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Solid Edge Automation Through Programming

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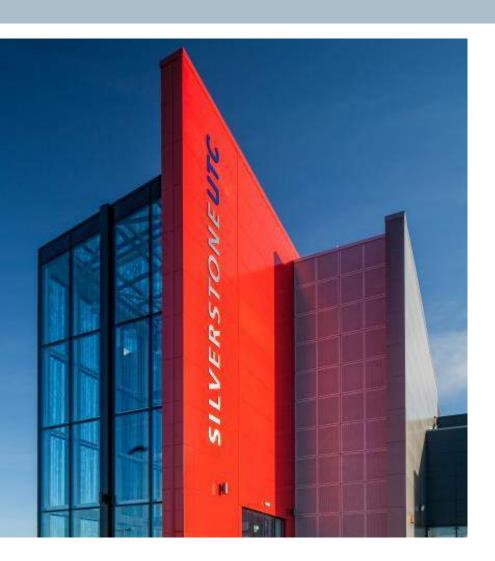


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Agenda



- Introduction (DR/JS)
- What you will learn (JS)
- Solid Edge Custom Folder (JS)
- Variable Table Scripts (JS)
- Microsoft Excel & VBA (JS)
- VS, .NET & The SE API (DR)
- Addin Walkthrough (DR)
- Links & Resources (DR)
- Q&A (DR/JS)



Who am I?

Dave Rothan
Technical Consultant
Majenta PLM – Solid Edge Division

Dave is part of the growing team of Solid Edge technical consultants at Majenta PLM, having joined the company in 2011 and has been involved in some capacity with Solid Edge since it's launch.

Prior to joining Majenta, Dave ran a successful engineering design consultancy for over ten years. He has a general engineering background, gaining a large amount of experience in general mechanical design and has developed many bespoke applications, extending the capabilities of Solid Edge.

Dave works in a predominantly 'post-sales' capacity for Majenta, providing bespoke application development, product support and training to the Majenta Solid Edge customer base.





Who am I?

James Singleton
Senior Applications Engineer
Prion Cutting Edge

James is part of the technical team at Prion Cutting Edge and has been with Solid Edge for the last 11 years.

In a previous life he was a CAD Manager and Design Engineer at a global water meter manufacturer. He implemented a global CAD standard and successfully migrated from several other CAD systems to Solid Edge.

James roles are diverse not only looking at Solid Edge but also Siemens portfolio of data management applications and IT systems along with providing training and consultancy. He has implemented a number of bespoke applications for a variety of clients from small applications to full product configurators.





What you will learn

The session will provide a brief introduction to adding value to Solid Edge via the API (Application Programming Interface), built into Solid Edge.

We will take a look at programming tools and fundamental methodologies to get you started.

Exploit the potential of the Solid Edge API to achieve massive productivity gains, by tailoring Solid Edge to suit your particular company requirements.





Solid Edge Custom Folder – What's new

Solid Edge Movie Recorder

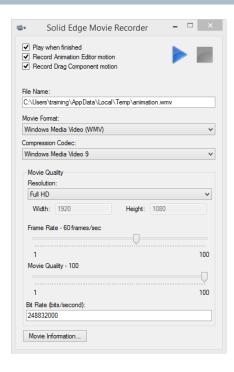
- Constants
 - seMovieFormatConstants Enumeration
 - seMovieFormatConstants.seMovieFormatAVI Constant
 - seMovieFormatConstants.seMovieFormatWMV Constant
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants Enumeration
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants.seMovieStandardResolutionCurrentView Constant
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants.seMovieStandardResolutionFullHD Constant
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants.seMovieStandardResolutionHD Constant
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants.seMovieStandardResolutionNTSC Constant
 - seMovieStandardResolutionConstants.seMovieStandardResolutionPAL Constant

Methods

- View.AddFrameToMovie Method
- View.BeginMovieRecording Method
- View.CreateMovieRecorder Method
- View.DestroyMovieRecorder Method
- View.EndMovieRecording Method
- View.GetAvailableMovieCodecs Method
- View.SetCustomMovieResolution Method
- View.SetMovieResolution Method

Property

- View.AnimationEvents Property
- View.MovieAuthor Property
- View.MovieAuthorURL Property
- View.MovieBitRate Property
- View.MovieCodec Property
- View.MovieCopyright Property
- View.MovieDescription Property
- View.MovieFrameRate Property
- View.MovieQuality Property
- View.MovieSubTitle Property
- View.MovieTitle Property

