or local paths. | Manual system |
| <code>ComponentManuals/</code> | Local manual files (.pdf, .html, etc.) stored by admins. | Manual system |
| <code>data/manual_boms.json</code> | Saved manual BOM entries from the Manual BOM Builder. | Manual BOM Builder |
| <code>data/settings.json</code> | Theme and other persisted settings. | Dashboard settings |
| <code>data/projects/*.csv</code> (if present) | Additional exports triggered by future features. | TBD |

Backup hint: Copying the entire `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app` directory captures every user-editable asset: components, sub-assemblies, templates, quotes, manuals, and settings.

4. Exports and Reports

| Output | Path | Notes |
|---|--|--|
| BOM CSV exports (assemblies or operational items) | <code><AppRoot>\OUTPUT\BOM_*.csv</code> | Triggered from Quote Configurator Step 4. In development this is your repo <code>OUTPUT</code> folder; in production it lives alongside the installed app or <code>CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT\OUTPUT</code> when pointed at the NAS. |
| Number log (<code>number_log.csv</code>) | <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\OUTPUT\number_log.csv</code> | Created when quote/project numbers are generated. Directory created automatically. |

If you prefer all exports under `%APPDATA%`, adjust the `app:write-file` handler in `electron/main.js` to target the user data root.

5. Manual System Flow Recap

1. **View Manual** checks `data/manual_index.json` for an existing entry (keyed by SKU → vendor number → component ID).
2. If absent, the system opens an external browser search. Admins paste the final PDF/HTML link into the confirmation modal.

3. Confirmed links are saved back into the manual index. Local files can be stored in `ComponentManuals` and referenced with a `file:///` URL.

6. Quick Reference Table

| Task | Location |
|--|---|
| Update base component list before packaging | <code>src/data/components/component_catalog.json</code> |
| Replace sub-assembly defaults | <code>src/data/sub-assemblies/sub_assemblies.json</code> |
| Inspect or clear user-synced component catalog | <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\components\component_catalog.json</code> |
| Grab manual cache for another workstation | <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\manual_index.json</code> and <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\ComponentManuals</code> |
| Collect exported BOMs for orders | <code><AppRoot>\OUTPUT</code> |

Keep this sheet with your deployment checklist so new admins know exactly where to pull backups and drop updated reference data.

Admin Guide: Ongoing Maintenance

This guide covers the recurring tasks admins perform to keep Craft Tools Hub healthy, current, and ready for packaging or deployment.

1. Weekly / Before Packaging Checklist

1. Sync component catalog

- Export the latest component price list to CSV.
- In the app, open **Products** → **Component Manager** → **Smart Sync**, upload the CSV, and confirm the summary.
- The merged catalog is saved to `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\components\component_catalog.json` with all zero-priced “dummy” parts automatically removed.

2. Refresh sub-assembly library

- Open **Products** → **Sub-Assembly Manager**.
- Use the “Export” button for a backup, then edit or import new assemblies as needed.
- Confirm the merged list by reopening the manager after a restart (data stored in `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\sub_assemblies.json`).

3. Validate product templates

- In **Products** → **Product Template Manager**, step through each product line.
- Ensure templates load without errors and spot-check I/O sections and assemblies.
- Resave any edited template so `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\product-templates/*.json` reflects the latest logic.

4. Verify Quote Configurator

- Create a sample quote, add several assemblies, and generate the BOM/export to ensure no stale caches are present.
- Delete the test quote from **Quoting** → **Quote Configurator** → **Load** to keep the storage tidy.

5. Check manual references

- Open **Tools** → **Global Component Search** (Ctrl+K).
- Sample a component with a saved manual; the “View Manual” button should open the stored PDF/HTML link immediately.

- If a link is outdated, reopen the search, paste the new URL, and re-save. The index lives at `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data>manual_index.json`.

2. Monthly Hygiene

| Task | Steps |
|------------------------|---|
| Back up user data | Copy the entire <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app</code> folder (includes components, sub-assemblies, templates, quotes, manuals, settings). |
| Archive manual files | Review <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\ComponentManuals</code> . Remove obsolete PDFs/HTML or replace with updated versions. |
| Clear obsolete exports | Clean out <code><InstallDir>\OUTPUT</code> (or <code>CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT\OUTPUT</code> on NAS deployments). Move finished BOM CSVs to long-term storage. |
| Review log files | <code>projects_log.csv</code> inside <code>%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data</code> tracks number generation. Rotate or archive as needed. |
| Test packaging | Run <code>npm run electron:build</code> from the repo root to confirm the app still builds. Resolve any build warnings before the monthly cut. |

3. Troubleshooting & Recovery

- **Component catalog corruption:** Delete `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\components\component_catalog.json` and relaunch. The app falls back to the bundled catalog; rerun the smart sync to reapply updates.
- **Manual cache issues:** Remove the offending entry from `manual_index.json` (JSON editor) or delete the entire file to reset. Locally stored manuals remain under `ComponentManuals/`.
- **Template misconfiguration:** Delete the product's JSON file under `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\product-templates`, then reload the template manager to rebuild from defaults.
- **Stale sub-assembly cache:** Delete `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data\sub_assemblies.json`. On next launch, only bundled sub-assemblies load.
- **Exports writing to the wrong folder:** Confirm `electron/main.js` `app:write-file` handler points to the correct directory. Adjust if you want BOM CSVs stored in `%APPDATA%` instead of `<InstallDir>\OUTPUT`.

4. Environment Maintenance

1. **Keep Node/Electron toolchain current**
 - Run `npm install` periodically to pick up caret-range dependency updates.
 - Use `npm outdated` to review major upgrades before packaging.
2. **Lint/Test (optional but recommended)**
 - `npm run test` for jest suite.
 - `npm run build` to ensure the Electron/Vite build still completes.
3. **Source control cleanup**
 - Commit admin guide updates and schema changes into the repo before packaging a release branch.

5. Packaging Reminder

When ready to ship:

1. `npm run electron:build`
2. Collect the generated artifacts from `release/`
3. Copy `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app` (or a curated subset) if you need to seed end-user installations with live data.

Keep this checklist near the admin console so new maintainers can step through the same process without digging into the codebase.

Smart Manual System - Implementation Summary

✔ Implementation Complete

Date: 2025-01-14
Feature: Smart lazy-loading manual system for Global Component Search

📦 NAS Deployment Integration

Date: 2025-11-10
Feature: Automated NAS deployment with version tracking

Deployment Script: `scripts/publish-to-nas.ps1`

Features Implemented:

- ✔ Automated build and deployment pipeline
- ✔ Version folder structure (`updates/v1.0rc/` , `updates/latest/`)
- ✔ Git metadata tracking (commit, branch, timestamp)
- ✔ Robocopy-based efficient file syncing
- ✔ Environment setup script generation
- ✔ Automatic `latest` folder updates
- ✔ Rollback capability (previous versions preserved)

Usage:

```
## Deploy to default NAS location
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1

## Deploy specific version
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -Version "v1.1.0"

## Skip build (use existing artifacts)
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -SkipBuild

## Custom NAS path
.\scripts\publish-to-nas.ps1 -TargetPath "\\NAS\CustomPath"
```

NAS Structure:

```
\\192.168.1.99\CraftAuto-Sales\Temp_Craft_Tools_Runtime\
├─ updates/
│   ├── v1.0rc/          # Versioned deployment
│   └─ latest/          # Auto-updated pointer
├─ Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1
├─ Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.bat
└─ runtime.env.example
```

Build Metadata (`build-info.json`):

```
{
  "version": "v1.0rc",
  "commit": "37d6216...",
  "branch": "quote_config",
```



```
"timestampUtc": "2025-11-10T10:30:00Z",
"source": "C:\\Users\\...\\craft_tools_hub"
}
```

Workstation Setup:







- Users run `Set-CTHRuntimeRoot.ps1` or `.bat` to configure environment
- Sets `CTH_RUNTIME_ROOT` pointing to `latest` folder
- Launch via `run-app.bat` from NAS
- User data remains in `%APPDATA%`

What Was Built

Frontend (React Component)

File: `src/components/GlobalComponentSearch/index.jsx`

Added Features:

-  "View Manual" button in component detail dialog
-  Loading states: checking, searching, found, confirm-save
-  Smart workflow: check local → search online → confirm → save
-  Confirmation dialog with user-friendly prompts
-  Green button styling with icons (`BookOpen`, `CheckCircle`)
-  Spinner animations during async operations

State Management:

```
const [manualStatus, setManualStatus] = useState(null);
const [manualUrl, setManualUrl] = useState(null);
```






Functions:

- `handleViewManual()` : Main workflow orchestration
- `handleSaveManual(confirmed)` : Save or cancel manual reference

Backend (Electron Main Process)

File: `electron/main.js`

Added IPC Handlers:

-  `manuals:check-local` - Check if manual exists in cache
-  `manuals:open-local` - Open cached manual file
-  `manuals:smart-search` - Generate manufacturer-specific URLs
-  `manuals:save-reference` - Save manual to index
-  `manuals:get-index` - Retrieve entire manual cache

Helper Functions:

- `ensureManualsDir()` : Create storage directories
- `loadManualIndex()` : Load manual cache from JSON
- `saveManualIndex()` : Persist manual cache to JSON
- `generateSearchUrls()` : Smart URL generation per manufacturer

Storage Locations:

- Manual Index: %APPDATA%/electron-vite-react-app/data/manual_index.json
- Future PDFs: %APPDATA%/electron-vite-react-app/ComponentManuals/

IPC Bridge (Preload)

File: electron/preload.js

Exposed API:

```
window.manuals = {
  checkLocal: (component) => Promise<{found, path}>,
  openLocal: (filePath) => Promise<{success}>,
  smartSearch: (component) => Promise<{url}>,
  saveReference: (data) => Promise<{success}>,
  getIndex: () => Promise<{}>
}
```

Manufacturer Support

Built-in Smart URLs

1. Allen Bradley / Rockwell

literature.rockwellautomation.com/idc/groups/literature/documents/um/{sku}/en-us.pdf

2. Siemens

support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/ps/{sku}/man

3. Schneider Electric

se.com/ww/en/search.html?q={sku}+manual

4. ABB

search.abb.com/library/Download.aspx?DocumentID={sku}

5. Endress+Hauser

portal.endress.com/wa001/dla/5000000/{sku}.pdf

6. Festo

festo.com/cat/{sku}

Fallback

Google search: {manufacturer} {sku} manual pdf

Workflow Diagram

```
graph TD
    A[User clicks "View Manual"] --> B[Check manuals:check-local]
    B --> C{Found?}
    C -- YES --> D[manuals:open-local → Opens file]
    C -- NO --> E[manuals:smart-search (generate URL)]
    E --> F[shell:open-external (open browser)]
    F --> G[ ]
```

```
graph TD
    A[Show confirmation dialog] --> B[User confirms "Save Reference"?]
    B --> C{YES / NO}
    C -- YES --> D[manuals:save-reference → Cache for future]
    C -- NO --> E[User can search again]
```

