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1. Overview of change management in Active Workspace

Managing Changes in Active Workspace

Change Management enables your organization to ensure the quality of every change made to a product. This is done through mechanisms for problem identification, change authorization, coordination and planning, cost and benefit analysis, and record keeping.

By automating your change process, you can minimize change-related rework and coordinate tasks to be performed by individuals across your organization. You can evaluate the impact of changes, track the status and completion of tasks, and maintain a comprehensive history of product changes throughout the lifecycle. Change Management is also tightly integrated with Schedule Manager and Workflow so you can schedule implementation activities and guide a change through its phases.



In Active Workspace, you can manage the work required to:

- Implement a change.
- Assess its impact on any managed business items, such as parts or documents.
- Notify participants about proposed and authorized changes.
- Track progress and completion of work.
- Compare before-and-after product configurations.

Where do I go from here?

 Change Administrator/Change Specialist	Change administrators and specialists facilitate and manage movement of a change through the appropriate processes.
Configure specific Change features.	Configure Change Management
Learn about managing the change process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create workflows with Workflow Designer.• Create work breakdown structures with Schedule Manager to plan and schedule changes.

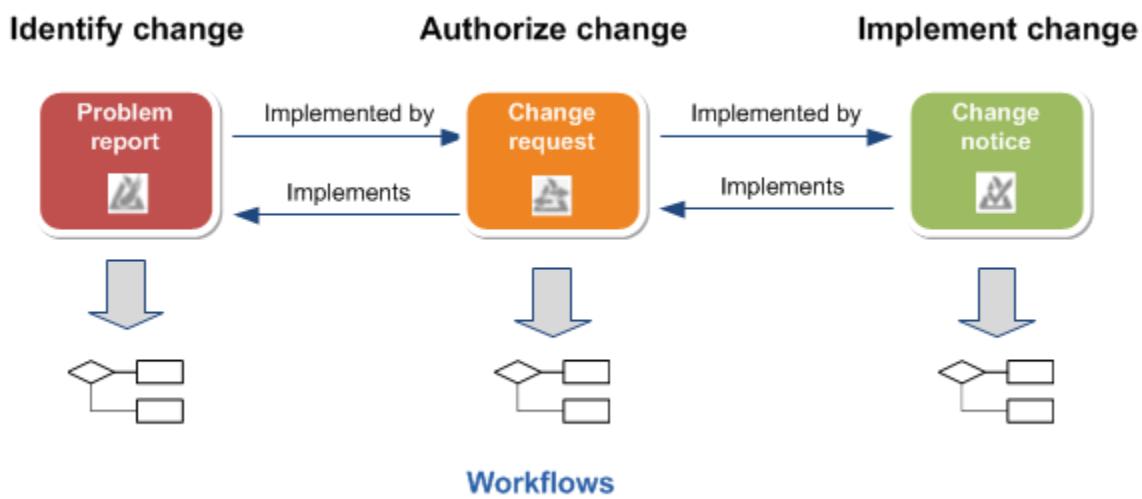
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign or replace participants.
 Change Analyst/Change Contributor	<p>A change analyst elaborates the details of a change by providing a technical recommendation, performing an impact analysis, and planning the implementation.</p> <p>A change contributor can create solutions for the change notice just like an analyst and functions as a secondary analyst.</p>
Show me the basics of using Active Workspace.	Refer to: Active Workspace Fundamentals
Learn more about team member participation in Change Management.	See the section on: Who are the participants in a change?
Identify a problem and create a change.	<p>See:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a change and send it for resolution • View your changes • Create a change in the context of an object and attach it to the change • Edit a change • Derive a change from another change
Other features	
Show me other important features that work with Change Management.	<p>See:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workflows and Tasks • Schedule Manager • Structure Management on Active Workspace • Design BOM and Engineering BOM Alignment

2. Exploring Change Management

What is a change?

Using Teamcenter, you can manage changes to support the continued evolution of released product data. Typically, the change process includes identifying the goal (problems or enhancements), assigning them to users who analyze and identify the impacts, develop solutions to address the goal, and the approval steps to authorize and validate the change.

Three main types of changes shown in the figure implement the key elements of Change Management:



These objects are Item types in the business model, and are therefore revisionable in Teamcenter. Each object type encapsulates the data for a phase in the change process. For example, a problem report contains the data that defines the problem, the change request contains the analysis of the impact of the problem, and the change notice contains the data for the implementation of the solution.

The **Implemented By** and **Implements** relationships associate the change objects with each other. Each object type can be optionally associated with a workflow that defines the sequence of tasks and moves each object through a set of states to bring the problem to a resolution.

Using Teamcenter, you can create a problem report to identify and formally track an issue with your product information. Others who are involved in the change process can review and confirm the problem and provide input into what business objects must be updated to resolve the issue. Members of a change review or change implementation board can review and approve or disapprove the changes.

What are the types of changes?

The following change objects are used to manage a change in Active Workspace:

Change object	Description
Problem report	<p>Initiates a change.</p> <p>A problem report (PR) captures information about a problem or an enhancement. It includes the information necessary to confirm and reproduce any problems observed or to document the specifics of a request for an enhancement. Additional attributes document the perceived severity of the problem and set the priority for addressing the issue relative to other PRs.</p> <p>The processing of a PR sometimes leads to the creation of an change request.</p> <p>Creating a PR is an optional step in the change process. Depending on the conventions at your site, you may first identify a problem or enhancement with a change request or change notice, not a PR.</p> <p>A PR may be implemented by one or more change requests.</p>
Change request	<p>Initiates a proposal that recommends a change and captures business decisions associated with the change.</p> <p>A change request (CR) proposes a solution to the problem, populates impacted items, and performs impact analysis, with cost estimates and benefits of making the change. The actual solution (for example, a new item revision) is implemented in the change notice.</p> <p>A CR is typically a response to a problem report unless the problem report stage is skipped.</p> <p>A single CR may logically group and address issues identified in multiple PRs.</p> <p>A CR may be implemented by one or more change notices.</p>
Deviation request	<p>A deviation request is a type of a change request.</p> <p>Seeks consent to deviate from a solution in production to resolve a set of problems to initiate improvements. Typically, there are two types of deviation requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for deviation <p>Seeks consent to deviate from a part solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for waiver <p>Seeks consent to accept a non-conforming part.</p>

Change object	Description
Change notice	<p>Implements a change.</p> <p>It provides authorization to generate solution items and a detailed work plan to resolve one or more change requests or a portion of a single change request.</p> <p>A change notice (CN) identifies all items and documents affected by a change and authorizes the actions that address a change.</p>
Simple change	<p>Identifies a problem and implements a change.</p> <p>A simple change (SC) is designed for minor changes and a reduced number of change participants.</p> <p>A simple change cannot be derived from another change type.</p>

What are the states of a change?

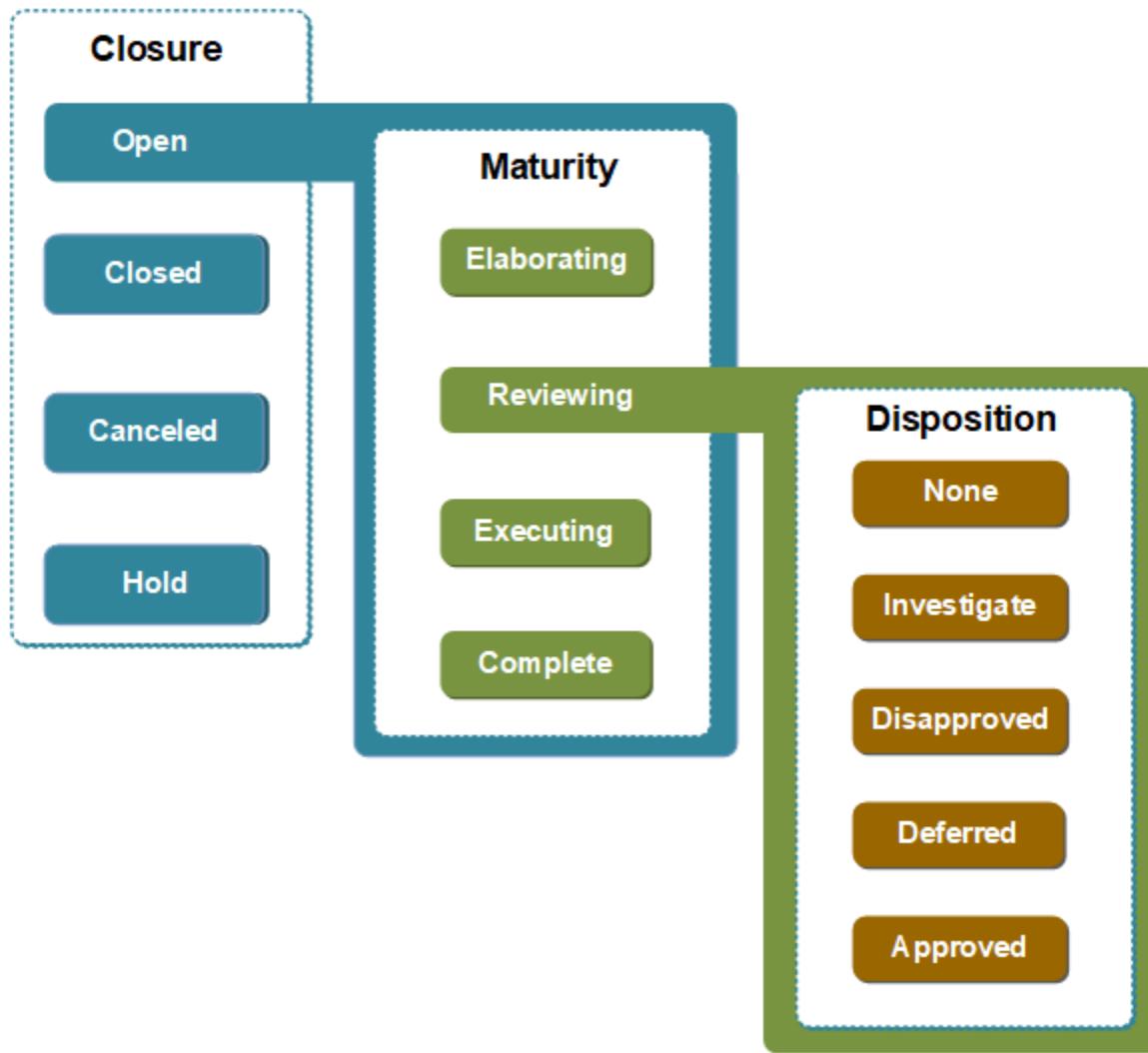
A change has three key change states that capture where in the change process it is and what decisions about the change have been made.

- Its status or *Closure* (for example, Open or Canceled).
- The degree of completion of the overall change process, its *Maturity*.
- The technical, business, or implementation decision by a person or review board about a change object's approval, its *Disposition*.

The change states interconnect and are dependent on the other change states. For example, *Maturity* is a substate of the *Closure* state and *Disposition* is a substate of *Maturity*. The states of a change are set during the workflow process. To move a change to the next phase of the change process, for example, to move a problem report to a change request so a solution can be determined, the states of a change must be appropriate.

You can view the states of a change in the **Overview** tab.

The following graphic illustrates the change states. For detailed information on change states, see *Change Manager* in the Teamcenter help.



What are the contents of a change?

The **Affected Items** tab displays and organizes the contents of the change.

The change types, the relationships they define, and the permissions and change states required to add an object to a change are as follows:

Contents of a Change	Information about adding the objects
Problem Items	
Contains item revisions with the problems that the change is to address. This could be the parent assembly.	To create a relationship between an item revision and a change object (problem report, change request, change notice), add the item revision to the change object's Problem Items table.

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All participants	Open					
Impacted Items						
Contains item revisions that are being changed as a result of the change process.	<p>Creates a relationship between an item revision that a change request or change notice affects and the change request or change notice.</p> <p>To add the item revision to the change request or change notice's Impacted Items table, you must be an assigned participant and the change request or change notice property settings must be as follows.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="592 910 1405 1290"> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 910 833 994">Assigned participant</td><td data-bbox="833 910 1405 994">Closure property settings</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 994 833 1290">Must have an Author license level and be the Requestor, Analyst, or Change Contributor</td><td data-bbox="833 994 1405 1290">Open</td></tr> </table>		Assigned participant	Closure property settings	Must have an Author license level and be the Requestor, Analyst, or Change Contributor	Open
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Solution Items						
Contains item revisions that are generated as a result of the change (for example, the new piece parts and the new revision of the parent assembly to contain them).	<p>To create a relationship between an item revision and the change notice that implements the change, add the item revision to the change notice's Solution Items table.</p> <p>You must be an assigned participant and the change notice property settings must be as follows.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="592 1613 1405 1848"> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1613 833 1698">Assigned participant</td><td data-bbox="833 1613 1405 1698">Closure property settings</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1698 833 1848">Must have an Author license level and be the Analyst or</td><td data-bbox="833 1698 1405 1848">Open</td></tr> </table>		Assigned participant	Closure property settings	Must have an Author license level and be the Analyst or	Open
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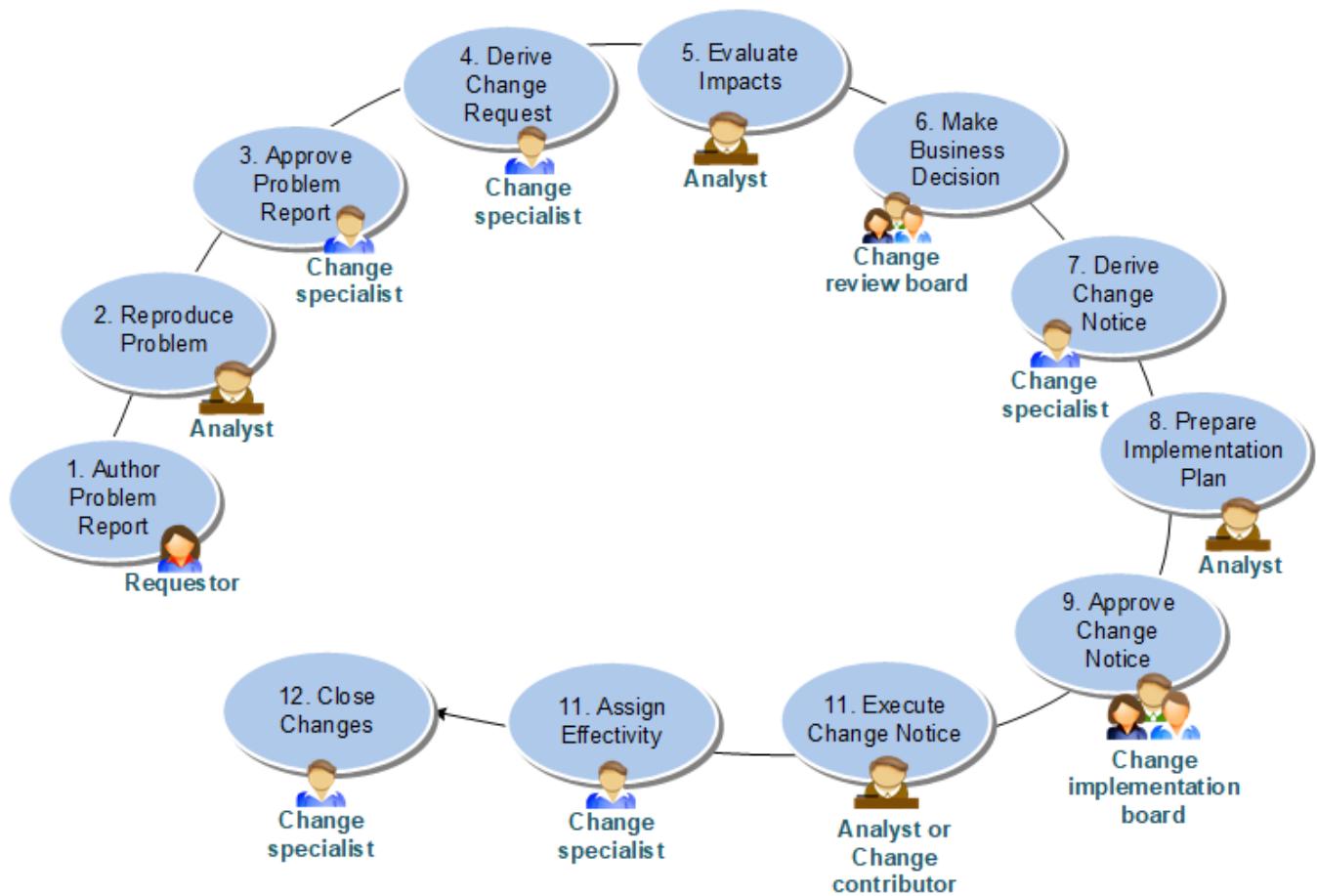
Contents of a Change	Information about adding the objects					
	Assigned participant	Closure property settings				
	Change Contributor	<p>Note:</p> <p>The Maturity must not be equal to Reviewing.</p>				
Reference Items						
Contains any Active Workspace object that references related information (such as analysis documents and system logs).	<p>To associate related information (such as analysis documents and system logs) with a change, add any Active Workspace object to the Reference Items table.</p> <p>You must be an assigned participant.</p>					
Plan Items						
Contains schedules that define tasks in a work breakdown structure.	<p>To associate related work breakdowns (schedules) with a change request or change notice, add any schedules to the Plan Items table.</p> <p>You must be an assigned participant and the property settings for the change request or change notice must be as follows.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="592 1136 1406 1300"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="592 1136 926 1199">Assigned participant</th><th data-bbox="926 1136 1406 1199">Closure property settings</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1199 926 1300">Must have an Author license level</td><td data-bbox="926 1199 1406 1300">Open</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Assigned participant	Closure property settings	Must have an Author license level	Open
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Implements						
Contains change object revisions that reference this change object. A change request implements problem reports. A change notice implements change requests.	<p>Note:</p> <p>A problem report does not have an Implements table because it only identifies problems.</p> <p>Usually, the Implements table is automatically populated as part of the change process, but you can add items to it if you are an assigned participant and the property settings are set as follows.</p>					

Contents of a Change	Information about the objects	
	Assigned participant	Closure property settings
	Must have an Author license level	Open
Implemented By		
Contains change object revisions that are referenced by this change object. For example, a problem report is <i>implemented by</i> a change request and a change request is <i>implemented by</i> a change notice.		
<p>Note:</p> <p>The Implemented By table is automatically populated as part of the change process by objects in the Implements table.</p>		

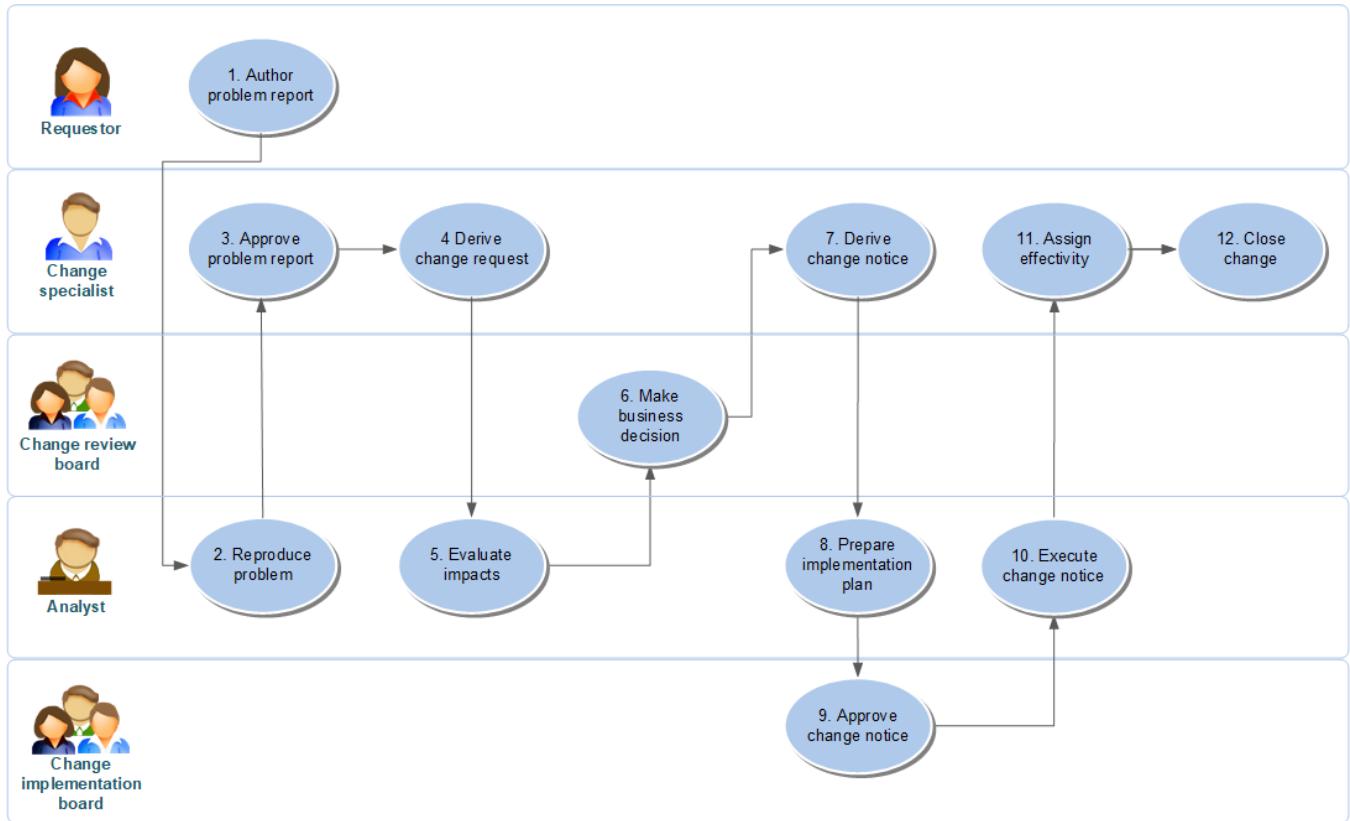
Defining your change management process

You can manage your changes in the way that works best for your company's processes. You should define a change process that is flexible enough to impose the appropriate level of rigor and control based on the level of risk, cost, and the business items impacted by the change. You can classify a change as fast or standard track. In a fast track process, the change does not go through a formal review process, while a standard track follows a more rigorous process, and may include a schedule to manage the required tasks.

The following graphic shows a typical standard track process along with the associated roles.



The following graphic shows the tasks performed by each role in the Change Management process.



1. Author a problem report (PR).

A requestor creates a PR to identify a problem or enhancement, provide a preliminary assessment, and show the steps necessary to reproduce the problem.

2. Reproduce problem.

A change analyst performs the steps to reproduce the problem as detailed by the requestor.

3. Approve a PR.

A change specialist assigns a priority to the PR and assigns it to an analyst for technical review. The specialist or analyst recommends a disposition, such as **Approved**.

4. Derive a change request (CR).

A change specialist creates a CR to address the PR.

At this stage, the analyst develops a solution or several alternative solutions. The analyst does this by creating markups on documents, Word documents, presentations, and so on. No decision has been made at this stage about whether to proceed or what new items or item revisions may be required.

Sometimes the PR may propose a solution if the problem is simple to fix. However, the solution would still be formally documented in the CR. Typically, though, the requestor is unlikely to be in a position to know what the solution should be and may likely have no idea at all.

Note:

The CR can address more than one PR.

5. Evaluate the impacts.

The analyst identifies the items impacted by the change, prepares supporting documentation, and prepares a high-level proposal for the actions required to implement the change.

6. Make a business decision.

A change specialist submits the change request to a change review board who decides if the change will be made. The change review board can approve the change request, reject it, or require additional investigation. If this is a fast track change, the review board is the owner of the change and the process moves to the execute change step.

At this stage, a decision is made about whether to revise or create new items, according to the form, fit and function and interoperability.

7. Derive a change notice (CN).

The change specialist either derives a new CN to address the approved CR or associates the CR with an existing CN. The CN addresses the implementation details of the change. It may address multiple CRs. The requestor can delegate responsibility for elaborating the details of the implementation plan.

Note:

A CN is always derived to implement a solution, even for a CN that went through a fast track process. However, the workflow for the fast track CN is very short, with a minimal number of steps. It is necessary to create an CN so the analyst can add solution items, which is not possible in the CR, whose purpose is only to define a proposed solution, and perform impact analysis.

8. Prepare an implementation plan.

The analyst develops a detailed plan to address the set of approved CRs addressed by the CN.

At this stage the agreed solution is implemented in the new/revised items.

9. Approve the CN.

For a standard track process, the change implementation board reviews and approves the plan to address the change. For a fast track process, the approval is informal and may just require the change specialist managing the change.

10. Execute the CN.

The analyst implements and tracks the detailed plan for addressing the change. A change specialist tracks the implementation progress at a high level. The analyst and/or change contributors will generate solutions to implement the change.

11. Assign an effectivity.

A change specialist can assign effectivities to the CN. The effectivities specify the timing of when the change takes effect.

12. Close changes.

The change specialist closes the change after all the actions associated with each level of the implementation plan are complete.

About managing the change process through a workflow

Workflows guide a change through the different phases of a change process: authoring, review and approval, execution, and closure. These phases are modeled as states of the change.

For example, a workflow process moves the **Disposition** attribute of a change from **Investigate** to **Approve**. Change states cannot be manually updated. Using Change Management with Workflow Designer, therefore, tracks the evolution of changes through your organization according to a controlled, repeatable process. In addition, you can:

- Tie a workflow to a scheduled task so as tasks are worked on and updated in Teamcenter workflow, the information is sent to Schedule Manager where the corresponding information is updated. You can also configure a Teamcenter scheduled task so the associated workflow can be initiated when certain conditions are met.
- Set up a workflow to automatically assign review members from assigned participants by configuring the workflow for dynamic participants.

To do this, you need to use the following workflow action handlers:

- The **EPM-set-property** handler to set the change state properties when they change during the workflow.
- The **EPM-auto-assign** handler to assign a single, appropriate participant on the change object as the responsible party for the current task.

- The **EPM-adhoc-signoffs** handler to assign review tasks.

Note:

Use the **EPM-assign-responsible-party-dynamic-participant** and **EPM-assign-signoff-dynamic-participant** handlers to automate the assignment of participants.

These Change Management preferences determine which workflows start when a change revision is submitted:

Preference	Change Object
<code>ChangeNoticeRevision_default_workflow_template</code>	Change Notice Revision
<code>ChangeRequestRevision_default_workflow_template</code>	Change Request Revision
<code>Cm0SimpleChangeRevision_default_workflow_template</code>	Simple Change Revision
<code>ProblemReportRevision_default_workflow_template</code>	Problem Report Revision

Note:

A default workflow process template is used when **Submit** is selected on the **Create** panel. For a change revision submitted *after* creation, the default template is pre-selected for the matching change type, making it easier to submit to the default workflow on pre-existing change revisions.

Examples of the workflow process for changes

The following examples are default workflow process templates for changes. A default workflow process template is used when **Submit** is selected on the **Create** panel.

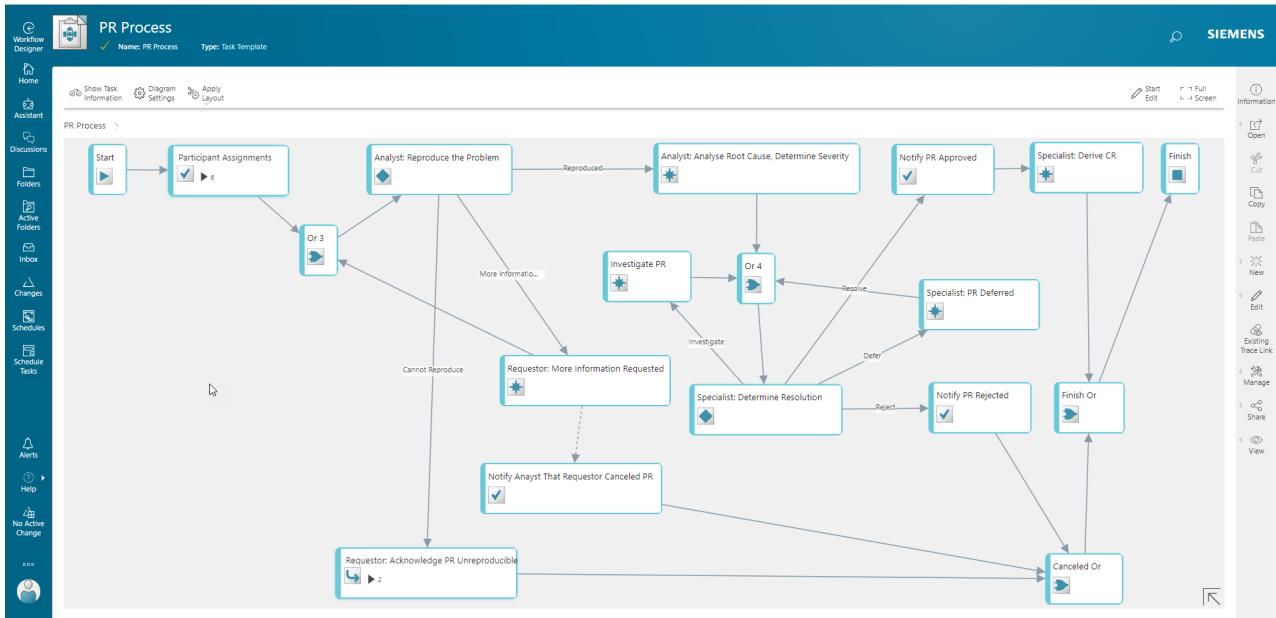
For a change revision submitted *after* creation, the default template is pre-selected for the matching change type, making it easier to submit to the default workflow on pre-existing change revisions.

The following workflow examples for a problem report, change request, simple change, and change notice are the default workflow process templates in Workflow Designer. These examples illustrate the automated and interactive steps, along with the associated participant (if available). In Workflow Designer, you can select an individual task to view the specific participant instructions.

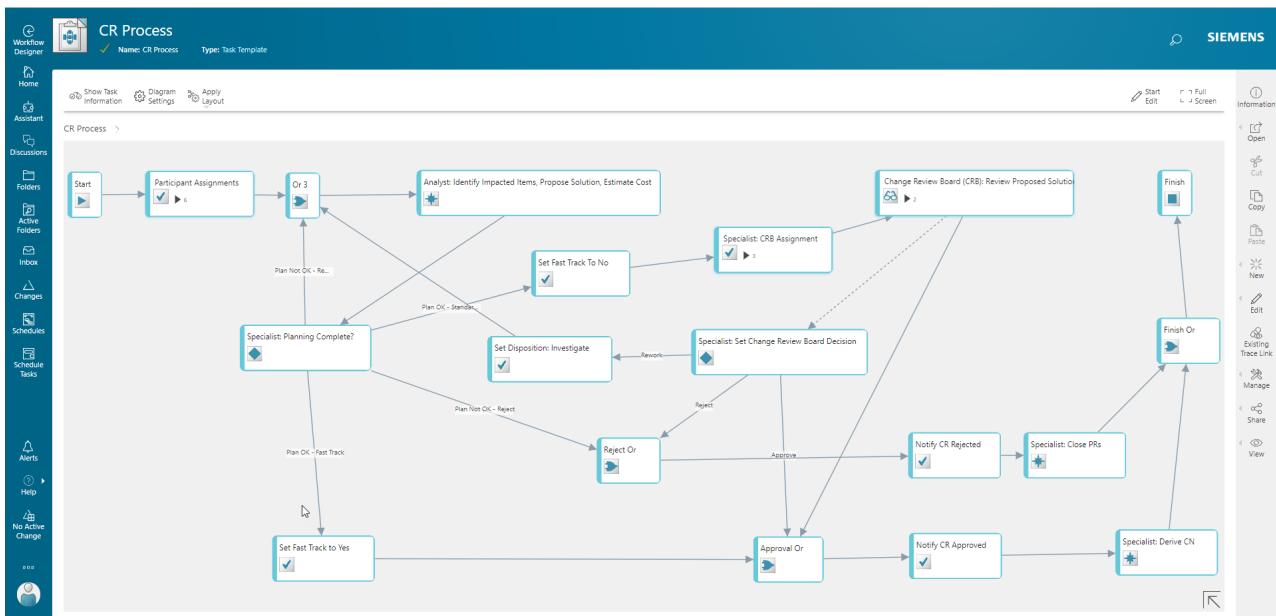
Note:

For more information on workflow templates refer to Workflow Designer for Active Workspace.