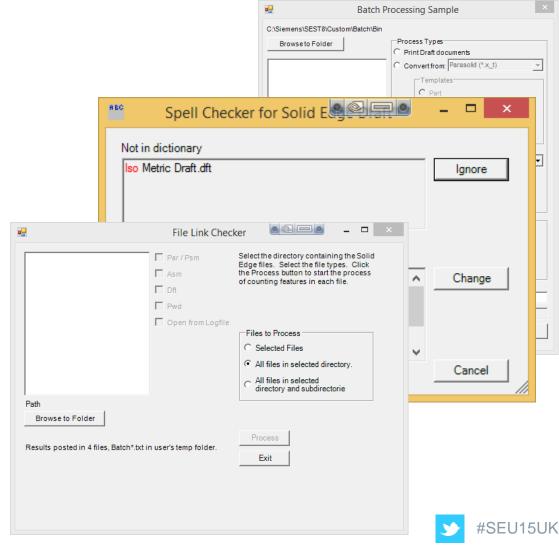






Solid Edge Custom Folder

- Batch
 - Global constants
- AsmRelDoctor
 - Assembly Relationships
 - Occurrences
- Draft Spell Checker
 - Sheets
 - Drawing views
 - Balloons/Callouts
 - Dimensions
 - Text Boxes
 - Word
- HoleDatabaseConverter
 - XML
 - Excel file
- File Link Checker
 - Revision Manager





Variable Table Scripts

Create a basic file Create a function Use the fx function to use the macro

Links do not get resolved for basic files

Value

0.000

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2.00 mm

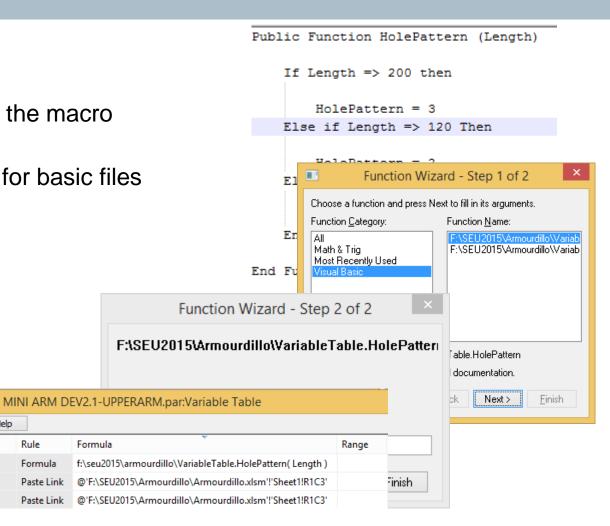
Help

Rule

Formula

Paste Link

Formula





Pattern_1_Suppress

distance

Type

Name

PatternOccurrence_14_XDirOffset

ExtrudedCutout_32_Suppress



Microsoft Excel & VBA

Suppression Variables
Ordered and Synchronous Dimensions
Patterns

Limitations with native Excel

- Cant suppress parts in assembly
- Extra file to link and maintain

Lightweight Arm	No

Description	Left Arm	Right Arm
Gripper Open/Closed	Open	Open
Joint 1 Angle	0	0
Joint 1 Rotation	0	0
Joint 2 Angle	0	0
Joint 3 Angle	0	0

Default	Maximum Length

Sides 45 Sides



Visual Studio 2015 Product Offerings

Visual Studio Community

Free, full-featured and extensible tool for developers building non-enterprise applications

- Full-featured Integrated Development Environment for building Web, Windows Desktop and cross-platform iOS, Android, and Windows apps
- Ecosystem with thousands of extensions to choose from in the Visual Studio Gallery, or create your own
- Free for open source projects, academic research, training, education and small professional teams

Visual Studio Professional with MSDN

Professional developer tools and services for individual developers or small teams

- Professional developer tool for building any application type
- Powerful features to improve your team's productivity such as CodeLens
- Improve team collaboration with Agile project planning tools, Team Rooms, charts and more
- MSDN subscription benefits including access to core software for dev/test, Team Foundation Server, Visual Studio Online Basic, \$50/month in Azure credits, training and support.