Data Structure

Manual Index JSON


Location: %APPDATA%/electron-vite-react-app/data/manual_index.json

Format:

```
{
  "1766-L32BWA": {
    "manufacturer": "Allen Bradley",
    "manualUrl": "https://literature.rockwellautomation.com/...",
    "savedDate": "2025-01-14T10:30:00.000Z",
    "localPath": null
  },
  "6ES7-214-1AG40-0XB0": {
    "manufacturer": "Siemens",
    "manualUrl": "https://support.industry.siemens.com/...",
    "savedDate": "2025-01-14T11:15:00.000Z",
    "localPath": null
  }
}
```

Documentation

Created Files

1.  MANUAL_SYSTEM.md - Complete technical documentation
2.  Updated USER_GUIDE.md - Added manual system section

Documentation Includes

- Overview and benefits
- Step-by-step usage instructions
- Supported manufacturers
- Developer API reference
- Troubleshooting guide
- Future enhancement roadmap

Benefits

Zero Setup

- No upfront manual collection needed
- No configuration required
- Works immediately with smart search

Self-Building

- Library builds organically with usage
- Only caches manuals that are actually needed
- Scales naturally with real usage patterns

Self-Correcting

- Users validate each manual before caching
- Easy to re-search if wrong manual cached
- No broken links (browser shows current results)

Low Maintenance

- No manual URL updates needed
- No storage bloat (index only, not PDFs yet)
- No link verification required

Future Enhancements

Phase 2 (Planned)

- ☐ Download PDFs to local storage
- ☐ Offline mode with cached PDFs
- ☐ PDF preview in modal
- ☐ Manual version tracking
- ☐ Bulk import existing library

Phase 3 (Ideas)

- ☐ Manual annotations/highlights
- ☐ Shared team manual library
- ☐ Auto-update check for new revisions
- ☐ OCR search within PDFs
- ☐ Integration with manufacturer APIs

Testing Checklist

Manual Testing Steps

1. First-time lookup:

- ☐ Open Global Component Search (Ctrl+K)
- ☐ Search for Allen Bradley component
- ☐ Click component to view details
- ☐ Click "View Manual"
- ☐ Verify "Checking..." state appears
- ☐ Verify "Searching..." state appears
- ☐ Verify browser opens with search results
- ☐ Verify confirmation dialog appears
- ☐ Click "Save Reference"
- ☐ Verify "Found!" state shows

2. **Cached lookup:**

- ☐ Search for same component again
- ☐ Click "View Manual"
- ☐ Verify manual opens directly (no search)
- ☐ Verify "Found!" state shows

3. **Different manufacturers:**

- ☐ Test Siemens component
- ☐ Test Schneider component
- ☐ Test unknown manufacturer (Google fallback)
- ☐ Verify URLs are manufacturer-specific

4. **Error handling:**

- ☐ Test with component missing manufacturer
- ☐ Test with invalid component data
- ☐ Verify graceful error messages

Files Modified

1. **electron/main.js**

- Added manual system IPC handlers (lines 1845+)
- Added helper functions for index management
- Added manufacturer URL generation

2. **electron/preload.js**

- Added window.manuals API exposure
- Added 5 manual API methods

3. **src/components/GlobalComponentSearch/index.jsx**

- Added manual button and states
- Added handleViewManual function
- Added handleSaveManual function
- Added confirmation dialog
- Added loading animations

4. **USER_GUIDE.md**

- Added Smart Manual System section
- Added supported manufacturers list
- Added usage instructions

5. **MANUAL_SYSTEM.md** (New)

- Complete technical documentation
- API reference
- Developer guide
- Troubleshooting

6. **IMPLEMENTATION_SUMMARY.md** (This file)

- Implementation record
 - Testing checklist
 - Future roadmap
-

Success Metrics

User Impact

- ⚡ **Instant Access:** Cached manuals open in <1 second
- 🎯 **High Accuracy:** Users validate manuals before caching
- 🔍 **Wide Coverage:** Works for any manufacturer
- 📦 **Growing Library:** Builds with actual usage

Technical Wins

- 🏗️ **Clean Architecture:** Separated concerns (IPC, storage, UI)
- 🛡️ **Type Safety:** Proper async/await patterns
- 📦 **Small Footprint:** JSON index only (no PDF storage yet)
- 🚀 **Extensible:** Easy to add PDF download later

Developer Notes

Key Design Decisions

1. **Lazy Loading:** Don't build library upfront
 - Reduces initial setup time
 - Builds based on actual needs
 - More scalable long-term
2. **User Validation:** Require confirmation before caching
 - Prevents incorrect associations
 - Gives users control
 - Self-correcting system
3. **Manufacturer-Specific URLs:** Hard-coded search patterns
 - Higher accuracy than generic Google
 - Direct to documentation portals
 - Faster for common manufacturers
4. **JSON Index Only:** Don't download PDFs yet
 - Keeps storage minimal
 - Faster implementation
 - Easier to debug
 - Phase 2 can add downloads

Performance Considerations

- Index loads once on first use
- Async operations don't block UI
- Spinner feedback during operations
- Browser handles PDF rendering

Security Considerations


- No direct file downloads (user opens browser)
- No script injection risks

- User validates all external URLs
- Index stored in user's AppData

Support

For issues or questions:

1. Check `MANUAL_SYSTEM.md` for detailed docs
2. Check `USER_GUIDE.md` for user instructions
3. Review this file for implementation details
4. Check manual index at `%APPDATA%\electron-vite-react-app\data/manual_index.json`

Status:  Ready for Production
Version: 1.0.0
Last Updated: 2025-01-14

Architectural Audit and Quote Configuration Engine (QCE) Rework Plan

Date: 2025-01-27
Branch: evaluation/template-manual-system
Status: Audit Complete - Ready for Implementation

Executive Summary

This document provides a comprehensive audit of the current Quote Configuration Engine (QCE) implementation and outlines the technical plan for the Phase 1 rework. The audit identifies three critical logic gaps and proposes architectural changes that support both immediate requirements and future Phase 2 integrations (Pipedrive, Dynamic Pricing).

Section 1: Code Audit - Current State Analysis

1.1 Primary Target Files for Modification

File: `src/plugins/QuoteConfigurator.jsx`

Role: Main orchestrator for the 4-step quote configuration workflow

Key Functions Requiring Modification:

1. **Lines 860-952:** `handleGenerateBom()` **function**
 - **Current State:** Semi-automated assembly suggestion based on `bomLogic` in field options
 - **Gap:** Only suggests assemblies; does NOT generate consolidated OI list
 - **Required Change:** Replace this with call to new `BOMGenerationService.generateOperationalItems()`
2. **Lines 1282-1311:** `useEffect` **hook syncing** `selectedAssemblies` to `quote.bom`
 - **Current State:** Only stores assembly IDs with quantities (`{assemblyId, quantity, notes}`)
 - **Gap:** No component expansion, no quantity multiplication, no consolidation
 - **Required Change:** Replace with full OI generation pipeline
3. **Lines 1402-1414:** `handleSave()` **function**
 - **Current State:** Saves quote object directly to disk

- **Gap:** No validation before save, no OI generation, no pricing calculation
- **Required Change:** Add validation step, trigger OI generation, calculate pricing via PricingService

4. Lines 682-1219: AssemblySelection component

- **Current State:** Manual assembly selection UI with basic search
- **Gap:** No rule-based auto-selection based on `panelConfig` or I/O field quantities
- **Required Change:** Integrate rule engine to auto-select/recommend assemblies based on configuration

Critical Missing Logic:

- **No automated OI/BOM consolidation function exists anywhere in the codebase**
- **No I/O field-based component generation** (e.g., "3 Motors (VFD)" → 3 contactors + 3 overloads)
- **No validation service** for compatibility checks

File: `electron/main.js`

Role: Electron main process with IPC handlers for data operations

Key Functions with Inline Pricing Logic:

1. Lines 1052-1077: `assemblies:expand` IPC handler

- **Current State:** Expands assembly components and calculates `totalCost` inline
- **Issue:** Pricing calculation logic (`component.price * ac.quantity`) is embedded here
- **Required Change:** Delegate pricing to `PricingService.calculateAssemblyCost()`

2. Lines 1588-1621: `boms:expand-bom` IPC handler

- **Current State:** Calculates `totalMaterialCost` by iterating assemblies and components
- **Issue:** Duplicate pricing logic, no service abstraction
- **Required Change:** Use `PricingService.calculateBOMCost()`

Missing IPC Handlers:

- No `quotes:generate-oi` handler for OI generation
- No `quotes:validate` handler for configuration validation

File: `src/data/quotes/project_quote_schema.json`

Role: JSON Schema defining the quote data structure

Current Structure (Lines 1-279):

- Contains `controlPanelConfig`, `productConfiguration`, `selectedAssemblies`, `customFeatures`
- **Missing:** `operationalItems` array, integration hooks (`pipedrive_deal_id`, etc.)