Problem report default workflow process template



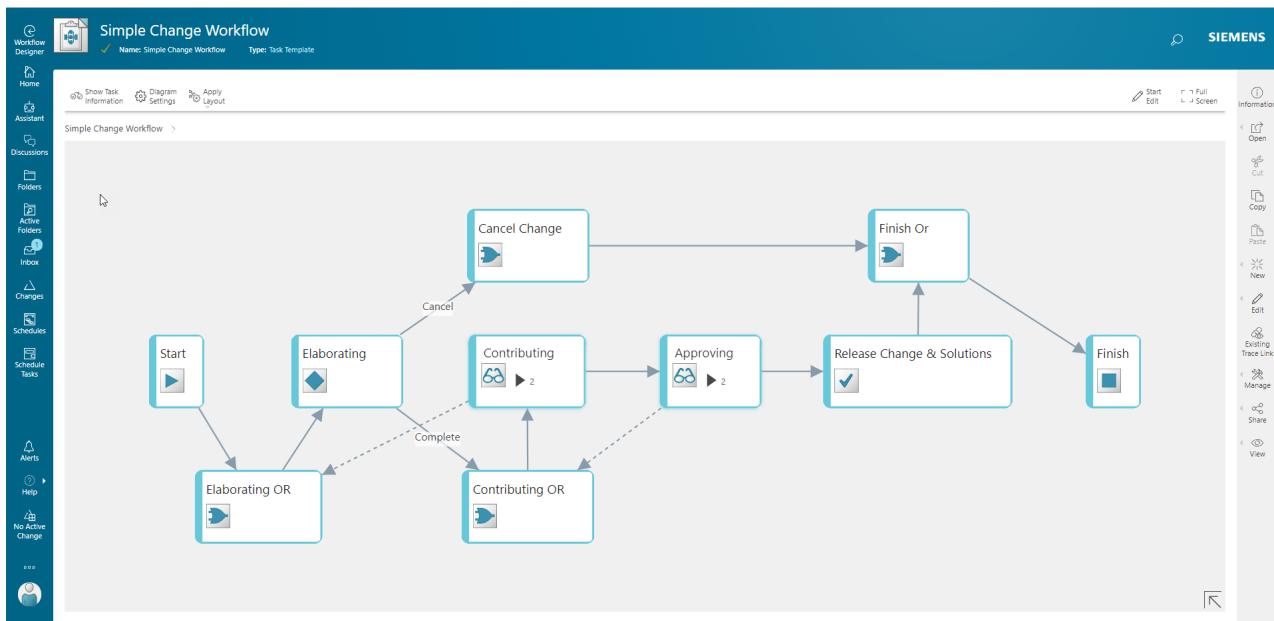
Change request default workflow process template



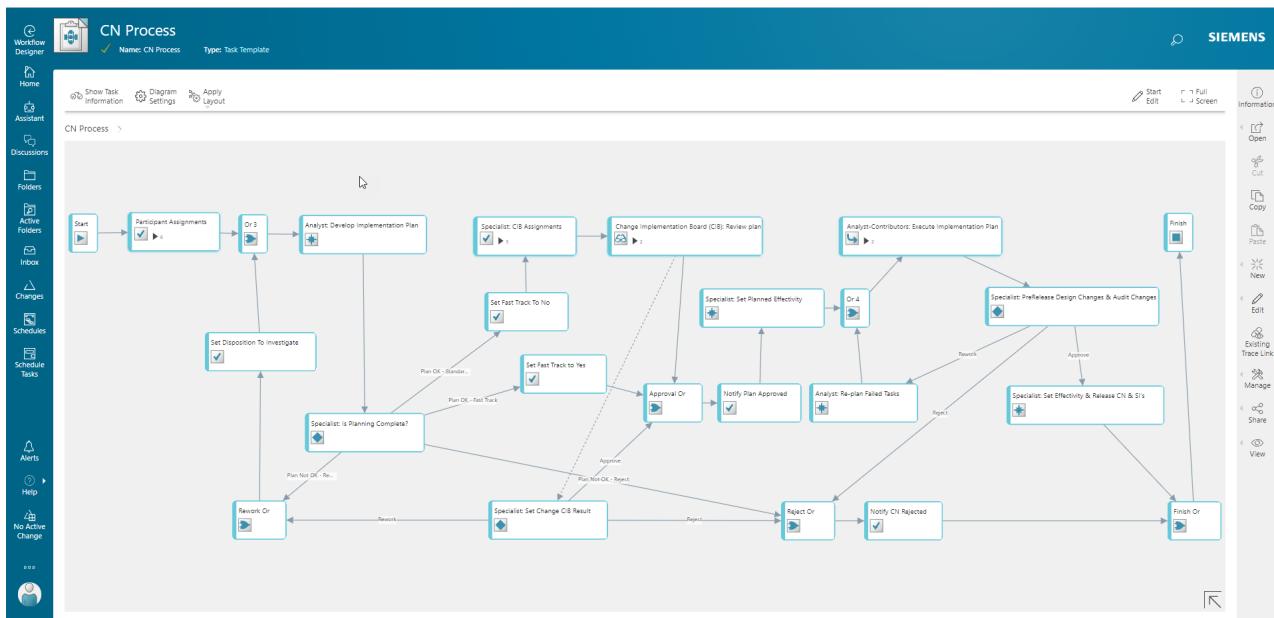
Simple change default workflow process template

Note:

Simple change automates the assignment of contributors and approvers. The requestor may assign change contributors and approvers, or a single participant may perform all of the tasks.



Change notice default workflow process template



Change participants

Who are the participants in a change?

When a change workflow begins, often participants need to be assigned, which generally includes the following roles. Other roles may be included based on the type of change and your company's change process. The participant type of *requestor* is assigned automatically to the user who created the change. You can change this, for example, if you created a change on behalf of someone else.

Note:

If you created a custom participant or a custom user profile, you must add the new attribute to the **Search Criteria** section for the **My Change Notices** query.

Some workflows automatically assign participants. For example, a workflow can automatically assign the analyst to implement the change. Users who are automatically assigned are referred to as *dynamic participants*.

Participant	Does the following
	Requestor Creates a change object or is delegated a change object by another requestor. The requestor is responsible for elaborating the definition of a change and for providing as much detail as possible to define the problem or request at hand. A requestor may perform the elaboration, or a change specialist may delegate responsibility for elaborating a change to another user (an analyst or requestor). When you create a change object, you are its requestor. If responsibility is delegated to another user, that user becomes the current requestor and you are no longer the requestor.
	Specialist Facilitates and manages movement of a change through the appropriate processes. The specialist is responsible for reviewing and approving the change object and determines if more planning is required. The specialist assigns the analyst and the change implementation board and audits all changes. The specialist may set the effectivity, as well.
	Analyst Assesses the technical feasibility of a change or the technical feasibility of implementing the low-level details of a change. An analyst elaborates the details of a change by providing a technical recommendation, performing an impact analysis, and planning the implementation. The analyst may perform the implementation or delegate the work to others. During the implementation phase, the analyst monitors the change execution and is ultimately responsible for ensuring the implementation is performed correctly and according to the plan. This person is generally a senior technical person with knowledge of technical issues and a site's products and business goals.
	Change review board Reviews, approves, and authorizes engineering change requests and deviation requests. The review board makes a business decision about whether a change or deviation request should proceed. Review board members are generally senior individuals from various functional areas within a site or individuals who have expertise in some aspect of a change or deviation.
	Implementation board Reviews whether a change notice is to be executed or canceled. The implementation board makes a business decision about how the change notice should proceed. The implementation board members are generally senior individuals from various functional areas within a site or individuals who have expertise in the context of this change or deviation.

Participant	Does the following
Change implementation board	

Use the **Participants** tab in **Changes** to view the participants in a particular change.

Note:

Assigning participants is not the same as selecting a signoff team in a workflow. It is a separate task for a change only. The change does not have to be in a workflow to assign participants.

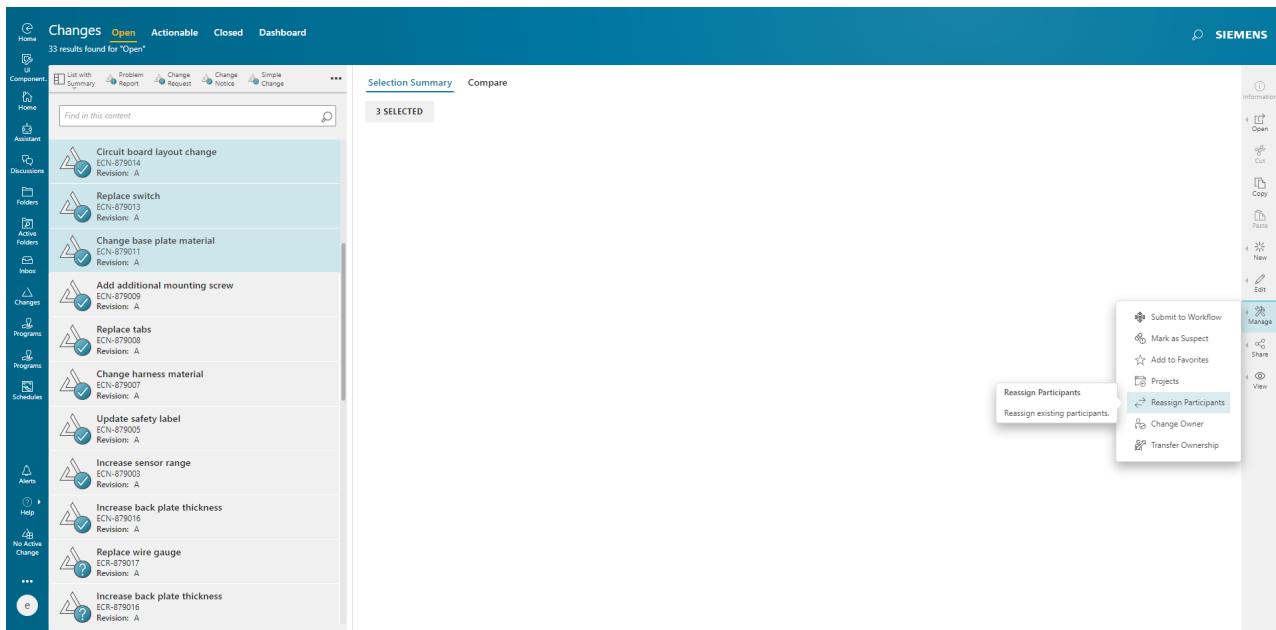
Reassign participants

You can select multiple changes from the **Changes** tab or the search results and reassign a selected participant, such as a Change Specialist, from one user to a different user. The assignable participants depend on the types of changes you select and the common set of participants available for these changes. For example, if you select a mix of change notices and change requests, the **Participant** list only displays the participants common to the selected change requests and change notices.

You can modify the participants for a large number of changes assigned to a user that has left your organization, moved to a different department, or needs the workload balanced across other members of the team.

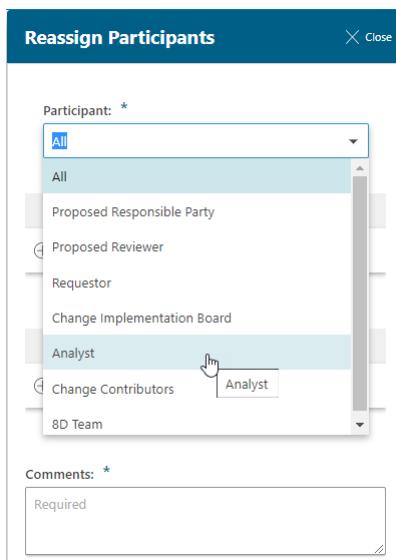
The participants you can reassign are dependent on your privileges and your participant type in the change process.

1. Use **Ctrl+click** or **Shift+click** to select two or more changes from the **Changes** tab or the search results.
2. From the global navigation toolbar, click **Manage**  > **Reassign Participants** .



The **Reassign Participants** panel appears on the right.

3. Select the participant type. If there is more than one common type, you can select **All** to change the participants for all.



4. In the **From** section, click **Add**
5. Select a participant to reassign. Or, type the name of the participant to whom you want to reassign the change in the top search box and press **Enter** or click **Search** to see results. You can enter a partial name or wildcard characters.

Filters ▾ are defaulted to **Type**, **Group**, or **Role**. A search box narrows your search to a specific property.

You can increase the size of the panel by dragging the two bars on the left side of the panel to the left.

6. Once selected, click **Add**.
7. Repeat for the **To** section and select the new participant.

Reassign Participants X Close

Participant: *

All

FROM

From

ed (ed)
4G Tester/4GBOM Analyst

TO

Assign To

Designer, Deb (deb)
demo/Designer

Comments: *

Reassigned

Reassign

8. Comments are required for reassignment. Enter any comments, such as the reason for reassigning the participants, and then click **Reassign** to finish.

A message appears at the bottom of the browser informing you how many of your selections were reassigned. For example, if you selected five changes and Alex was the change specialist on four of them, the message states that four of the five selected changes were reassigned. The change that Alex was not the specialist on had no actions taken on it.

Assign or replace participants

The **Participants** tab contains all assigned participants for a change object. You can change, assign, or replace various participants.

You can select more than one user when assigning a review board.

Select a change and click the **Participants** tab to view or manage assignments.

The screenshot shows the Siemens PLM Active Workspace interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with various navigation links like Home, Components, Home, Assistant, Discussions, Folders, Active Folders, Inbox, Changes, Programs, Schedules, Alerts, Help, and a sign-in button. The main area has tabs for Changes, Open, Actionable, Closed, and Dashboard. Under 'Changes', it says '33 results found for "Open"'. Below this is a list of changes with icons, names, and revisions. The 'Open' tab is selected. To the right of the list is a detailed view of the selected change object. The 'Participants' tab is active. It shows sections for REQUESTOR, CHANGE SPECIALIST, ANALYST, CHANGE CONTRIBUTORS, and CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD. Each section has a list view, selection mode (set to Selection Mode), and a 'Select All' checkbox. On the far right, there's a vertical toolbar with icons for Information, Discuss, Open, Cut, Copy, Paste, New, Edit, Manage, Share, and View.

Add or replace participants in a change object

Use the **Participants** tab to add or replace participants in a change object.

Procedure

- To add a participant, select **Add**

This screenshot shows the 'CHANGE SPECIALIST 1' panel. At the top, there's a title '▼ CHANGE SPECIALIST 1'. Below it is a list view with a header row containing 'List', 'Selection Mode', and 'Select All' checkboxes. To the right of the list is a toolbar with 'Export To...', 'Paste', and a red-bordered 'Add' button. The 'Add' button is highlighted with a red box.

- Select one or more users to assign. Or, you can type the name of the participant to whom you want to assign the change in the top search box and press **Enter** or click **Search** to see results. Enter a partial name or wildcard characters.

Filters are defaulted to **Type**, **Group**, or **Role**. A search box narrows your search to a specific property.

You can increase the size of the panel by dragging the two bars on the left side of the panel to the left.

3. Once selected, click **Add**.

The change object displays the assigned participants in the table.

Multiple change contributors

Change contributors can create solutions for the change notice just like the analyst. In effect, they function as secondary analysts. The **Cm0ChangeContributors** and **fnd0IsParticipant** operators handle this operation, verifying that the user is a participant of the change notice. The change analyst can add other users as change contributors, who can then add solutions to the change notice.

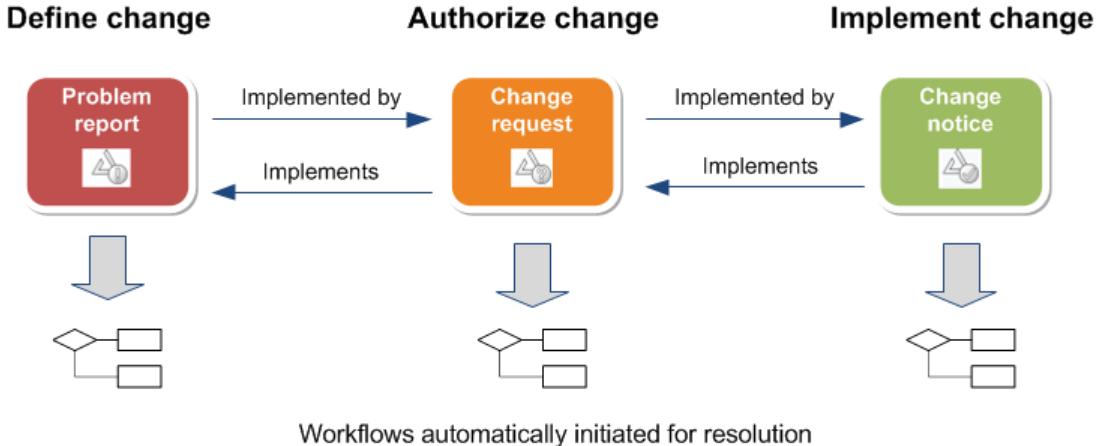
3. Creating a change

How to identify problems as changes

When you identify a potential problem that needs investigation, capture it as a change. Four change object types are available by default to represent the different stages of a change. Your company can also create its own types of changes. When you create a change, you are the *requestor*.

Create the change	To
 Problem report	Identify a problem and initiate a change process.
 Change request	Initiate a proposal to recommend a change and capture business decisions associated with the change.
 Change notice	Implement a change.
 Deviation request	Seek consent to deviate from a solution in production so you can resolve a set of problems and initiate improvements.

The following graphic shows how the three main change object types work together to solve a change.



You create a change in **Changes** or create it in the context of a reference object. The types of changes you can create depend on your permissions and the current state of the change. **Changes** can be configured to show you only the types of changes that you have permission to create.

Once you capture a problem as a change, you can:

- Automatically submit the change to a workflow process that routes it through your company's business process to resolve the change. Siemens Digital Industries Software provides a default workflow for each change object type. The default workflow automatically assigns you as the requestor of the change. Your organization can create its own workflow process. Check with your administrator for the default workflow set up for each type of change object in your organization.
- Save your change for later editing and resolution.
- Derive a change from another change to move it along in the process. For example, you can derive a change request to plan the solution from the problem report that identified the problem. The earlier figure shows how derived objects are related using the *Implements* and *Implemented by* relationships. An administrator sets up how the changes are derived and by whom.

Tip:

If you only want to create a problem report, use **Report a Problem**.

Create a change and send it for resolution

Create a change and send it for resolution

A change identifies the issues and components that require resolution. Submitting the change to the appropriate workflow for its specific change type provides the mechanism to resolve the change.

1. You can create a change using any of these methods.

- Create a change from an object in a folder or in a list.

Select an object in a list or folder and click **New**  > **Create Change**.

This includes items in any folders, including custom folders, and from **My Stuff**.

- Create a change from within an object.

Open an object and click **New**  > **Create Change**.

- Click the **CHANGES** tile on the **Home** page or click the **Changes**  icon to view all changes.
 - Click **New**  > **Create Change**.
 - Click **Create Change**  on the top toolbar, then select the change type. The available subtypes of the change display, where you can further your selection. Skip to step 3.

2. Select the type of change you want to create.

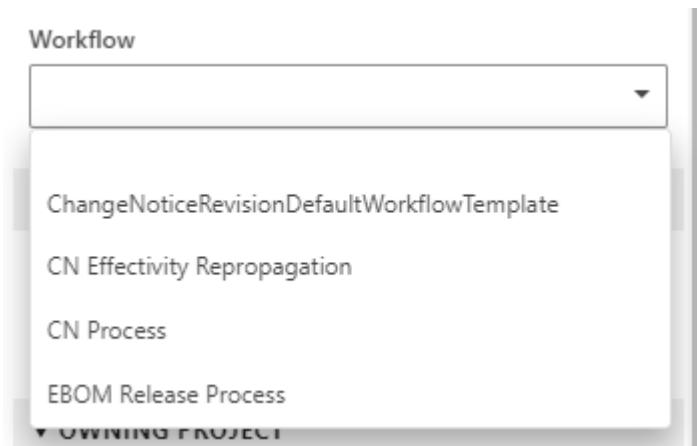
- Change Notice
 - Change Request
 - Deviation Request
 - Problem Report
 - Simple Change
3. On the **Create Change** panel, enter the properties for the object:
- Step 1:** Specify the item ID.
- Step 2:** Enter the **Revision**.
- Step 3:** Enter the **Synopsis**.
- Step 4:** Enter a **Description**.

▼ PROPERTIES

* ECN Number "ECN-" nnnnnn	<input type="text" value="ECN-000045"/>
* Revision	<input type="text" value="A"/>
* Synopsis	<input type="text" value="Required"/>
Description	<input type="text"/>

Note:
In Active Workspace 6.2/Teamcenter 14.2, the **Description** is optional. In all other versions, it is required.

4. (Optional) To submit the new change to a workflow, select the workflow template from the **Workflow** drop-down list. Templates display based on the type of the object selected.



If a default workflow exists for the content type, it is automatically specified as the workflow template.

5. (Optional) Click **Add** under **Attachments** to add supporting objects and reference documents to the change.
6. If applicable, the project the object is owned by is listed under **Owning Project**.

To assign a new project to an object, click **Add Project** to search for and select a project.

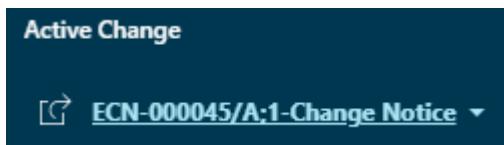
7. Select **Open New Change** to open the change once it has been created.

Open New Change is checked if the preference **CM_open_change_on_create** is set to true.

8. Select **Set as Active Change** to set the newly-created change notice as the active change. The current user is added as an **Analyst**.

Set as Active Change is checked if the preference **CM_set_active_change_on_create** is set to true.

Once the change is created, the **Active Change** indicator is highlighted in the global navigation toolbar and the newly created change is listed as the active change.



- Click the **Participants** tab to include any members who participate in the review and execution of the change. The participant types are based on type of the change object selected in the first panel.

Note:

This tab is not available for a simple change.

- Expand the participant section, then click **Add Participants**  under each section to add the required participants.

- Select one or more users to assign.

Optionally, you can type the name of the participant to whom you want to assign the change in the top search box and press **Enter** or click **Search**  to see results. Enter a partial name or wildcard characters.

Filters  are defaulted to **Type**, **Group**, or **Role**. A search box narrows your search to a specific property.

You can increase the size of the panel by dragging the two bars on the left side of the panel to the left.

- Once selected, click **Add**.

- Do one of the following on the **Create** tab:

- If you want to continue editing later, click **Create**.

The change is created and displayed in edit mode.

You can send it for resolution later.

- If you want to send it for resolution immediately and a workflow has been selected, click **Create and Submit**.

The change is sent through the workflow. Participants to review and approve the change may be automatically assigned depending on how your organization's change process workflow is configured.

Note:

Depending on how your organization is configured, the **Create and Submit** button may be the only button available. The business object constant **Awp0EnableCreateForCreatePanel** controls display of the **Create** button. The default value is **true**.

Tip:

If a task is assigned to you as part of the change workflow, **Perform Task**  appears on the tools and information bar. You can perform the task as you do from your Inbox.

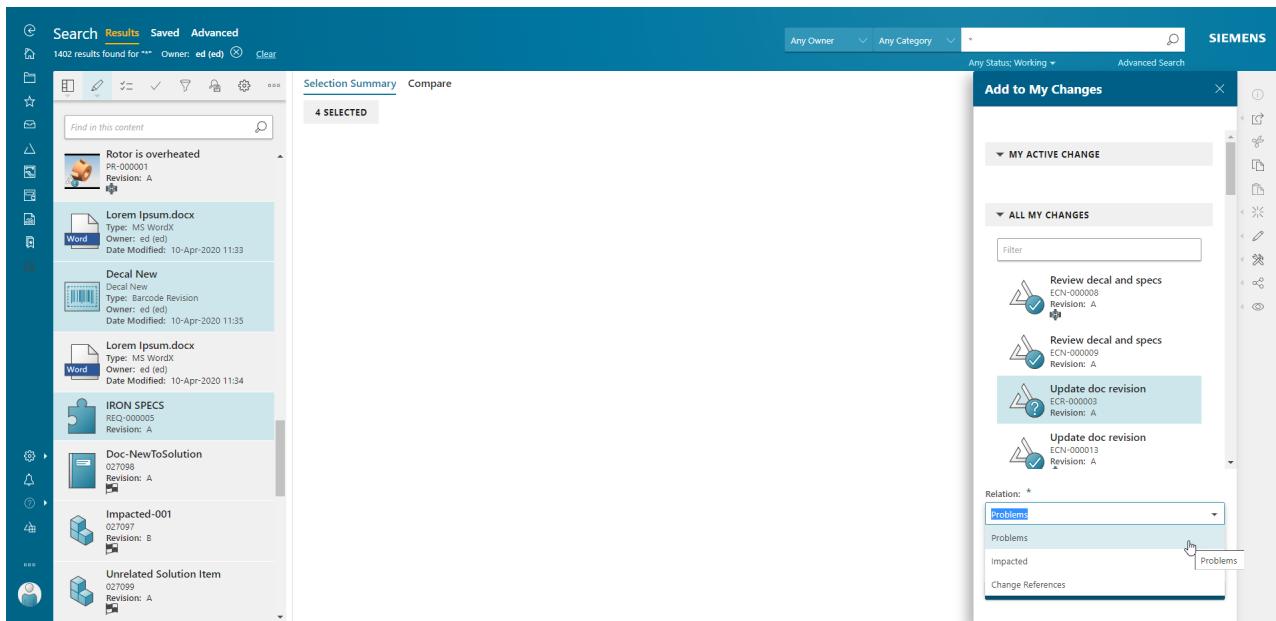
Add an object to a change

You can add an object to an existing change using **Add to My Changes**.

1. Select the object you want to associate with a change.

You can select multiple items at one time. Selected items are highlighted.

2. Click **Manage**  > **Add to My Changes**.



You can select an existing change from the list, or use the filter to find a specific change.

3. Select the type of **Relation** for the object.

Relation options include **Problems**, **Impacted**, **Solutions**, or **Reference Items**.

4. Click **Add** to add the object to the selected change and apply its appropriate relation.

Objects added to a change appear in the **Affected Items** tab of the selected change.

Depending on the type of change and the relation, the added object also appears in the **Overview** tab.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace 6.3 interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with a search bar and a list of changes. The main area has several tabs: Overview, Affected Items, Reference Items, Participants, Dependencies, Relations, Reports, and Impact Analysis. Under the Overview tab, there are sections for Description, Progress, Details, Projects, Impacted Items, Participants, and Change/Deviation Requests. The Impacted Items section contains a table with columns for Object, Lineage, Type, Requested Change, and Release Status. The table lists three items: '027100/A/1-Decal New' (Document), '027102/A/1-IRON SPECS' (Requirement Spec), and '027104/A/1-Decal specs' (Requirement Spec). The Progress section shows a timeline with 'Elaborating' as the current step.

Copy and paste objects in a change

You can copy and paste objects from the clipboard into the **Affected Items** or **Reference Items** sections of a change. Adding change objects depends on your role and access.

You can also copy and paste an object from one section to another. For example, you can copy an object from **Problem Items** into **Impacted Items**, or select an object from any of your folders and paste it into the appropriate section.

Note:

You cannot paste an object into the **Solution Items** table.

1. Select the change object and click **Copy**  in the toolbar.
2. To include the copied change object, select a change from the list of **Changes**  and click the **Affected Items** or **Reference Items** tab.
3. Click **Paste**  on the appropriate change object section.

Note:

If you are copying an object from **Problem Items** into **Impacted Items**, you must first clear the checkbox against the problem item before pasting it into the **Impacted Items** table.

The change object is included in the table. You can associate multiple change objects in the same manner.

Make a copy of a change

If you have authoring privileges, you can make a copy of a change. Copying a change saves time by copying attributes and supporting information to ensure consistency across changes.

Depending on how your Active Workspace is set up, you can choose to copy the supporting reference documents and problem items or participants.

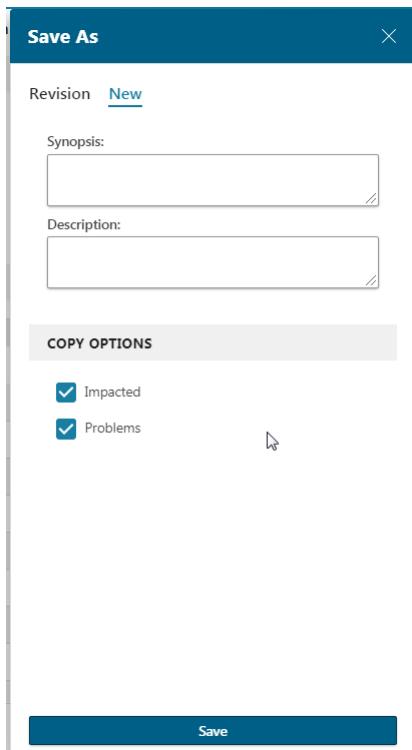
Unlike changes you create new, a copied change is not automatically submitted to workflow.

1. If necessary, search for the change you want to copy.

Tip:

Be sure to select the correct revision of the change prior to copying.

2. Click **New** > **Save As**.
3. In the **Save As** panel, select **New**.



4. Enter the synopsis and description.
5. Choose **Copy Options** to copy into the new change.
6. Click **Save**.

The new change is created and displayed in edit mode.

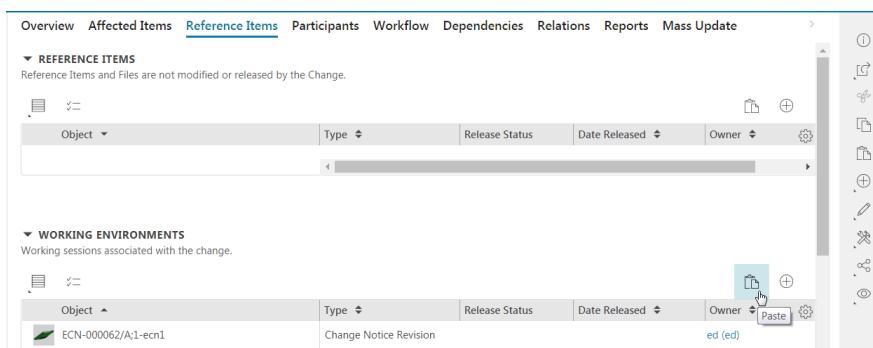
7. (Optional) Specify additional properties for the change, and click **Edit**  > **Save Edits**.

The edits are saved and the revision is displayed in read-only mode.

Copy a change item to a change notice working environment

If you are an authorized user, you can add a copied change object to the working environment of a change notice.

1. If necessary, search or filter for the change object to copy.
2. Select the change object and click **Copy**  in the toolbar.
3. To include the copied change object in the working environment of a change notice, select a change notice from the list of **Changes** and click the **Reference Items** tab.
4. Select **Paste** in the **WORKING ENVIRONMENTS** section.



The screenshot shows the SAP Change Management interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Overview, Affected Items, Reference Items (which is currently selected), Participants, Workflow, Dependencies, Relations, Reports, and Mass Update. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections:

- REFERENCE ITEMS**: A table with columns for Object, Type, Release Status, Date Released, and Owner. There is a toolbar with icons for Copy, Paste, Delete, and other actions. A message states: "Reference Items and Files are not modified or released by the Change."
- WORKING ENVIRONMENTS**: A table with columns for Object, Type, Release Status, Date Released, and Owner. The table contains one row: "ECN-000062/A1-ecn1" (Change Notice Revision) with owner "ed (ed)". The toolbar includes a Paste button, which is highlighted with a blue background and a cursor icon.

The change object is now included in the table. You can associate multiple change objects in the same manner.

Edit a change

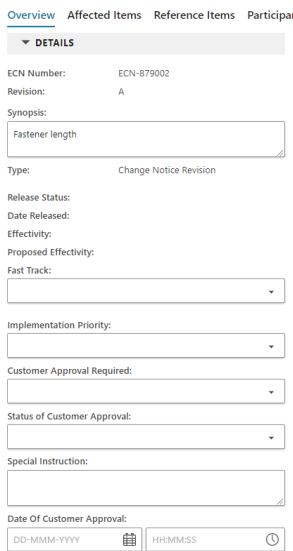
During the change process, you can edit the properties of a change and relate other objects to it to aid in the analysis and resolution of the change. For example, you may need to add reference documents to a problem report or specify which objects are impacted by a change.

Different phases of a workflow process may require you to edit a change or add objects to it. For example, many workflow processes start with a **Prepare Package** phase that asks you to review the current change and add any objects needed for its analysis.

You can edit the properties of the change itself and its attachments. You can also edit in the table view.

1. If necessary, search for the change.
2. In the **Overview** tab, edit the properties for the change. Click **Start Edit** in the top right or **Edit**  > **Start Edit** from the primary toolbar.
3. The **Overview** tab contains editable **Description** and **Details** sections.

Editable fields in the sections are surrounded by a bounding box.



The screenshot shows the 'DETAILS' tab of a change item. The Synopsis field contains the text 'Fastener length' and is highlighted with a bounding box. Other fields visible include ECN Number (ECN-879002), Revision (A), Type (Change Notice Revision), Release Status, Date Released, Effectivity, Proposed Effectivity, Fast Track, Implementation Priority, Customer Approval Required, Status of Customer Approval, Special Instruction, and Date Of Customer Approval (with date and time input fields).

4. Click the appropriate tabs to associate reference, impacted, or other documents (add attachments) to the change. You can also remove objects.
5. Click **Edit**  > **Save Edits**.

The edits are saved, and the change is displayed in read-only mode.

Note:

Modification of change objects is permitted only when **CMClosure** is set to **open**.

Create a change in the context of an object and attach it to the change

You can create a change directly from an object in a folder or a list to automatically add it during change creation.

1. Select an object with which you want to associate a change.

You can use search to find and select multiple objects in any view.

2. Click **New** > **Create Change**.

The common change types are displayed for the items you select. If only one type is available, the create box for that type is displayed. If you select multiple items for which there is no common change type, a message appears indicating that a change type cannot be created because no common change types are available.

The object is automatically added as a reference document on the **Reference Items** or **Affected Items** tab, depending on preference settings.



3. Select the type of change you want to create.

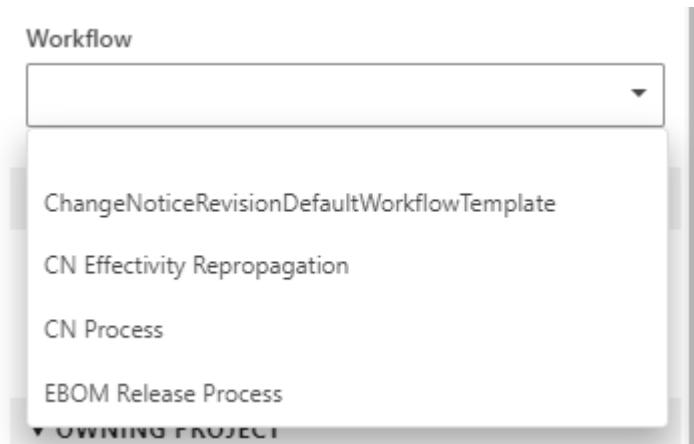
Only changes that you can create are listed.

- **Change Notice**
- **Change Request**
- **Deviation Request**
- **Problem Report**
- **Simple Change**

4. Enter the properties for the object.

For example, specify the item ID, revision, synopsis, and description for a problem report.

5. (Optional) To submit the new change to a workflow, select the workflow template from the **Workflow** drop-down list. Templates display based on the type of the object selected.



If a default workflow exists for the content type, it is automatically specified as the workflow template.

6. (Optional) Click **Add** under **Attachments** to add supporting objects and reference documents to the change.



7. If applicable, the project the object is owned by is listed under **Owning Project**.

To assign a new project to an object, click **Add Project** to search for and select a project.

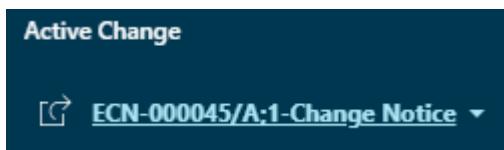
8. Select **Open New Change** to open the change once it has been created.

Open New Change is checked if the preference **CM_open_change_on_create** is set to true.

9. Select **Set as Active Change** to set a newly-created change notice as the active change. The current user is added as an **Analyst**.

Set as Active Change is checked if the preference **CM_set_active_change_on_create** is set to true.

Once the change is created, the **Active Change** indicator is highlighted in the global navigation toolbar and the newly created change is listed as the active change.



10. Click the **Participants** tab to include any members who participate in the review and execution of the change. The participant types are based on type of the change object selected in the first panel.

Note:

This tab is not available for a simple change.