Visual Studio Enterprise with MSDN

Enterprise grade solution with advanced capabilities for teams working on projects of any size or complexity, including advanced testing and DevOps

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- End-to-end solution for your development teams, including the most feature-rich Visual Studio IDE for working on any type of project
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- DOT NET
 - VB6 vs DOT NET
 - Framework
 - Library
 - CLR
 - Visual Studio

The .NET Framework (pronounced *dot net*) is a software framework developed by Microsoft that runs primarily on Microsoft Windows. It includes a large library and provides language interoperability (each language can use code written in other languages) across several programming languages. Programs written for the .NET Framework execute in a software environment (as contrasted to hardware environment), known as the Common Language Runtime (CLR), an application virtual machine that provides services such as security, memory management, and exception handling. The class library and the CLR together constitute the .NET Framework.

The .NET Framework's Base Class Library provides user interface, data access, database connectivity, cryptography, web application development, numeric algorithms, and network communications. Programmers produce software by combining their own source code with the .NET Framework and other libraries. The .NET Framework is intended to be used by most new applications created for the Windows platform. Microsoft also produces an integrated development environment largely for .NET software called Visual Studio.





- Solid Edge API
 - 'Core' Type Libraries
 - The Solid Edge core COM type libraries are the APIs that are available to automate the Solid Edge application
 - These APIs can be used by any programming or scripting language that supports COM

Name	Description	Type Library
<u>SolidEdgeFramework</u>	Solid Edge Framework Type Library	framewrk.tlb
<u>SolidEdgeFrameworkSupport</u>	Solid Edge FrameworkSupport Type Library	fwksupp.tlb
<u>SolidEdgePart</u>	Solid Edge Part Type Library	part.tlb
<u>SolidEdgePartSync</u>	Solid Edge Part Synchronous Type Library	partsync.tlb
SolidEdgeGeometry	Solid Edge Geometry Type Library	geometry.tlb
SolidEdgeAssembly	Solid Edge Assembly Type Library	assembly.tlb
SolidEdgeAssemblySync	Solid Edge Assembly Synchronous Type Library	assemblysync.tlb
<u>SolidEdgeDraft</u>	Solid Edge Draft Type Library	draft.tlb
<u>SolidEdgeConstants</u>	Solid Edge Constants Type Library	constant.tlb





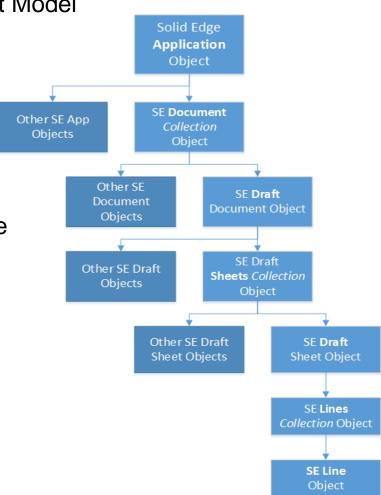
- Solid Edge API
 - Utility APIs
 - These 'lightweight' APIs allow you to work quickly with Solid Edge data without automating Solid Edge.
 - Each is focused for a specific area of tasks.
 - Install Data
 - File Properties
 - Revision Manager

Name	Description	Type Library
<u>SEInstallDataLib</u>	Solid Edge Install Data Library	SEInstallData.dll
<u>SolidEdgeFileProperties</u>	Solid Edge File Properties Object Library	PropAuto.dll
<u>RevisionManager</u>	Solid Edge Revision Manager Object Library	RevMgr.tlb





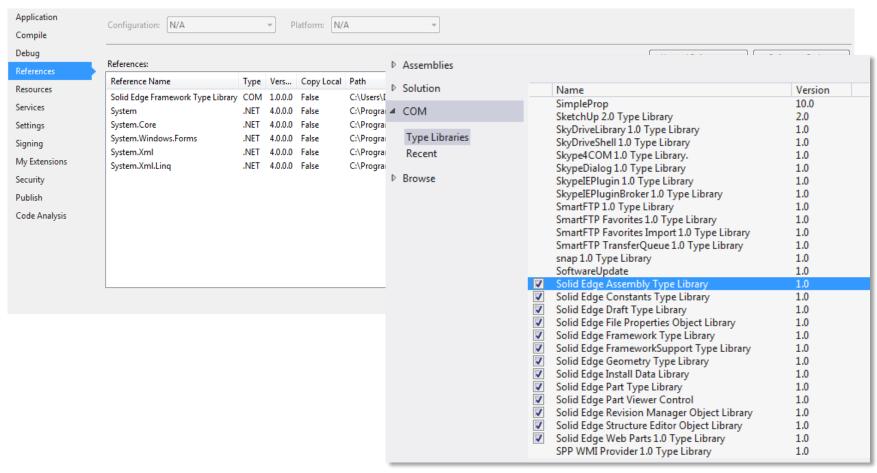
- Solid Edge API Object Model
 - Object Hierarchy
 - Properties
 - Line.Colour
 - Methods
 - Line.Delete
 - Events
 - Document.OnSave







Adding (only the required) Solid Edge 'References' to your project...