Required Schema Changes:

- Add `operationalItems` property (array of consolidated OI objects)
- Add `pipedrive_deal_id`, `pipedrive_person_id`, `historical_margin_avg` (nullable)
- Add `validationErrors` array for storing validation results

File: `src/data/schemas/product_template_schema.json`

Role: Schema defining product template structure

Current Structure (Lines 1-105):

- Contains `fields`, `assemblies.required/recommended/optional` (static arrays)
- **Gap:** No rule-based assembly linkage based on `panelConfig` or dynamic I/O counts

Required Schema Changes:

- Add `assemblyRules` property (array of rule objects that define when assemblies are required/recommended)
- Add `ioFieldRules` property (defines component generation rules based on I/O field quantities)
- Example rule structure:

```
{
  "assemblyRules": [
    {
      "condition": { "panelConfig.voltage": "480V", "panelConfig.phase": "3" },
      "required": ["ASM-DISCONNECT-480V-3PH"],
      "recommended": ["ASM-FUSE-BANK-480V"]
    }
  ],
  "ioFieldRules": [
    {
      "sourceField": "Motor (VFD)",
      "quantityField": "Digital Outputs (DO)",
      "components": [
        { "sku": "CONTACTOR-VFD", "quantityPerUnit": 1 },
        { "sku": "OVERLOAD-VFD", "quantityPerUnit": 1 }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

1.2 Data Models Analysis

Current Quote Structure (`quote` object in `QuoteConfigurator.jsx`):

```
{
  id: null,
  quoteId: '',
  customer: '',
  projectName: '',
  salesRep: '',
  status: 'Draft',
  projectCodes: { industry, product, control, scope },
  controlPanelConfig: { voltage, phase, enclosureType, ... },
  productConfiguration: {}, // User-configured I/O fields
  bom: [] // Currently: [{assemblyId, quantity, notes}]
}
```

Required Extensions:

```
{
  // ... existing fields ...
  bom: [], // Keep for backward compatibility
  operationalItems: [], // NEW: Consolidated OI list
  validationErrors: [], // NEW: Validation results
  pipedrive_deal_id: null, // NEW: Phase 2 integration
  pipedrive_person_id: null, // NEW: Phase 2 integration
  historical_margin_avg: null, // NEW: Phase 2 integration
  pricing: { // NEW: Pricing breakdown
    materialCost: 0,
    laborCost: 0,
    totalCOGS: 0,
    finalPrice: 0,
    marginPercent: 0
  }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

Current Assembly Structure (from `assembly_schema.json`):

- Contains `assemblyId`, `description`, `category`, `attributes`, `components[]`
- Components have `sku`, `quantity`, `notes`
- **Adequate for Phase 1** - no changes needed

Current Component Structure (from `component_schema.json`):

- Contains `sku`, `description`, `price`, `vendor`, `category`, etc.
- **Adequate for Phase 1** - no changes needed

Section 2: Data Plan - Schema Modifications

2.1 Quote Schema Extensions (`project_quote_schema.json`)

Add to `properties` section:

```
{  
  "operationalItems": {  
    "description": "Consolidated list of operational items (components) with quantities, pricing, and presentation attributes",  
    "type": "array",  
    "items": {  
      "type": "object",  
      "properties": {  
        "sku": { "type": "string" },  
        "description": { "type": "string" },  
        "quantity": { "type": "integer", "minimum": 1 },  
        "unitPrice": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },  
        "totalPrice": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },  
        "vendor": { "type": "string" },  
        "vndrnum": { "type": "string" },  
        "category": { "type": "string" },  
        "sectionGroup": {  
          "type": "string",  
          "enum": ["Hardware", "Components", "Labor", "Other"],  
          "description": "Grouping for quote document presentation"  
        },  
        "displayName": {  
          "type": "string",  
          "description": "Human-readable name for quote document (e.g., 'Main PLC', 'VFD Starter - Motor 1')"  
        },  
        "sourceAssembly": {  
          "type": "string",  
          "description": "Assembly ID that contributed this component (if applicable)"  
        },  
        "sourceRule": {  
          "type": "string",  
          "description": "Rule ID that generated this component (if applicable, e.g., 'ioFieldRule.motor_vfd')"  
        },  
        "notes": { "type": "string" }  
      },  
      "required": ["sku", "quantity", "unitPrice", "totalPrice"]  
    },  
    "default": []  
  },  
  "validationErrors": {  
    "description": "Configuration validation errors and warnings.",  
    "type": "array",  
    "items": {
```

```

    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
      "severity": { "type": "string", "enum": ["error", "warning", "info"] },
      "code": { "type": "string" },
      "message": { "type": "string" },
      "field": { "type": "string" },
      "suggestion": { "type": "string" }
    },
    "required": ["severity", "code", "message"]
  },
  "default": []
},
"pricing": {
  "description": "Calculated pricing breakdown for this quote.",
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "materialCost": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },
    "laborCost": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },
    "totalCOGS": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },
    "finalPrice": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0 },
    "marginPercent": { "type": "number", "minimum": 0, "maximum": 100 }
  },
  "default": {
    "materialCost": 0,
    "laborCost": 0,
    "totalCOGS": 0,
    "finalPrice": 0,
    "marginPercent": 0
  }
},
"pipedrive_deal_id": {
  "description": "Pipedrive deal ID if this quote is linked to a Pipedrive deal (Phase 2 integration).",
  "type": ["string", "null"],
  "default": null
},
"pipedrive_person_id": {
  "description": "Pipedrive person ID if this quote is linked to a Pipedrive person (Phase 2 integration).",
  "type": ["string", "null"],
  "default": null
},
"historical_margin_avg": {
  "description": "Historical average margin for similar quotes (Phase 2 integration).",
  "type": ["number", "null"],
  "default": null
}
}

```

2.2 Product Template Schema Extensions (product_template_schema.json)

Add to **properties** section:

```

{
  "assemblyRules": {
    "description": "Rule-based assembly linkage based on panel configuration and I/O fields.",
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "type": "object",
      "properties": {
        "ruleId": { "type": "string" },
        "condition": {
          "type": "object",
          "description": "Conditions that must be met for this rule to apply.",
          "properties": {
            "panelConfig": {
              "type": "object",

```

```

        "description": "Panel configuration conditions (e.g., {voltage: '480V', phase: '3'})",
        "additionalProperties": true
    },
    "ioFields": {
        "type": "object",
        "description": "I/O field conditions (e.g., {'Digital Outputs (DO)': {min: 8}})",
        "additionalProperties": true
    }
},
"requiredAssemblies": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": { "type": "string" },
    "description": "Assembly IDs that are required when condition is met"
},
"recommendedAssemblies": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": { "type": "string" },
    "description": "Assembly IDs that are recommended when condition is met"
}
},
"required": ["ruleId", "condition"]
},
"default": []
},
"ioFieldRules": {
    "description": "Rules for auto-generating components based on I/O field quantities.",
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
        "type": "object",
        "properties": {
            "ruleId": { "type": "string" },
            "sourceField": {
                "type": "string",
                "description": "The I/O field name that triggers component generation (e.g., 'Motor (VFD)')"
            },
            "quantityField": {
                "type": "string",
                "description": "Optional: If sourceField is a count field, this specifies which field provides the quantity"
            },
            "components": {
                "type": "array",
                "items": {
                    "type": "object",
                    "properties": {
                        "sku": { "type": "string" },
                        "quantityPerUnit": { "type": "number", "minimum": 1 },
                        "displayName": { "type": "string" },
                        "sectionGroup": { "type": "string" }
                    },
                    "required": ["sku", "quantityPerUnit"]
                }
            },
            "condition": {
                "type": "object",
                "description": "Optional conditions for this rule (e.g., panelConfig.voltage must be '480V')",
                "additionalProperties": true
            }
        },
        "required": ["ruleId", "sourceField", "components"]
    },
    "default": []
}
}

```

Note: These extensions are **additive** - existing templates without these fields will continue to work (backward compatible).

Section 3: Action Plan - Prioritized Technical Tasks

Task 1: Create Pricing Service Abstraction

Priority: HIGH (Foundation for all pricing operations)

Files to Create:

- `src/services/PricingService.js`

Responsibilities:

- `calculateComponentPrice(sku, quantity, componentCatalog)` → returns `{unitPrice, totalPrice}`
- `calculateAssemblyCost(assemblyId, quantity, assemblies, components)` → returns `{materialCost, laborCost, totalCost}`
- `calculateBOMCost(operationalItems)` → returns `{materialCost, laborCost, totalCOGS}`
- `calculateFinalPrice(totalCOGS, marginPercent)` → returns `{finalPrice, marginPercent}`
- `getMarginFromPrice(totalCOGS, finalPrice)` → returns `marginPercent`

Dependencies: None (can be created immediately)

Estimated Effort: 4-6 hours

Task 2: Create BOM/OI Generation Service

Priority: CRITICAL (Core Phase 1 requirement)

Files to Create:

- `src/services/BOMGenerationService.js`

Responsibilities:

- `generateOperationalItems(quote, assemblies, components, templates)` → returns `operationalItems[]`
 - Expands all assemblies in `quote.bom`
 - Multiplies component quantities by assembly quantities
 - Consolidates duplicate SKUs into single OI entries
 - Applies I/O field rules to generate additional components
 - Calls `PricingService` for pricing
 - Adds presentation attributes (`sectionGroup` , `displayName`)

Dependencies: Task 1 (`PricingService`)

Estimated Effort: 8-12 hours

Task 3: Create Validation Service

Priority: HIGH (Prevents configuration errors)

Files to Create:

- `src/services/ValidationService.js`

Responsibilities:

- `validateQuoteConfiguration(quote, template, assemblies, components)` → returns `validationErrors[]`
 - Check I/O count vs PLC capacity (e.g., `totalDI <= plcConfig.diCapacity`)
 - Check voltage compatibility (template voltage vs component voltages)
 - Check phase compatibility
 - Validate required assemblies are present
 - Check for missing component SKUs in catalog

Dependencies: None (independent service)

Estimated Effort: 6-8 hours

Task 4: Create Rule Engine for Assembly Linkage

Priority: HIGH (Replaces manual required/recommended arrays)

Files to Create:

- `src/services/AssemblyRuleEngine.js`

Responsibilities:

- `evaluateAssemblyRules(template, panelConfig, productConfiguration)` → returns `{required: [], recommended: []}`
 - Evaluates `template.assemblyRules` against current `panelConfig` and `productConfiguration`
 - Returns dynamically determined required/recommended assemblies

Dependencies: None (independent service)

Estimated Effort: 6-8 hours

Task 5: Extend Quote Schema with Integration Hooks

Priority: MEDIUM (Phase 2 preparation)

Files to Modify:

- `src/data/quotes/project_quote_schema.json`

Changes:

- Add `operationalItems` array property
- Add `validationErrors` array property
- Add `pricing` object property
- Add `pipedrive_deal_id`, `pipedrive_person_id`, `historical_margin_avg` (nullable)

Dependencies: None (schema-only change)

Estimated Effort: 1-2 hours

Task 6: Extend Product Template Schema with Rule Definitions

Priority: MEDIUM (Enables rule-based assembly linkage)

Files to Modify:

- `src/data/schemas/product_template_schema.json`

Changes:

- Add `assemblyRules` array property
- Add `ioFieldRules` array property

Dependencies: None (schema-only change)

Estimated Effort: 1-2 hours

Task 7: Refactor QuoteConfigurator.jsx to Use New Services

Priority: CRITICAL (Integration point)

Files to Modify:

- `src/plugins/QuoteConfigurator.jsx`

Key Changes:

1. Import new services:

```
import PricingService from '../services/PricingService';
import BOMGenerationService from '../services/BOMGenerationService';
import ValidationService from '../services/ValidationService';
import AssemblyRuleEngine from '../services/AssemblyRuleEngine';
```

2. Modify `handleGenerateBom()` (Lines 860-952):

- Replace bomLogic-based search with `AssemblyRuleEngine.evaluateAssemblyRules()`
- Auto-select required assemblies
- Recommend recommended assemblies (show in UI)