11. Expand the participant section, then click **Add Participants**  under each section to add the required participants.
12. Select one or more users to assign.

Optionally, you can type the name of the participant to whom you want to assign the change in the top search box and press **Enter** or click **Search**  to see results. Enter a partial name or wildcard characters.

Filters  are defaulted to **Type**, **Group**, or **Role**. A search box narrows your search to a specific property.

You can increase the size of the panel by dragging the two bars on the left side of the panel to the left.

13. Once selected, click **Add**.
14. Do one of the following on the **Create** tab:

- If you want to continue editing later, click **Create**.

The change is created and displayed in edit mode.

You can send it for resolution later.

- If you want to send it for resolution now, click **Create and Submit**.

The change is sent through the default workflow for resolution. Participants to review and approve the change may be automatically assigned depending on how your organization's change process is configured.

Depending on how your organization is configured, the **Create and Submit** or the **Submit** button may be the only button available. The business object constant **Awp0EnableCreateForCreatePanel** controls the display of the **Create** button. The business object constant **Awp0EnableSubmitForCreate** controls the display of the **Submit** button. The default value of either constant is **true**.

A thumbnail from the problem item is automatically attached to the change object, if it exists.

Note:

If you prefer that the thumbnail is derived dynamically from the items related to change, set the **CM_derive_thumbnail_from_relations** preference to true. **False** is the default option.

Cancel a change

You can cancel an engineering change notice (ECN) prior to its approval at any stage of the workflow. Before canceling an ECN, you can move any solution items that you wish to keep to another location to clone and reuse. However, once an ECN is canceled, any remaining solution objects become canceled and cannot be reused.

Note:

To be able to mark an ECN's solution Items as **Canceled**, the CM-cancel-change-notice-handler must be included on the workflow template that routes the ECN through the approval process. The **EBOM Release Process**, **Simple Change Workflow**, and **CN Process** workflow templates all contain this handler out-of-the-box to provide the ability to cancel solution items. Solution item types to be canceled can be specified as a handler argument.

Procedure

1. Open the ECN that you want to cancel.
2. To preserve any of the revised solution items it contains, do the following:
 - a. Click the **Affected Items** tab of the ECN.
 - b. Select the revised item(s) from the **Solutions Items** folder to keep, then click **Cut**  > **Paste**  from the primary toolbar to move the item to another location (such as **Folders** or another change).

You can also **clone the canceled solution item** (click **New**  > **Save As**  and consume the newly created/revised non-canceled object).
3. From the ECN's **Overview** tab, click **Cancel Change**.

Task To Perform

Workflow: EBOM Release Process : ECN-000026/A;1-ECN2
Name: Validate change task
Task Instructions: After performing further BOM updates, if needed, select one of the following actions:
1. Repropagate Effectivity: Choose this action if the effectivity on ECN changed while making the BOM updates.
2. Validate Change: Choose this action to verify if the change is valid as per the defined business rules.
Only a valid change can be released
Workflow Description: EBOM Release Process : ECN-000026/A;1-ECN2
Comments:

Change Summary

ID	Action	Revision	Element	Revision Name
036560	New	A	Asm2	Asm2
036568	New	A	New_child2	New_child2
036558		A	TopProduct	TopProduct

Actions

- Cancel Change
- Repropagate Effectivity
- Validate Change

Any objects that are part of the solutions items are permanently canceled and cannot be reused. The **Canceled** property is set as true on these solution items.

Progress

Closure: Canceled Disposition: Disapproved

Actions

- Reviewing
- Executing
- Complete
- Ready
- Superseded
- Unable To Complete

Solution items contained in the canceled change now contain a **Cancelled** state of **True** and cannot be modified.

Solution Items

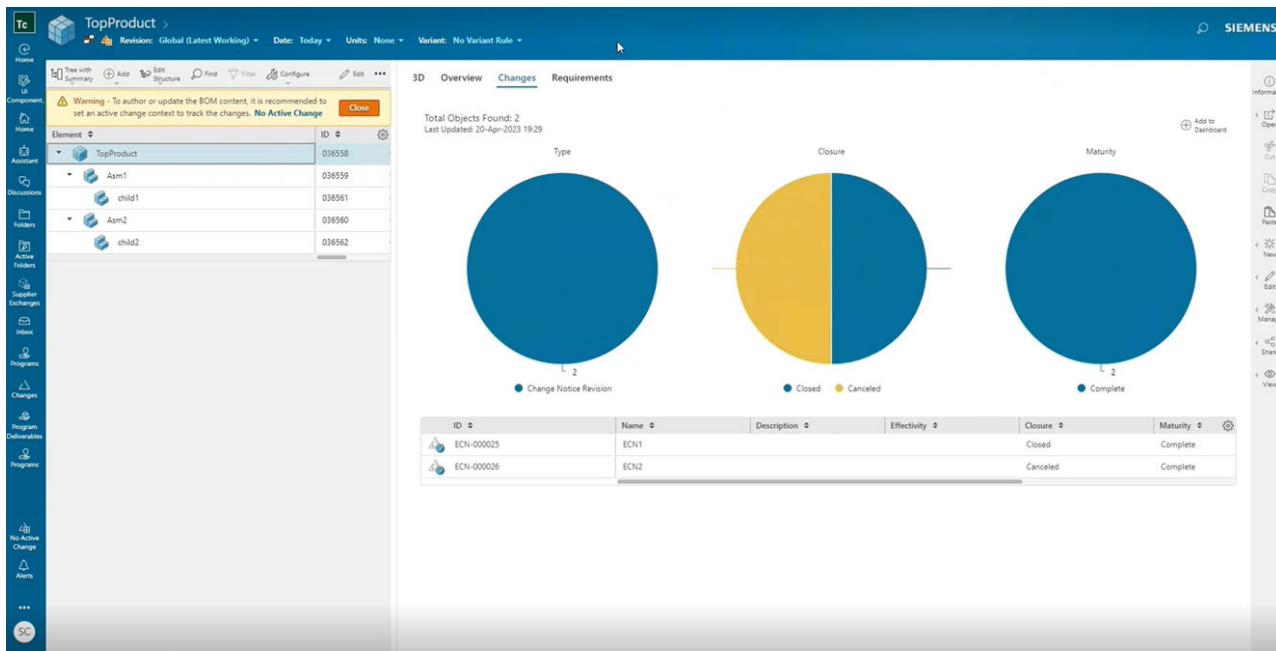
Object	Lineage	Type	Release Status	Cancelled	Date Released
036568/A;1-New_child2	UB Part Revision	Part Usage	True	True	
PU_000291/B;Asm1	2	Part Usage	True	True	
PU_000294/B;child2	1	Part Usage	True	True	
PU_000295/A;Asm3		Part Usage	True	True	

Impacted Items

The **Revision History** for the canceled item(s) also displays the **Cancelled** state of **True**. The canceled objects are always filtered out from all of the structure configuration.

In the **Changes Dashboard**, the top-level product displays a pie chart that includes all of the ECNs associated with that collaborative product. Canceled changes are displayed here as well. Click a pie chart to filter your changes.

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Effectivity dates are listed for any canceled ECN in the **Effectivity** column. You can compare dates to determine the progression of the ECN's effectivity.

Note:

When an ECN contains solution items that include an effectivity range, and an ECN is canceled, any effectivity cutbacks on the canceled item are restored in full.

Send a change for resolution

Send a change for resolution

If you chose not to submit your change to a workflow process when you created it, you can send it later. For example, you can send the change later after you have added more supporting reference documentation. You must know the name of the workflow you want to submit it through.

1. If necessary, find and display the change you want to send for resolution.
2. Click **Manage** > **Submit to Workflow**. Or, click **Submit to Workflow** from the toolbar. Follow the instructions to start a workflow for an object.
3. Click **Submit**.

The change is sent through the workflow process. Check your **Inbox** for tasks to perform.

Specify impacted item disposition

If you are a user allowed to make changes to a change notice, you can specify the disposition of impacted items being revised or replaced in a change notice.

1. Open the change notice you want to work with.
2. Click **Affected Items**.
3. Click **Edit**  > **Start Edit**.
4. In the **Impacted Items** row, select the object and a disposition from the drop-down list:
 - **Use As Is:** Keep the parts in production
 - **Scrap:** Do not use the remaining parts.
 - **Rework:** Modify the part, and use the modified parts going forward.
 - **Other**

Other values may be available depending on your customization.

5. Click **Edit**  > **Save Edits**.

Specify the requested change type for impacted items

The **Impacted Items** table contains an option to specify the **Requested Change** type.

1. After adding an object to the **Impacted Items** table, choose **Edit**  > **Start edit** to add or modify the requested change type.
2. Click within the editable **Requested Change** column of the impacted item, and click the down arrow to view a list of the available change types.

3. Creating a change

The screenshot shows the SAP Change Management interface with the 'Affected Items' tab selected. The 'SOLUTION ITEMS' table contains three entries. In the 'IMPACTED ITEMS' section, two items are listed, and their 'Requested Change' dropdown menus are open, showing options like 'Revise', 'Create New', and 'Replace with Existing'. A context menu on the right side of the screen provides various actions such as Open, Cut, Copy, Paste, New, Edit, Manage, Share, and View.

- Select the appropriate change type. Repeat for other impacted items.

The default list of values (LOV) includes:

- Revise**
- Create New**
- Replace with Existing**

- Click **Edit** > **Save Edits**.

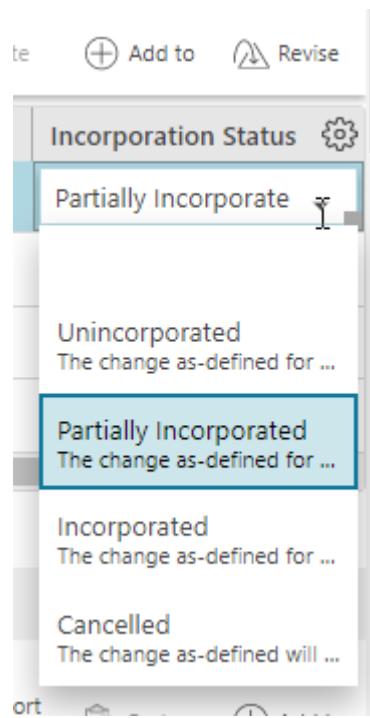
The updated **Requested Change** column displays the change types for the associated impacted items.

The screenshot shows the SAP Change Management interface with the 'Affected Items' tab selected. The 'IMPACTED ITEMS' table now displays two rows: one for a document object with 'Create New' selected in the 'Requested Change' column, and another for an item revision object with 'Revise' selected.

Specify the impacted item incorporation status

The **Impacted Items** table contains an option to specify the **Incorporation Status** of a change object in relation to a solution item.

- After adding an object to the **Impacted Items** table, click the **Incorporation Status** column to show a list of incorporation statuses.



2. Select the appropriate status type. Repeat for other impacted items.

The default list of values (LOV) includes:

- **Unincorporated**
- **Partially Incorporated**
- **Incorporated**
- **Canceled**

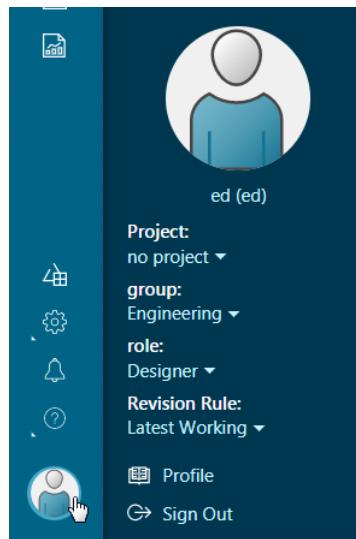
Note:

For more information, refer to About incorporating changes.

Set change notice revision rule in user profile

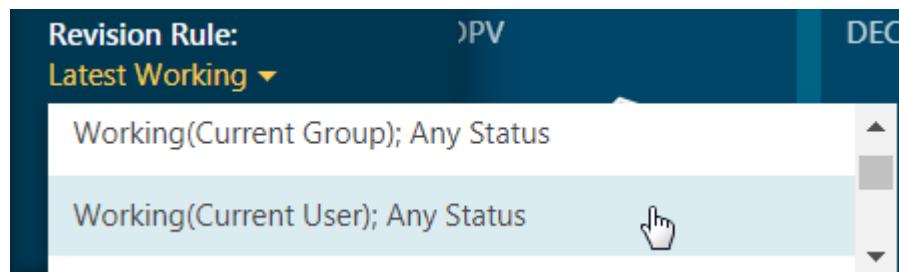
Access the user profile by selecting the user icon or picture in the global navigation. The user profile shows the current user's role and capabilities, along with access to project and revision settings.

You can set the **Change Notice Revision** by selecting from the **Revision Rule** list, in the user profile.



1. Open the user profile and select **Revision Rule**.

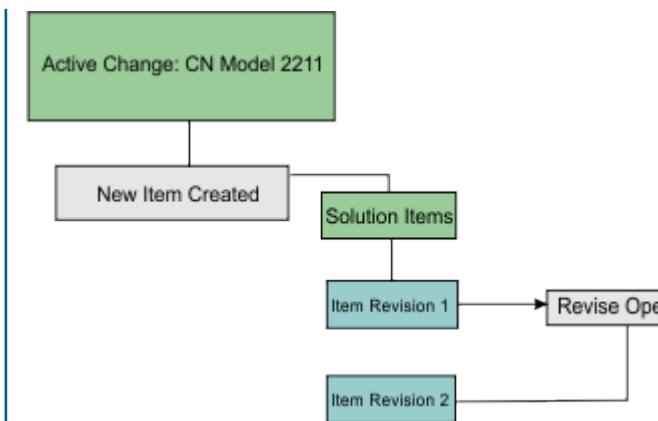
A list of available revision rules displays.



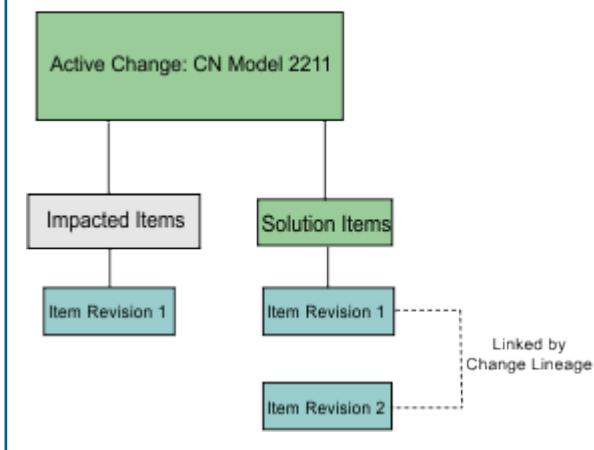
2. Select a rule from the list to apply the revision rule.

Example:

When a new item is created and CN Model 2211 is selected as the active change, its first **Item Revision** appears in the solution items of CN Model 2211. Likewise, if a revise operation is performed on an existing **Item Revision**, the newly-created item revision is also attached to CN Model 2211 as a solution item.



If the original item revision was already attached to CN Model 2211 as an impacted item, then in addition to adding the new item revision as a solution item, the original revision and the new revision are also automatically associated to each other with a change lineage.



Review impacted items

Impact analysis

Impact Analysis organizes the progression of a change object and all items associated with it. It automatically captures impacted items based on the problem items selected. This includes changes that are derived from another change containing impact items. The derived change inherits all impact items.

Impacted items associated with a change are displayed in the **Overview**, **Affected Items**, and **Impact Analysis** tabs.

The **Impact Analysis** tab provides a view of all impacted items for a change object, in greater detail than the **Impacted Items** table in the **Overview** or **Affected Items** tabs. This helps calculate probable impacted items associated with a change.

Each table contains details including type, relation, and status.

3. Creating a change

The screenshot shows the Impact Analysis interface. At the top, there is a dropdown for 'Problem Item' containing '027423/A;1-Milling'. Below it are two tables: 'IMPACTED CANDIDATES' and 'IMPACTED ITEMS'. The 'IMPACTED CANDIDATES' table has one item: '027423/A;1-Milling' (Item Revision, Problem Item). The 'IMPACTED ITEMS' table has three items: 'HDD-0543/C;1-Test Design' (Item Revision, Problem Item), '027425/C;1-Polymer-red' (Item Revision), and '027423/B;1-Milling-001' (Item Revision). A context menu is open over the 'IMPACTED CANDIDATES' table, with the 'Sort Ascending' option highlighted. Other options in the menu include 'Sort Descending', 'No Sorting', 'Hide Column', 'Freeze', 'Contains', 'Search', 'Show Filters' (with '(Select All)' and 'Specifications' checked), 'Clear', and 'Filter'.

Note:

Enable and configure the preference **CM_WorkspaceObject_Impacted_Relations** to define items displayed in the **Related Items** table. This preference only functions with revisable objects.

Impact analysis reduces the manual process of identifying potential impacts and the history related to a change object by assembling items from the **Affected Items** tab. The items added to an **Impacted Items** table are automatically added to all views.

1. If there is more than one problem item for a change, select an item from the **Problem Item** list to view **Impacted Candidates** for impact analysis.

One or more items are displayed in the table below the list.

2. To add an **Impacted Candidate** to the **Impacted Items** table, select one or more objects in the **Impacted Candidates** table, click the right arrow, or drag the object into the **Impacted Items** table.

The **Impacted Items** table contains the impacted items for all **Problem Items**.

An item with a colored bar next to the name indicates that it is already included in both tables.

If you select an object in the **Impacted Candidates** table that has attached items, the attachment appears in the **Reference Items** table below it. An example of an attached item is a reference document.

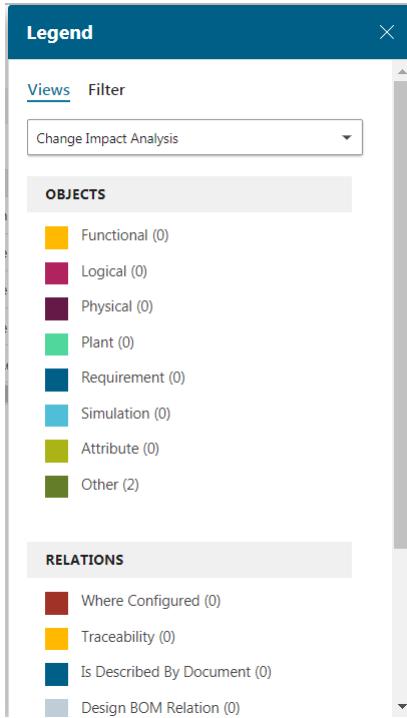
Relations view

1. Click **Select View** to toggle between **Table View** or **Relations View**.

The **Relations View** is similar to the **Relations** tab, but displays the relations for individual **Problem Items**.

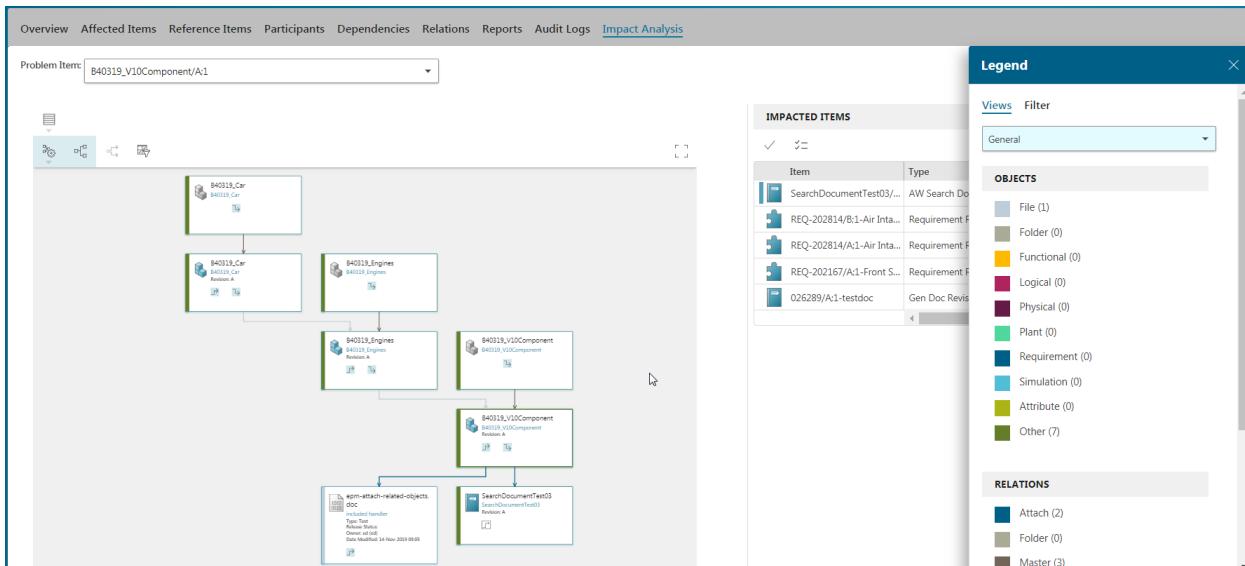
2. Click **Legend** to filter and view the object relationships.

The **Legend** panel contains all object and relationship possibilities as determined by the type of impact analysis listed in the list.



The **Legend** displays the **Change Impact Analysis** view of the selected **Problem Item**. You can switch between the **Change** or **Change Impact Analysis** view of this item without having to navigate to the **Relations** tab.

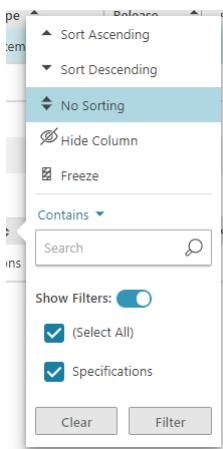
3. Select a view from the list to alter the types of **Objects** and **Relations** listed and change the relationship view.



Filtering and Sorting

Each table in the **Impact Analysis** tab contains filtering and sorting capabilities.

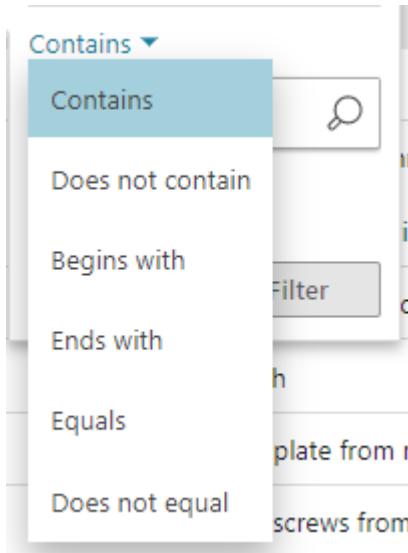
1. Click on a column heading to open the sorting and filtering panel for each column.



2. If available, click **Show Filters** to expand the available options.

Depending on the selected column, and your configuration, the options available for sorting and filtering will vary.

3. Select one or more items from the list and click **Filter**.
4. The **Search** list shows the parameters to search on specific criteria. The default value is **Contains**. Enter your text in the **Search** box and click **Filter**.



The filter icon  displays next to the column heading. Hovering over the icon shows the filter criteria.

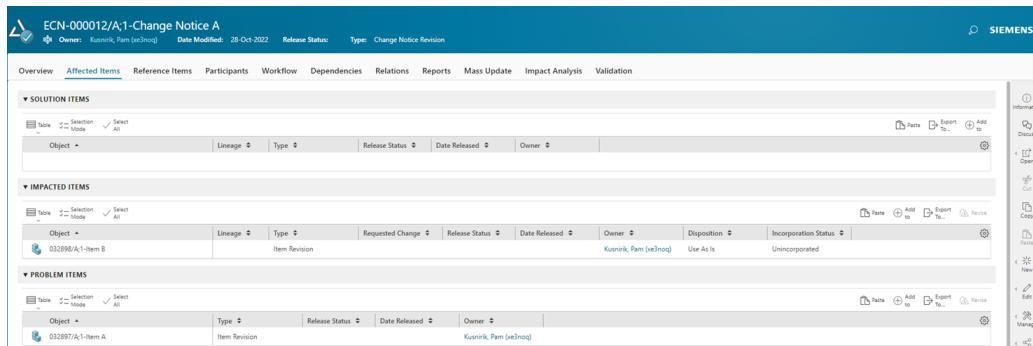


Select the column and click **Clear** to remove the filter.

Revise problem or impacted items

You can revise impacted and problem items on a change notice without opening the objects separately.

- When you revise an impacted item, the new revision becomes the solution item for the same change notice.
- If you revise a problem item, the new revision created becomes a solution item for the same change notice and the previous revision becomes an impacted item.
- When you perform a save as operation on a problem item or impacted item, the new item created becomes a solution for the change notice.



Revise Problem Items

1. Open the change notice containing the affected items.
2. Click **Affected Items**.
3. Select the **Problem Item** to revise.
4. Click **New**  > **Revise** . Or, click **Revise**  on top of the table.

Select the appropriate options and include a description, if necessary.

5. Click **Save**.

A new item is created, which is a solution for the change notice.

Revise Impacted Items from the Affected Items tab

1. Open the change notice containing the affected items.
2. Click **Affected Items**.
3. You can select one or more **Impacted Items** to revise.
4. Click **New**  > **Revise** . Or, click **Revise**  on top of the table.

If you select multiple items, a message appears, stating whether the revision is a success or a failure. Revisions that are successful appear in the **Solution Items** section.

5. (Optional) If you selected a single item for revision, the **Save As** panel appears. Complete the options, and click **Save**.

A new solution item is created for the change notice.

Revise Impacted Items from the Overview tab

1. Open the change notice containing the affected items.
2. On the **Impacted Items** table on the **Overview** tab, select the **Impacted Item** to revise.
3. Click **New**  > **Save As or Revise**. Or, click **Revise**  on top of the table.
4. Complete the options, and click **Save**.

A new solution item is created for the change notice.

Perform a task in the Changes Overview tab

In addition to performing an assigned task from your Inbox, you can perform a task in the **Overview** tab of a change.

1. Select **Changes**  to view all open changes.
2. Select a change from the list. If not already selected, click the **Overview** tab.

The current assigned task is listed under **Tasks to Perform**.

ECN-000014/A;1-Replace Design Change

Owner: ed (ed) Data Modified: 13-Oct-2022 Release Status: Type: Change Notice Revision

Overview Affected Items Reference Items Participants Workflow Dependencies Relations Reports Mass Update Validation

TASK TO PERFORM

Workflow: ChangeNoticeRevisionDefaultWorkflowTemplate : ECN-000014/A;1-Replace Design Change

Name: Execute Change

Task Instructions: Execute the changes and create or revise data. When you are done, select the appropriate button, either Release Change or Cancel Change.

Workflow Description: ChangeNoticeRevisionDefaultWorkflowTemplate : ECN-000014/A;1-Replace Design Change

Comments: Ready to Release

PROGRESS

Closure: Open Disposition: Approved

Elaborating Reviewing Executing Complete Ready Superseded

CHANGE SUMMARY

Element	ID	Revision	Revision Name	Action	Description
The Existing Design	032201	B A	The Existing Design	Modified	The Existing Design
Part 2	032203	A	Part 2	Removed	
Part 4	032210	A	Part 4	Added New to Replace	
Part 3	032204	A	Part 3	Replaced	
Part 5	032207	A	Part 5	Added New to Replace	
Part 1	032202	A	Part 1	Replaced	
Part 6	032211	A	Part 6	Added New	

DESCRIPTION

DETAILS

PROJECTS

PARTICIPANTS

Requestor: ed (ed)

Mode: Selection Mode Select All Export To... Paste

- Review the instructions and complete the task.

Similarly, complete any additional assigned tasks.

- (Optional) A change object could belong to more than one workflow. The workflow list displays the name of the currently selected workflow.

Select a workflow from the list to see the task to be performed for that workflow.

TASK TO PERFORM

Workflow:

- CN Process : ECN-000025/A;1-WF dropdown test3**
- CN Process : ECN-000025/A;1-WF dropdown test3
- 10.1.2 Simple Review No Profile : ECN-000025/A;1-WF dropdown...

Task Instructions: Assign the Change Specialist 1 participant on the CN revision. Complete task when assignment done.

Workflow Description: WF dropdown test3

Comments:

Complete

Note:

The **Overview** tab includes a frequently used commands toolbar that quickly lets you submit the selection to a workflow, generate a report based on the selected object, follow any actions and receive notifications on the selected object, and start an edit on the object properties.



Make mass updates to a structure

1. On the home page, click the **Changes** tile.
2. Search for the change notice you want to work with, select the change notice, and click **Open** .
3. Click the **Mass Update** tab.

The **Mass Update** tab is not visible under following conditions:

- a. Multiple problem items are associated with the same change notice.
 - b. The same problem item is associated with multiple active change notices.
 - c. The change notice is in the **Cancelled** or **Closed** state.
 - d. The release version is Teamcenter 12.0 or a version prior to Teamcenter 11.6.0.
 4. In **IMPACTED ASSEMBLIES**, click **Add** .
 5. Select a problem item using **Search** or **Palette** and click **Add**.
- All parent assemblies of the selected problem item are listed under **IMPACTED ASSEMBLIES**.
6. In the list of impacted assemblies, select the row in which you want to make the update. Only assemblies with the status **Released** can be updated.
 7. Click in the **Action** column and select the required action from the list. Only the actions available for the selected row are displayed. The selected action for the row is highlighted.
 8. For **Add**, **Substitute**, or **Replace** actions, you can add the required item to the **Proposed Item** column using **Search** or **Palette**.
 9. Click **Save Edits**  after updating the required rows.

10. To delete a saved markup, select the row, and select **None** from the **Action** column. The markup is deleted and the assembly is removed from the list of affected items.
11. (Optional) Click the **Affected Items** tab to view the list of items that are marked up for update.
12. Select the affected item that you want to verify from the list and click **Open**.
13. Click the **Show Markup**  icon to verify the markup.
14. Click the **Mass Update** tab. In the **Mass Update** tab, you can revert the markups before they are applied using the workflow.
15. To initiate applying the markup, click **Submit to Workflow** . Active Workspace displays the **Submit to Workflow** panel and a list of workflow templates.
16. Select the **Review and Apply BOM Markups** workflow template and click **Submit**.
17. Assign the reviewers for the workflow.
18. Once the workflow is approved, the changes are applied. To verify the changes, go to **Affected Items**, select the row, and click **Show Markup** .

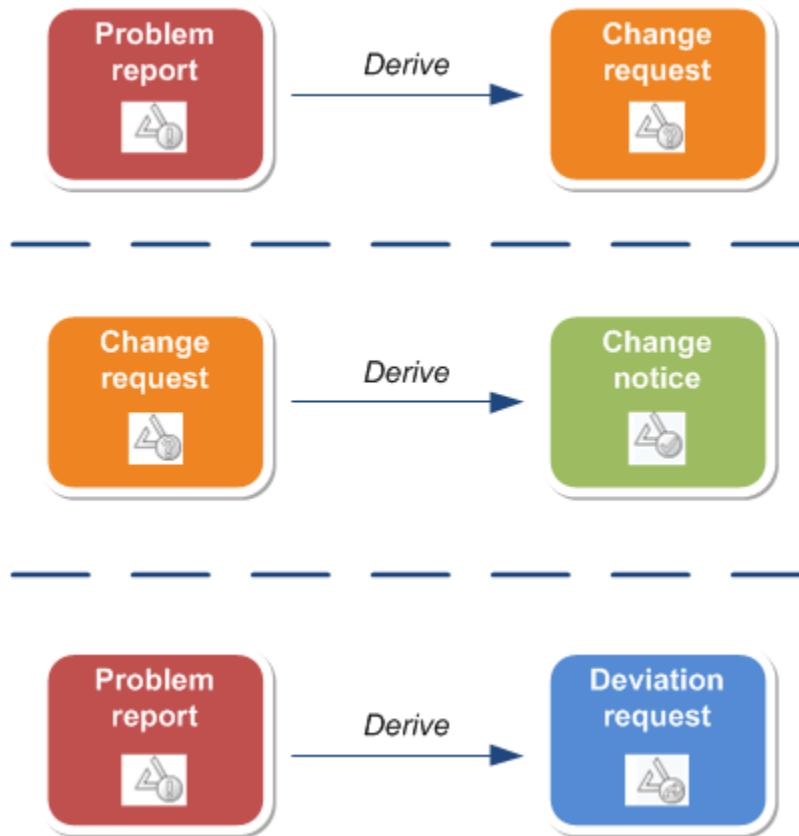
Derive a change and send for resolution

Derive a change from another change

Once you have identified a problem and investigated it, you can derive a change object into the next phase of the change process. The following examples represent the **Derive** process.

- Derive a change request from a problem report to determine a solution for the problem.
- Derive a change notice from a change request to implement the solution to the problem.
- Derive a deviation request from a problem report to allow a deviation.

In addition, if your company has custom changes, you can derive one custom change from another custom change.



- The change must be in the correct change state for you to derive another change from it.

Permissible change states are controlled by condition rules and may be customized by a system administrator.

- Depending on how your Active Workspace is set up, the reference, problem, or impacted objects associated with the source change (its relationships) may be automatically added to the derived change. See your system administrator for more information.

Note:

Refer to [Define deep copy rules for copying options from an ECR to an ECN](#) for more information on configuring **Copy Options**.

Derive a Problem Report to a Change Request

You can derive a change request from a problem report to determine a solution for the problem.

Procedure

1. Select the relevant PR.

2. Click **New**  > **Derive Change** .
3. In the **Derive Change** panel, select **Change Request** or **Deviation Request**, if available.
4. Enter the following information:
 - CR/DR number (if you want to change the number automatically displayed)
 - Revision number (if you want to change the number automatically displayed)
 - Synopsis
 - Description (optional)
 - For a deviation request, enter the deviation type.
 - (Optional) To submit the new change to a workflow, select the workflow template from the **Workflow** drop-down list. Templates display based on the type of the object selected.

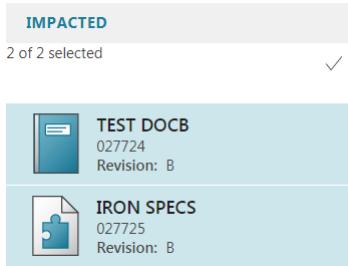
If a default workflow exists for the content type, it is automatically specified as the workflow template.

The **Implements** section shows the source change items.

5. (Optional) To copy **Affected Items** and **Reference Items** from a problem report to a change request, click the **Copy Options** label.

For more information on configuring **Copy Options**, refer to [Define deep copy rules for copying options from an ECR to an ECN](#).

When you click **Copy Options**, the section expands and shows each category of objects that are included in the problem report. Select or clear the items you wish to copy into the change request.