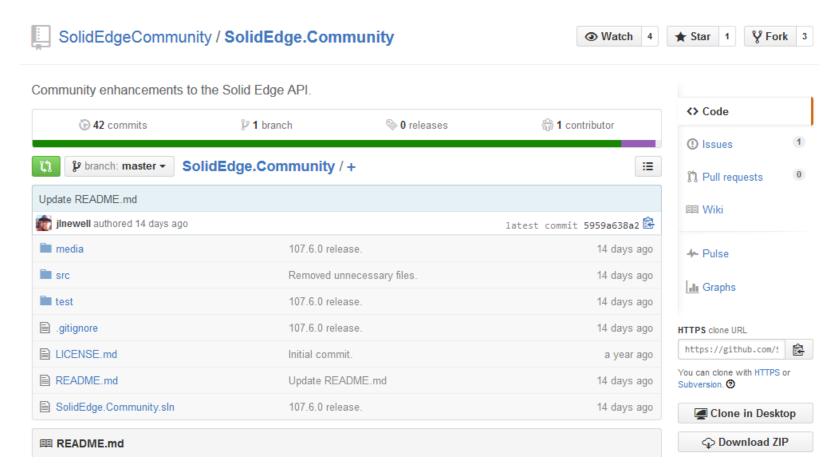


- When you add a reference to a Solid Edge type library, Visual Studio
 .NET automatically build a .NET assembly for use in your project
- This assembly will contain all of the type library definitions in a format that can be consumed from any .NET programming language
- These generated assemblies are referred to as 'Interop Assemblies'





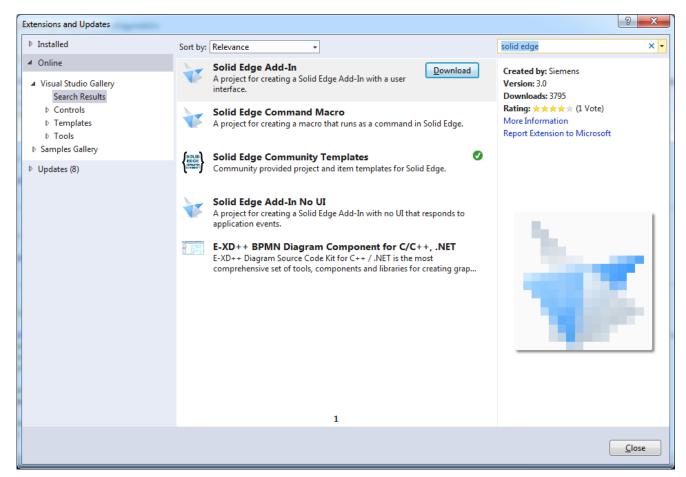
https://github.com/SolidEdgeCommunity/SolidEdge.Community





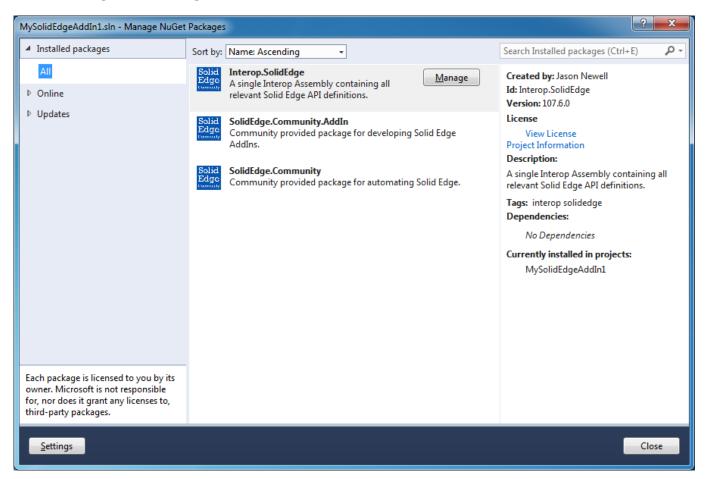


Available through VS 'Extensions and Updates'