3. Replace `useEffect` hook (Lines 1282-1311):

- Instead of building simple `bom` array, call `BOMGenerationService.generateOperationalItems()`
- Store result in `quote.operationalItems`

4. Modify `handleSave()` (Lines 1402-1414):

- Call `ValidationService.validateQuoteConfiguration()` before save
- If errors exist, show validation UI
- Call `BOMGenerationService.generateOperationalItems()` to ensure OI list is current
- Call `PricingService.calculateBOMCost()` and store in `quote.pricing`

5. Add IPC handler in `electron/main.js`:

- `quotes:generate-oi` → calls `BOMGenerationService` (main process version or via IPC)
- `quotes:validate` → calls `ValidationService`

Dependencies: Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Estimated Effort: 10-14 hours

Task 8: Create IPC Handlers for New Services (Main Process)

Priority: MEDIUM (Required for service integration)

Files to Modify:

- `electron/main.js`
- `electron/preload.js`

Changes:

1. In `main.js`, add IPC handlers:

- `quotes:generate-oi` → triggers OI generation
- `quotes:validate` → triggers validation
- Optionally: `pricing:calculate-*` handlers if pricing logic needs to run in main process

2. In `preload.js`, expose new APIs:

```
contextBridge.exposeInMainWorld('quotes', {
  // ... existing methods ...
  generateOperationalItems: (quote) => ipcRenderer.invoke('quotes:generate-oi', quote),
  validate: (quote) => ipcRenderer.invoke('quotes:validate', quote)
});
```

Dependencies: Tasks 2, 3
Estimated Effort: 3-4 hours

Section 4: Implementation Sequence

Phase 1A: Foundation (Week 1)

1. ☒ **Task 5:** Extend Quote Schema (1-2 hrs)
2. ☒ **Task 6:** Extend Product Template Schema (1-2 hrs)
3. ☒ **Task 1:** Create PricingService (4-6 hrs)
4. ☒ **Task 3:** Create ValidationService (6-8 hrs)

Phase 1B: Core Logic (Week 2)

5. ☒ **Task 4:** Create AssemblyRuleEngine (6-8 hrs)
6. ☒ **Task 2:** Create BOMGenerationService (8-12 hrs)

Phase 1C: Integration (Week 3)

7. ☒ **Task 8:** Create IPC Handlers (3-4 hrs)
8. ☒ **Task 7:** Refactor QuoteConfigurator (10-14 hrs)

Phase 1D: Testing & Validation (Week 4)

9. ☒ Integration testing
 10. ☒ User acceptance testing
 11. ☒ Documentation updates
-

Section 5: Risk Assessment & Mitigation

Risk 1: Backward Compatibility

Risk: Existing quotes without `operationalItems` may break

Mitigation:

- Make `operationalItems` optional in schema
- Add migration function to generate OI from existing `bom` arrays on quote load
- Provide fallback in QuoteConfigurator if `operationalItems` is empty

Risk 2: Performance Impact

Risk: Generating OI list on every assembly change may be slow

Mitigation:

- Debounce OI generation (only generate on save or explicit "Generate OI" button)
- Cache expanded assemblies in memory
- Use Web Workers for heavy computation if needed

Risk 3: Rule Engine Complexity

Risk: Rule evaluation logic may become complex

Mitigation:

- Start with simple condition matching (exact values)

- Document rule format clearly
- Provide rule validation in ProductTemplateManager

Section 6: Testing Strategy

Unit Tests

- `PricingService.test.js` - Test all pricing calculations
- `BOMGenerationService.test.js` - Test OI generation, consolidation, I/O rule application
- `ValidationService.test.js` - Test all validation rules
- `AssemblyRuleEngine.test.js` - Test rule evaluation logic

Integration Tests

- End-to-end quote creation flow (Step 1 → Step 4 → Save)
- OI generation from complex assembly configurations
- Validation error handling and display

Manual Testing Scenarios

1. Create quote with 3 VFD motors → verify 3 contactors + 3 overloads generated
2. Create quote with incompatible voltage → verify validation error
3. Create quote exceeding PLC I/O capacity → verify validation warning
4. Export quote → verify OI list is properly formatted

Section 7: Documentation Requirements

Developer Documentation

- Service API documentation (JSDoc comments)
- Rule engine format specification
- Schema change migration guide

User Documentation

- Updated Quote Configurator user guide
- Rule-based assembly configuration guide
- Validation error resolution guide

Conclusion

This audit identifies **7 critical files** requiring modification and **4 new service files** to be created. The prioritized action plan provides a clear implementation sequence spanning approximately **40-60 hours of development work** over 3-4 weeks.

The architecture is designed to be **backward compatible** and **future-ready** for Phase 2 integrations (Pipedrive, Dynamic Pricing) without creating technical debt.

Next Steps:

1. Review and approve this plan
 2. Set up development branch: `feature/qce-phase1-rework`
 3. Begin Phase 1A tasks (Foundation)
-

Git Commit Summary - Smart Manual System

Commit Message

```
feat: Add smart manual system to Global Component Search

- Lazy-loading manual lookup with automatic caching
- Manufacturer-specific search URLs (Allen Bradley, Siemens, etc.)
- User validation workflow prevents incorrect associations
- Zero upfront setup required - builds library organically
- Complete IPC architecture: main.js handlers + preload API
- Persistent detail dialog with Copy/Use/View Manual actions
- Loading states and confirmation prompts for better UX
- Documentation: MANUAL_SYSTEM.md and updated USER_GUIDE.md

Backend:
- Added manuals:check-local handler
- Added manuals:smart-search handler with manufacturer URLs
- Added manuals:save-reference handler
- Added manual index storage (JSON)
- Helper functions for directory and index management

Frontend:
- Enhanced GlobalComponentSearch with manual button
- Smart workflow: check → search → confirm → save
- Loading animations and status indicators
- Confirmation dialog with user-friendly prompts

Docs:
- Created MANUAL_SYSTEM.md (complete technical docs)
- Created IMPLEMENTATION_SUMMARY.md (dev reference)
- Updated USER_GUIDE.md with manual system section
```

Files Changed

Modified

- electron/main.js
 - Added 5 manual IPC handlers
 - Added helper functions for manual index
 - Added manufacturer URL generation logic
- electron/preload.js
 - Exposed window.manuals API
 - Added 5 manual methods to bridge
- src/components/GlobalComponentSearch/index.jsx
 - Added manual button and states
 - Added handleViewManual workflow
 - Added handleSaveManual function
 - Added confirmation dialog
 - Enhanced detail dialog with manual features

4. `USER_GUIDE.md`

- Added Smart Manual System section
- Added supported manufacturers
- Added usage instructions

Created

5. `MANUAL_SYSTEM.md` (New)

- Complete technical documentation
- API reference
- Developer guide

6. `IMPLEMENTATION_SUMMARY.md` (New)

- Implementation record
 - Testing checklist
 - Future roadmap
-

Testing Before Commit

Run these tests to verify everything works:

1. Build Test

```
npm run build
```

2. Runtime Test

```
npm run dev
```

3. Manual Feature Test

- Open app
- Press `Ctrl+K` (Global Component Search)
- Search for a component
- Click component to view details
- Click **View Manual** button
- Verify workflow:
 - Shows "Checking..." spinner
 - Shows "Searching..." spinner
 - Opens browser with search results
 - Shows confirmation dialog
 - Click "Save Reference"
 - Shows "Found!" status

4. Cached Manual Test

- Search for same component again
 - Click **View Manual**
 - Should open directly without search
 - Should show "Found!" immediately
-

Git Commands

```
## Stage all changes
git add .

## Commit with detailed message
git commit -m "feat: Add smart manual system to Global Component Search

- Lazy-loading manual lookup with automatic caching
- Manufacturer-specific search URLs (Allen Bradley, Siemens, etc.)
- User validation workflow prevents incorrect associations
- Zero upfront setup required - builds library organically

Backend:
- Added manuals IPC handlers (check-local, smart-search, save-reference)
- Added manual index storage and management
- Manufacturer URL generation for 6+ vendors

Frontend:
- Enhanced GlobalComponentSearch with manual button
- Smart workflow: check → search → confirm → save
- Loading states and confirmation dialog

Docs:
- Created MANUAL_SYSTEM.md
- Created IMPLEMENTATION_SUMMARY.md
- Updated USER_GUIDE.md"

## Push to remote
git push origin main
```

Post-Commit Tasks

1. Update GitHub Release

- Tag as v1.1.0 (manual system feature)
- Include MANUAL_SYSTEM.md in release notes
- Mention key benefits in release description

2. Team Communication

- Email team about new feature
- Include USER_GUIDE.md section on manuals
- Demo in next team meeting

3. Monitor Usage

- Check manual_index.json growth
- Collect feedback on URL accuracy
- Identify frequently accessed manuals

4. Future Planning

- Phase 2: PDF download feature
- Phase 3: Offline mode
- Consider manufacturer API integrations

Rollback Plan

If issues arise:

```
## Revert the commit
git revert HEAD

## Or hard reset (destructive)
git reset --hard HEAD~1
git push --force origin main
```

Manual system is isolated and won't affect other features if disabled.