IMPACTED

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 TEST DOCB 027724 Revision: B
 IRON SPECS 027725 Revision: B

6. Click **Derive** to create the item, or click **Derive and Submit** to submit for resolution.

If you select **Derive**, the new change opens in **Edit** mode. Make any necessary changes and click **Edit**  > **Save Edits**.

If you select **Derive and Submit**, the new change is submitted to workflow.

Derive a single Change Request to a Change Notice

You can derive a change notice from a change request to implement the solution to the problem.

Procedure

1. Select the relevant change request.
2. Click **New**  > **Derive Change** .
3. Change the properties, if necessary.

The properties for the derived change are automatically filled based on the values of the initial change. In addition, any objects associated with the initial change (its relations) are automatically added to the derived change, depending on how your Active Workspace is set up. Active Workspace also associates the objects appropriately.

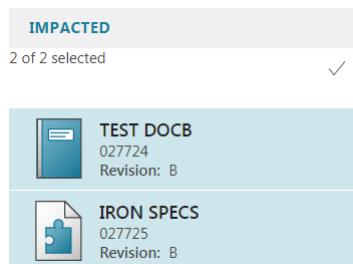
(Optional) To submit the new change to a workflow, select the workflow template from the **Workflow** drop-down list. If a default workflow exists for the content type, it is automatically specified as the workflow template.

The **Implements** section displays the source change request of the change notice.

4. (Optional) To copy **Affected Items** and **Reference Items** from a change request to a change notice, click the **Copy Options** label.

Refer to [Define deep copy rules for copying options from an ECR to an ECN](#) for more information on configuring **Copy Options**.

When you click **Copy Options**, the section expands and shows each category of objects that are included in the change request. Select or clear the items you wish to copy into the change notice.



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 IRON SPECS 027725 Revision: B

5. Do one of the following:
 - To continue editing, click **Derive**. You can send it for resolution later.

- To send it for resolution immediately, click **Derive and Submit**.

If you select **Derive**, the new change will open in **Edit** mode. Make any necessary changes and click  > **Save Edits**.

If you select **Derive and Submit**, the new change is submitted to workflow.

Check your **Inbox** for tasks to perform.

Participants to review and approve the change may be automatically assigned depending on how your organization's change process is configured.

The relationship between the initial change and the change it is derived from is shown in the **Implements** and **Implemented by** section of the **Affected Items** tab. The **Implements** object is the object this change was derived from, and the **Implemented By** object refers to a change object derived from this one.

You can click any of the changes to open and view them.

Derive a single change from multiple change objects

You can derive a single change from multiple, less-mature change objects.

1. Select multiple change objects of the same type to use in creating the new change notice or change request.

Note:

You cannot derive multiple change objects of different types.

The selected items are highlighted.

2. Click **New**  > **Derive Change**.
3. In the **Derive Change** panel, select the type of change, if available.

Note:

Change requests can only be derived into a change notice.

4. Enter the following information for a change request:
 - CR/CN number (if you want to change the number automatically displayed)
 - Revision number (if you want to change the number automatically displayed)

- Synopsis
- Description

Note:

In Active Workspace 6.2/Teamcenter 14.2, the Description is optional. In all other versions, it is required.

- For a deviation request, enter the deviation type.
- (Optional) To submit the new change to a workflow, select the workflow template from the **Workflow** drop-down list. Templates display based on the type of the object selected.

Note:

When you derive a change notice from multiple source change requests, you cannot edit the **Problem Items** or **Impacted Items** as you would when deriving a single change. All of the **Affected Items** are copied into the new change notice.

The **Implements** section shows all of the source change items.

5. Click **Derive** to create the item, or click **Derive and Submit** to submit for resolution.

If you select **Derive**, the new change opens in the **Edit** mode. Make any necessary changes and click **Edit** > **Save Edits**.

If you select **Derive and Submit**, the new change is submitted to the workflow.

Fast track a change notice

A fast track process eliminates the formal review process to implement a change. **Fast Track** is available from the editing menu or available during the change process workflow.

Refer to the *Change Manager* guide for more information and examples of both fast track and standard track.

Edit a change request manually to enable Fast Track

You can edit a change manually to send it through Fast Track.

1. Click **Changes** , select a change request, and expand the **Details** section.
2. Select **Edit** > **Start edit** or click **Start Edit** from the toolbar.
3. In the **Fast Track** dialog box, select **Yes**.

If you select **No, Fast Track** is disabled when an change notice is derived from this change request. If left blank, Fast Track is still available during workflow.

Enable Fast Track during workflow processing

If an change notice was not derived from an change request, or if the change request did not have **Fast Track** enabled, **Fast Track** can be applied during the workflow process or as part of a custom workflow template.

Enabling **Fast Track** on a change request or change notice during workflow is built into the workflow templates for both change requests and change notices.

If a change request or change notice was sent to workflow, during the task **Specialist Planning Complete?** you can select **Plan OK - Fast Track**.

Overview **Attachments** **Workflow** **Audit Logs** **Assignments**

ACTION

Name: Specialist: Planning Complete?
Description: Is enough information available to go to the CRB? Does the CR fit the Fast Track criteria? Please complete these fields:
- Fast Track
- Technical Review
Priority
Reason

TARGETS

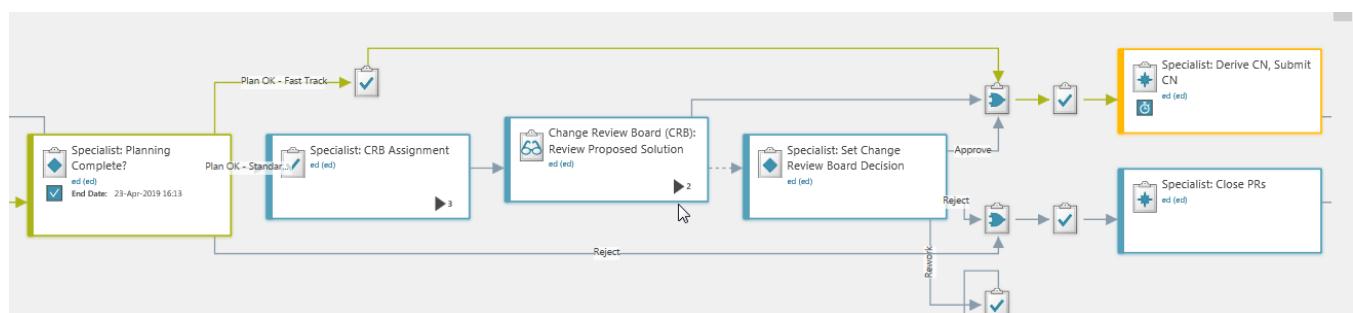
ECR Fast Track
ECR-000021
Revision: A

PREVIEW

Comments:

Plan Not OK - Reject
Plan Not OK - Rework
Plan OK - Fast Track
Plan OK - Standard Track

The result is shown in Workflow Viewer.



Change Summary

Change summary overview

The **Change Summary** is included in the **Overview** tab of a change notice or simple change that contains **Solution Items** and revisions. Click  to view the **Change Summary** table full screen.

The change summary table provides information about the ID, name, action, revision, and quantity, and also provides visual cues in red and green for modifications and revisions.

CHANGE SUMMARY							
ID	Name	Action	Revision	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Variant Formula	Occurrence Effect
830_12213_1_n2	Fairway Wood-2021 Fairway Wood	Modified	B A				
331_44378_1_n2	Head-3W	Added New to Replace	B	1	each		
331_44378_1_n	331_44378_1_n	Replaced	A	+	each		
830_12212_1_n2	Shaft-Reg	Added New to Replace	B	1	each		
044920	Tour wrap Toursoft	Modified	B A				
830_12212_1_n	830_12212_1_n	Replaced	A	+	each		
047132	Shaft-Stiff	Added New	A	1	each		
044920	Tour wrap Toursoft	Modified	B A				

For example, an assembly can be attached as an impacted item revision on a change notice, and that assembly is revised using **Revise Impacted** in the **Impacted Items** table. In Active Workspace, you can attach impacted and solution items and then select the solution item and relate it to the impacted item.

The **Change Summary** table is displayed if one of these operations occurs:

- Use Active Workspace to set lineage on a solution item.
- Use the Active Workspace to perform **Revise Impacted** on an impacted item.
- Create, remove, change quantity or effectivity dates (BOM changes).

Note:

Modify the preference **CM_bomline_tracked_properties** to define BOMLine properties for tracking.

Depending on your organization, different column headings may appear. **ID** and **Name**, however, are always displayed.

Compare item revisions in the change summary

Solution items that are revisions and contain a lineage to impacted items can be compared in the **Change Summary**.

CHANGE SUMMARY

Exit Full...

ID	Name	Action	Revision	Quantity	Compare	Sequence	Unit of Measure	Occurrence Effectivity
027167	2020 Design	Created	A					
027253	Face	Created	A					
331_55445_1_n2	Fairway Wood-2020 Fairway Wood	Modified	B A					
027154	Cover	Removed	A	+	30	each		
027150	Head-carbon fiber body Head-carbon	Modified	C B					
027162	Headcover-Pom	Added New	A	1	30	each		
027258	Shaft-Graphite	Added Existing to Replace	A	1.000	20	g		
027151	Shaft-Graphite	Replaced	B	+	20	each		
027158	Reg Flex-55g Reg-Flex	Modified	B A					
027159	Stiff Flex-70g Stiff-Flex	Modified	B A					
027274	Velvet-Tour	Created	A					

- Select a solution item from the **Change Summary** table to view a comparison of the properties between the **Impacted Item** and the **Solution Item**.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Change Management interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a tree view of changes and a search bar. The main area has tabs for Overview, Affected Items, Reference Items, Participants, Workflow, Dependencies, Relations, Reports, Audit Logs, and Impact Analysis. The Overview tab is selected. In the center, the **CHANGE SUMMARY** table lists items with their IDs, names, actions, and revisions. One item, ID 027147, is selected. To the right of the table, the **COMPARISON** view shows two rows of data, each with a thumbnail, name, description, release status, checked-out status, ID, revision, and details like document title and author. Buttons for 'Cancel Change' and 'Release Change' are visible at the bottom of the comparison section.

ID	Name	Action	Revision
027147	Update doc revision2	Modify	B A
027147	Update doc revision3	Modify	C B

Name	Description	Release Status	Checked-Out	ID	Revision
027147/B1-Update doc revision2	Update doc revision2	Update doc revision3		027147	B
027147/C2-Update doc revision3	Update doc revision3	Update doc revision3		027147	C

- Expand assemblies to compare the properties of individual structure components.

Refer to [Customize your change summary or comparison view](#) to select or customize the display.

The **Action** column displays whether the solution item was added, modified, or replaced.

Components that were replaced show both the original and the replacement in the summary. Selecting either the original or the replacement component shows the comparison.

3. Creating a change

The screenshot shows the Change Management interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs like 'Change', 'Workshop', 'My Changes', etc. Below it is a search bar and a 'New' button. The main area has two tables: 'Change Summary' and 'Comparison'.

Change Summary:

ID	Name	Action	Revision	Quantity	Notes
044878	Adaptor-V3 Adaptor-V2	Modified	C B		
044920	Tour wrap Toursoft	Modified	B A		
030_12212_1_n	030_12212_1_n	Replaced	A	+	each
047132	Shaft-Stiff	Added New	A	1	each
044878	Adaptor-V3 Adaptor-V2	Modified	C B		
044920	Tour wrap Toursoft	Modified	B A		

Comparison:

Item	Current Value	Previous Value
Name	Adaptor-V2	Adaptor-V3
Description	Adaptor-V2	Adaptor-V3, Draw
Release Status	TCM Released	
Checked-Out		Y
ID	044878	044878
Revision	B	C
In Process	False	False
Classified in		
Checked-Out By		ed (ed)

Customize your change summary or comparison view

You can configure the **Change Summary** table or the **Comparison** table to hide or display columns or to rearrange columns.

The default column name order is **ID**, **NAME**, **Action**, **Revision**, and **Quantity**.

Note:

You cannot change the position of the **ID** column, but the other columns can be moved to suit your working preferences.

Additionally, you cannot hide the **Name** column, but you can change its position.

- From the **Overview** of a Change Notice Revision, click **Settings** to open the **Arrange** panel.

The **Arrange** panel for the **Comparison** table has a similar list of options as the **Change Summary**.

- Select a column name to rearrange. You can change the column order by clicking to move up or to move down.
- Click to reset the list to the default configuration.
- To add or remove column headings, select a name in the appropriate column and click **Add** or **Remove**.

5. (Optional) Select **Save as new arrangement**. Enter a unique name and click **Save and Arrange**.

(Optional) You can use a previously created column arrangement by clicking **Column Arrangements**  and selecting a saved arrangement from the list.

6. Click **Arrange** to apply your changes.

Note:

Untracked properties can be added using the **ChangeSummaryTableColumns** site preference. It defines the column names to be displayed. There are three types of values:

- **Type:TYPE_NAME,Property:PROPERTY_NAME,Width:PIXEL_WIDTH**

In this case, the system reads the property name for the column from **PROPERTY_NAME** and displays the name for the column based on the owning type, **TYPE_NAME**.

Example:**Type:WorkspaceObject,Property:object_name,Width:200**

- **Type:Key,Property:KEYNAME,Width:PIXEL_WIDTH**

In this case, the system searches for the preference **ChangeSummaryTableColumns_KEYNAME** to retrieve source property names for the column.

Example: **Type:Key,Property:ID,Width:150**

- **TYPE:NoType, Property:action,Width:PIXEL_WIDTH**

Entry displays the **Action** column in the **Change Summary Table**.

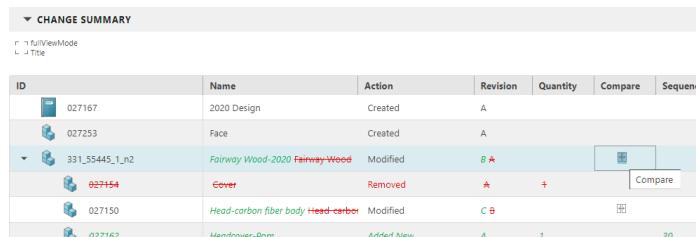
Example: **Type:NoType,Property:action,Width:150**

Compare modifications in a change summary

You can compare assemblies with revisions from the **Change Summary** table.

1. Open an change notice.

Go to the **Overview** tab to view the change summary.

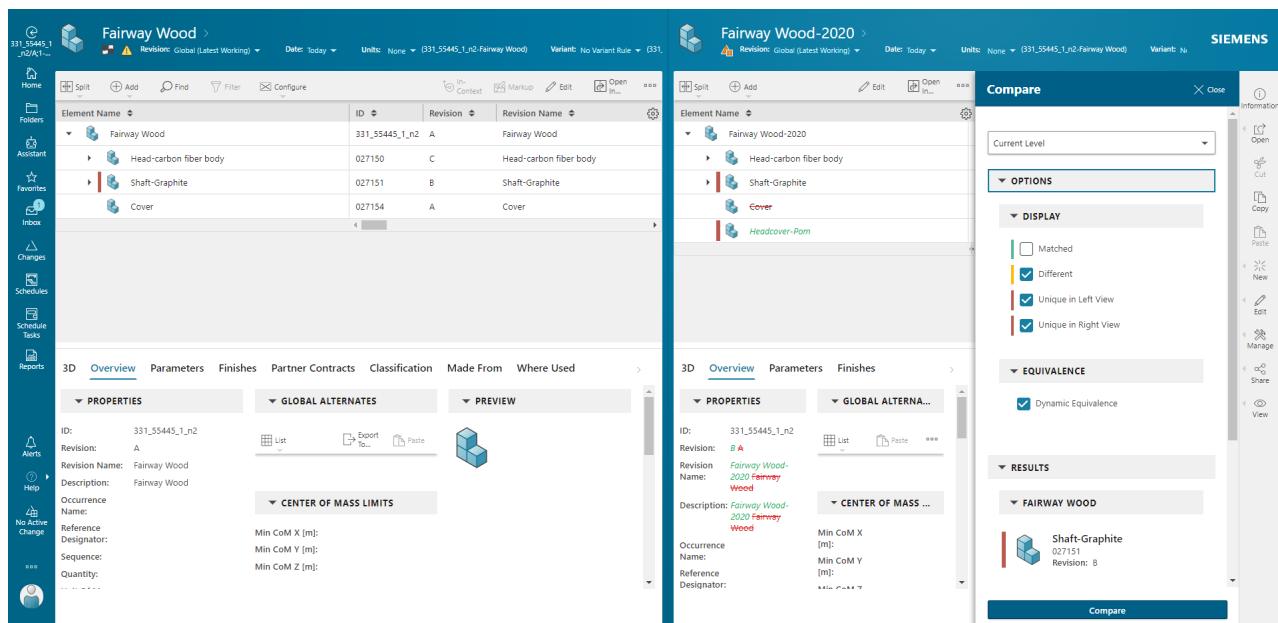


CHANGE SUMMARY						
ID	Name	Action	Revision	Quantity	Compare	Sequence
027167	2020 Design	Created	A			
027253	Face	Created	A			
331_55445_1_n2	Fairway_Wood-2020	Modified	B	▲		
027154	Cover	Removed	A	+		
027150	Head-carbon fiber body	Modified	C	B		
027152	Maintainer_Drum	Added New	A	1		

2. Click **Compare**  on any modified assembly.

3. Creating a change

The comparison window opens, showing the different revisions and the **Compare** panel.



3. Select the different levels for comparison in the list, and expand the **Options** section to view and change the options to compare.
4. Click **Compare** to run the comparison.

The time taken for the comparison depends on the size of the assembly and the levels and options selected in the **Compare** panel.

An alert appears when the comparison is complete.

View 4G data for a change

4G data can be viewed for a change. In the following example, the change summary shows the structure that is part of the change. The reuse design element is the solution for the change. Note, however, that subordinate design elements do not appear. The underlying assembly and components are the solution items for the change notice.

ID	NAME	ACTION	REV	QTY
OPY079282	shifter assembly	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
OPJ90319_002	shifter assembly	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
017750	shifter mechanism	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
007385	fastener	Qty Change	001:1	3 4
017753	shifter reverse lever	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
017754	shifter reverse rod attachment	Remove	001:1	+
017765	shifter shaft short throw	Replace	001:1	1
017755	shifter shaft long throw		-001:1	+
007386	shifter knob	Create	001:1	1
OPY079475	another assembly	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
OPY079486	single part reuse bracket	Modify	002:1 001:1	1
017768	bracket	Modify	002:1 001:1	1

Track Engineering BOM effectivity cutbacks in the Change Summary

When you introduce a new part to replace an existing part in an Engineering BOM structure and change its effectivity range, that modification is called an **effectivity cutback**. You reduce (or cut back) the effectivity range of the original part so that it does not overlap with the effectivity of the new, or replacing, part.

When a user opens a change notice for the BOM and **updates its effectivity** after the usages or parts are released, the Change Summary in the **Overview** tab shows the modifications made (via redlines) in the context of the change notice.

For example, an engineer has a released BOM and wants to set the configuration of the BOM window to the change notice effectivity date. The engineer inserts a new level within the BOM structure, and this new part (solution item) inherits its element effectivity from the active change notice. To avoid an effectivity conflict between the impacted item and solution item, the effectivity of the impacted item is cut back to end before the solution item becomes effective.

Here, modifications made to both the existing part (the impacted item: **Glass** in this example) and the new part (the solution item: **Insert Level for Glass**) are shown in the Change Summary structure. The **Occurrence Effectivity** column shows the effectivity dates for both the old and new occurrence.

CHANGE SUMMARY						
ID	Name	Action	Occurrence Effectivity	Usage Name	Usage Revision	
029892	Insert Level for Glass	New				
	Glass	Added Existing	01-May-2022 00:00 to UP (NONE)	Glass	A	
029889	RH Mirror					
	Glass	Removed	01-Feb-2022 00:00 to 30-Apr-2022 23:59 (NONE) 01-Feb-2022 00:00 to UP (NONE)	Glass	B A	
029891	Insert Level for Glass	Added New	01-May-2022 00:00 to UP (NONE)	Insert Level for Gl...	A	

Along with showing the effectivity cutbacks for a structure when a level is added, the Change Summary also identifies these split occurrences when a BOM engineer:

- Removes a level in a structure
- Adds a level in a structure
- Adds a child or sibling structure component
- Removes a structure component
- Replaces a structure component
- Move a usage/occurrence using drag and drop within same BOM structure
- Edits the properties of a part or an assembly: sequence, quantity, occurrence name, all notes, or custom property
- Adds a copy of the existing objects to a structure
- Copies and pastes a component within a structure

All of these changes are represented in the Change Summary for the change notice. See Propagate or repropagate effectivity from an engineering change notice for more information.

Create a Simple Change

Introduction to Simple Change

Simple change simplifies the process for creating and performing change revisions. It is designed for situations that do not require the detailed features of a change notice or detailed workflows.

In Active Workspace, *simple change*  is a subtype of a change notice.

Example:

Simple change is intended for minor changes handled by a single change analyst or a small team.

A change analyst is tasked with a minor change to a part. Instead of managing the change using a standard, elaborate change notice, the team uses *simple change* to streamline the process.

Simple change uses a simplified workflow, reducing the number of steps to release a change. Unlike a standard change notice where the change is created separately from the workflow process, a *simple change* is submitted automatically to the workflow.

When you revise an impacted item, it is automatically added to the Change Summary as a solution.

States of a simple change

A change has two key states that capture where in the change process it is and what decisions have been made about the change.

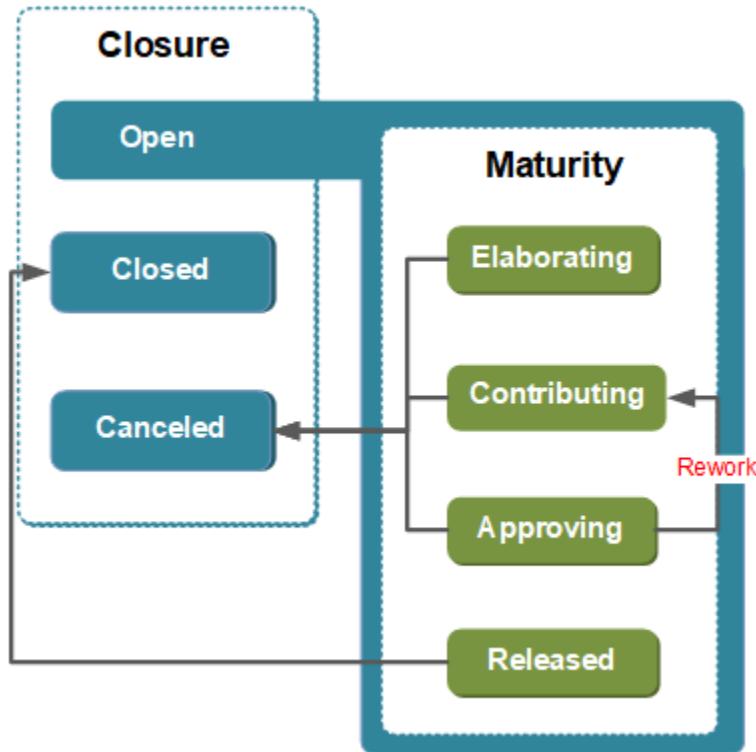
- Its status or *Closure* (for example, Open or Canceled).
- The degree of completion of the overall change process, that is, its *Maturity*.

The change states interact with each other and are dependent on the other change states. For example, *Maturity* is a substate of the *Closure* state. The states of a change are set during the workflow process.

Tip:

You can view the states of a change in the **Overview** tab.

The following graphic illustrates the simple change states. For detailed information on change states, see *Change Manager* in the Teamcenter help.



Create and resolve a simple change

Create a simple change

Use simple change as an alternative for making minor changes in smaller teams or organizations.

Procedure

1. Select an object and click **New** > **Create Change**. Select **Simple Change** from the list.

Alternatively, click the **Changes** tile, click **Create Change** from the top toolbar, then select **Simple Change**.

2. **Fill in the required information** and click **Create and Submit**.

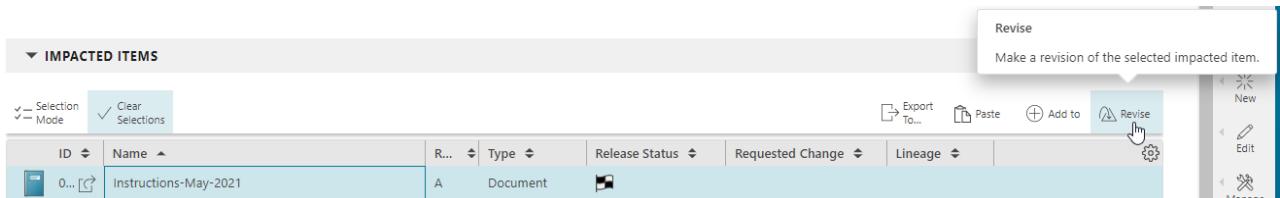
The change is created and automatically submitted to the simple change workflow.

Add and revise impacted items

When you start a simple change process from an object, the object is automatically added as an **Impacted Item**.

Procedure

1. Go to the simple change and in the **Impacted Items** section, click **Add to \oplus** .
2. Select an object and click **Add**.
Repeat as necessary.
3. (Optional) Select an object from your folders.
 - a. Select **Manage \otimes** > **Add to My Changes**.
 - b. Select a simple change from the list of changes, choose **Impacted Items** from the **Relation** list, and click **Add**.
4. Select any object in the **Impacted Items** table and click **Revise Δ** .



Add solution items

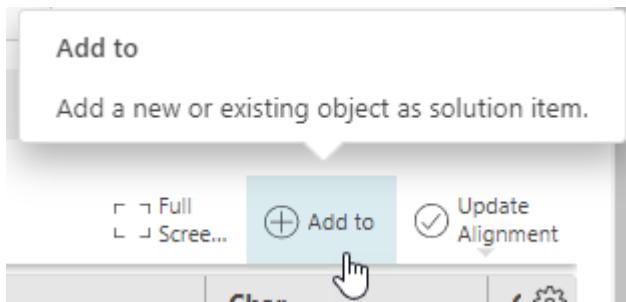
When you revise an impacted item, the new revision becomes the solution item for the same simple change.

Procedure

1. Revise any impacted items to create a solution item in the **Change Summary**.

The relationship between an impacted item and a solution is identified by the **Lineage** column. For more information regarding lineage, refer to the [Change lineage section](#).

2. Click **Add to \oplus** to add a solution item that is not a revision of an impacted item.



Completing simple change tasks

If a task is assigned to you as part of the change workflow, you can access the task and mark its completion from your inbox.

If you are an authorized user, you can complete the tasks from the *simple change* **Overview** in **Change Manager**.

Completed tasks are displayed with the status **Released** in the progress bar.



For more information, refer to [Perform assigned tasks](#).

Manage the participants in a Simple Change

The **Overview** tab contains a **Participants** section to manage the participants of a *Simple change*.

Type	User
Requestor	ed (ed)
Contributor	bob (bob)
Contributor	ed (ed)
Approver	ed (ed)

Simple change consists of three types of change participants.

- Requestor
- Contributor
- Approver

Tasks are automatically sent to the assigned participant's inbox. You can add participants (as contributors and approvers). You can also replace and remove participants.

For more information on change participants refer to [Who are the participants in a change?](#)

4. Viewing changes

View your changes

You can view all changes and see their various states on the **Changes** page or the **Changes** tab on applicable objects. For example, you can view the completion of prior tasks, the current task, and pending decisions for the current task's associated workflow.

If an object has multiple changes, the changes are listed chronologically, with sortable columns.

A screenshot of a software interface showing the 'Changes' tab. The top navigation bar includes '3D', 'Overview', 'Finishes', 'Classification', 'Made From', 'Where Used', 'Changes' (which is underlined), 'Attachments', 'History', 'Relations', 'Collaboration', 'Participants', 'Simulation', and 'Reports'. Below this is a 'CHANGES' section with a table. The table has columns: Object, Description, Relation Type Name, Closure, Disposition, and Maturity. Two rows are shown:

Object	Description	Relation Type Name	Closure	Disposition	Maturity
ECN-000008/A;1-Wheel...	WheelRev2	Problems	Open	None	Elaborating
ECR-000004/A;1-WheelR...	WheelRev1	Problems	Open	None	Elaborating

1. To view all changes, click **Changes**

Select a change and use the navigation tabs along the top to see the information associated with the change.

A screenshot of the 'Changes' page. The top navigation bar shows 'Changes' (underlined), 'Open', 'Actionable', 'Closed', and 'Dashboard'. A search bar says 'Find in this content'. On the left is a sidebar with icons for Home, Recent Changes, Changes, Programs, Help, and Notifications. The main area shows a list of open changes:

- iPhone Issue (PSP-00004) Revision: A
- Vivo-V23 Mobile Battery Issue (PSP-00003) Revision: A
- Tractor engine overheating issue (IR-000101) Revision: A
- Car engine overheating issue (PSP-00275) Revision: A
- CR for Software Upgrade (ECR-889001) Revision: A
- Software Upgrade (ECN-889001) Revision: A
- Fastener length (ECN-879002) Revision: A
- Add new cover (ECN-879015) Revision: A
- Circuit board layout change (ECN-879014) Revision: A
- Replace switch (ECN-879013) Revision: A
- Change base plate material (ECN-879011)

The 'Fastener length' item is selected. Its details are shown in the center:

DESCRIPTION: Increase fastener length by 15mm
Localization

PROGRESS: Closure: Open, Disposition: None

DETAILS, **PROJECTS**, **PARTICIPANTS** sections are also visible.

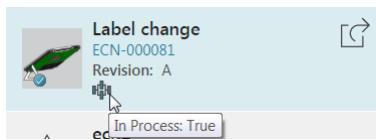
IMPACTED ITEMS table:

Object	Lineage	Type	Requested Change	Release Status
879150/A;1-Fastener				

The right side of the screen has a vertical toolbar with icons for New, Edit, Copy, Paste, Share, and View.

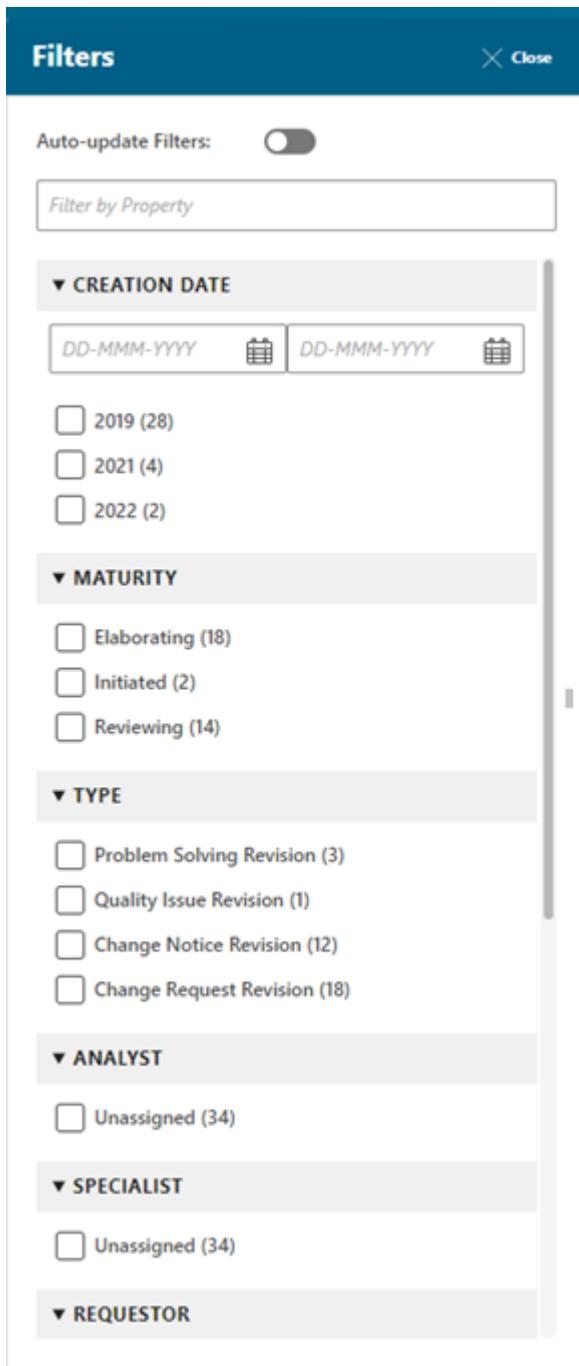
Navigation tabs along the top show the state of the different changes where you are the owning user. If you do not select a specific change item, a bar chart appears.

Changes submitted to workflow are identified by an in-process indicator.



2. Select **Filter**  to open the **Filters** panel.

Select one or more filter categories. Selected items are identified with a check mark. Results are automatically displayed.



Auto-update Filters:

Filter by Property

▼ CREATION DATE

	DD-MMM-YYYY	DD-MMM-YYYY
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 (28)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2021 (4)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2022 (2)	

▼ MATURITY

<input type="checkbox"/>	Elaborating (18)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiated (2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reviewing (14)

▼ TYPE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem Solving Revision (3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality Issue Revision (1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change Notice Revision (12)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change Request Revision (18)

▼ ANALYST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unassigned (34)
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▼ SPECIALIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unassigned (34)
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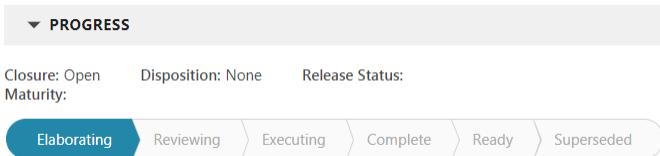
▼ REQUESTOR

3. Overview

The **Overview** tab provides comprehensive information about the change.

A visual status bar indicates where the change is in its process.

This example shows four standard maturity values, and two additional custom values.



View the properties of the change object and the participants involved in resolving the change.

The **Progress** section displays the current state of the change as well as a graphical representation of its maturity. The **Details** section displays the value of the most relevant properties.

The **Participants** section lists the users directly involved in processing the change.

The **Change Summary** section displays BOM edits. Additional references are provided for less mature change objects from which this change was derived (implements) or more mature change objects derived from this one (implemented by).

The **Action** section contains active tasks for the assigned user. The assigned user can perform these tasks without navigating to the inbox. The **Action** section automatically reflects the current active tasks.

Affected Items

The **Affected Items** tab shows objects impacted by the change. They include:

- The object identified as having a problem.
- Those objects that are being changed (impacted) as a result of the change process.
- (Change notice or change request only) Schedules or plan items to manage the change process.
- (Change request only) Changes that implemented the identified problem as well as all the solutions of the current change notices in the **Solution** column of the **Implemented By** table.