NuGet Package Manager





Writing your first macro...

```
Sub Main()
    Dim seApp As SolidEdgeFramework.Application 'se
    seApp = Marshal.GetActiveObject("SolidEdge.Application") 'connect to se
   With seApp
        .DisplayAlerts = False 'hides prompts to save each open doc
    End With
    Dim seDoc As Object = Nothing 'doc
    For Each seDoc In seApp.Documents 'go through each open doc and...
        '...if it's not the active doc, close it
        If Not seDoc Is seApp.ActiveDocument Then seDoc.Close()
   Next
   With seApp
        .DisplayAlerts = True 'switch alerts back on!
    End With
    If Not seDoc Is Nothing Then Marshal.ReleaseComObject(seDoc) 'release the doc
   Marshal.ReleaseComObject(seApp) 'release se
End Sub
```



Macros vs Addins

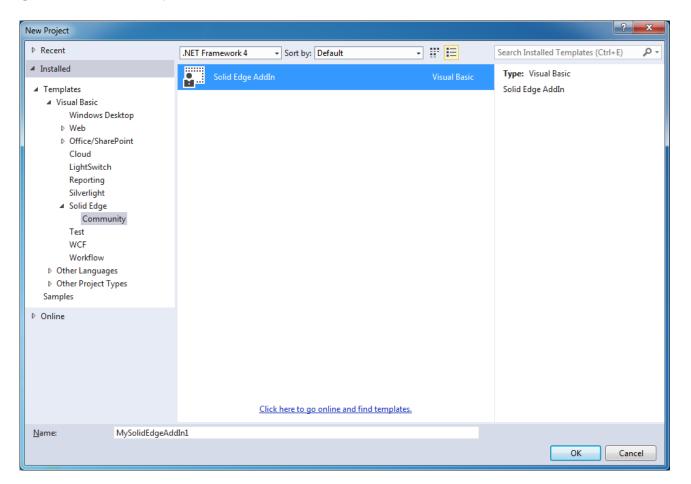
- Overview
 - Macro
 - Simple to develop, easy to deploy
 - Starts, does something, finishes
 - Addin
 - More complex to develop and deploy
 - Registers as Solid Edge 'Addin'
 - Launches when Solid Edge starts
 - Tighter integration
 - 'Intercept' Solid Edge functionality
 - Provide multiple tools