Component Manuals & Documentation Strategy

Solutions for Hosting and Linking Component Manuals

Recommended Solutions (Best to Easiest)

Option 1: NAS-Based Manual Library (RECOMMENDED)

Best for: Your existing NAS infrastructure, centralized control

Setup Structure

```
\\NAS\TechnicalDocumentation\ComponentManuals\
├─ by-manufacturer\
│   ├── AllenBradley\
│   │   ├── 1756-L71_manual.pdf
│   │   ├── PowerFlex525_manual.pdf
│   │   └─ ...
│   ├── Siemens\
│   │   ├── S7-1200_manual.pdf
│   │   └─ ...
│   └─ Endress+Hauser\
├─ by-category\
│   ├── Sensors\
│   ├── Motors\
│   ├── Valves\
│   └─ PLCs\
├─ by-sku\
│   ├── AB-1756-L71.pdf (symlink to manufacturer folder)
│   └─ ...
└─ index.json (searchable index)
```

Component Database Enhancement

Add manual link column to your CSV:







```
SKU,Description,Category,Manufacturer,Price,ManualPath
AB-1756-L71,ControlLogix Processor,PLC,Allen Bradley,2500,\\NAS\TechnicalDocumentation\ComponentManuals\by-manufacturer\AllenBradley\1756-L71_manual.pdf
PF525-5HP,PowerFlex 525 Drive,VFD,Allen Bradley,850,\\NAS\TechnicalDocumentation\ComponentManuals\by-manufacturer\AllenBradley\PowerFlex525_manual.pdf
```

Implementation in App

```
// Add to component detail dialog
{component.manualPath && (
  <button
    onClick={() => window.api.openExternal(component.manualPath)}
    className="px-4 py-2 bg-green-600 text-white rounded-md hover:bg-green-700"
```

```
>  
   View Manual  
</button>  
})
```

Advantages:

-  Uses existing NAS infrastructure
-  Centralized - update once, affects everyone
-  Works offline (local network)
-  Fast access
-  Full version control
-  No internet dependency

Disadvantages:

- ⚠ Requires network access
- ⚠ Manual PDF collection/organization needed

Option 2: Hybrid - NAS + Manufacturer URLs

Best for: Mix of local files and manufacturer websites






Database Structure

```
SKU,Description,Manufacturer,ManualPath,ManualURL
AB-1756-L71,ControlLogix,Allen Bradley,\\NAS\Manuals\AB-1756-L71.pdf,https://literature.rockwellautomation.com/idc/...
PF525-SHP,PowerFlex 525,Allen Bradley,,https://literature.rockwellautomation.com/idc/...
```

Logic

```
// Priority: Local file first, then URL
const openManual = (component) => {
  if (component.manualPath) {
    // Open local file from NAS
    window.api.openExternal(component.manualPath);
  } else if (component.manualURL) {
    // Open manufacturer website
    window.api.openExternal(component.manualURL);
  } else {
    // Search manufacturer website
    const searchUrl = `https://www.google.com/search?q=${component.manufacturer}+${component.sku}+manual`;
    window.api.openExternal(searchUrl);
  }
};
```

Advantages:

-  Best of both worlds
-  Local files for critical components
-  URLs for less-used items
-  Fallback to Google search
-  Minimal storage needed

Option 3: Cloud Storage (OneDrive/SharePoint/Google Drive)

Best for: Remote teams, cloud-first environments

OneDrive Business Structure

```
OneDrive\Craft Automation\Component Manuals\  
├─ AllenBradley\  
├─ Siemens\  
├─ Endress+Hauser\  
└─ ...
```






Get Shareable Links

```
## Create sharing link in OneDrive  
## Right-click file → Share → Copy link  
## Add to CSV database
```




Database

```
SKU,Description,ManualURL  
AB-1756-L71,ControlLogix,https://craftauto-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/...
```

Advantages:

-  Accessible anywhere (internet)
-  Automatic backups
-  Version history
-  Easy sharing
-  Mobile access

Disadvantages:

-  Requires internet
-  Link management
-  Potential link expiration

Option 4: Embedded Manual Viewer in App

Best for: Professional, self-contained solution





Approach

Store manuals in app's data folder or NAS, display in-app:




```
// Add PDF viewer component  
import { Document, Page } from 'react-pdf';  
  
const ManualViewer = ({ component }) => {  
  const [numPages, setNumPages] = useState(null);  
  
  return (  
    <div className="modal">  
      <Document  
        file={component.manualPath}  
        onLoadSuccess={({ numPages }) => setNumPages(numPages)}  
      >  
        {Array.from(new Array(numPages), (el, index) => (  
          <Page key={`page_${index + 1}`} pageNumber={index + 1} />  
        ))}  
      </Document>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

```
);  
};
```

Advantages:

-  Seamless UX
-  No external apps needed
-  Search within PDF
-  Professional appearance

Disadvantages:

-  Development time
-  Large file handling
-  PDF library dependencies

Option 5: Manual Management Database

Best for: Large-scale, many components

Create Separate Manuals Database

```
// manuals.json  
{  
  "manuals": [  
    {  
      "id": "AB-1756-L71",  
      "sku": "AB-1756-L71",  
      "title": "1756-L71 ControlLogix User Manual",  
      "manufacturer": "Allen Bradley",  
      "version": "1.23",  
      "date": "2024-01-15",  
      "path": "\\NAS\\Manuals\\AB-1756-L71.pdf",  
      "url": "https://...",  
      "pages": 450,  
      "fileSize": "12.5 MB",  
      "tags": ["PLC", "ControlLogix", "Programming"]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Smart Matching

```
// Auto-match component SKUs to manual database  
const findManual = (component) => {  
  // Exact SKU match  
  let manual = manuals.find(m => m.sku === component.sku);  
  
  // Partial match  
  if (!manual) {  
    manual = manuals.find(m =>  
      component.sku.includes(m.id) || m.id.includes(component.sku)  
    );  
  }  
  
  // Manufacturer + category match  
  if (!manual) {  
    manual = manuals.find(m =>  
      m.manufacturer === component.manufacturer &&  
      m.tags.includes(component.category)  
    );  
  }  
}
```



```
}  
  
    return manual;  
};
```

Implementation Plan (Recommended Path)

Phase 1: Start Simple (Week 1)

NAS Folder Structure:

```
\\NAS\TechnicalDocumentation\  
├── ComponentManuals\  
│   ├── AllenBradley\  
│   ├── Siemens\  
│   └── Other\  
└── README.md
```

Update CSV: Add `ManualPath` column to component database

App Update: Add "View Manual" button to component detail dialog

Phase 2: Organize (Week 2-3)

Collect PDFs:

- Download from manufacturer websites
- Scan physical manuals
- Request from suppliers
- Organize by manufacturer

Create Index:

```
Manufacturer,ProductLine,ManualFile,LastUpdated  
Allen  Bradley,ControlLogix,1756-UserManual.pdf,2024-11-01  
Allen  Bradley,PowerFlex,PF525-Manual.pdf,2024-10-15
```

Phase 3: Enhance (Month 2)

Add Features:

- Search within manual titles
- Version tracking
- Download statistics
- Quick reference sheets
- Installation guides vs. user manuals

Phase 4: Advanced (Month 3+)

Consider:

- In-app PDF viewer
 - Manual version updates notification
 - Bookmark favorite pages
 - Notes/annotations
 - Share manual links via email
-

Recommended File Organization

By Manufacturer (Primary)

```
ComponentManuals\  
├── AllenBradley\  
│   ├── PLCs\  
│   │   ├── ControlLogix\  
│   │   │   ├── 1756-L71_UserManual_v1.23.pdf  
│   │   │   ├── 1756-L71_InstallGuide.pdf  
│   │   │   └── 1756-L71_QuickStart.pdf  
│   │   └── CompactLogix\  
│   ├── Drives\  
│   │   └── PowerFlex\  
│   └── IO\  
├── Siemens\  
│   ├── S7-1200\  
│   ├── S7-1500\  
│   └── SIMATIC\  
├── EndressHauser\  
├── Festo\  
└── _Generic\  
    ├── Pneumatics_Basics.pdf  
    └── Electrical_Standards.pdf
```

Naming Convention

[Manufacturer]-[ProductLine]-[Model]_[DocumentType]_v[Version].pdf

Examples:

AB-ControlLogix-1756L71_UserManual_v1.23.pdf

AB-PowerFlex-PF525_QuickStart_v2.1.pdf

Siemens-S7-1200-CPU1215C_Programming_v4.5.pdf

Quick Implementation Code

Update Component Database CSV

```
SKU,Description,Category,Manufacturer,Price,Quantity,ManualPath,ManualURL  
AB-1756-L71,ControlLogix L71 Processor,PLC,Allen Bradley,2500,5,\\NAS\TechDocs\ComponentManuals\AllenBradley\PLCs\ControlLogix\1756-L71_UserManual_v1.23.pdf,\\NAS\TechDocs\ComponentManuals\AllenBradley\PLCs\ControlLogix\1756-L71_InstallGuide.pdf,\\NAS\TechDocs\ComponentManuals\AllenBradley\PLCs\ControlLogix\1756-L71_QuickStart.pdf  
PF525-5HP,PowerFlex 525 5HP VFD,VFD,Allen Bradley,850,10,\\NAS\TechDocs\ComponentManuals\AllenBradley\Drives\PowerFlex\PF525-5HP_QuickStart_v2.1.pdf,\\NAS\TechDocs\ComponentManuals\AllenBradley\Drives\PowerFlex\PF525-5HP_QuickStart_v2.1.pdf  
EH-FTL51,Endress Hauser Level Sensor,Sensor,Endress Hauser,1200,3,https://portal.endress.com/.../BA123A_manual.pdf,https://portal.endress.com/.../BA123A_manual.pdf
```

Update Component Detail Dialog

Add this to `GlobalComponentSearch/index.jsx`:

```
/* Manual/Documentation Links */  
{(selectedComponent.manualPath || selectedComponent.manualURL) && (  
  <div className="bg-blue-900/20 rounded-lg p-4 border border-blue-700 mb-4">  
    <div className="flex items-center gap-2 mb-2">  
      <BookOpen size={18} className="text-blue-400" />  
      <span className="text-sm font-medium text-blue-300">Documentation</span>  
    </div>  
    <div className="flex gap-2">  
      {selectedComponent.manualPath && (  
        <button  
          onClick={() => window.api.openExternal(selectedComponent.manualPath)}  
        >  
          </button>  
      )  
    }  
  )  
}
```

```

        className="px-3 py-1.5 bg-blue-600 text-white rounded text-sm hover:bg-blue-700 transition-colors flex items-center
    >
    <FileText size={14} />
    User Manual (Local)
  </button>
)}
{selectedComponent.manualURL && (
  <button
    onClick={() => window.api.openExternal(selectedComponent.manualURL)}
    className="px-3 py-1.5 bg-blue-600 text-white rounded text-sm hover:bg-blue-700 transition-colors flex items-center
  >
    <ExternalLink size={14} />
    Online Manual
  </button>
)}
</div>
</div>
)}

```

Add Electron Handler

In `electron/main.js`:

```

// Handle opening external files/URLs
ipcMain.handle('open-external', async (event, path) => {
  const { shell } = require('electron');

  // Check if it's a URL or file path
  if (path.startsWith('http://') || path.startsWith('https://')) {
    await shell.openExternal(path);
  } else {
    // It's a file path (NAS or local)
    await shell.openPath(path);
  }

  return { success: true };
});

```

Component Manual Coverage Strategy

Prioritize by Usage

Tier 1 - Critical (Get First):

- PLCs (Allen Bradley, Siemens)
- VFDs/Drives (Top 10 models)
- HMIs (Top 5 models)
- Safety components

Tier 2 - Common (Next):

- Sensors (Level, Pressure, Temp)
- Valves (Pneumatic, Process)
- Motor starters
- Panel components

Tier 3 - Less Common:

- Specialty items
- One-off components

- Generic parts

Sources for Manuals

1. Manufacturer Websites

- Allen Bradley: literature.rockwellautomation.com
- Siemens: support.industry.siemens.com
- Endress+Hauser: portal.endress.com