Reference Items

The **Reference Items** tab includes objects supporting the investigation of the change. By default, when you create a change in the context of an object, the object is placed in the **Reference Items** tab.

Participants

The **Participants** tab includes members who participate in the review and execution of the change.

Workflow

The **Workflow** tab shows the workflow associated with the change and its current status, if any.

Dependencies

The **Dependencies** tab allows you to order and sequence change notices with respect to each other across change requests, by designating a change notice as before, after, or concurrent with respect to another change notice. There are three dependency types: **Preceding**, **Concurrent**, and **Succeeding**.

Relations

View the relations link to the change in the **Relations** tab, such as attachments or reference documents and network of related data.

By default, the change and its problem item appear.

Reports

You can generate and view reports for change objects using the **Reports** tab, depending on the configuration of your organization.

Impact Analysis

The **Impact Analysis** tab includes items that are impacted by a change, relationship, source, and status.

The **Impacted Items** table appears in both the **Affected Items** and **Impact Analysis** tabs.

View and perform tasks using the Actionable tab

Actionable tab

The **Actionable** tab consolidates all the changes with active tasks assigned to the current user.

Similar to the **Open** tab in **Changes**, the **Actionable** tab provides the full change summary of a selected change with any assigned actions in the **Overview** section. This eliminates the need to navigate to the inbox to perform tasks.

When you complete a task, the **Overview** updates with the next active task.

The screenshot shows the Changes Dashboard interface. At the top, there are tabs for Changes, Open, Actionable (which is selected), Closed, and Dashboard. A search bar indicates "3 results found for 'Actionable'". On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options like Home, Recent Items, and a search bar labeled "Find in this content". The main area displays three items under the "Action" tab:

- Test Doc**: ECR-000032, Revision: A. Status: Executing.
- DITA doc format**: PR-000002, Revision: A. Status: Elaborating.
- Verify finish**: ECN-000019, Revision: A. Status: Reviewing.

Below the list, the "Progress" section shows the workflow status: Closure: Open, Disposition: Approved, Release Status: Maturity. The progress bar indicates the current step is "Executing". The "Action" section contains task instructions: "Execute Change" and "Cancel Change".

Perform assigned tasks using the Actionable tab

1. Click **Changes** and select the **Actionable** tab.

All changes with tasks assigned to the user are listed.

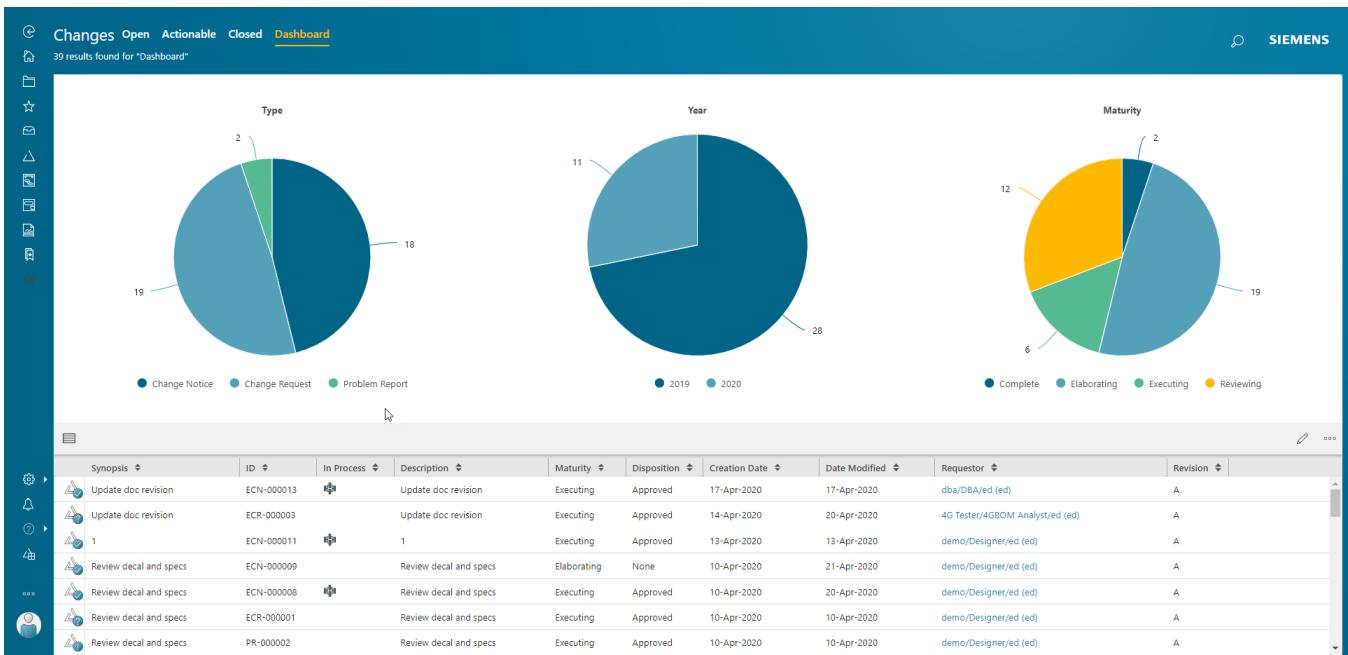
2. Select a change from the list. The **Action** section lists the current task assigned to the user.
3. Perform the task according to the details and instructions listed.

The **Action** section is updated with the next task in the workflow.

View changes using the Changes Dashboard

The **Changes Dashboard** organizes and displays all change information in a pie chart and tabular interface that is filterable and sortable.

4. Viewing changes



1. Click **Changes** > **Dashboard** tab.

The dashboard displays a list of all changes, their properties, and statuses.

2. Hover over each colorized segment to view more details.

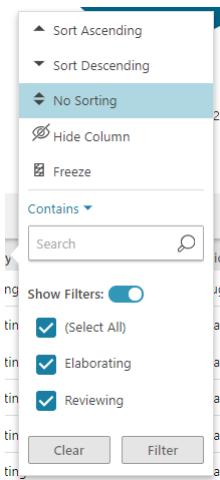
The pie charts are color coded with the type and quantities of the specific changes.

3. To filter, click one of the pie segments. Depending on the quantity, types, and roles in your organization, the pie charts contain different information and color codes.
4. Click the legend below the **Type** graph to clear and remove items from the chart.

Cleared items are grayed out. Click a grayed out item to include it in the pie chart again.

5. The table reflects the selections and filtering applied on the pie charts.

Click on a column heading to open the sorting and filtering panel for each column.



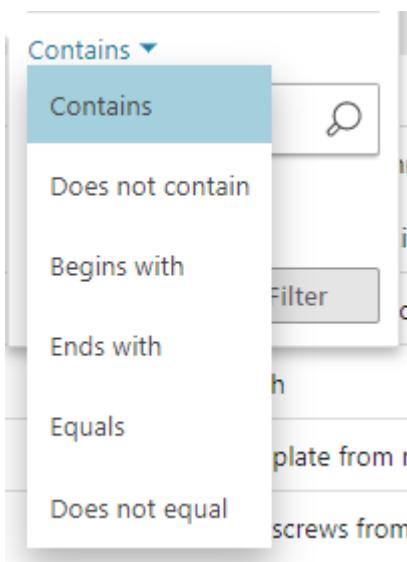
6. Click **Show Filters** to expand the available options.

The options available for sorting and filtering vary depending on the column selected, and your configuration.

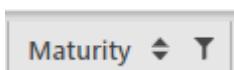
7. Select one or more items from the list and click **Filter**.

The **Search** list shows the parameters to search on specific criteria. The default value is **Contains**.

8. Enter your text in the **Search** box and click **Filter**.



Hover over the filter  to see the filter criteria.



Select the column and click **Clear** to remove the filter.

9. (Optional) Edit the changes within the table. Select a change and click **Edit**  to edit the **Synopsis** and **Description**.

Click in either the **Synopsis** or the **Description** field to display the cursor, and enable editing.

Click **Save**  to save your edits.

View change history

Both revision and change history are available for change notice impacted or solution items and appear in the same window.

1. Open a change notice to view its summary.
2. Select an impacted item or solution item and open it.
3. Click **History**.

For 4GD business objects (partitions and design elements), you can use the **History** tab to view information about all versions of the object and the corresponding change:

- For each major revision of an object attached to a change notice, a separate row is displayed for each change notice in which it is a solution item or impacted item.
- When a major revision of a 4G object is pasted to the impacted item folder of any change (without an associated solution item), a row is displayed in the **Change History** section with the associated authorizing change, but the **Revision** and **Solution** columns are blank.
- Each line of the change history for an item contains values for **Closure**, **Maturity**, and **Disposition**, except for item revisions that are not impacted or solution items.
- When a solution item revision is removed from a change notice, the revision still appears in the **Change History** section, but all columns after the **Solution** column are cleared for that revision.

View change history for an item revision

When you select to view the Incorporation status of an item in the **Change History** tab of the **Summary** tab, the **Change History** dashboard appears with the following columns.

The column	Displays
Solution Item	The ID and name of the solution item.
Impacted Item	The ID and name of the impacted item.
Markup	The name and ID of any markup.
Authorizing Change Notice	The name of the change notice revision.
Closure	The Closure of the change notice, including open, closed, cancelled, or hold.
Maturity	The Maturity of the change notice revision, including elaborating, reviewing, executing, and completion.
Disposition	The Disposition of the change notice revision, including none, investigate, disapproved, deferred, and approved.
Incorporates Changes of	IDs of the item revision or the name of the markup being incorporated by the change notice revision.
Incorporated by	The name of the incorporating change notice revision.
Incorporated into	The ID of the revision the change was incorporated into.
Incorporation Status of Change	Shows the Incorporation status set on the impacted item, except if the Incorporation status is set to Partially Incorporated . Then, this indicates that another change notice has incorporated the change fully.

Display program relations for a change

You can view the programs and events related to an change request or change notice on the **Reference Items** tab. When the program planning template is installed, you can search and add programs, projects, and sub-projects to change requests; while change notices can be associated only to events.

To add a program:

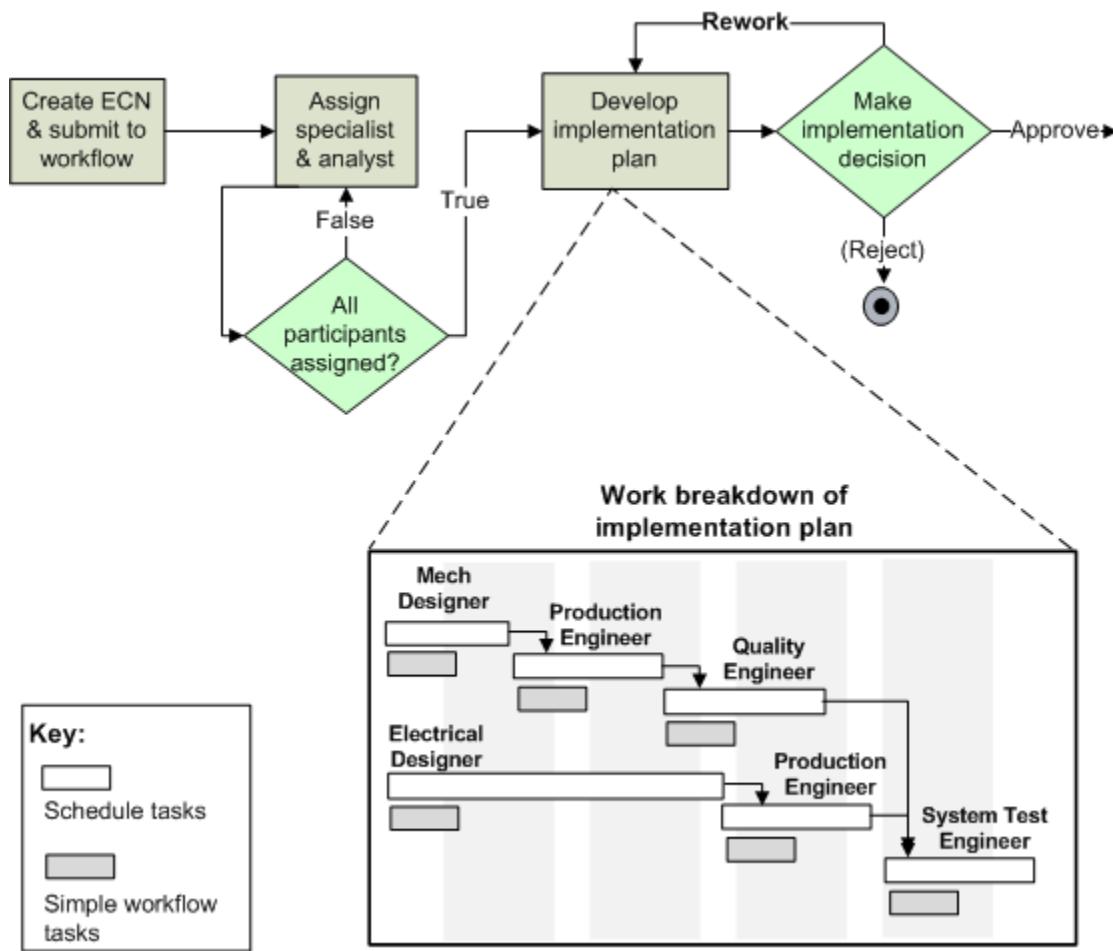
1. Click **Add** .
2. For an change request, search or select the program, project or sub-project. For a change notice, search or select the event.
3. Click **Save** .

5. Managing plan items and schedule tasks

About scheduling implementation activities

Schedule Manager is integrated into Change Manager so you can use it to schedule implementation activities (work breakdowns) associated with a change. The **Plan Items** folder stores the work breakdowns. Creating work breakdowns are useful to:

- Analyze the impact of the change to determine the amount and scope of the work required for the change. It can also identify the parts and documents impacted by the change.
- Plan the implementation of the change to specify the actions, or tasks, that address the change.



Example of a schedule work breakdown

Whether you create a work breakdown and define tasks depends on the complexity of the change and the conventions at your site. A simple change request, for example, may require relationships only to affected parts, affected documents, and supporting information, while a more complex change requires

information about subassemblies or other components that only becomes clear after detailed analysis. In addition, during the change creation, you may not know what other items must be added until the tasks are built and executed.

Schedules can be created in an ad-hoc manner to meet the requirements of each individual change object, or they can be created (copied) from a schedule template. A schedule template is a pre-defined schedule of tasks that is established for changes of a specific type. When you plan the implementation for such a change, you start with the corresponding schedule template. Any number of schedules can be defined and related to a change object.

The schedule can have tasks for each discipline or user to create new revisions or items and then make the changes to implement the proposed solution. Depending on the change work to be done, you could have one task per assignee that covers the changes for any number of items assigned to that user, or you could have one task per problem item or impacted item, or any other style of work breakdown you choose.

Because schedule tasks are not routed to users, it is good practice to have a simple one-step workflow task associated with each schedule task, as shown in the figure. The workflow routes the schedule task to the assignee's inbox and manages the implementation of the task. The resource associated with the schedule task is automatically assigned as the user to perform the workflow task. If more than one user is assigned to the schedule task, the single privileged user is assigned to the workflow. The workflow could include tasks to approve the changes made to each item revision, or this type of validation can be left to a later step (a later task in the schedule or a later workflow task in the ECN workflow). This would apply a status (for example, **Pre-Released**).

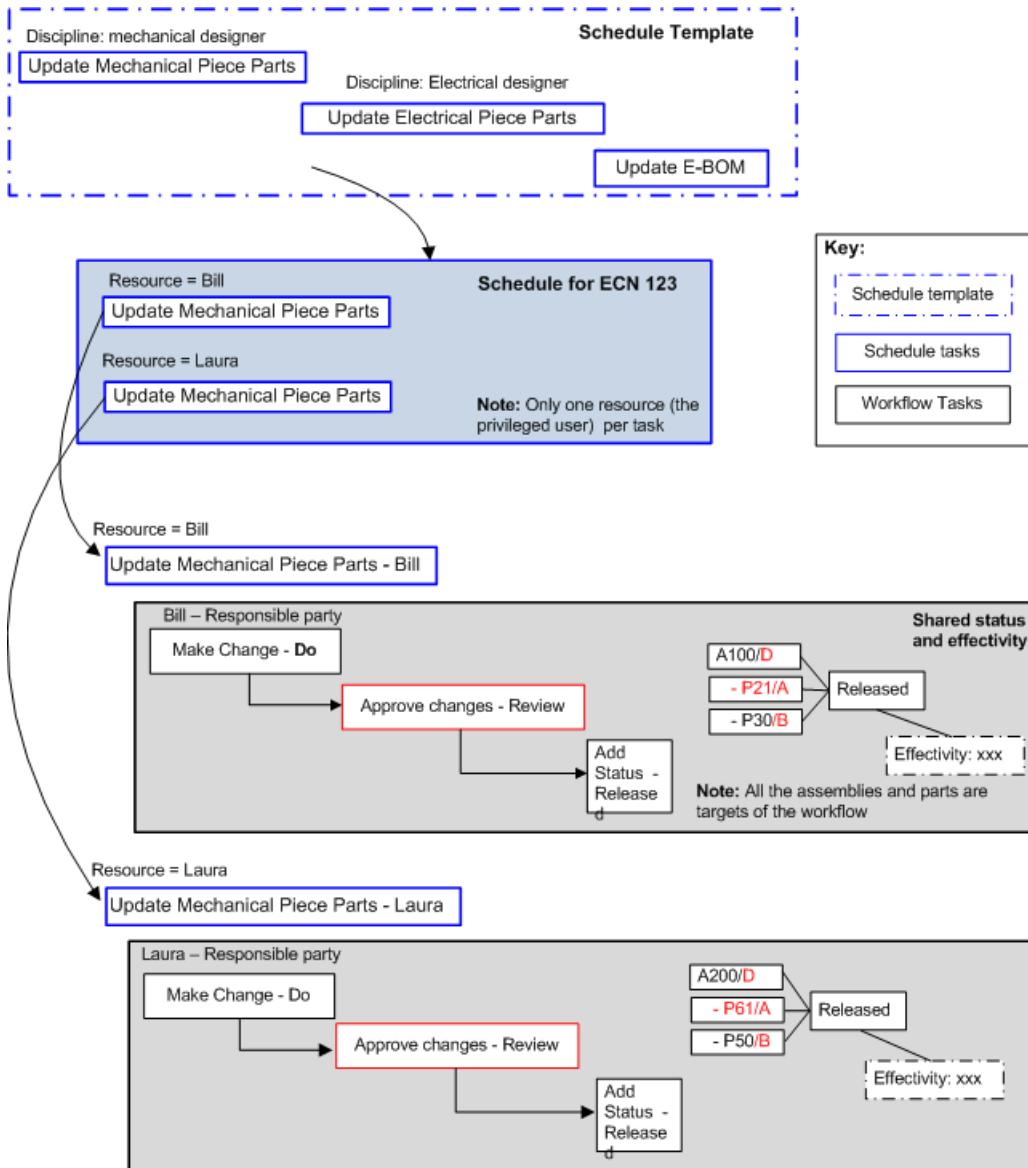
Flexibility of schedules

The advantage of a schedule is its flexibility. A schedule can easily be made larger or smaller, depending on the need. By contrast, workflows are much more rigid as they control the process and decision-making authority. Workflows should be kept simple, and schedules used when more complexity is required. Typically schedule templates are used to make defining the schedule for a particular ECR or ECN much quicker.

An analyst usually creates a work breakdown schedule, but another type of user can create it, and the analyst can then relate the schedule to the change object through the **Plan Items** or **Work Breakdown** relationship.

Example of a schedule work breakdown

The following is a simple example of a work breakdown for an engineering change notice (**ECN 123**). The work breakdown was created based on a standard schedule template (shown in the figure with dashed lines). The schedule was then modified to meet the ECN's requirements, creating copies of the Update Mechanical Piece Parts task for the two designers involved (Bill and Laura). Each of those tasks has the same small workflow template attached, which routes the task to the assignee (for example, Bill), then routes it for review of the changed and new items, and finally adds a status to them.



Use schedule tasks to manage changes

A complex change can have dozens or hundreds of problem, impacted, and solution items to manage. You can efficiently manage these as change items under a single change object by using a schedule task in one or more schedules (also known as plan items).

Schedule Manager helps with change-related work by creating a schedule task as a change object. This way, you can add the change items—problem, impacted, and solution items—to the schedule task, which in turn can be assigned to individual users for quick access. Distributing work across different users with different timelines can help to track completion at an individual change artifact level.

The change items associated with a schedule task appear in the **Affected Items** tab where you can do the following:

- Add and remove items from the change object
- Work on multiple items at once
- Propagate change items to a schedule task

Add plan items to a change object

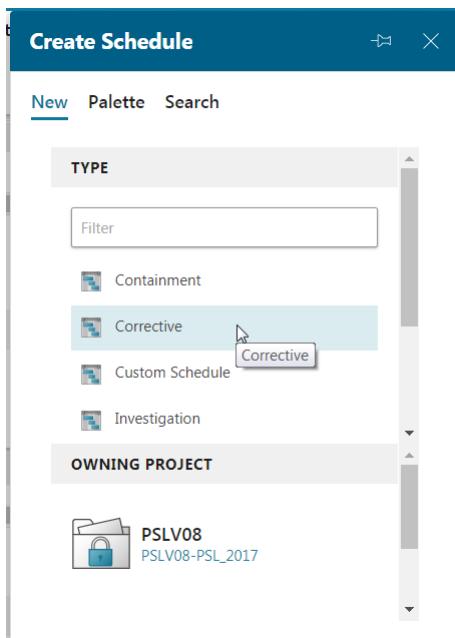
The **PLAN ITEMS** section of the **Affected Items** tab contains schedules for a change object. You have the option to add a schedule for an change request or change notice or create a schedule from a template.

Schedules created in the **PLAN ITEMS** tab are editable in Schedule Manager.

Create a schedule

1. Open the change notice you want to work with.
2. Click the **Affected Items** tab.
3. In the **PLAN ITEMS** section, click **Add** .
4. Select **Create Schedule** to manually create the schedule structure.

Select the type of schedule and enter the schedule information. Items marked with an asterisk are required.



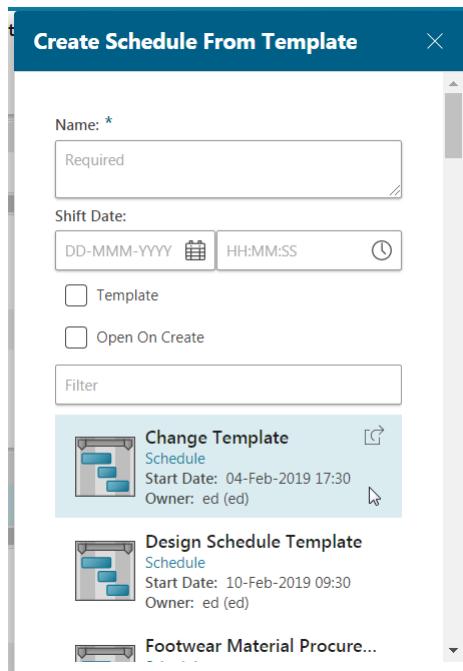
Select **Open On Create** to open the schedule in Schedule Manager.

5. Click **Create**.

Create a schedule from template

1. Open the change notice you want to work with.
2. Click the **Affected Items** tab.
3. In the **PLAN ITEMS** section, click **Add** .
4. Select **Create Schedule From Template**.

Enter the information for the new schedule and select a template from the list. Items marked with an asterisk are required.



Selecting **Open On Create** opens the schedule in Schedule Manager.

5. Click **Create**.

Roll up relations from a schedule task to a change object

You can select a plan item and commit the schedule task relations to the change notice. Change Manager creates the same relation between the object and the change notice.

1. Open the change notice you want to work with.
2. Click **Affected Items**.
3. Select a schedule from **Plan Items**.

The columns display status and completed status for each schedule.

4. Click **Manage**  > **Rollup**.

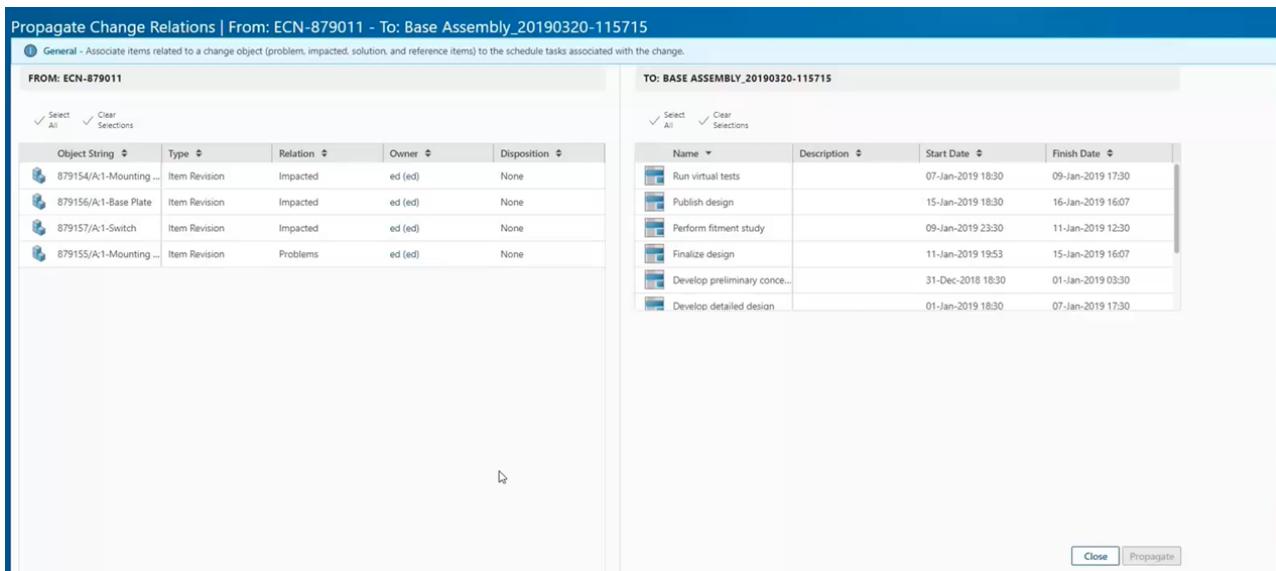
The page refreshes after the action is completed, and a message appears at the bottom of the window to indicate the action is complete.

Propagate relations from a change object to a schedule task

You can selectively propagate (or associate) the items related to a change object (problem, impacted, solution, and reference items) to related plan items (schedule tasks) associated with the change object. This allows you to quickly correlate the change items to be worked on during a task with the task so a user can easily access them. For example, you can propagate the assembly with the problem bumper to the scheduled task so the user can replace the bumper with a new one.

1. Open the change notice you want to work with.
2. Click **Affected Items**.
3. Select a schedule from **Plan Items**.
4. Click **Manage**  > **Propagate**.

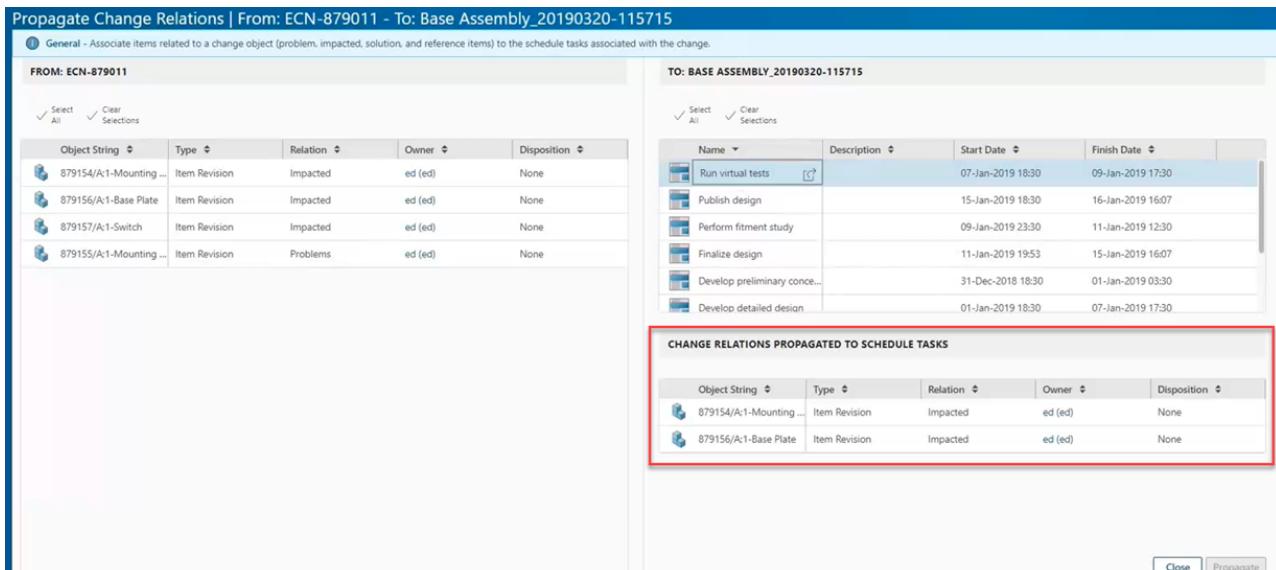
The change objects and the schedule tasks display next to each other for comparison.



Note:
You can propagate the change objects into multiple schedules (one schedule at a time).

- Select the problem, impacted, solution, and reference item(s) from the change object on the left, then select the schedule task to associate it with on the right, and click **Propagate**.

The impacted contents that were propagated from the change notice to the schedule display in the **Change Relations Propagated to Schedule Tasks** table.



Object String	Type	Relation	Owner	Disposition
879154/A1-Mounting ...	Item Revision	Impacted	ed (ed)	None
879156/A1-Base Plate	Item Revision	Impacted	ed (ed)	None

Continue propagating items as needed.

- Click **Close** to save and exit.

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Now, if you open a schedule task with the propagated change items, the **Affected Items** tab displays those items. For example, here they are listed for the task under **Impacted Items**.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace interface for managing plan items and schedule tasks. The top navigation bar includes the title 'Run virtual tests', owner 'ed (ed)', date modified '20-Mar-2019', release status, type 'Schedule Task', and various navigation icons like Home, Assistant, Folders, Active Folders, Changes, Programs, Schedules, Alerts, Help, and No Active Change.

The main content area is titled 'Affected Items'. It contains three sections: 'SOLUTION ITEMS', 'IMPACTED ITEMS', and 'PROBLEM ITEMS'. The 'IMPACTED ITEMS' section is highlighted with a red box and lists the following items:

Object String	Lineage	Type	Release Status	Date Released	Owner	Disposition
879154/A1-Mounting tabs	Item Revision				ed (ed)	Use As Is
879156/A1-Base Plate	Item Revision				ed (ed)	Use As Is

The right side of the interface features a vertical toolbar with icons for Information, Discuss, Open, Cut, Copy, Paste, New, Edit, Manage, Share, View, Remove, Add, and Remove.

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What is Active Change?

An *active change* applies a context to your current working session that associates revisions with a specific change notice.

When you make revisions to an impacted item within a change notice, it automatically becomes a solution item with lineage. These solution items appear in the change summary of the **Overview** tab. If you create or revise other objects outside of the change, they are not associated or automatically applied in the context of the change notice and are not tracked in the change summary.

Setting a change notice as an active change lets you create revisions or property changes that are automatically applied to the active change and are tracked in the change summary. This is most important in a BOM context where you add, remove, replace, or modify properties. With an active change context set, these property changes are tracked in the change summary. If active change is not set, these property changes are not tracked.

The default setting is **No Active Change**.

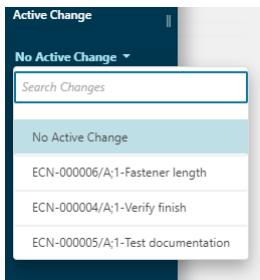
Only a current, open change notice or simple change is available to set as an active change.

Note:

The active change list contains change notices which are open and where the current user is an Analyst or Change Contributor.

Set a change notice or a simple change as an Active Change

1. Select **Active Change**  from the global navigation.
2. Select a change notice or simple change from the list to apply the active change. Use the search box to filter the list to locate a specific change.



The **Active Change**  icon is highlighted indicating an change notice or simple change is selected.

The active change setting remains applied even after you log off.

3. To open the active change, click the open icon.



4. If you want to remove the applied active change select **Active Change**  > **No Active Change**.
5. Complete the required tasks in the change notice workflow. Once all tasks are complete and the change notice is closed, the **Active Change**  is unset and the status is **No Active Change**.

Review active or closed changes for a structure

You can track changes (added, modified, replaced, revised, or deleted) to the assemblies using a change request or a change notice. The active changes for a structure are displayed by default. To view the closed changes, use the **Show Redlines** command.

Note:

If you do not see the changes highlighted, contact your system administrator.

1. Search for and open the structure. If the structure has active changes, they are highlighted. Expand the assembly to view the details of the change.

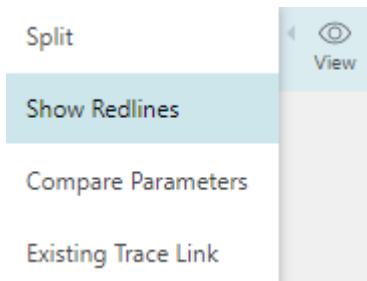
Element Name 	ID 	Revision 
 Engine	027067	<i>B</i> 
 piston	027068	A
 Enhanced Valve	<i>027071</i> 027069	A
 <i>Connecting Rod Assembly</i>	027072	A
 connecting rod	027070	

Deleted parts are highlighted with red strikethrough.

The added parts are highlighted in green and are italicized.

For replaced or revised parts, the old and the new values are shown side by side.

2. (Optional) To disable highlighting the changes in the structure, click the **View**  icon and turn off **Show Redlines**.



3. Only active changes are shown by default. To view the closed changes, click the **View**  icon and select **Show Redlines**.

Note:

The **Show Redlines** functionality tracks changes within the **Change Summary** of a change notice, as well.

Track BOM modifications in the change summary

Applying an active change context for BOM revisions automatically tracks the modifications in the change summary.

See [Set a change notice or a simple change as an Active Change](#) for more information.

With the change notice set as an active change, BOM modifications and properties are identified by redlines. For more information on the **Show Redlines** feature, refer to [Review active or closed changes for a structure](#).