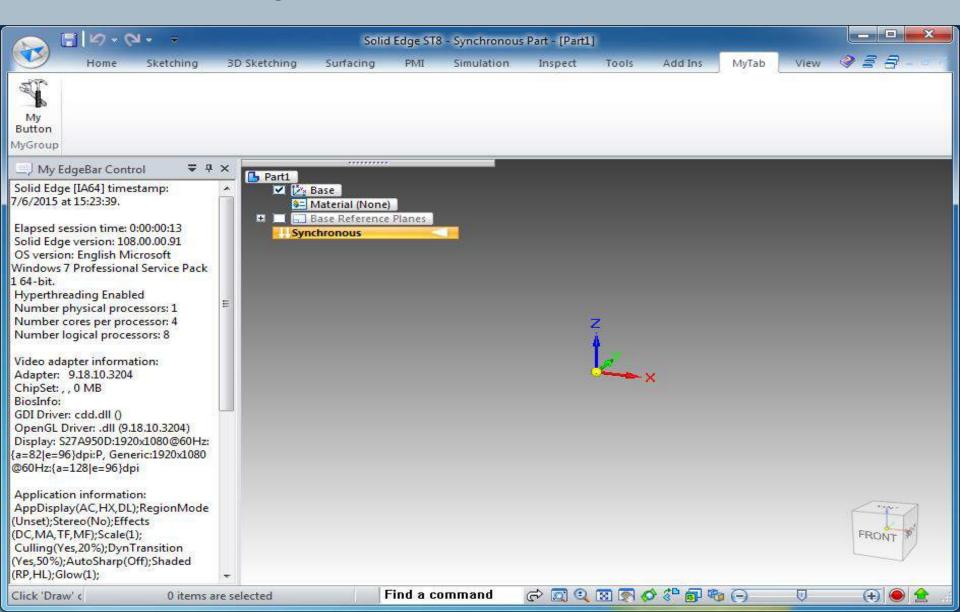
Addin Walkthrough

Solid Edge Community Template



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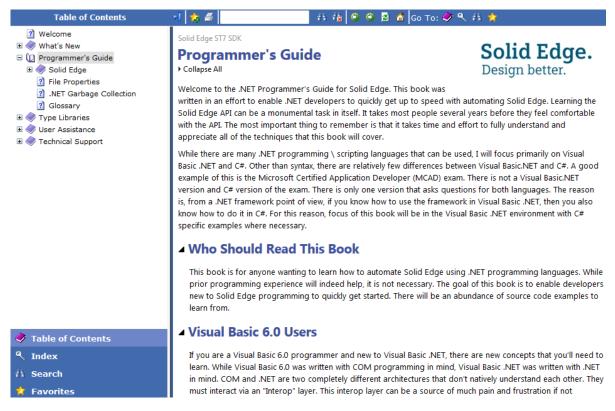
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Siemens Solid Edge Developer Help

http://support.industrysoftware.automation.siemens.com/training/se/107/api/webframe.html



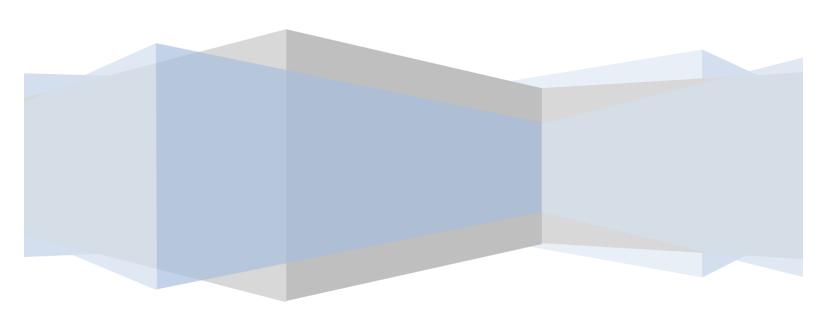




The old programmers guide!

.NET Programmer's Guide

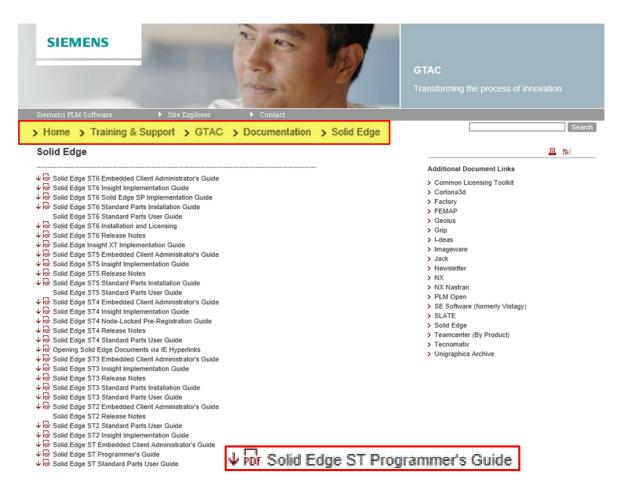
Solid Edge with Synchronous Technology API







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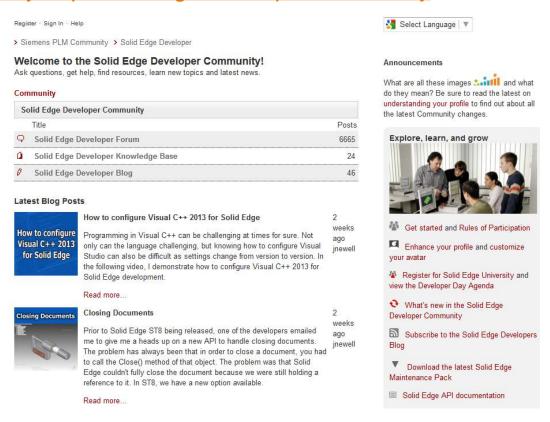




- The old programmers guide!
 - This was written in an effort to enable .NET developers to quickly get up to speed with automating Solid Edge
 - Learning the Solid Edge API can be a monumental task in itself
 - It takes most people several years before they feel comfortable with the API
 - While prior programming experience will indeed help, it is not necessary
 - Enables developers new to Solid Edge programming to quickly get started
 - There is an abundance of source code examples to learn from