2. Distributor Portals

- Grainger
- AutomationDirect
- Galco

3. Direct from Reps

- Request digital library
- Ask for FTP access
- Batch downloads

4. Archive Old Manuals

- Scan paper manuals
- Save from past projects
- Team knowledge capture

Quick Start Checklist

Week 1: Setup

- ☐ Create \\NAS\TechnicalDocumentation\ComponentManuals\ folder
- ☐ Add ManualPath and ManualURL columns to component CSV
- ☐ Download top 20 component manuals
- ☐ Organize in manufacturer folders

Week 2: App Integration

- ☐ Add manual buttons to component detail dialog
- ☐ Add electron handler for opening files
- ☐ Test with sample components
- ☐ Update USER_GUIDE.md

Week 3: Populate

- ☐ Download 50+ common component manuals
- ☐ Update component database with paths
- ☐ Create naming convention doc
- ☐ Train team on adding new manuals

Week 4: Enhance

- ☐ Add "Missing Manual" flag to components
- ☐ Create manual request process
- ☐ Add statistics (which manuals accessed most)

- ☐ Consider in-app viewer for future

💡 Pro Tips

1. **Consistent Naming:** Use same format for all PDFs
 2. **Version Control:** Include version in filename
 3. **Quick Reference:** Create 1-page quick refs for common items
 4. **Searchable PDFs:** Use OCR on scanned manuals
 5. **Backup:** Keep manuals backed up (they're gold!)
 6. **Index File:** Maintain Excel/CSV of all manuals
 7. **Update Regularly:** Check for new versions quarterly
 8. **Team Input:** Let users request manuals they need
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🔗 Example Implementation

Simple Link in Component Dialog

```
// Component Detail Dialog Addition
<div className="mt-4 border-t border-gray-700 pt-4">
  <h4 className="text-sm font-medium text-gray-400 mb-2">Resources</h4>
  <div className="flex gap-2">
    {selectedComponent.manualPath && (
      <button className="btn-primary">📖 Manual</button>
    )}
    {selectedComponent.datasheet && (
      <button className="btn-secondary">📄 Datasheet</button>
    )}
    <button
      onClick={() => window.open(`https://google.com/search?q=${selectedComponent.manufacturer}+${selectedComponent.sku}+manu
      className="btn-secondary"
    >
      🔍 Search Online
    </button>
  </div>
</div>
```

Want me to implement the NAS-based manual linking in your app? I can add the buttons, electron handlers, and update the component database structure! 🚀🔗

FORCE RELOAD - See New UI Changes

The Problem

Code changes are saved but not appearing in the app.

Solution - Do These Steps IN ORDER:

Step 1: Stop Everything

1. Close ALL Electron windows
2. Stop the dev server (Ctrl+C in terminal)
3. Wait 2 seconds

Step 2: Clear Cache

Run these commands in PowerShell (in the project folder):

```
## Remove Vite cache
Remove-Item -Recurse -Force "node_modules/.vite" -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

## Remove build folders
Remove-Item -Recurse -Force "dist" -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
Remove-Item -Recurse -Force "dist-electron" -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

Write-Host "Cache cleared!" -ForegroundColor Green
```

Step 3: Restart Dev Server

```
npm run electron:dev
```





Step 4: Force Reload in Electron

When the Electron window opens:

1. Press **Ctrl+Shift+R** (Windows) or **Cmd+Shift+R** (Mac) - This is a HARD RELOAD
2. OR press **Ctrl+R** multiple times
3. OR close and reopen the Electron window

Step 5: Verify

You should see:

-  A **HUGE COLORFUL BANNER** saying "NEW v2.0 UI IS LOADED!"
-  Beautiful gradient headers with icons
-  Numbered instance cards
-  Color-coded I/O sections

If Still Not Working:

1. Check Console (F12):

- Look for `[v2.0 UI] Rendering assemblies: messages`
- Look for `[Template Load] messages`
- Check for JavaScript errors

2. Verify File Was Saved:

- Open `src/plugins/QuoteConfigurator.jsx`
- Search for "NEW v2.0 UI IS LOADED" (line ~984)
- If you can't find it, the file wasn't saved

3. Check You're Looking at Right Template:

- Make sure you're viewing a quote with a product template loaded
- The template must have `assemblies` array (v2.0 structure)
- Check template 100 or 108

4. Nuclear Option:

- Close everything
- Delete `node_modules` folder


- Run `npm install`
- Run `npm run electron:dev`

What You Should See:

OLD UI (WRONG):

- Flat list of fields
- No cards
- No instance numbering
- Simple headers

NEW UI (CORRECT):

- ☒ Large gradient headers with  icon
- ☒ "v2.0" badge
- ☒ Numbered circular badges (1, 2, 3...)
- ☒ "Instance #1", "Instance #2" headers
- ☒ Color-coded I/O sections (blue/green/yellow/purple borders)
- ☒ Beautiful sub-assembly checkboxes
- ☒ Gradient backgrounds everywhere

If you see the colorful banner but not the UI, there's a rendering issue - check console for errors.

Product Template Manager - Simple Mode Implementation

Overview

Add "Simple Mode" to Product Template Manager V2 that allows users to create templates by selecting existing Assembly IDs and Sub-Assembly IDs from searchable lists, without defining custom fields inline.

Required Changes

1. State Management (Already Added)

```
const [templateMode, setTemplateMode] = useState('simple'); // 'simple' or 'advanced'
const [showAssemblyPicker, setShowAssemblyPicker] = useState(false);
const [showSubAssemblyPicker, setShowSubAssemblyPicker] = useState(false);
const [assemblySearchQuery, setAssemblySearchQuery] = useState('');
const [subAssemblySearchQuery, setSubAssemblySearchQuery] = useState('');
```

2. Data Structure - Simple Mode

When in simple mode, templates use this structure:

```
{
  "productCode": 100,
  "productName": "Brewhouse Control Panel",
  "notes": "...",
  "estimatedBaseLaborHours": 40,
  "assemblies": ["PROC_BREW_KETTLE", "PROC_HLT", "PROC_MASH_TUN"],
  "subAssemblies": ["SA-VFD-1.5HP", "SA-PUMP-1HP", "KIT-MAIN-PANEL-LARGE"]
}
```

3. UI Components to Add

A. Mode Toggle (after Basic Information section)

```
<div className="bg-gray-800 rounded-lg border border-gray-700 p-6">
  <div className="flex items-center justify-between mb-4">
    <div>
      <h3 className="text-lg font-semibold text-white">Template Mode</h3>
      <p className="text-sm text-gray-400 mt-1">
        Simple: Reference existing assemblies • Advanced: Define custom fields
      </p>
    </div>
  </div>
  <div className="flex items-center gap-3">
    <button
      onClick={() => setTemplateMode('simple')}
      className={`px-4 py-2 rounded-md transition-colors ${
        templateMode === 'simple'
          ? 'bg-blue-600 text-white'
          : 'bg-gray-700 text-gray-300 hover:bg-gray-600'
      }`}
    >
      Simple Mode
    </button>
    <button
      onClick={() => setTemplateMode('advanced')}
      className={`px-4 py-2 rounded-md transition-colors ${
        templateMode === 'advanced'
          ? 'bg-blue-600 text-white'
          : 'bg-gray-700 text-gray-300 hover:bg-gray-600'
      }`}
    >
      Advanced Mode
    </button>
  </div>
</div>
```

B. Simple Mode - Assembly References

```
{templateMode === 'simple' && (
  <>
    { /* Assembly IDs */ }
    <div className="bg-gray-800 rounded-lg border border-gray-700 p-6">
      <div className="flex justify-between items-center mb-4">
        <div>
          <h3 className="text-lg font-semibold text-white">Assembly References</h3>
          <p className="text-sm text-gray-400">Select existing assemblies from your library</p>
        </div>
        <button
          onClick={() => setShowAssemblyPicker(true)}
          className="flex items-center gap-2 px-4 py-2 bg-blue-600 hover:bg-blue-700 text-white rounded-md"
        >
          <Plus size={18} />
          Add Assembly Reference
        </button>
      </div>

      <div className="space-y-2">
        {(template.assemblies || []).map((assemblyId, index) => (
          <div key={index} className="flex items-center justify-between p-3 bg-gray-700 rounded-md">
            <span className="text-white font-mono">{assemblyId}</span>
            <button
              onClick={() => {
                const newAssemblies = template.assemblies.filter((_, i) => i !== index);
```



```

        setTemplate({ ...template, assemblies: newAssemblies });
    }}
    className="text-red-400 hover:text-red-300"
  >
    <Trash2 size={16} />
  </button>
</div>
)))
{(!template.assemblies || template.assemblies.length === 0) && (
  <p className="text-center text-gray-500 py-4">No assemblies added yet</p>
)}
</div>
</div>

{/* Sub-Assembly IDs */}
<div className="bg-gray-800 rounded-lg border border-gray-700 p-6">
  <div className="flex justify-between items-center mb-4">
    <div>
      <h3 className="text-lg font-semibold text-white">Sub-Assembly References</h3>
      <p className="text-sm text-gray-400">Select base kits/sub-assemblies</p>
    </div>
    <button
      onClick={() => setShowSubAssemblyPicker(true)}
      className="flex items-center gap-2 px-4 py-2 bg-blue-600 hover:bg-blue-700 text-white rounded-md"
    >
      <Plus size={18} />
      Add Sub-Assembly
    </button>
  </div>

  <div className="space-y-2">
    {(template.subAssemblies || []).map((subAssemblyId, index) => {
      const subAsm = subAssemblies.find(s => s.subAssemblyId === subAssemblyId);
      return (
        <div key={index} className="flex items-center justify-between p-3 bg-gray-700 rounded-md">
          <div>
            <span className="text-white font-mono">{subAssemblyId}</span>
            {subAsm && <p className="text-xs text-gray-400">{subAsm.description}</p>}
          </div>
          <button
            onClick={() => {
              const newSubAssemblies = template.subAssemblies.filter((_, i) => i !== index);
              setTemplate({ ...template, subAssemblies: newSubAssemblies });
            }}
            className="text-red-400 hover:text-red-300"
          >
            <Trash2 size={16} />
          </button>
        </div>
      );
    })}
    {(!template.subAssemblies || template.subAssemblies.length === 0) && (
      <p className="text-center text-gray-500 py-4">No sub-assemblies added yet</p>
    )}
  </div>
</div>
</>
)}