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The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace interface for the assembly CM-1b. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Home, Assistant, Discussions, Folders, Active Folders, Inbox, Changes, Schedules, Schedule Tasks, Reports, Alerts, Help, Active Change, and a user icon. The main area displays the assembly structure with components A-2b, D-1, B-2, and C-1, each with multiple revisions (e.g., 030054, 030047, 030051, 030053). The right panel shows the 'PROPERTIES' tab for the selected component A-2b, revision B-A. The properties include ID: 030047, Revision: B-A, Revision Name: A-2b A-2, Description: A-2b A-2, Sequence: 10, Quantity: As Required, Unit Of Measure: As Required, Release Status: Date Released: [redacted], Release Effectivity: Element Effectivity ID: [redacted], Element Effectivities: Has Variant Configurator Context: Solution Variant Category: Is Variant Item: False, Solution Variant Source: Owner: CMTestUser1 (cmuser1), Group ID: Engineering, Last Modifying User: CMTestUser1 (cmuser1), Precise: False, Part Required: False. The 'PREVIEW' tab shows a 3D model of the assembly.

These modifications, not the full assemblies, are tracked in the change summary of the change notice.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace interface for the change notice CM-Test-1a. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Home, Assistant, Discussions, Folders, Active Folders, Inbox, Changes, Schedules, Schedule Tasks, Reports, Alerts, Help, Active Change, and a user icon. The main area shows the 'Overview' tab for the change notice. It includes sections for 'TASK TO PERFORM' (Workflow: NX_ChangeNoticeRevisionDefaultWorkflowTemplate : ECN-000013/A1-CM-Test-1a, Closure: Open, Disposition: Approved, Progress: Executing), 'ACTIONS' (Elaborating, Reviewing, Executing, Complete, Ready, Superseded), and 'CHANGE SUMMARY'. The 'CHANGE SUMMARY' table lists changes made to component A-2b A-2, revision B-A, including additions, removals, and replacements of parts D-1, B-2, and A. The table columns are ID, Action, Revision, Name, Quantity, Unit Of Measure, Sequence, Date, and Variant For.

Note:

If an active change was not applied during the revision, you can retroactively add the object as a solution item to a change notice to track the modifications in the **Change Summary**. For more

information on applying an active change retroactively, refer to [Create a product change after the fact for change tracking](#).

Create a product change after the fact for change tracking

You can start product modifications outside of a change context in a rapid and agile manner before the change notice is available. Once the change notice is available, you can add the modified assemblies *after the fact* to the change notice.

Adding a modified assembly as a **Solution Item** to a change notice automatically generates tracking in the change summary, displayed with redlines.

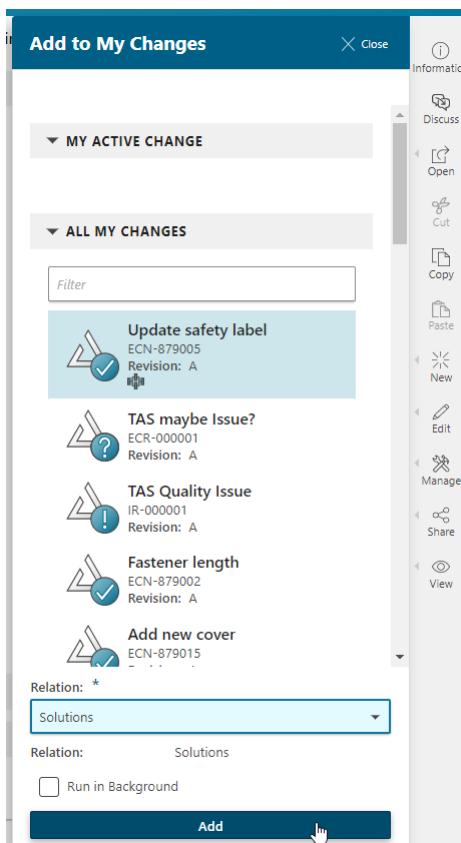
For more information on the **Show Redlines** feature, refer to [Review active or closed changes for a structure](#).

Consider the following points when performing this agile development.

- The product revision must not be a solution item to an existing change notice.
- Only assigned participants can add an assembly to a change notice.
- A change notice must be in a state of executing maturity prior to adding the revised assembly as a solution item.

To add a modified assembly as a solution item to a change notice:

1. Open a previously released assembly and make revisions as required.
2. Add the assembly to a change by selecting **Manage**  > **Add to My Changes**.



3. Select a change notice from the list.
4. Select **Solutions** from the **Relations** list and click **Add**.

The original version of the structure automatically populates the **Impacted Items** section of the **Affected Items** tab.

The contents of the modified structure are shown in the **Change Summary**. BOMEditions are automatically created for all BOMline changes.

Note:

You can enable and configure the **Cm0ImpactedItemReleasedStatuses** preference to customize how **Impacted Items** are created when adding revisions as **Solution Items** using **Add to My Changes**. When you add a **Solution Item** with a revision that matches the custom release status value in the **Cm0ImpactedItemReleasedStatuses** preference, it is automatically added as an **Impacted Item**. This includes revisions that contain multiple release statuses. If a **Solution Item** contains multiple released revisions, only the most recent revision with that custom release status is added as an **Impacted Item**.

If the preference is not set, the **Impacted Item** is derived from the last released revision of the **Solution Item**.

Note:

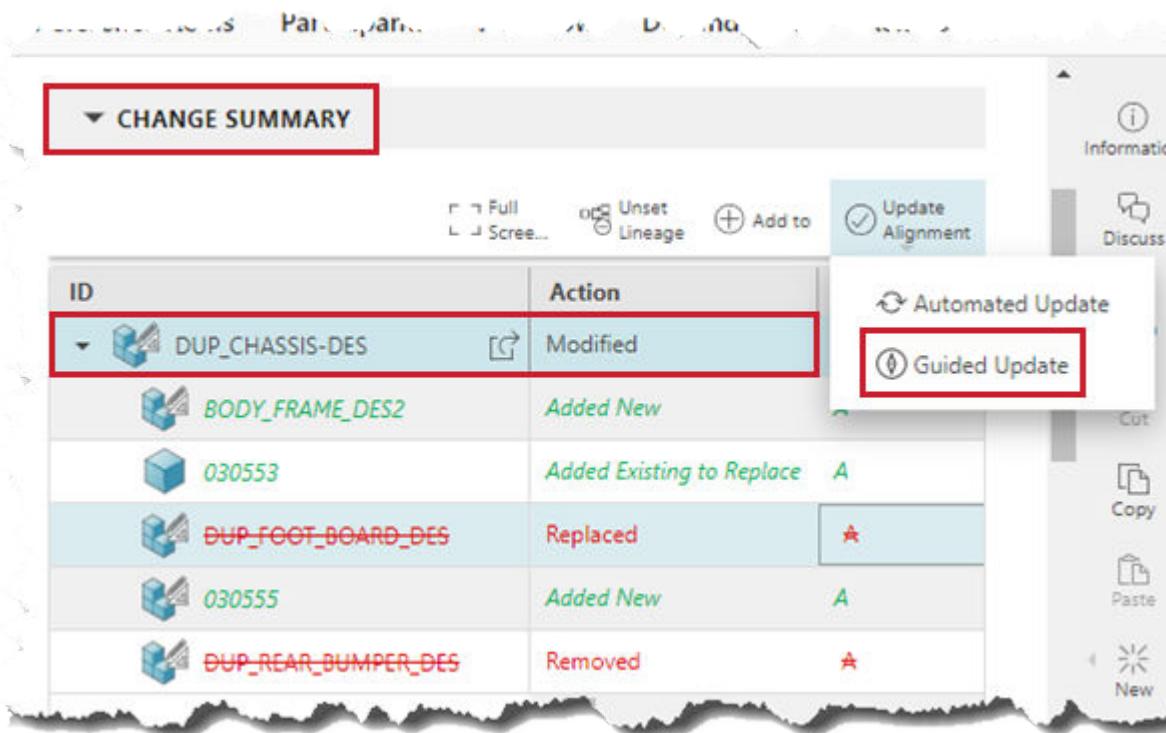
Your administrator can customize how **Impacted Items** are created when adding revisions as **Solution Items** using **Add to My Changes**. When you add a **Solution Item** with a revision that matches the defined custom release status value, it is automatically added as an **Impacted Item**. This includes revisions that contain multiple release statuses. If a **Solution Item** contains multiple released revisions, only the most recent revision with that custom release status is added as an **Impacted Item**.

If not set, the **Impacted Item** is derived from the last released revision of the **Solution Item**.

Get guidance on updating an aligned engineering BOM for a change context

When a design BOM is updated, you must analyze the impact of the design changes on the corresponding engineering BOM. Subsequently, you must update the engineering BOM so that the part occurrences are correctly aligned with the design occurrences.

1. From **Inbox** or **Changes**, open the active change.
2. From **Change Summary**, select the topmost design and click **Update Alignment** > **Guided Update**.



The design BOM and its aligned engineering BOM are displayed side by side.

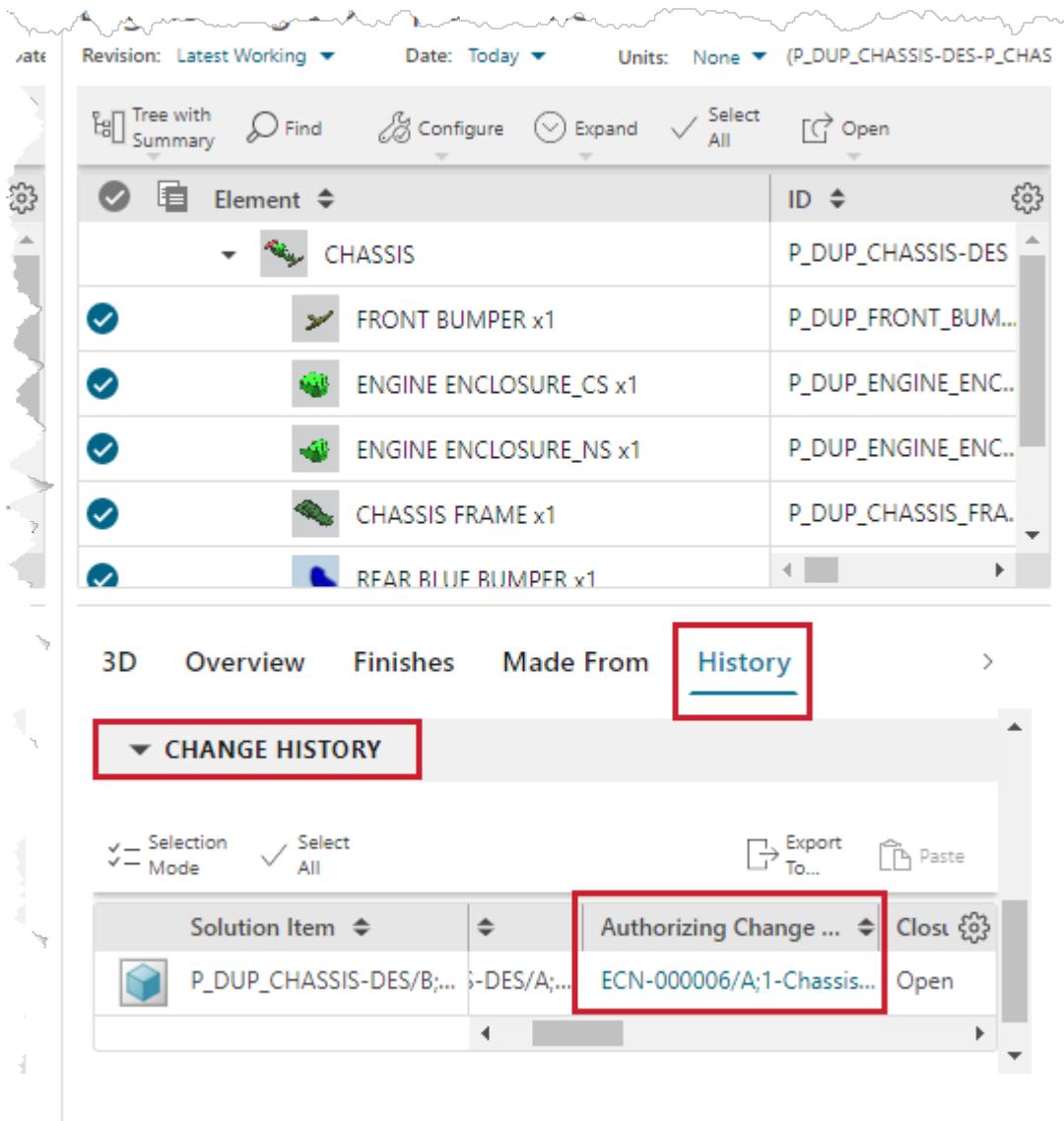
3. In the **Proposed Updates** panel, all the required changes are listed. Not all changes require a follow-up user action. Click **Show Actionable** to see only those changes that require an action to be taken. **Show All** shows all the changes.
4. Select the **Run in Background** check box if you want the updates to be performed in the background while you proceed to do other tasks. Once the update is complete, a notification appears in **Alerts** .
5. After analyzing the changes and performing the required actions, click **Update** to update the corresponding engineering BOM along with its alignment.
6. To verify if the corresponding engineering BOM is updated and aligned correctly:

Click **Alignment Check**.

OR

Change the view to **Tree with Summary**  and click the **3D** tab for both design BOM and engineering BOM.

7. After verifying the alignment, to release the active change:
 - a. Go to the **History** tab of the engineering BOM.
 - b. From the **CHANGE HISTORY** section, open the change listed in the **Authoring Change Notice** field.



- c. Click **Release Change** to submit the change.

Specify release effectiveness

A product structure goes through many changes during the evolution of its product definition. Using structure effectiveness, you can capture how the product structure has evolved over a period. One type of effectiveness, *release effectiveness*, helps in configuring different revisions of the same element. It denotes from which date or for which unit (and end item) an element revision is effective.

You can create a new release effectiveness for a particular date or a range of dates, or a unit number or a range of units. For example, in an engine cooling block, revision A has 5 cooling fins (a unit) and in revision B it is changed to 6. Release effectiveness is used when deciding which revision to use. It is necessary to have a release status associated with an element to author release effectiveness on it.

Procedure

1. Search the element (having some release status associated with it) and click **Manage** > **Release Effectivity** .

Or, click **Release Effectivity** in the toolbar:



2. In the **Release Effectivity** panel, select the appropriate release status.
3. In the **Release Effectivity** panel, click **Add Effectivities** .
4. Add a new effectivity or locate existing effectivities from the **Search** tab. You can add multiple effectivities to the selected element.
5. To specify the dates for release effectivity:
 - a. In the **New** tab, select **Date**.
 - b. Select the **Share** check box to create a shared effectivity. Specify the effectivity **Name**.
The **Name** field is displayed only for shared effectivities. You can search for the effectivity by name.
 - c. Select the **Start** date from the calendar.
 - d. Select the **End** date from the calendar. If applicable, you can select **UP** (all future dates) or **SO** (stock out).
 - e. Select the **Protect** check box if you want to control access to the effectivity using Access Manager.
 - f. Click **Add** to create the effectivity.
After release effectivity is added, the occurrence is configured based on the current revision rules.
6. To specify units for release effectivity:
 - a. In the **New** tab, select **Unit**.
 - B. Select the **Share** check box to create a shared effectivity. Specify the effectivity **Name**.

The **Name** field is displayed only for shared effectivities. You can search for the effectivity by name.

- C. Specify the desired unit or a range of units in the **Unit** field.
- D. Click the **Replace**  icon to add a new **End Item** or search for an existing **End Item**.
- E. Select the **Protect** check box if you want to control access to the effectivity using Access Manager.
- F. Click **Add** to create the effectivity.

After the release effectivity is added, the element is configured based on the current revision rules.

Merging unincorporated changes

About unincorporated changes

An *unincorporated change* is a change that is approved but not yet incorporated in the design of a product. Unincorporated changes enable a change to be processed and completed, even though not all of the required updates have been added into the main release. Usually, changes are not incorporated fully because there is not enough time, importance, or budget to incorporate the changes completely through the development process.

Active Workspace provides the ability to merge unincorporated changes to existing designs. By viewing a side-by-side presentation of these two assembly versions, you can quickly see the differences and merge any required portions into the final ECN.

The merge functionality occurs when a released change acts on the same impacted revision as a work-in-progress change; in that instance, you can view the merge candidates. In other words, a merge happens from a released change to a work-in-progress change where the impacted revision is common to both.

Note:

Merge does not occur in cases where the different changes act on different impacted revisions, or when both changes are work-in-progress changes.

For example, during the manufacturing phase of production, an emergency revision of a product part is released by a designer. To fully incorporate this change into the assembly, the following process takes place:

1. The change specialist responsible for managing the change process creates an ECN to implement the change and adds the items of the part that needs to be updated to the **Impacted Items** folder. The change specialist then starts a workflow for the ECN and assigns the necessary participants.

2. The analyst, assigned to implement the ECN, modifies the item with Revision A and creates a new revision, which appears in the **Solutions Items** folder as Revision B.
3. The analyst then creates a second ECN to maintain the emergency change, and the change specialist starts a workflow and assigns participants.
4. The analyst creates a new revision and makes the change, called Revision C.
5. Revision C, which includes the emergency update, is then merged into the source ECN via the merge process **the merge process**. Once complete, all of the merged updates are reflected by redlines in the Change Summary.
6. To finish, the analyst releases the merged ECN.

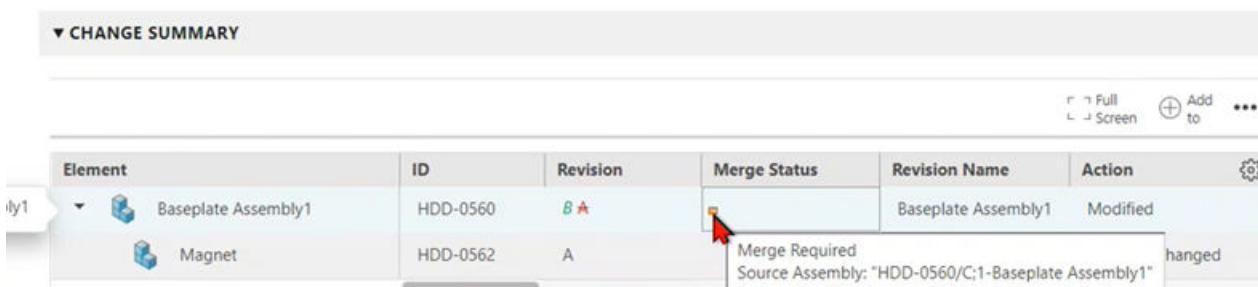
For a full example of incorporating changes, see Example of incorporating changes.

Merge an unincorporated change (for an assembly BOM) into an existing change notice

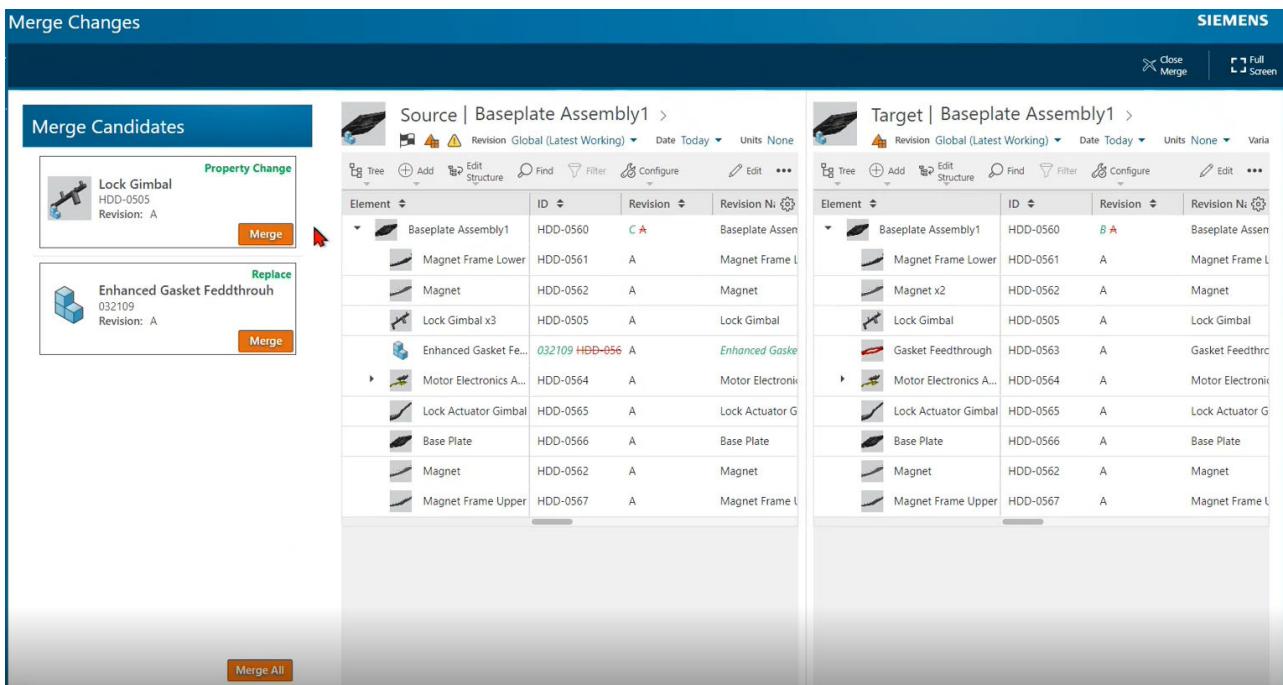
Active Workspace lets you compare and merge unincorporated changes to existing designs. Through this process, you can integrate an emergency released ECN into an in-progress ECN by viewing both structures side-by-side and selecting updated items to merge.

Procedure

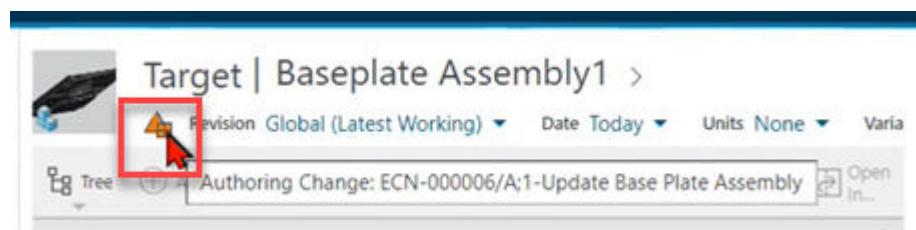
1. Open the work-in-progress ECN that is to incorporate the emergency released ECN, and view its **Change Summary**.
2. In the **Change Summary**, under the **Merge Status** column for the updated object, click the merge required indicator. 



This displays both the completed emergency ECN (**Source**, on the left) with the work-in-progress ECN (**Target**, on the right).

**Note:**

Hover over the change icons to view their respective ECN numbers.



- Review the **Merge Candidates**. Click **Merge** to select one or **Merge All** to select all of the changes to incorporate into the **Target** panel.

Note:

The ECN can still be released without accepting all of the merge candidates.

After merging, the **Target** object panel reflects the combined changes. Here, a property change and a replacement were merged into the target assembly.

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- Click **Close Merge** (top right).

The **Change Summary** reflects the merged updates. The **Merge Status** icon shows as **Merge Complete**. ➤

Element	Merge Status	Revision Name	Action	Details
Baseplate Assembly1	Merge Complete	Baseplate Assembly1	Modified	Source Assembly: "HDD-0560/C;1-Baseplate Assembly1"
Enhanced Gasket Feedthrough			Gasket Feedthrough	Replaced
Gasket Feedthrough				Gasket Feedthrough
Lock Gimbal		Lock Gimbal	Property Changed	Lock Gimbal
Magnet		Magnet	Property Changed	Magnet

- Release the change.

Merge an unincorporated change (for an assembly BOM with release effectivity) into an existing change notice

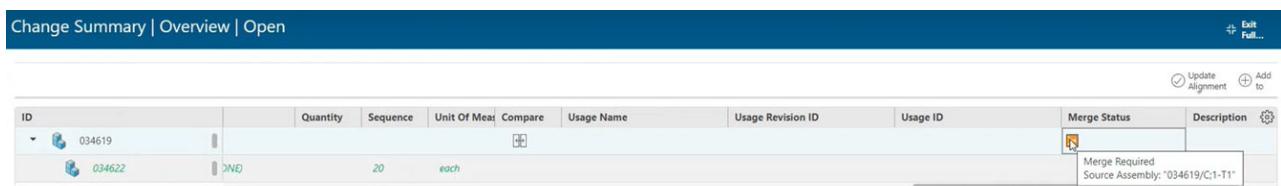
Active Workspace lets you compare and merge unincorporated changes to existing designs. Through this process, you can integrate an emergency released ECN into a work-in-progress ECN by viewing both structures side-by-side and selecting updated items to merge. In this process, an ECN that contains an assembly BOM with **release effectivity** is merged into an existing ECN.

Release effectivity helps in configuring different revisions of the same element. It denotes from which date or for which unit (and end item) an element revision is effective. It is necessary to have a release status associated with an element to author release effectivity on it. When you introduce a new part to

replace an existing part in a BOM structure and modify its effectiveness range, that modification is called an **effectiveness cutback** (or effectiveness split). You reduce (or cut back) the effectiveness range of the original part so that it does not overlap with the effectiveness of the new, or replacing, part. This procedure explains how you can integrate changes in two different ECNs with different release effectiveness by viewing both structures side-by-side and selecting updated items to merge.

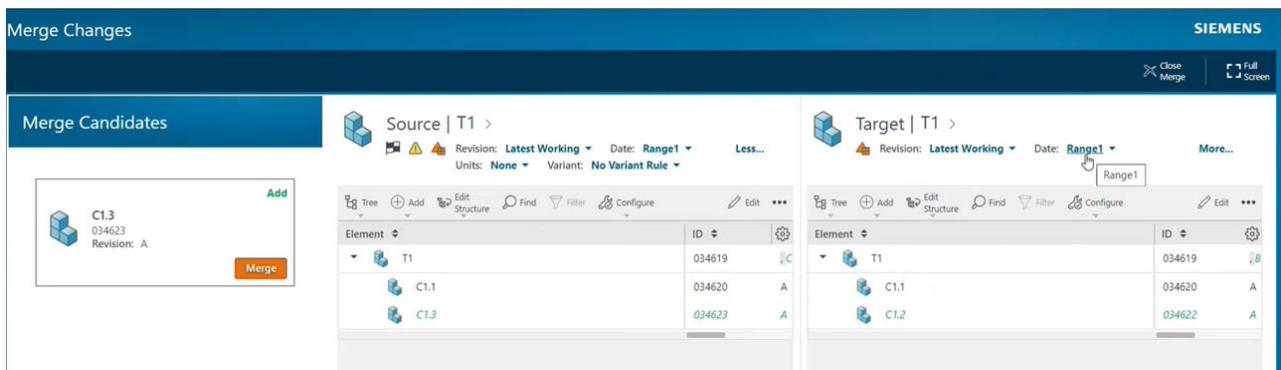
Procedure

1. Open the work-in-progress ECN that is to incorporate the emergency released ECN, and view its **Change Summary**.
2. In the **Change Summary**, under the **Merge Status** column for the updated object, click the merge required indicator. ➤



This displays the **Merge Changes** screen, with both the completed emergency ECN (**Source**, on the left) with the work-in-progress ECN (**Target**, on the right).

3. Under **Date**, select **Date Range** from the drop-down and locate the effectiveness range for each ECN to display the assembly changes made for those dates.

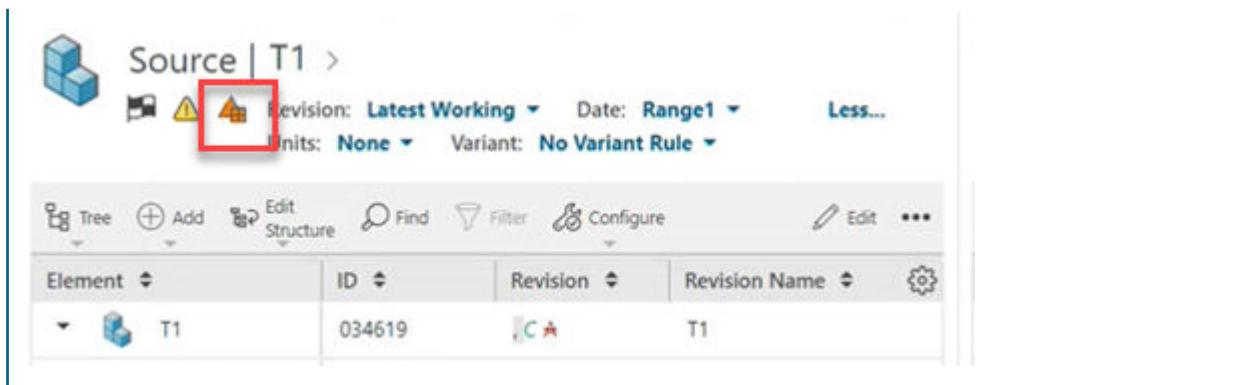


Here, the **Source** ECN contains a new update (C1.3) with a release effectiveness to merge into the long-term (**Target**) change. If the part of the assembly contained two different effectiveness dates, the merge would incorporate an effectiveness cutback, so the Source does not overlap with the effectiveness of the new, or replacing, part. Any release effectiveness dates are displayed under **Element Effectivities**.

Note:

Hover over the change icons to view their respective ECN numbers.

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- Review the **Merge Candidates**. Click **Merge** to select one or **Merge All** to select all of the changes to incorporate into the **Target** panel.

Note:

The ECN can still be released without accepting all of the merge candidates.

The **Target** object panel reflects the combined changes. Here, a property change and a replacement were merged into the target assembly.

The screenshot shows the 'Merge Changes' interface. On the left is the 'Merge Candidates' panel, which contains a list with one item: C1.3 (ID 034623, Revision A). In the center is the 'Source | T1' panel, showing the same data as the previous screenshot. On the right is the 'Target | T1' panel, which shows the merged changes: C1.1 (Revision A), C1.2 (Revision A), and C1.3 (Revision A), along with their effective dates: 01-Apr-2023 to UP (NONE), 20-Apr-2023 to UP (NONE), and 10-Apr-2023 to 15-Apr-2023 00:00.

- Click **Close Merge** (top right).

The **Change Summary** reflects the merged updates. The **Merge Status** icon shows as **Merge Complete**. ➔

The screenshot shows the 'Change Summary | Overview' page for ECN-000607/A;1-ECN-LongTerm. It displays a table of changes with columns: ID, Sequence, Unit Of Measure, Compare, Usage Name, Usage Revision ID, Usage ID, Merge Status, and Description. The 'Merge Status' column for each row shows 'Merge Complete'. A tooltip for the first row indicates: 'Merge Complete Source Assembly: "034619/C1-T1"'.

- Release the change.

Example of a merge with release effectivity dates

The following example explains how you can integrate both a long term ECN and short term ECN (such as a Fast Track change) with release effectivity cutbacks by viewing both structures side-by-side and selecting the updated items to merge.

To start, User A already has a released ECN (Revision A) that has tracked various tire and wheel parts that include effectivity dates. Opening the assembly's **Change Summary**, you can see that the **Element Effectivities** column includes an effectivity date of **1 Feb** for the parts.

Element	ID	Revision	Sequence	Element Effectivities
Tire and Wheel - VJ	033982	A		
Tire - VJ	033983	A	10	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Front - VJ	033985	A	20	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Bolt - VJ	033987	A	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)

PROPERTIES

ID: 033982
Name: Tire and Wheel - VJ
Revision: A
Revision Name: Tire and Wheel - VJ
Description: Tire and Wheel - VJ
Occurrence Name:
Reference Designator:
Sequence:
Quantity:
Unit Of Measure:
Maturity:

Release Status: TCM Released
Date Released: 20-Jan-2023
Release Effectivity:
Element Effectivity ID:
Element Effectivities:

Variability Scope:
Solution Variant

PREVIEW

ACTIONS

Now, User A wants to change the effectivity for these parts from **5 Feb and up**. User B needs to **create an effectivity range** for the parts before he can apply it to a change.

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The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Change Management interface. The main window displays a Long Term Change (ECN-000131/A;1-Tire and Wheel - Long Term Change) with the following details:

- Workflow:** NX_ChangeNoticeRevisionDefault
- WorkflowTemplate:** ECN-000131/A;1-Tire and Wheel - Long Term Change
- Closure:** Open
- Disposition:** Approved
- Name:** Execute Change
- Task Instructions:** Execute the change and create or revise data. When you are done, select the appropriate button, either Release Change or Cancel Change.
- Workflow Description:** NX_ChangeNoticeRevisionDefault
- Comments:** [Empty text area]

Below the main window, there are two buttons: **Cancel Change** and **Release Change**.

The right side of the interface shows a **Release Effectivity** dialog with the following settings:

- Start:** 06-Feb-2023
- End:** UP - All Future Dates
- Protect:** Unchecked

At the bottom right of the dialog is a **Add** button.

This effectivity range specifies that each part of the assembly that is either new or modified will include an effective date of **1-5 February**. Once the new release effectivity is created for the parts, a second ECN must be established so the effectivity updates can be applied to the assembly. This new ECN is Revision B. Here, the sequence number of **Wheel Bolt - VJ** was changed to 50, and a new child part called **Wheel Caps** was added. The new release effectivity range now applies to these modifications.

The screenshot shows the Siemens CAD interface with the assembly structure **Tire and Wheel - VJ**. The tree view shows the following components:

- Tire and Wheel - VJ
- Tire - VJ
- Wheel Front - VJ
- Wheel Bolt - VJ (highlighted with a red box)
- Wheel Caps (highlighted with a red box)

The 'Wheel Caps' component card is shown on the right with the following details:

ID:	034002
Name:	Wheel Caps
Revision:	A
Revision Name:	Wheel Caps
Description:	[Empty]
Occurrence Name:	[Empty]
Reference Designator:	[Empty]
Sequence:	60
Quantity:	[Empty]
Unit Of Measure:	each
Maturity:	[Empty]
Release Status:	
Date Released:	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Release Effectivity:	Wheel Bolt - VJ
Element Effectivity ID:	(unnamed effi)
Element Effectivities:	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Variability Scope:	
Solution Variant Category:	[Empty]

Now, User A makes an emergency change to the assembly that requires a different effectivity date for a part. User A then adds a new release effectivity range from 4-5 Feb...

ECN-000132/A:1-Tire and Wheel – Short Term Change

Owner: Date Modified: 20-Jan-2023 Release Status: TCM Released Type: Change Notice Revision

Overview **Affected Items** **Reference Items** **Participants** **Workflow** **Dependencies** **Relations** **Reports** **Mass Update** **Validation**

TASK TO PERFORM

Workflow: NX_ChangeNoticeRevisionDefault WorkflowTemplate : ECN-000132/A:1-Tire and Wheel – Short Term Change

Name: Execute Change

Task Instructions: Execute the changes and create or revise data. When you are done, select the appropriate button; either Release Change or Cancel Change.