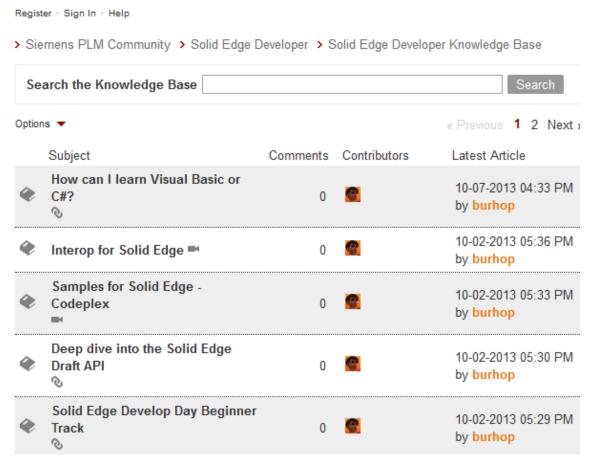
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- Siemens Solid Edge Developer Community
 - Knowledge Base







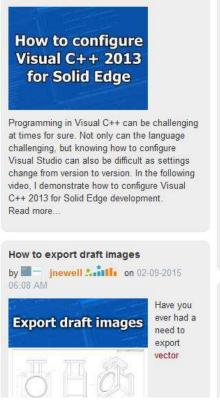
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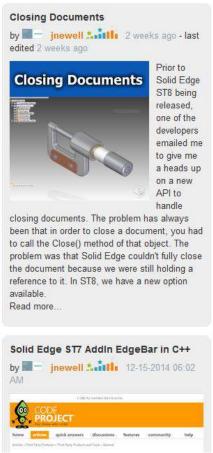
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How to configure Visual C++ 2013 for

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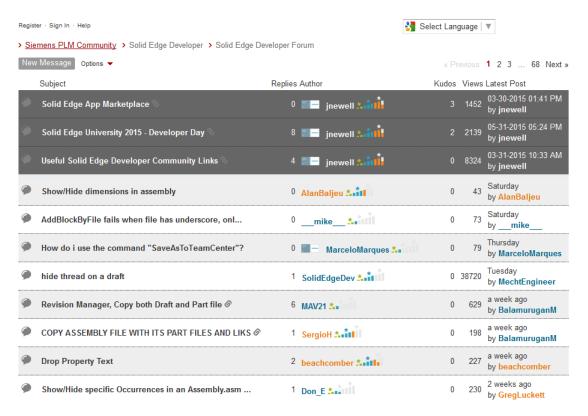






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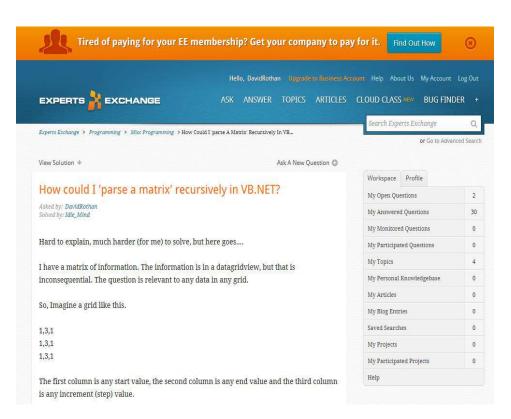
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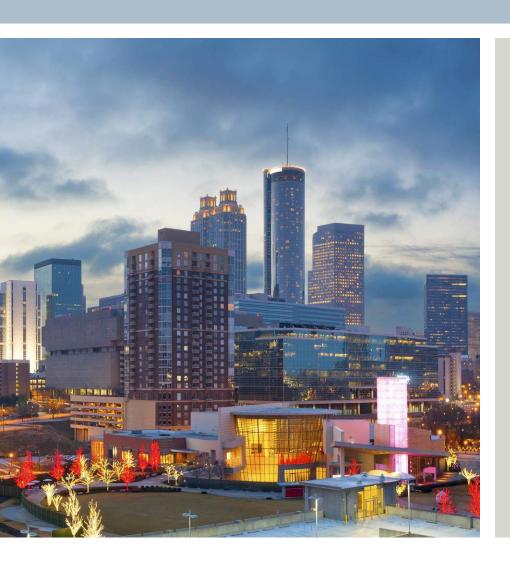
- http://www.experts-exchange.com
 - Registration required
 - General programming
 - Pay, or help others







Questions?



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