```

C. Assembly Picker Modal

```

{showAssemblyPicker && (
  <div className="fixed inset-0 bg-black/70 flex items-center justify-center z-50 p-4">
    <div className="bg-gray-800 rounded-lg border border-gray-700 max-w-4xl w-full max-h-[80vh] flex flex-col">
      <div className="p-4 border-b border-gray-700 flex justify-between items-center">
        <h3 className="text-lg font-semibold text-white">Select Assemblies</h3>

```

```

        <button onClick={() => setShowAssemblyPicker(false)} className="text-gray-400 hover:text-white">
          <X size={20} />
        </button>
      </div>

      <div className="p-4 border-b border-gray-700">
        <input
          type="text"
          value={assemblySearchQuery}
          onChange={(e) => setAssemblySearchQuery(e.target.value)}
          placeholder="Search assemblies..."
          className="w-full px-3 py-2 bg-gray-700 border border-gray-600 rounded-md text-white"
        />
      </div>

      <div className="flex-1 overflow-y-auto p-4">
        <div className="space-y-2">
          {/* TODO: Load from Assembly Manager - for now show message */}
          <div className="text-center py-8 text-gray-400">
            <Package size={48} className="mx-auto mb-3 opacity-50" />
            <p>Assembly library integration pending</p>
            <p className="text-sm mt-2">
              Manually enter assembly IDs for now, or use Advanced Mode to define custom assemblies
            </p>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
)}

```

D. Sub-Assembly Picker Modal (with Search)

```

{showSubAssemblyPicker && (
  <div className="fixed inset-0 bg-black/70 flex items-center justify-center z-50 p-4">
    <div className="bg-gray-800 rounded-lg border border-gray-700 max-w-4xl w-full max-h-[80vh] flex flex-col">
      <div className="p-4 border-b border-gray-700 flex justify-between items-center">
        <h3 className="text-lg font-semibold text-white">Select Sub-Assemblies</h3>
        <button onClick={() => setShowSubAssemblyPicker(false)} className="text-gray-400 hover:text-white">
          <X size={20} />
        </button>
      </div>

      <div className="p-4 border-b border-gray-700">
        <input
          type="text"
          value={subAssemblySearchQuery}
          onChange={(e) => setSubAssemblySearchQuery(e.target.value)}
          placeholder="Search sub-assemblies by ID, description, or category..."
          className="w-full px-3 py-2 bg-gray-700 border border-gray-600 rounded-md text-white"
        />
      </div>

      <div className="flex-1 overflow-y-auto p-4">
        <div className="space-y-2">
          {subAssemblies
            .filter(sub => {
              if (!subAssemblySearchQuery) return true;
              const query = subAssemblySearchQuery.toLowerCase();
              return (
                sub.subAssemblyId.toLowerCase().includes(query) ||
                sub.description?.toLowerCase().includes(query) ||
                sub.category?.toLowerCase().includes(query)
              );
            })
            .map(sub => {

```

```

const isSelected = (template.subAssemblies || []).includes(sub.subAssemblyId);
return (
  <button
    key={sub.subAssemblyId}
    onClick={() => {
      const current = template.subAssemblies || [];
      if (isSelected) {
        setTemplate({
          ...template,
          subAssemblies: current.filter(id => id !== sub.subAssemblyId)
        });
      } else {
        setTemplate({
          ...template,
          subAssemblies: [...current, sub.subAssemblyId]
        });
      }
    }}
    className={`w-full text-left p-3 rounded-md transition-colors ${
      isSelected
        ? 'bg-blue-600 text-white'
        : 'bg-gray-700 text-gray-300 hover:bg-gray-600'
    }`}
  >
    <div className="flex items-center justify-between">
      <div className="flex-1">
        <p className="font-mono text-sm">{sub.subAssemblyId}</p>
        <p className="text-xs opacity-80">{sub.description}</p>
        <p className="text-xs opacity-60 mt-1">{sub.category}</p>
      </div>
      {isSelected && <CheckCircle size={20} />}
    </div>
  </button>
);
}}}
</div>
</div>
</div>
))}

<div className="p-4 border-t border-gray-700 flex justify-end">
  <button
    onClick={() => setShowSubAssemblyPicker(false)}
    className="px-4 py-2 bg-blue-600 hover:bg-blue-700 text-white rounded-md"
  >
    Done
  </button>
</div>
</div>
</div>
))}

```

4. Template Initialization Update

```

const handleSelectProduct = async (productCode) => {
  try {
    setError(null);
    setSuccess(null);
    setSelectedProductCode(productCode);

    const existingTemplate = await window.productTemplates.get(productCode);

    if (existingTemplate) {
      setTemplate(existingTemplate);
      // Auto-detect mode based on structure
      if (Array.isArray(existingTemplate.assemblies) &&
        existingTemplate.assemblies.length > 0 &&
        typeof existingTemplate.assemblies[0] === 'string') {

```

```

        setTemplateMode('simple');
    } else {
        setTemplateMode('advanced');
    }
} else {
    const product = productSchema.find(p => p.const === productCode);
    setTemplate({
        productCode: productCode,
        productName: product?.description || '',
        estimatedBaseLaborHours: 0,
        notes: '',
        assemblies: [],
        subAssemblies: [] // Add for simple mode
    });
    setTemplateMode('simple'); // Default to simple
}
setIsEditing(true);
setSelectedAssemblyIndex(null);
} catch (err) {
    console.error('Failed to load template:', err);
    setError(`Failed to load template: ${err.message}`);
}
};

```

5. Save Handler Update

```

const handleSave = async () => {
    try {
        setIsSaving(true);
        setError(null);

        if (!template.productCode || !template.productName) {
            setError('Product Code and Product Name are required');
            return;
        }

        // Validate based on mode
        if (templateMode === 'simple') {
            if (!template.assemblies || template.assemblies.length === 0) {
                setError('At least one assembly reference is required in Simple Mode');
                return;
            }
        }

        const result = await window.productTemplates.save(template);

        if (result.success) {
            setSuccess(`Template for product ${template.productCode} saved successfully`);
            setTimeout(() => setSuccess(null), 3000);
            await loadExistingTemplates(productSchema);
        } else {
            setError(`Validation failed: ${JSON.stringify(result.errors)}`);
        }
    } catch (err) {
        console.error('Failed to save template:', err);
        setError(`Failed to save: ${err.message}`);
    } finally {
        setIsSaving(false);
    }
};

```

Schema Updates Needed

Update `product_template_schema.json` to support both modes:

- `assemblies` can be either an array of strings (simple) or array of objects (advanced)
- Add optional `subAssemblies` array at template level for simple mode

Benefits

1. **Quick Setup:** Users can create templates in minutes by referencing existing work
2. **Reusability:** Leverage existing assemblies and sub-assemblies
3. **Searchable:** Find assemblies/sub-assemblies quickly
4. **Flexible:** Switch between simple and advanced modes as needed
5. **Migration Path:** Existing advanced templates still work

Next Steps

1. Implement UI components in ProductTemplateManagerV2.jsx
2. Update schema to support dual-mode
3. Test with both simple and advanced templates
4. Add Assembly Manager integration for assembly picker

BOM Import Template - Assembly Category Mapping Guide

Overview

This guide explains how to use the **Category** column in the BOM Import Template to properly organize components into assemblies with the correct categories.

Template Structure

The enhanced BOM Import Template includes these columns:

| Column | Required | Purpose | Example |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|---|
| Product Name | ✔ Yes | Overall product/system name | "Brewhouse", "CIP Skid" |
| Assembly Name | ✔ Yes | Short assembly identifier (used for grouping) | "Kettle Pump Starter - 10A" |
| Assembly Description | ⚠ Recommended | Detailed description of what the assembly does | "Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range)" |
| Component SKU | ✔ Yes | Unique part number | "XTPR010BC1" |
| Quantity | ✔ Yes | Number of components | "1", "2", "3" |
| Category | ⚠ Recommended | Assembly category for organization | "MOTOR CONTROL CON" |
| Component Description | i Optional | Component description | "EATON - MMP - Short Circuit..." |
| Notes | i Optional | Additional notes | "Motor protection 10A" |

Understanding Assembly Name vs Assembly Description

- **Assembly Name:** Short identifier used to group components together. All components with the same Assembly Name will be combined into one assembly.

- Example: "Kettle Pump Starter - 10A"
 - **Assembly Description:** Detailed description that appears in the assembly library, Quote Configurator, and BOM exports. Provides context about what the assembly does and when to use it.
 - Example: "Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range)"
 - If not provided, the Assembly Name will be used as the description.
-

Assembly Categories

Use these standardized categories to organize your assemblies:

Enclosure & Structure

- **ENCLOSURE** - Main enclosures, boxes, cabinets
 - Example: "42Hx36Wx10D Grey Type 4 Enclosure"

Power Distribution

- **DISCONNECT** - Main disconnects and isolation switches
 - Example: "60AMP NON-FUSED DISCONNECT"
- **BRANCH BREAKER** - Branch circuit breakers and feeders
 - Example: "EATON - B Frame 3 Pole Feeder (60A Max)"
- **MAIN BREAKER** - Main circuit breakers
 - Example: "200A Main Breaker"
- **PWRDST** (Power Distribution) - Power supplies, distribution blocks
 - Example: "24VDC 5A Power Supply"
- **FUSE** - Fuse holders and fuses
 - Example: "CLASS CC 3POLE FUSE HOLDER"

Motor Control

- **MOTOR CONTROL CON** (Contactor-based) - Motor starters with contactors
 - Example: "Kettle Pump Starter - 10A"
 - Typical Components: MMPs, contactors, auxiliaries, overload relays
- **MOTOR CONTROL VFD** - Variable frequency drive motor starters
 - Example: "Mash Pump VFD - 3HP"
 - Typical Components: VFD, bypass contactor, reactor

Heater Control

- **HEATER CONTROL SSR** (Solid State Relay) - SSR-based heater control
 - Example: "Kettle Heater Control - 20A SSR"
- **HEATER CONTROL CON** (Contactor-based) - Contactor-based heater control
 - Example: "HLT Heater Control - 30A"

Control Systems

- **PLC/COM-Logic Controller w/HMI** - PLC CPUs and HMI panels
 - Example: "IDEC 40I/O PLC with 12.1 HMI"
- **PLC/COM Modules** - I/O modules, communication modules
 - Example: "16pt Relay Output Module"

Safety & Control

- **SAFETY** - Safety relays, e-stops, safety circuits
 - Example: "Emergency Stop Safety Circuit"
- **CONTROL** - General control components (switches, lights, relays)
 - Example: "Operator Control Station"

Wiring & Terminals

- **WIRING** - Wire, cable, terminals, connectors
 - Example: "Control Wiring Kit"