Workflow Description: NX_ChangeNoticeRevisionDefault WorkflowTemplate : ECN-000132/A:1-Tire and Wheel – Short Term Change

Comments:

DESCRIPTION

Tire and Wheel – Short Term Change

DETAILS

Release Effectivity

New Search

Date Unit

Share

Start: 04-Feb-2023 00:00:00

End: 05-Feb-2023 00:00:00

Protect

Add

...creates and submits a new ECN for the new effectivity (Revision C),

Tire and Wheel – VJ >

Revision: Latest Working Date: Range1 Units: None Variant: No Variant Rule Expansion: No Rule

Element Effectivities

Element	ID	Revision	Sequence	Element Effectivities
Tire and Wheel – VJ	033982	A	10	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Tire – VJ	033983	A	20	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Front – VJ	033985	A	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Bolt – VJ	033987	A	40	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)

Tire and Wheel – VJ

Name: 033982/A:1-Tire and Wheel – VJ

PROPERTIES

ID: 033982
Name: Tire and Wheel – VJ
Revision: A
Revision Name: Tire and Wheel – VJ
Description: Tire and Wheel – VJ
Occurrence Name:
Reference Designator:
Sequence:
Quantity:
Unit Of Measure:
Maturity:
Release Status: TCM Released
Date Released: 20-Jan-2023
Release Effectivity:
Element Effectivity ID:
Element Effectivities:
Variability Scope:
Solution Variant Category:
Is Variant Item: False
Solution Variant Source:
Owner: Delmade,Vijay (dلمدة)

Revise

Baseline

Not Latest

Revision: C

Name: Tire and Wheel – VJ

Description: Tire and Wheel – VJ

OWNING PROJECT

PROJECTS

Add Project

Save

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...and then applies the new effectivity range to that ECN.

The screenshot shows the Siemens PLM interface for managing parts. On the left, the 'Active Change' sidebar is open. In the center, the 'Date Range Effectivity' dialog is displayed, showing a configuration for a date range from '01-Jan-2023 00:00 to UP (NONE)'. A red box highlights the 'Revision' column for the row containing 'Tire and Wheel - VJ' with ID 033982, which has a revision status of 'C A'. To the right, the part details page for 'Tire and Wheel - VJ' is shown, with its ID, name, and a preview image of the tire/wheel assembly. The 'Properties' section includes fields like Name, Revision, Description, and Release Status. The 'Actions' section contains various management options. A red box highlights the 'Revision' field in the part details page, indicating it has been updated.

Now, any additional changes made to the parts include this new effectivity range.

The screenshot shows the Siemens PLM interface for managing parts. The 'Active Change' sidebar is open. The part details page for 'Wheel Stickers' is displayed, showing its ID, name, and a preview image. The 'Properties' section includes fields like Name, Revision, Description, and Release Status. The 'Element Effectivities' table on the left lists various components and their effectivity ranges. A red box highlights the row for 'Wheel Stickers' with ID 034003, which has an effectivity range of '03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)'. This row corresponds to the new effectivity range applied in the previous step.

Once this emergency ECN is released, you can view the components of the change that were modified in its **Change Summary** and identify the release effectiveness cutbacks (through redlines) that are now in place.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000132/A;1-Tire and Wheel – Short Term Change							
ID	Element	Revision	Merge Status	Action	Sequence	Occurrence Effectivity	Revision Name
033982	Tire and Wheel – VJ	C A	Modified				Tire and Wheel – VJ
033987	Wheel Bolt – VJ	A	Property Changed	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to 03-Feb-2023 13:29; 04-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)	Wheel Bolt – VJ
033987	Wheel Bolt – VJ	A	Property Changed	70 30	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)		Wheel Bolt – VJ
034002	Wheel Stickers	A	Added New	80	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)		Wheel Stickers

When the long-term ECN is back open, you can see that the merge indicator appears on the top-level assembly, indicating that modifications were made outside of this ECN that are not yet included.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000131/A;1-Tire and Wheel – Long Term Change							
ID	Element	Revision	Merge Status	Action	Sequence	Occurrence Effectivity	Revision Name
033982	Tire and Wheel – VJ	C A		Modified			Tire and Wheel – VJ
033987	Wheel Bolt – VJ	A	Property Changed	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to 05-Feb-2023 13:29 (NONE)	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)	Wheel Bolt – VJ
033987	Wheel Bolt – VJ	A	Property Changed	50 30	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)		Wheel Bolt – VJ
034002	Wheel Caps	A	Added New	60	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)		Wheel Caps

Once you click the Merge indicator, both the released emergency change (**Source**, on the left) and the long-term change (**Target**, on the right) are displayed.

Element	Sequence	Element Effectivities
Tire and Wheel – VJ	10	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Tire – VJ	20	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Front – VJ	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to 03-Feb-2023 13:29; 04-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Bolt – VJ	70	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)
Wheel Stickers	80	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)

Element	Element Effectivities
Tire and Wheel – VJ	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Tire – VJ	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Front – VJ	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Bolt – VJ	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to 05-Feb-2023 13:29 (NONE)
Wheel Bolt – VJ	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
Wheel Caps	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)

Once the new effectivity ranges are selected for each of the merge candidates (under **Date**), the parts in both assemblies reflect the most recent effectivity dates in the **Element Effectivities** column. Those parts that contain any discrepancies are shown under **Merge Candidates**.

Once the user clicks **Merge** for a part, the long-term change (**Target**) is updated and reflects the combined changes. Once the long term ECN is open, its **Change Summary** reflects the completed merge by the green merge indicator icon.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000131/A;1-Tire and Wheel – Long Term Change						
ID	Element	Revision	Merge Status	Action	Sequence	Occurrence Effectivity
033982	Tire and Wheel – V1	A	Modified			
033987	Wheel Bolt – V1	A	Property Changed	30	01-Feb-2023 13:30 to 03-Feb-2023 13:29	04-Feb-2023 13:30 to 05-Feb-2023 13:29 (NONE) 01-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)
033987	Wheel Bolt – V1	A	Property Changed	70 30	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)	
033987	Wheel Bolt – V1	A	Property Changed	50 30	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)	
034002	Wheel Caps	A	Added New	60	05-Feb-2023 13:30 to UP (NONE)	
034003	Wheel Stickers	A	Added Existing	80	03-Feb-2023 13:30 to 04-Feb-2023 13:30 (NONE)	

Merge an unincorporated change (for an engineering BOM) into an existing change notice

Active Workspace lets you compare and merge unincorporated changes to existing designs. Through this process, you can integrate an emergency change into an active ECN by viewing both structures side-by-side and selecting updated items to merge. In this process, an engineering BOM (EBOM) is merged into an ECN (without using **release effectivity**).

Since the topline of an EBOM is not revised, the usage assembly has its own independent lifecycle and is released as part of a change object. This merge scenario assumes that there are at least two users who are making a change to the same part in different browsers.

Here, a EBOM (included in an ECN) has already been released with an approved product structure. Any additional changes to this approved EBOM require a new ECN. An update is required to the EBOM structure, so User A opens an ECN and makes those changes, as shown here.

The screenshot shows two main windows side-by-side. On the left is the 'Tree with Summary' view for the 'Tire & Wheel Product'. It lists various components like 'Front Tire', 'Enhanced Front Wheel', 'Front Wheel Cap', etc., with their respective IDs and objects. The 'Enhanced Front Wheel' node is currently selected. On the right is the 'Enhanced Front Wheel' detail view. Under the 'Changes' tab, it shows a table with one row: 'Object: ECN-000014/A;1-Tire & ...', 'Description: Solutions', and 'Closure: Open'. Below this is the 'Change Genealogy' table, which is currently empty. The top right corner of the interface shows the Siemens logo.

However, another emergency change is required to the same EBOM, so User B creates a fast-track ECN, makes the necessary updates, and releases that ECN.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000015/A;1-Tire & Wheel Product - Fast Change							
Element	ID	Revision	Sequence	Quantity	Unit Of Measure	Revision Name	Action
Enhanced Front Wheel Cap	033890	A				Enhanced Front Wheel Cap	New
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A				Tire & Wheel Product	
Enhanced Front Wheel Cap	033890	A	30	1	each	Enhanced Front Wheel Cap	Added New to Replace
Front Wheel Cap	033664	A	30	+	each	Front Wheel Cap	Replaced
Front Tire	033882	A	15 40	1	each	Front Tire	Property Changed
Front Wheel	033883	A	25 20	1	each	Front Wheel	Property Changed

Since more than one user made an update to the same EBOM part in these two ECNs, Active Workspace provides the ability to merge the two updates into the in-progress ECN.

Prerequisites

The business object constant **Fnd0MaxAllowedWorkingRevisions** (defined on **Fnd0AbstractOccRevision**) must be modified in BMIDE for **Ebm0AbstractPartOccRevision** to include a value as **-1**. This allows for multiple working revisions of EBOMs (the default value is **1**). For example, if the value of **Fnd0MaxAllowedWorkingRevisions** is set to **-1**, more than one user can make changes to the same structure with the revision rule set as **Working (Current user); Any status**.

Procedure

1. Open the ECN that is to incorporate the emergency change, and view its **Change Summary**.
2. In the **Change Summary**, under the **Merge Status** column for the updated object, click the Merge Required indicator.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000014/A;1-Tire & Wheel Product - Long Change									
Element	ID	Revision	Revision Name	Merge Status	Usage Name	Usage Revision ID	Usage ID	Sequence	
Enhanced Front Wheel	033889	A	Enhanced Front Wheel						
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A	Tire & Wheel Product						
Enhanced Front Wheel	033889	A	Enhanced Front Wheel		Front Wheel	B	PU_000222	20	
Front Wheel	033663	A	Front Wheel		Merge Required Source Assembly: "PU_000222/C:Front Wheel"		PU_000222	20	
Front Tire	033882	A	Front Tire				PU_000221	12 40	

This displays both the in-progress change (**Source**, on the left) with the original change (**Target**, on the right), and you can compare the updates that were made.

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The screenshot shows the Siemens ECN Merge Changes interface. On the left, the 'Merge Candidates' panel displays a single candidate: 'Front Wheel' (ID: 033883, Revision: A) with a 'Property Change'. The 'Source | Tire & Wheel Product' panel shows the original Front Wheel entry. The 'Target | Tire & Wheel Product' panel shows the merged entry, which now includes the property change from the source.

Element	ID	Revision
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A
Front Wheel	033883	A

Element	ID	Revision
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A
Enhanced Front ...	033889	A

- Review the **Merge Candidates**. Click **Merge** to select one or **Merge All** to select all of the changes to incorporate into the **Target** panel.

Note:

The ECN can still be released without accepting all of the merge candidates.

The **Target** object panel (on the right) reflects the combined changes. Here, a property change on the Front Wheel was merged into the target EBOM.

The screenshot shows the Siemens ECN Merge Changes interface. The 'Merge Candidates' panel now lists the merged entry. The 'Source | Tire & Wheel Product' panel shows the original Front Wheel entry. The 'Target | Tire & Wheel Product' panel shows the merged entry, which now includes the property change from the source.

Element	ID	Revision
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A
Front Wheel	033883	A

Element	ID	Revision
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A
Enhanced Front Wh...	033889	A

- Click **Close** (top right).

The **Change Summary** reflects the merged updates. The **Merge Status** icon shows as **Merge Complete**.

Change Summary Overview ECN-000014/A;1-Tire & Wheel Product - Long Change									Exit Full...
Element	ID	Revision	Revision Name	Merge Status	Usage Name	Usage Revision ID	Usage ID	Sequence	⋮
Enhanced Front Wheel	033889	A	Enhanced Front Wheel						Update Alignment
Tire & Wheel Product	033881	A	Tire & Wheel Product						Add to
Enhanced Front Wheel	033889	A	Enhanced Front Wheel		Front Wheel	B	PU_000222	25	⋮
Front Wheel	033883	A	Front Wheel				PU_000222	26	
Front Tire	033882	A	Front Tire				PU_000221	1249	

5. Release the change.

7. Managing change lineage

Change lineage overview

Change lineage tracks the evolution of impacted items through a relationship between **Solution Items** and the corresponding **Impacted Items**. It helps ensure that the change impact can be understood by downstream systems such as manufacturing and purchasing, and provides audit information.

Impacted Items are the old revisions or versions of content (parts, design elements, part usage, document and item revision) that are revised, versioned, or replaced as part of the change.

Solution Items are the new revisions or versions of content that are released by this change.

Capture change lineage information

Manually set change lineage

1. From the **Change Summary**, select one item from the **Solution Items** table.
2. Click **Create Replace Group** .
3. In the **Set Lineage** dialog, selected the object to link to the **Solution Item**.

The lineage number is assigned, and it appears in the **Lineage** column for both the **Solution item** and the **Impacted** item, indicating that lineage is established.

Automatically set change lineage

Change lineage is automatically set if you create a revision to an object when a change notice is selected as an **Active Change**.

A revision created from a change object is automatically added to the **Solution Items** table and the lineage is set and displayed in the **Lineage** column.

Delete change lineage information

You can delete the change lineage by deleting relations between a group of solution items and their respective impacted items associated with the lineage group.

1. From the **Change Summary** tab, select one or more objects in the **Solution Items** table for which to delete lineage.
2. Click **Remove Replace Group** .

A message indicates that the lineage was unset. The **Lineage** column is now empty for the **Solution** items and their respected **Impacted** items.

Replacement groups

Parts and assemblies are often added to and deleted from a product structure during its construction or modification. Some of these additions and deletions can be grouped together as a *replacement* action. For example, two added parts may replace the form and functionality of one canceled component, making a replacement. When you create and replace groups in a product structure, a graphical representation (often referred to as a supercedure) is created that represents the replacement history of a given occurrence in the product structure.

Oftentimes, various intricate relationships are formed during a change to an object. For example, in Change Management, a solution to an impacted item is not always a revision of the impacted item. It can be a separate item (for example, a markup). In addition, there can be more than one revision of the same item in either or both the **Impacted Items** and **Solution Items** folders.

Creating replacement groups can assist with simplifying these complex relationships by tracking the evolution of impacted items through a relationship between **Solution Items** and the corresponding **Impacted Items**. This helps ensure that the change impact can be understood by downstream systems such as manufacturing and purchasing, and provides audit information.

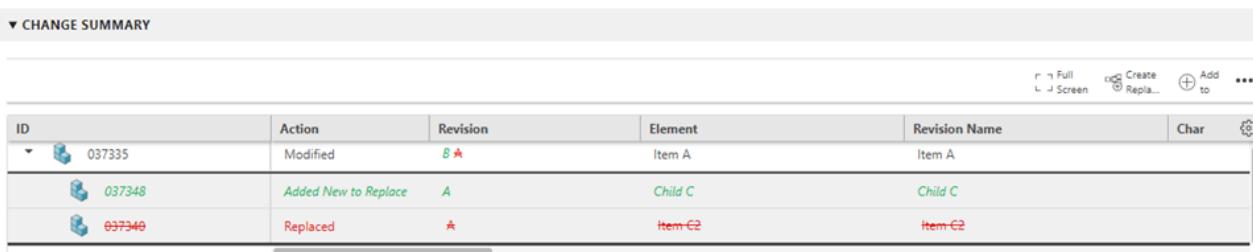
Create replacement groups

Create replacement groups (or a supercedure) to represent the replacement history of a given occurrence in the product structure.

Procedure

1. In the **Change Summary**, select multiple rows with the **Action** columns listed as **Added New** and **Removed** to create a new replacement group. All selected rows must be under the same parent object.
2. Click **Create Replace Group** .

A message indicates that the replacement group was set successfully. The **Added New** items display as **Added New to Replace** and the removed item displays as **Replaced** in the **Action** column. A black outline borders the replacement group.



▼ CHANGE SUMMARY						
ID	Action	Revision	Element	Revision Name	Char	
037335	Modified	B*	Item A	Item A		
037348	Added New to Replace	A	Child C	Child C		
037340	Replaced	*	Item E2	Item E2		

Delete replacement groups

You can remove the create-replace group relationship by deleting the interaction between a group of solution items and their respective impacted items associated with the lineage group. This removes future traceability between the **Impacted Items** and the **Solution Items**.

Procedure

1. In the **Change Summary**, select the **Added New to Replace** object.
2. Click **Remove Replace Group** .

A message indicates that the replacement group was removed. The replacement group and **Action** column display the previous action types.

Genealogy

In a parent assembly, *genealogy* provides a visual representation of how a particular occurrence in an assembly evolves over multiple ECNs.

Genealogy for any part correlates to a parent assembly that was successively revised with a property change or a **replacement group** of changes. Genealogy can *only* be viewed in the context of the parent assembly.

For example, our manufacturer creates the Spindle Motor Assembly. The Spindle Motor Assembly includes a part called Bearing-Old. This assembly has gone through a number of replacement group changes via the following ECNs:

- **ECN1**

Spindle Motor Assembly is revised from A to B. Bearing-Old is replaced with Bearing-Large, and the ECN is released.

- **ECN2**

Spindle Motor Assembly is revised from B to C. The Quantity property of Bearing-Large is increased and the part is replaced.

Now, the **Change Genealogy** displays this evolution of the Bearing in the context of the Spindle Motor Assembly.

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Object	Description	Relation Type Name	Closure	Disposition	Maturity
ECN-000072/A1-ecn3		Solutions	Open	Approved	Executing
ECN-000071/A1-ecn2			Closed	Approved	Complete

Element	Change	Revision	ID	Revision Name	Action	De
prod	ECN-000071/A1-ecn2	B A	038524	prod	Modified	
Bearing-Large		B	038527	Bearing-Large	Added New to Replace	
Bearing-Old		A	038525	Bearing-Old	Replaced	
prod	ECN-000072/A1-ecn3	C B	038524	prod	Modified	
Bearing-Large		B	038527	Bearing-Large	Property Changed	

View the genealogy of a part or assembly

Genealogy is the evolution of the part and changes. It provides a visual representation of how a particular part in an assembly structure evolves over multiple ECNs in the context of its parent.

Procedure

1. Open any revision of an assembly and select a part that has multiple ECNs opened against it.
2. Click the Changes tab.

Object	Description	Relation Type Name	Closure	Disposition
ECN-000070/A1-ECN2 for Spindle	ECN2 for Spindle	Impacted	Open	App
ECN-000069/A1-ECN1 for Spindle	ECN1 for Spindle	Solutions	Open	App

Element	Object	ID	Action	Revision	Sequence
Spindle Motor Assembly	ECN-000070/A1-ECN1 for Spindle	HDD-0512	Modified	B A	
Bearing Large		HDD-0501	Property Changed	A	15 +0
ECN-000070/A1-ECN2 for Spindle	ECN2 for Spindle	HDD-0512	Modified	C B	
Bearing Large			Removed	A	

- The ECN assembly on the left panel lists changes from top to bottom, identifying how the part has evolved from when it was first created to its current state.

- On the right panel, the top **Changes** table shows the list of ECNs associated with the selected part.
- The **Change Genealogy** table shows how the selected part evolved and highlights the changes that were made for each ECN in the assembly, in the context of the parent revision. Use the scroll bar to view all the revisions in the table.

8. Generating change reports

Generate the Change Item Report

The **Change Item Report** summarizes the information in the **Overview**, **Affected Items**, **Reference Items**, and **Participants** tabs of a change notice. This also includes revision information from the **Change Summary**, if available.

1. Select a change notice.
2. Click **New** > **Generate Report** from any tab.
3. Select **Change Item Report** and click **Generate**.

The report appears within the **Reports** tab.

4. (Optional) Enter a unique name for **Save to FileName** to save the report and click **Generate**.

(Optional) Generating the report could take several minutes. You can select **Run in Background** to continue working while the report is generated.

The **Change Notice Report** opens in the **Reports** tab of the change notice and saves a copy of the report in **Reports > My Reports**.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace interface with the 'My Reports' tab selected. The 'Overview' tab is active, displaying the following details:

Object	Name	Description	Owner	Group ID	Last Modifying User
1	1		ed (ed)	dba	ed (ed)

The 'Participants' tab shows the following roles:

Requestor	Analyst	Change Specialist	Change Implementation Board
demo/Designer/ed	dba/DBA/ed	dba/DBA/ed	

The 'Change Summary' tab displays two revisions:

Level	ID	Name	Action	Revision	Quantity	Sequence	Unit of Measure	Custom Property Ven	Date	Double	External Reference	Custom Property MPart	Procured Quantity
1	879152	Safety Label b	Modified	B A								Safety Label b	
2	028666	doc-2b	Added New	B	1	10	each					doc-2b	

A preview pane on the right shows the generated HTML report with various markup options like Show Markup, Markup Panel, Highlight Markup, Freehand Markup, Print Markup, Stamp, Print Markup, Cancel Checkout, and Checkin.

Generate the As Planned/As Released baseline report

The **As Planned/As Released baseline report** displays the structural hierarchy of an object and provides details about attached documents, the authorizing change notice, effectivity, and release date. It also displays the planned change notice for in-process documents as well as change effectivity.

Example:

Run the report on an assembly with multiple levels, attachments, and revisions. The report identifies affected items with document attachments and their respective change notices.

To see the structure of a change notice, generate the [Change Item Report](#).

1. Select an object.
2. Select **New** > **Generate Report**.
3. Select **As Planned As Released Baseline Report** and click **Generate**.
The report automatically opens in the **Reports** tab.
4. (Optional) Enter a unique name for **Save to FileName** and click **Generate**.

Generating the report could take several minutes. You can optionally click **Run in Background** to continue working while the report is generated.

A copy of the report is available in **Reports > My Reports** and in the **Attachments** tab of the object.

The report provides the following information in a table format:

As Planned As Released Baseline Report													
Item No : 031396 Item Name : Demo Car Generated on : 24-May-2018 08:45													
Level	Item No	Items			Documents As Planned/As Released						Planned Changes		
		Item Name	Revision	Quantity	Unit	Document Type	Document Number	Document Name	Revision	Planned Release Date	Release Date	Effectivity Date	Change Notice
0	031396	Demo Car	A			Item Revision	DEMO_CAR_BM3	Demo Car 2	A	21-May-2018 09:00			
						Document	031430	Business Req. for Car	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM	DELETE	
						Document	031430	Business Req. for Car	B	21-May-2018 09:00		ADD	Approved 15-Jun-2018 09:00 to UP (NONE)
1	031397	Suspension	A			Document	031438	FS for Suspension	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM		
						Document	031439	Schematics for Suspension	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM		
						Process Revision	031434	Suspension Process Plan	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM		
2	031405	Steering Rack	A			Document	031442	FS for Steering Rack	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM		
2	031406	Steering Pinion Actuation Assembly	A			Document	031443	Schematics for Steering Pinion	A	17-May-2018 09:45	ECN-000012/A;1-Initial Release of Demo Car BOM		

Structure
Associated documents and their planned/actual release and effectivity date
Planned change notice and its effectivity

The table is broken down into three main sections. The contents of the columns are dependent on the structure configuration, whether or not an attachment is revised or released, and if it is part of a change notice.

Note:

Revisions to document attachments are not automatically updated in the **Attachments** tab. When a document attachment is revised, manually add it to the **Attachments** in order to accurately display the revision history in the **As Planned As Released** report.

Items

Contains all of the items in an assembly.

Documents As Planned/As Released

Contains documents and other attachments.

If an attachment is released as part of a change with a **Proposed Effectivity** this is listed in the Effectivity Date column with the related change notice number in the Change Notice column. If the attachment was not released as part of a change, those columns are empty.

Planned Changes

Contains only items that currently part of an unreleased change. Solution items that are revisions of an impacted item are added and include the change notice. The related impacted items shows that it will be deleted.

The **CM_PRIMARY_DOCUMENT_REL** preference must be configured in order for the baseline report to run. It defines the relations through which a document is attached to an Item Revision. If a document is primary and the Item Revision is secondary in the relationship, the prefix **S2P:** must be provided.

The default settings are as follows:

IMAN_specification

Fnd01isDescribedByDrawing

FND_TraceLink

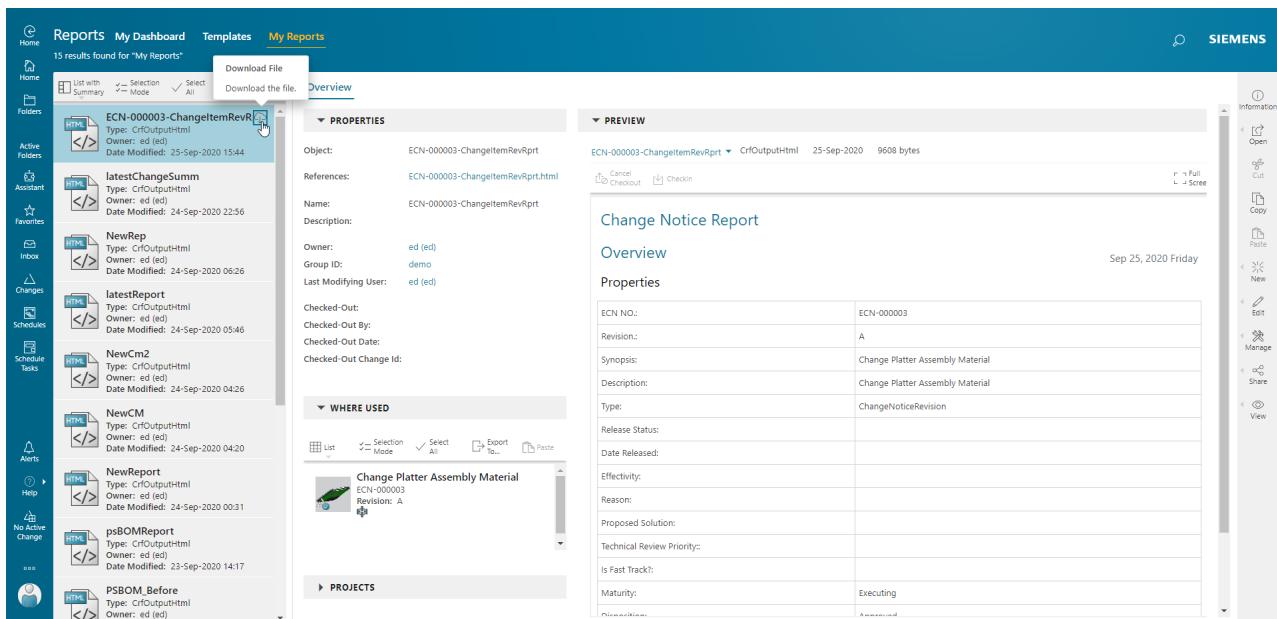
FND0DesignToBomRelation

IMAN_METarget

Allowable values are any relation that can be associated with an ItemRevision.

View and share reports

1. Go to **Reports** > **My Reports**.
2. Select a report from the list to preview it.
3. Click download .



The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace interface with the 'Reports' tab selected. In the center, there is a list of reports under 'My Reports'. One report, 'ECN-000003-ChangeItemRevRpt', is selected and highlighted with a blue border. A context menu is open over this report, with the 'Download file' option being the last item in the list. To the right of the report list, there is a detailed view panel for the selected report. This panel includes sections for 'PROPERTIES', 'PREVIEW', 'WHERE USED', and 'PROJECTS'. The 'PROPERTIES' section shows details like Object ID (ECN-000003-ChangeItemRevRpt), Type (CrfOutputHtml), Owner (ed (ed)), and Date Modified (25-Sep-2020 15:44). The 'PREVIEW' section shows a preview of the report with a timestamp of Sep 25, 2020 Friday. The 'WHERE USED' section lists 'Change Platter Assembly Material' as the only item used. The 'PROJECTS' section is currently empty. On the far right, there is a vertical toolbar with various icons for file operations like Open, Cut, Copy, Paste, New, Edit, Share, and View.

The file is saved as an HTML file in the default downloads location.

4. Select **Share** > **Copy Link** to copy the report link to your clipboard and paste the link into an email or any other message for distribution.
5. (Optional) Open the downloaded file in a browser to view or print the report.

9. Setting change relations

Set change dependency

You can order and sequence change notices with respect to each other across change requests, by designating a change notice as before, after, or concurrent with respect to another change notice. There are three dependency types: **Preceding**, **Concurrent**, and **Succeeding**.

Only privileged users can manage change sequencing. More information on the following conditions can be found in *Business Modeler IDE* in the Teamcenter collection.

- Cm0IsCmDependencyEditableForPrimary
- Cm0IsCmDependencyEditableForSecondary
- Cm1Awp0CutCmdCond
- Cm1SequenceChangeCmdCond

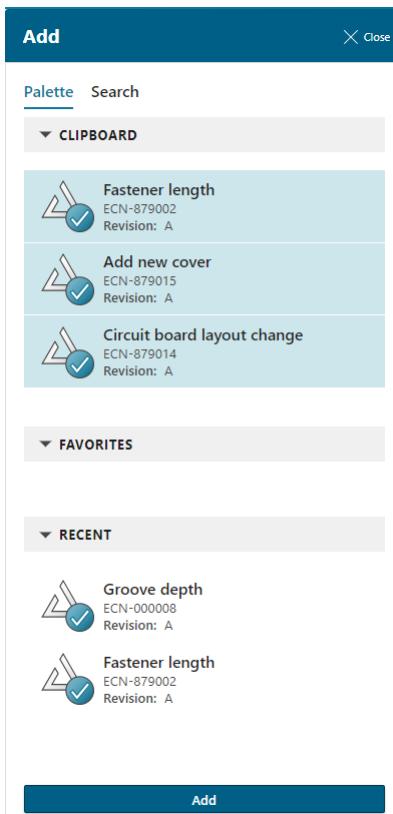
Note:

The **CM_validate_changeNotice_dependency** preference controls the change notice dependency when adding a release status to a change notice revision. The default value is **false**.

1. Copy the change notices to sequence by selecting them and clicking **Copy** .
2. Select the change notice you want to sequence the copied change notices with, and click **Dependencies**.
3. In the row containing the dependency type (**Preceding**, **Succeeding**, or **Concurrent**), click **Add** .

The **Add** palette appears.

Alternatively, you can select **Search** from the **Add** panel, and search for the specified change notice.



4. Select the copied change notices from the palette clipboard, or those returned from the search, and click **Add**.

The relations are created and appear as sequenced under the appropriate heading.

PRECEDING

ECN Number	Revision	Synopsis	Closure	Disposition	Maturity
ECN-879015	A	Add new cover	Open	None	Elaborating
ECN-879002	A	Fastener length	Open	None	Elaborating
ECN-879014	A	Circuit board layout chan...	Open	None	Elaborating

CONCURRENT

ECN Number	Revision	Synopsis	Closure	Disposition	Maturity

SUCCEEDING

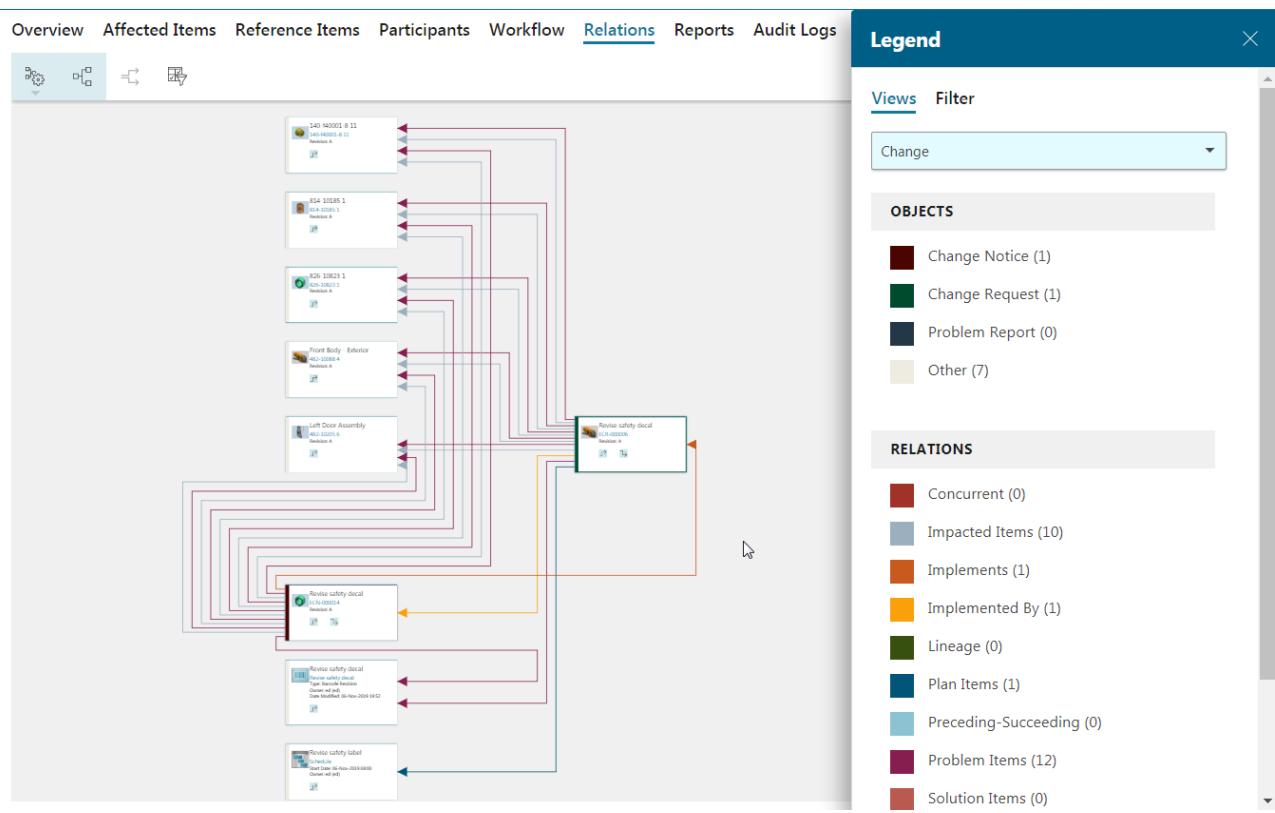
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View change relations

Improve efficiency by graphically viewing and exploring change dependencies using the relations diagram. This provides a graphical representation of the dependencies in a change sequence.

1. Open the change notice to view.
2. Click the **Relations** tab and then **Legend**  to open the **Legend** panel.
3. Select **Change** from the list of available views.
4. Select the **Object** or **Relation** you want to view from the **Legend** panel.

The **Legend** displays the full **Change** view. You can switch between the **Change** or **Change Impact Analysis** view without navigating to the **Impact Analysis** tab.



The diagram is arranged to show preceding through succeeding items, based on diagram layout. The legend appears on the right side of the window. In addition to the legend, the number of objects or relations of each type is indicated.

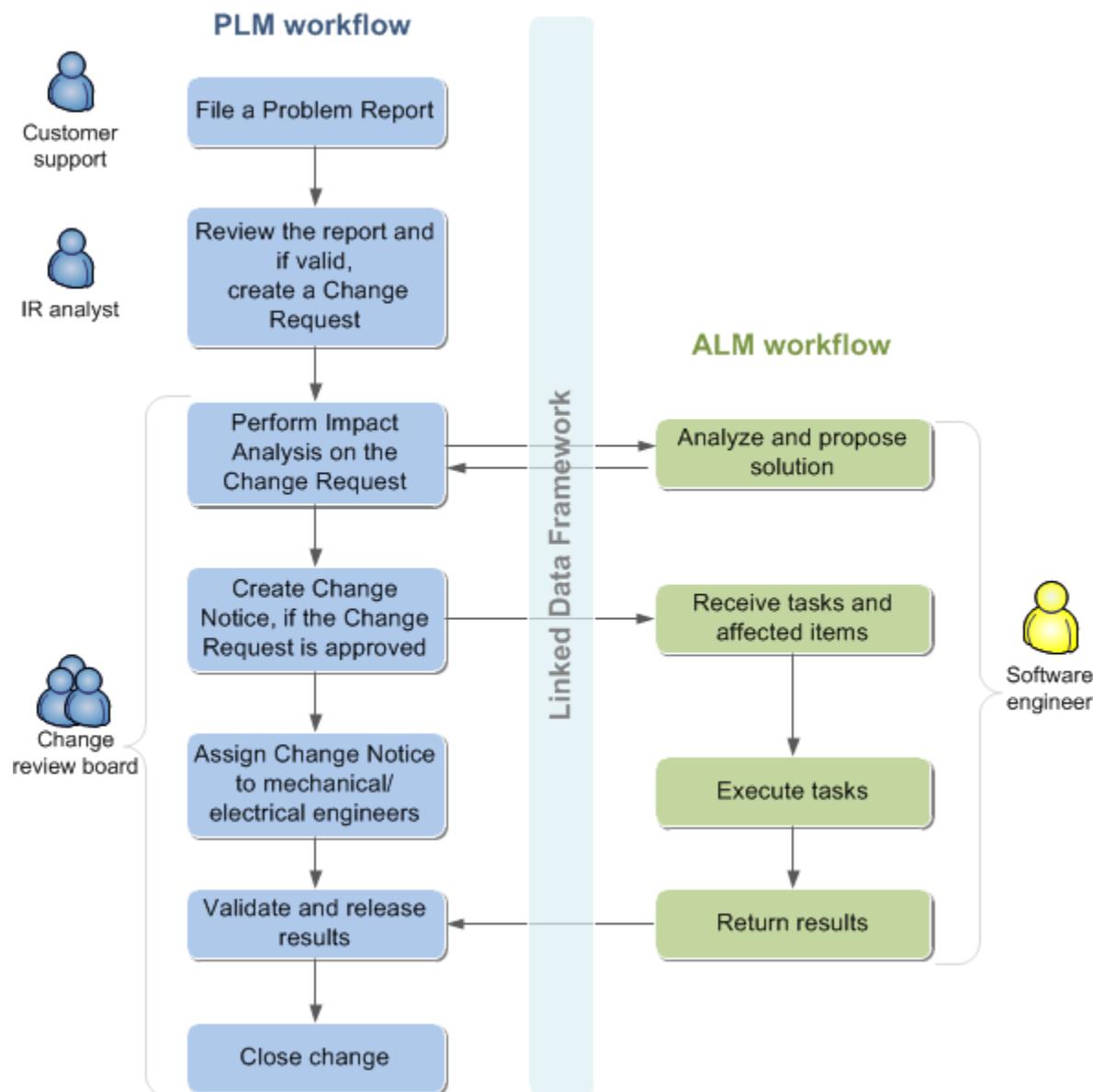
Color	Represents
Objects	
Burgundy	Change notice
Forest green	Change request
Navy blue	Problem report
Pale gray	Other
Relations	
Rust	Concurrent
Gray	Impacted items
Orange	Implements
Yellow	Implemented by
Olive Green	Lineage
Turquoise	Plan items
Light blue	Preceding-succeeding
Magenta	Problem items
Salmon pink	Solution items

10. Linking Active Workspace change elements to external application elements

Overview of linking changes using Linked Data Framework

Linked Data Framework is an integration framework based on linked data standards. Using Linked Data Framework, customizers can integrate Teamcenter, which is a PLM application, and an ALM application by using Linked Data Framework.

The following process depicts an integration between Teamcenter, which is a PLM application, and an ALM application by using Linked Data Framework.



Elements in Teamcenter are associated with the external elements using HTTP links or remote links. Once a remote link is created, you can view the external element within Teamcenter. For example, you can create a link from a change request in Teamcenter to a software defect in the external application. Once this is done, you can view the software defect from Teamcenter.

Customizers must set up the integration before you can use it.

Creating and deleting links

Link to a change by creating a resource in the external application

By default, *items*, *change*, and *requirements* are the only elements that Linked Data Framework supports. Contact your administrator if you wish to create links for other Teamcenter elements.

1. Select a change and then click the **Reference Items** tab.
2. In the **Remote Links** section, click **Create Remote Link** .
3. In the **Add** panel, update the properties as follows:
 - a. Select the project from the **Project** list.
 - b. Click the **New** option.
 - c. To create a resource in the external application, click **Add**  next to the **Remote Reference** label.
Log on to the external application if prompted and create the resource in that application.
 - d. Click **Create** to go back to the **Add** panel.
 - e. From the **Relation Type** list, select the relation you want to create between Teamcenter and the external element.
- f. In the **Add** panel, click **Add** to create the link.

Note:

If only one relation is applicable, this relation is used automatically. Manual selection is not required.

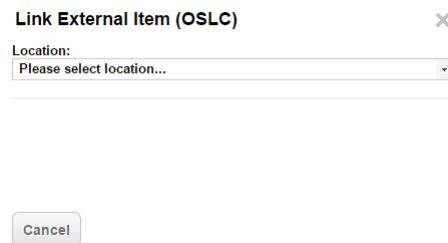
The new links appear in the **Remote Links** section.

Create a link from the external application by selecting a change in Teamcenter

The exact method for creating a link to a Teamcenter resource from an external application differs across applications. Refer to your application documentation for more information.

In Polarion, you can create a link to a Teamcenter change request as follows:

1. In Polarion, navigate to a project and select a work item such as Issue.
2. In the **Linked Work Items** section, click **Edit**.
3. Select a relationship for the link from the **Role** list.
4. Click **Select Work Item from Linked Data Friend Server**.
5. In the **Link External Item (Linked Data)** dialog box, select a service provider from the **Location** list.



6. Click **Select an Existing Item**.



If this is a new session, you must log on to Teamcenter.

7. From the **Select** dialog box, select the change, and click **OK**.

The link to the Teamcenter Change Request is created in Polarion.

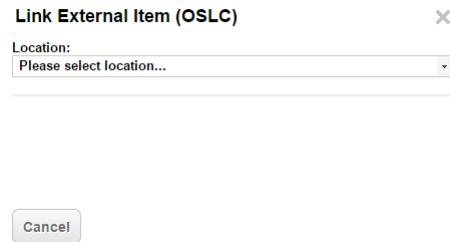


Create a link from the external application by creating a change in Teamcenter

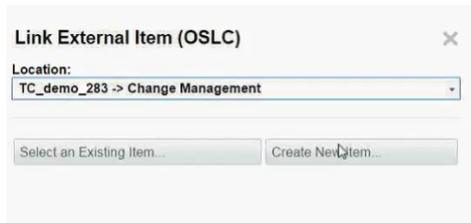
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6. Click **Create New Item**.



If this is a new session, you must log on to Teamcenter.

7. From the **Create** dialog box, select the *Change type*, for example, **Change Request**.
8. Update the properties of the change and click **Add**.

The link to the Teamcenter Change Request is created in Polarion.

Suspect	Role	Title	Project	Revision
<input type="checkbox"/>	relates to	Power window issue	pol_proj	

Link to a change by selecting an existing resource in the external application

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1. Select a change and then click the **Reference Items** tab.
2. In the **Remote Links** section, click **Create Remote Link** .
3. In the **Add** panel, update the properties as follows:
 - a. Select the project from the **Project** list.
 - b. Click the **Existing** option.
 - c. To select a resource in the external application, click **Add**  next to the **Remote Reference** label.

Log on to the external application if prompted and select an existing resource in that application. This action takes you back to the **Add** panel.

- d. From the **Relation** list, select the relation you want to create between Teamcenter and the external element.

Note:

If only one relation is applicable, this relation is used automatically. Manual selection is not required.

- e. Click **Add** to create the link.

The new links appear in the **Remote Links** section.

Delete remote links

1. Select a remote link.
2. Click **Edit**  > **Delete Remote Link**.

When you delete a remote link, backlinks are also deleted.

11. Viewing external links

View and edit resource information for external applications in Active Workspace

1. Select a remote link and click **Open**  to see information about the link in the **Preview** tab.
2. To edit the external resource, click **Edit**  > **Start Edit** and update the resource.
3. To save the edits, use the save functionality of the external application. This is available as an embedded section in Active Workspace.

View links to objects in external applications using the Relations tab

The Relations tab is a feature in Active Workspace that allows you to view and navigate the relations between different objects in a graph view. With Linked Data Framework, you can view the relations between Teamcenter objects and objects in external applications.

A relations graph shows two elements: objects and relations. When you click the **Relations** tab or expand relations, you may need to log on to external applications.

You can perform all the operations that Relations supports such as expand, collapse, filter content, and change layout with Linked Data Framework objects. You can also expand external objects.

You can also expand to all the levels below the Requirement Collections artifact in Polarion, for example, a Polarion Live Document.

12. Change management configuration

Change management configuration tasks

What is change management?

Change management is an organized way to implement changes to products and ensure the quality of every change. Users can access the changes they have implemented by clicking the **CHANGES** tile to display the **Changes** page.

Why configure change management?

How your organization processes changes is unique, and you can configure aspects of how changes are handled to match your organization's process. For example, you can set a different default workflow to be initiated when a user submits a change request.

What can I configure?

You can configure the following aspects of change management:

- Set the default workflow.
- Configure how changes are derived.
- Define deep copy rules.
- Setting up filtering in the Changes page.
- Configure the contents of tabs in the Changes page.

What do I need to do before configuring?

Before you can configure change management, you must install the features. Install the following from the **Features** panel of Teamcenter Environment Manager (TEM):

- **Change Management** (server)

Installs the server-side definitions for changes.

Select the **Extensions**→**Enterprise Knowledge Foundation**→**Change Management** feature in the corporate server.

- **Change Management** (client)

Installs the user interface elements for viewing changes in Active Workspace.

Select **Active Workspace**→**Client**→**Change Management**.

Where can I find out more about change management?

See *Change Manager* in the Teamcenter help.

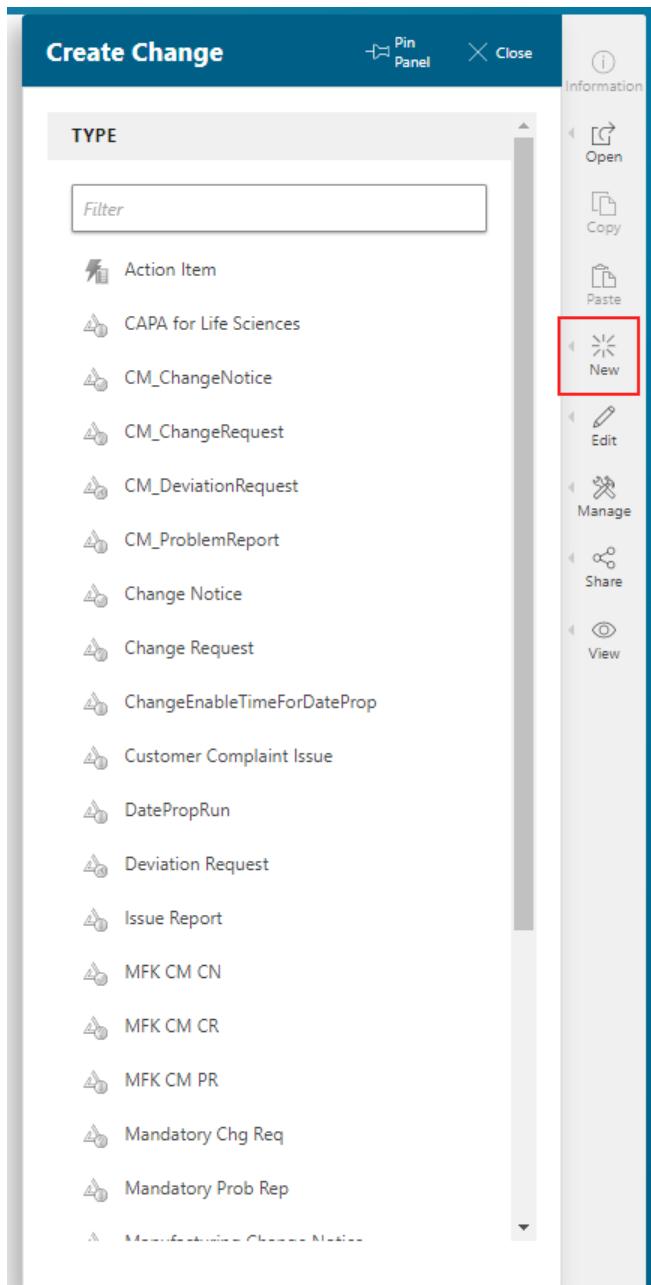
What does the Changes page look like?

Following is an example of the **Changes** page in Active Workspace.

The screenshot shows the Siemens Active Workspace Changes page. At the top, there are navigation links: Changes, All, **Submitted**, Saved, Approved, and Disapproved. A search bar indicates "1 results found for 'Submitted'". On the left is a sidebar with icons for Home, Find, Star, Detail, Print, and Copy. The main content area displays a single change item titled "Error when logging in PR-000019" with a status of "Revision: A". To the right of the item, there are tabs for Overview, Affected Items, Reference Items, Participants, Workflow, Relations, and Reports. Under Overview, sections include Description (a detailed problem description), Progress (Closure: Open, Disposition: None, Release Status: Pending), and Details (Workflow steps: Elaborate, Review, Execute, Complete, Reassess, Supersede). Below these are sections for Requestor (cfx5,cfx5 ...) and Change Specialist (cfx5,cfx5 ...). A vertical toolbar on the far right contains icons for various operations like Create, Edit, Delete, and Share.

Configuring the availability of ChangItem custom objects

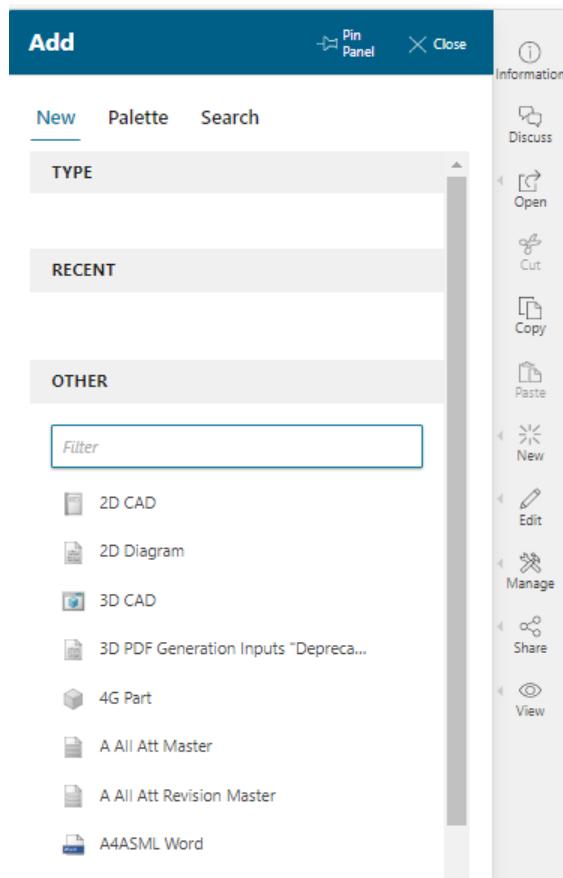
User-defined child objects of the **ChangItem** business object are displayed in the **Create Change** panel (**New > Create Change** on the primary toolbar in Active Workspace). These are based on the creatable conditions defined in BMIDE.



Custom child objects can also be made available on the **Home** page (click **Folders**). Click **Add to** (above the **Contents** table):

▼ CONTENTS							
Object	Type	Checked-Out	Owner	Group ID	Date Modified	Release Status	
031100/A1-SimpleChan...	Item Revision		ed (ed)	demo	19-Apr-2022		
Rush_Test	Folder		ed (ed)	demo	19-Apr-2022		
Newstuff	Newstuff Folder		ed (ed)	demo	06-Mar-2022		
Mailbox	Mail Folder		ed (ed)	demo	06-Mar-2022		

This displays the **Add** panel containing the custom child objects.



To implement this behavior, add the internal names of the custom child objects of the **ChangeItem** business object to the **AWC_TypeSelectorExclusionTypeList** site-level preference.

The internal names of the following child objects are included in the **AWC_TypeSelectorExclusionTypeList** site-level preference:

- **ChangeNotice**
- **ChangeRequest**
- **ProblemReport**
- **Cm0GnWorkOrder**

Automating the submission of changes to workflow

Use the following preferences to set the default workflow that should start when a user submits a problem report, change notice, or change request in Active Workspace. The default workflow is

ChangelItemRevisionDefaultWorkflowTemplate, which is a simple process to select a signoff team and then have each participant of the team perform his/her signoff task to approve the change.

For a	Use the preference	Its default is
Change notice revision	ChangeNoticeRevision_default_workflow_template	ChangeNoticeRevisionDefault WorkflowTemplate
Change request revision	ChangeRequestRevision_default_workflow_template	ChangelItemRevisionDefault WorkflowTemplate
Problem report revision	ProblemReportRevision_default_workflow_template	ChangelItemRevisionDefault WorkflowTemplate

Configuring how changes are derived

When deriving a change from another use the **CM_automate_derive_propagation** preference to enable the automatic propagation of the relations (such as reference items and problem items) from the source change to the derived change. You configure which relations to propagate using the following preferences. For example, for a problem report enable the propagation of its problem items (**CMHasProblemItem**) and its reference items (**CMReferences**).

When deriving a change object from a	Set the relations propagated using
Problem report	CM_ProblemReportRevision_Relations_To_Propagate
Deviation request	CM_Cm0DevRqstRevision_Relations_To_Propagate
Change request	CM_ChangeRequestRevision_Relations_To_Propagate

You configure which change object users can derive from another using the **CM_change_derivations** preference.

For more information, refer to *Environment Variables Reference* in the Teamcenter help.

Defining deep copy rules for creating changes

Use the Teamcenter Business Modeler IDE deep copy rules to set what objects and attributes are copied when a user creates a copy of a change. Deep copy rules define whether objects belonging to a business object instance can be copied when a user performs a save as or revise operation on that instance. Deep copy rules can be applied to any business object type and are inherited by children business object types.

Using deep copy rules, you can configure whether the following are copied for a change:

- Name, subject, description
- Problem and Impacted Items
- Referenced or related documents

The figure shows the deep copy rules defined by default for a **ChangeItemRevision** in the **Deep Copy Rules** editor. The rules define that when copying a change, copy the problem, impacted, and reference objects, but do not copy the incorporates and solution items.

Business Object : ChangeItemRevision													
Main	Properties	Operations	Display Rules	Deep Copy Rules	GRM Rules	Operation Descriptor							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Inherited Rules													
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organize By Inheritance													
Target Business Object	Target Primary	Operation	Type	Relation Type/Reference P...	Attached Business O...	Condition	Action	Required	Secured	Copy Properties on Rela...	COTS	Template	
ItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	Fnd0DigitalSignatureRel	Fnd0DigitalSigna...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	foundation	
ItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	Fnd0DigitalSignObsolete	Fnd0DigitalSign...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	foundation	
ItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMSolutionToImpacted	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	Cm0Incorporates	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMHasImpactedItem	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CopyAsReference	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMHasProblemItem	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CopyAsReference	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMHasSolutionItem	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMHasWorkBreakdown	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMImpplements	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	CMReferences	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CopyAsReference	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	
ChangeItemRevision	✓	SaveAs	Relation	HasParticipant	Match All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> isTrue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NoCopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	cm	

Note:

Validate that the setting **copyFromOriginal** is set to true on persistent properties to copy them during a save as or revise operation. If **copyFromOriginal** is set to false on persistent properties, the properties are not copied during save as or revise.

Refer to the *Configure Your Business Data Model in BMIDE* in the Teamcenter help for more information.

Note:

Copying changes is not available in the Teamcenter rich client.

Define deep copy rules for copying options from an ECR to an ECN

Use Teamcenter Business Modeler IDE deep copy rules to configure the copying options when a user derives an ECN from an ECR. Deep copy rules define whether objects belonging to a business object instance can be copied when a user performs a **Derive** operation on that instance. Deep copy rules configure the copy option, providing the ability to select individual objects from the **Affected Items** and **Reference Items** in an ECR.

Using deep copy rules, you can configure whether the following are copied into the ECN:

- **Impacted Items**

- Problem Items
- Reference Items

You can create rules for the default relation types **CMHasImpactedItem**, **CMHasProblemItem**, **CMReferences**.

Refer to *Configure Your Business Data Model in BMIDE* in the Teamcenter help for more information.

Note:

Validate that the setting **copyFromOriginal** is set to true on persistent properties to copy them during a save as or revise operation. If **copyFromOriginal** is set to false on persistent properties, the properties are not copied during save as or revise.

Create Deep Copy Rules in BMIDE

1. Create a custom template based on the **Change Manager** template.
2. Open the **Change Item Revision Business Object**.

You can create a **Derive** deep copy rule for **GnChangeRequestRevision** and **GnProblemReportRevision**.

- Select the **Show Inherited Rules** check box to display all rules inherited from parent business objects.
 - Select the **Organize by Inheritance** check box to sort the rules by parent business object names.
 - Use the **Add**, **Edit**, or **Remove** buttons to work with the deep copy rules.
3. Select the **Deep Copy Rules** tab and click the **Add** button to add a row for each rule.
 4. Choose the business object that the deep copy rule is applied to.

Specify the parameters for each rule.

Parameter	Description
Target Primary?	Mark or clear the check box as appropriate. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> When the checkbox is marked, Target Business Object is the primary object of the relationship specified in the Relation Type box. When the business object instance is revised or saved, the secondary objects are carried forward and

Parameter	Description
	related using the relation in the Relation Type box.
<input type="checkbox"/>	When the checkbox is clear, Target Business Object is the secondary object of the relationship specified in the Relation Type box. When the business object instance is revised or saved, the primary objects are carried forward and related using the relation in the Relation Type box.
Operation Type	Select Derive .
Type	Relation creates the deep copy relationship
Relation / Reference Property	Select CMHasImpactedItem , CMHasProblemItem , or CMReferences . You will supply a rule for each relation.
Attached Business Object	For CMHasImpactedItem and CMHasProblemItem types select ItemRevision . For CMReferences select WorkspaceObject .
Condition	Select the condition isTrue .
Action	Choose the kind of copying to be allowed for the business object. The available options differ depending on the type of target business object. Select CopyAsReference . This creates a new relation between the new revision and the related object. Therefore, modifications performed on the copied object are propagated to the source object.
Required	Leave blank.
Secured	Select if you want to prevent the deep copy rule from being modified or overridden by another template.
Copy Properties on Relation	Select if you want persistent properties on relation objects carried forward when the primary objects participating in relations are revised or saved as new objects. If not selected, only mandatory properties are carried forward.

5. Click **Finish**.

The rule is created and appears in the table in the **Deep Copy Rules** editor.

Configuring requested change type for impacted items

As an administrator, you can configure the list of values (LOV) for the requested change types available for the **Impacted Items** table.

The **Cm0RequestedChangeLOV** is attached to the **Cm0RequestedChange** property and contains the list of requested change types.

The default LOV includes:

- **Revise**
- **Create New**
- **Replace with Existing**

Modify the list and the description, as necessary.

Configuring the Changes page

Setting up filtering in the Changes page

You can set the properties that filter the changes that appear in the **Changes** page for changes found when selecting the **Submitted** tab. The changes are change business objects of the **ChangeItemRevision** type and its subtypes.

The screenshot shows the SAP Business Modeler IDE's Changes page. At the top, there are tabs: All, **Submitted**, Saved, Approved, and Disapproved. A red circle with the number 1 is positioned above the Submitted tab. Below the tabs, it says "1 results found for 'Submitted'". On the left, there's a sidebar with various icons. In the center, there's a "Filters" dialog box with a red circle containing the number 2. The filters listed are:

- Creation Date**: Monday - Nov 19, 2018 (1)
- Maturity**: Elaborating (1)
- Type**: Problem Report Revision (1)
- Analyst**: Engineering/engineer/cfx5,cfx5 (cfx5) (1)
- Specialist**: Engineering/engineer/cfx5,cfx5 (cfx5) (1)
- Requestor**: Engineering/engineer/cfx5,cfx5 (cfx5) (1)
- In Process**: True (1)
- Closure**: Open (1)

To the right of the filters, there's a search bar with the placeholder "Find in this content" and a red box highlighting the magnifying glass icon. Further right, there's an error message: "Error w/ PR-00001 Revision:" followed by an exclamation mark icon.

To set the filter, in the Business Modeler IDE, set the following property constants on the property of the change object on which you want to filter.

- **Cm1ChangeCanFilter**

Indicates that change business objects can be filtered on the property.

- **Cm1ChangeFilterPriority**

Indicates the priority of the property that determines its order in the list of filters displayed in the **Changes** page. The lower the value, the higher its priority and, therefore, the higher its position in the list of filters.

Siemens Digital Industries Software recommends that you assign values from a range to accommodate additional properties in the future. For example, assign priorities such as 100, 200, and 300, instead of 1, 2, and 3.

By default, the following properties are shown as filters for Change business objects:

- **creation_date** – Date the change was created.
- **CMMaturity** – Degree of completion of the overall change process (its *maturity*).
- **object_type** – Type of change.
- **cm0Analyst** – User assigned as the analyst.
- **cm0ChangeSpecialist1** – User assigned as the change specialist.
- **cm0Requestor** – User who created the change.

Change filters can only be set on persistent and compound properties.

Properties supported for filtering	Properties not supported for filtering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date • String • References • Logical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String properties with long string as storage • Numeric properties • Array properties

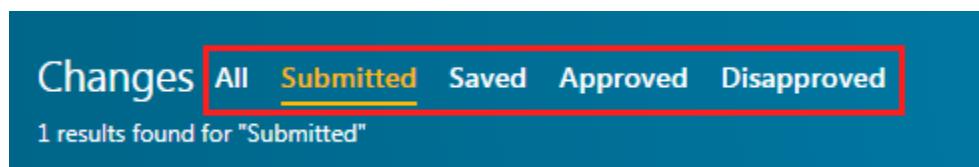
Refer to *Configure Your Business Data Model in BMIDE* in the Teamcenter help for more information.

Configuring the contents of tabs in the Changes page

Note:

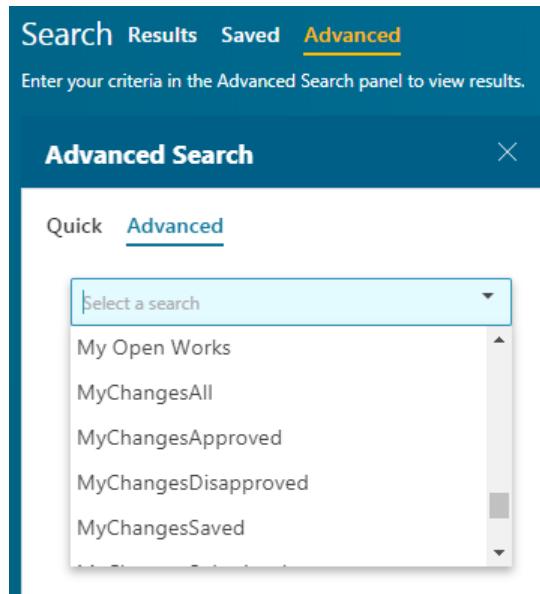
For more information on creating a sublocation tab, refer to Example: Create a sublocation.

You can define which queries are used for each sublocation within the **Change** location.

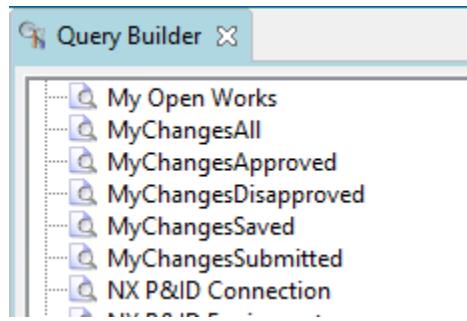


The queries used for each sublocation *must* be the server-side Teamcenter platform saved queries. Active Workspace saved queries will not work in this case.

You can see a list of server-side saved queries (and execute them manually) in the Active Workspace client by using **Advanced Search**.

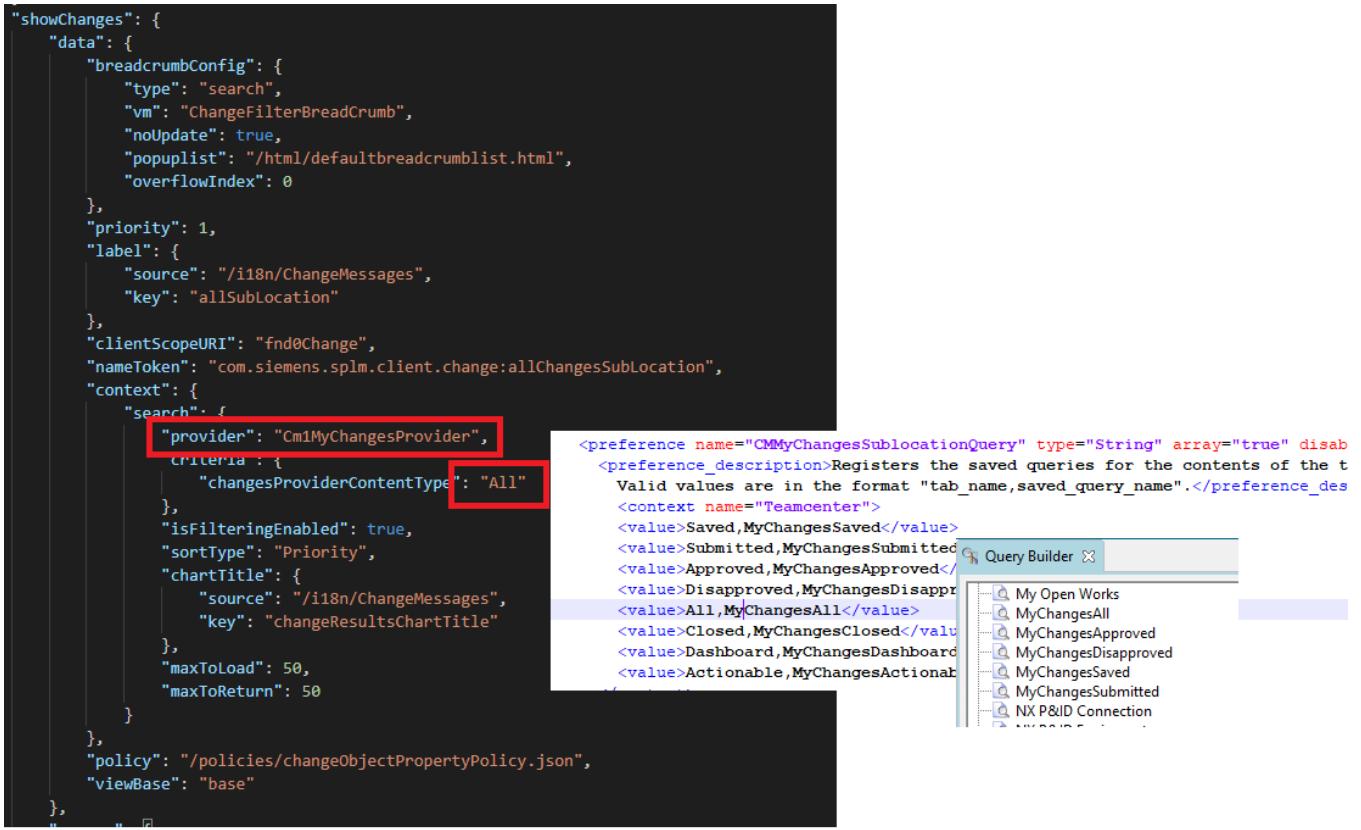


You can view the definition of and create new server-side Teamcenter platform saved queries by using the Query Builder application in the rich client.



Redefining the queries of the tabs is particularly helpful when you have defined custom participants or changes. You can replace your custom participants and changes with those in the default queries so the tabs show your company's content.

You must modify the **CMMyChangesSublocationQuery** preference to modify which queries are used for each sublocation. The **Cm1MyChangesProvider** uses the preference value pairs to select the query which provides the data to the page. The preference definition contains the details of implementation.



Following are the default queries for each tab to display changes with a closure setting of **Open** and the logged-on user is the requester, analyst, or change specialist:

- **All tab**

Get all ChangeItemRevs where Closure=Open AND (Requestor = Logged-in User OR Analyst = Logged-in User OR Change Specialist1 = Logged-in User)

- **Submitted tab**

Get all ChangeItemRevs where Closure=Open AND (Requestor = Logged-in User OR Analyst = Logged-in User OR Change Specialist1 = Logged-in User) AND ProcessStageList != NULL

- **Saved tab**

Get all ChangeItemRevs where Closure=Open AND (Requestor = Logged-in User OR Analyst = Logged-in User OR Change Specialist1 = Logged-in User) AND ProcessStageList = NULL

- **Approved tab**

Get all ChangeItemRevs where Closure=Open AND (Requestor = Logged-in User OR Analyst = Logged-in User OR Change Specialist1 = Logged-in User) AND Disposition = Approved

- **Disapproved tab**

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Get all ChangeItemRevs where Closure=Open AND (Requestor = Logged-in User OR Analyst =  
Logged-in User OR Change Specialist1 = Logged-in User) AND Disposition = Disapproved
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