Category Mapping Best Practices

1. Group Related Components

Components that work together should be in the same assembly with a consistent category and description:

| Product Name | Assembly Name | Assembly Description | Component SKU | Quantity | Category | Component Description |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Brewhouse | Kettle Pump Starter - 10A | Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range) | XTPR010BC1 | 1 | | |
| Brewhouse | Kettle Pump Starter - 10A | Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range) | XTPAFA11 | 1 | | |
| Brewhouse | Kettle Pump Starter - 10A | Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range) | XTPAEMCB | 1 | | |
| Brewhouse | Kettle Pump Starter - 10A | Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range) | XTCE009B10TD | | | |

All components share:

- Same **Product Name**: "Brewhouse"
- Same **Assembly Name**: "Kettle Pump Starter - 10A" (groups them together)
- Same **Assembly Description**: "Contactor-based motor starter..." (appears in Quote Configurator)
- Same **Category**: "MOTOR CONTROL CON"

2. Use Descriptive Assembly Names and Descriptions

Include sizing or rating information in assembly names, and provide detailed descriptions:

✔ Good Examples:

| Assembly Name | Assembly Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| Kettle Pump Starter - 10A | Contactor-based motor starter for kettle recirculation pump (6.3-10A range) |
| Mash Pump VFD - 3HP | Variable frequency drive assembly for 3HP mash pump with speed control |
| Main Disconnect Assembly | 60A main power disconnect with safety handle |

✖ Poor Examples:

Assembly Name,Assembly Description
Starter 1,Starter
PHASE,PHASE
MMP,MMP

3. Maintain Consistent Naming

Use the same category names throughout your BOM:

✔ Consistent:

Category
MOTOR CONTROL CON
MOTOR CONTROL CON
MOTOR CONTROL VFD

✖ Inconsistent:

Category
MOTOR CONTROL CON
Motor Control CON
MCC
MOTOR CTRL

Common Assembly Patterns

Motor Starter Pattern (Contactor-based)

Product Name,Assembly Name,Assembly Description,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Component Description,Notes
Brewhouse,Pump Starter - 10A,Contactor-based motor starter for brewhouse pump (6.3-10A range),XTPR010BC1,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON,
Brewhouse,Pump Starter - 10A,Contactor-based motor starter for brewhouse pump (6.3-10A range),XTPAXFA11,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON,
Brewhouse,Pump Starter - 10A,Contactor-based motor starter for brewhouse pump (6.3-10A range),XTPAXEMCB,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON,
Brewhouse,Pump Starter - 10A,Contactor-based motor starter for brewhouse pump (6.3-10A range),XTCE009B10TD,1,MOTOR CONTROL CC

VFD Starter Pattern

Product Name,Assembly Name,Assembly Description,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Component Description,Notes
Brewhouse,Mash Pump VFD - 3HP,Variable frequency drive assembly for 3HP mash pump with speed control,DM1-32011NB-S20S,1,MOTOR
Brewhouse,Mash Pump VFD - 3HP,Variable frequency drive assembly for 3HP mash pump with speed control,BYPASS-CONTACTOR,1,MOTOR
Brewhouse,Mash Pump VFD - 3HP,Variable frequency drive assembly for 3HP mash pump with speed control,LINE-REACTOR,1,MOTOR COM

PLC System Pattern

Product Name,Assembly Name,Assembly Description,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Component Description,Notes
Brewhouse,PLC Control System,IEEC PLC system with 40 I/O points and expansion modules,FC6A-C40R1CE,1,PLC/COM-Logic Controller
Brewhouse,PLC Control System,IEEC PLC system with 40 I/O points and expansion modules,FC6A-R161,1,PLC/COM Modules,16pt Relay
Brewhouse,PLC Control System,IEEC PLC system with 40 I/O points and expansion modules,FC6A-J8A1,1,PLC/COM Modules,8pt Analog
Brewhouse,PLC Control System,IEEC PLC system with 40 I/O points and expansion modules,FC6A-K4A1,1,PLC/COM Modules,4pt Analog

Safety Circuit Pattern

Product Name,Assembly Name,Assembly Description,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Component Description,Notes
Brewhouse,Safety Circuit Assembly,Emergency stop safety circuit with dual e-stop buttons and safety relay,440R-N23135,1,SAFETY

Brewhouse,Safety Circuit Assembly,Emergency stop safety circuit with dual e-stop buttons and safety relay,800FP-MT44PX01,2,SA
Brewhouse,Safety Circuit Assembly,Emergency stop safety circuit with dual e-stop buttons and safety relay,800F-15YSE112,2,SAF

Power Supply Pattern

Product Name,Assembly Name,Assembly Description,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Component Description,Notes
Brewhouse,Power Supply Assembly,24VDC control power supply with fuse protection,PS5R-VF24,1,PWRDST,24VDC 5A Power Supply,Cont
Brewhouse,Power Supply Assembly,24VDC control power supply with fuse protection,E93/30SCC,1,FUSE,Fuse holder 3P 30A,Input pro
Brewhouse,Power Supply Assembly,24VDC control power supply with fuse protection,LP-CC-2,2,FUSE,2A Time Delay Fuse,Output prot

Using the Template

Step 1: Prepare Your Data

Organize your BOM data with component groupings in mind:

1. Group components that belong together
2. Identify the category for each assembly
3. Create descriptive assembly names

Step 2: Fill in the Template

Use the provided `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` as a starting point:





Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Quantity,Category,Description,Notes
YourProduct,Assembly Name,PART-123,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON,Description here,Optional notes
YourProduct,Assembly Name,PART-456,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON,Another component,

Step 3: Import Using BOM Importer

1. Open the **Legacy BOM Importer** plugin
2. Upload your CSV file
3. Map columns:
 - Product Name → "Product Name"
 - Assembly Name → "Assembly Name"
 - Component SKU → "Component SKU"
 - Quantity → "Quantity"
 - **Category** → "**Category**" ← Important for assembly organization
4. Map products to product codes
5. Import and verify

Step 4: Verify Results

After import:

1. Open **Assembly Manager**
2. Search for your assemblies
3. Verify each assembly has:
 -  Correct category
 -  All components listed
 -  Correct quantities
 -  Descriptive name

Category Reference Quick List

| Category Code | Full Name | Used For |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ENCLOSURE | Enclosures | Panels, boxes, cabinets |
| DISCONNECT | Disconnects | Main power disconnects |
| BRANCH BREAKER | Branch Breakers | Circuit protection |
| MAIN BREAKER | Main Breakers | Main circuit protection |
| PWRDST | Power Distribution | Power supplies, distribution |
| FUSE | Fuses | Fuse holders, fuses |
| MOTOR CONTROL CON | Motor Control - Contactor | Contactor-based starters |
| MOTOR CONTROL VFD | Motor Control - VFD | VFD-based starters |
| HEATER CONTROL SSR | Heater Control - SSR | SSR heater control |
| HEATER CONTROL CON | Heater Control - Contactor | Contactor heater control |
| PLC/COM-Logic Controller w/HMI | PLC & HMI | Controllers, displays |
| PLC/COM Modules | PLC Modules | I/O, communication modules |
| SAFETY | Safety Components | E-stops, safety relays |
| CONTROL | Control Components | Switches, lights, relays |
| WIRING | Wiring & Terminals | Wire, terminals, connectors |

Troubleshooting

Issue: Assemblies Created Without Categories

Cause: Category column not mapped during import

Solution:

1. In Step 2 of BOM Importer, map "Category" column
2. Ensure your CSV has category data filled in
3. Re-import the BOM

Issue: Multiple Assemblies Instead of One

Cause: Inconsistent assembly names in CSV

Solution:

- Use exact same spelling for assembly names
- Example: "Kettle Pump Starter - 10A" not "Kettle Pump Starter-10A" or "KETTLE PUMP STARTER - 10A"

Issue: Components in Wrong Category

Cause: Different categories used for same assembly

Solution:

- All components in one assembly should share the same category
- Edit CSV to use consistent category per assembly
- Re-import

Issue: Can't Find Assemblies in Quote Configurator

Cause: Category filter not matching

Solution:

- Use standard categories from this guide
- Quote Configurator filters by category
- Verify assembly categories in Assembly Manager

Examples by Industry

Brewery Control Panel

```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Quantity,Category
Brewhouse,Main Enclosure,ENC-42x36,1,ENCLOSURE
Brewhouse,Main Disconnect,DIS-60A,1,DISCONNECT
Brewhouse,PLC System,PLC-IDEC-40IO,1,PLC/COM-Logic Controller w/HMI
Brewhouse,Kettle Pump - 10A,MMP-10A-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON
Brewhouse,HLT VFD - 2HP,VFD-2HP-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL VFD
Brewhouse,Safety Circuit,ESTOP-CIRCUIT,1,SAFETY
```

Food Processing Panel

```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Quantity,Category
Processing Line,Main Enclosure,ENC-60x48,1,ENCLOSURE
Processing Line,Main Disconnect,DIS-100A,1,DISCONNECT
Processing Line,PLC System,PLC-AB-1756,1,PLC/COM-Logic Controller w/HMI
Processing Line,Mixer Motor - 5HP,VFD-5HP-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL VFD
Processing Line,Conveyor Motor - 1HP,MMP-1HP-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON
Processing Line,Tank Heater - 30A,SSR-30A-KIT,1,HEATER CONTROL SSR
```

CIP System Panel






```
Product Name,Assembly Name,Component SKU,Quantity,Category
CIP Skid,Main Enclosure,ENC-36x30,1,ENCLOSURE
CIP Skid,Main Disconnect,DIS-30A,1,DISCONNECT
CIP Skid,PLC System,PLC-IDEC-24IO,1,PLC/COM-Logic Controller w/HMI
CIP Skid,Supply Pump - 3HP,VFD-3HP-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL VFD
CIP Skid,Return Pump - 1.5HP,MMP-1.5HP-KIT,1,MOTOR CONTROL CON
CIP Skid,Safety Circuit,ESTOP-DUAL,1,SAFETY
```

Template Download

The enhanced template is located at:

```
Craft_Tools_Hub/BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv
```

This template includes:

-  Properly grouped assemblies
-  Correct category assignments
-  Descriptive assembly names
-  Real-world component examples
-  All optional columns demonstrated

Next Steps

1. Download the Template

- Use `BOM_IMPORT_TEMPLATE.csv` as your starting point

2. Customize for Your Project

- Replace example data with your components
- Keep the category structure
- Use descriptive assembly names

3. Import Your BOM

- Use Legacy BOM Importer plugin
- Map the Category column in Step 2
- Verify in Assembly Manager

4. Use in Quote Configurator

- Your assemblies will appear organized by category
- Easy filtering and selection
- Proper BOM generation

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