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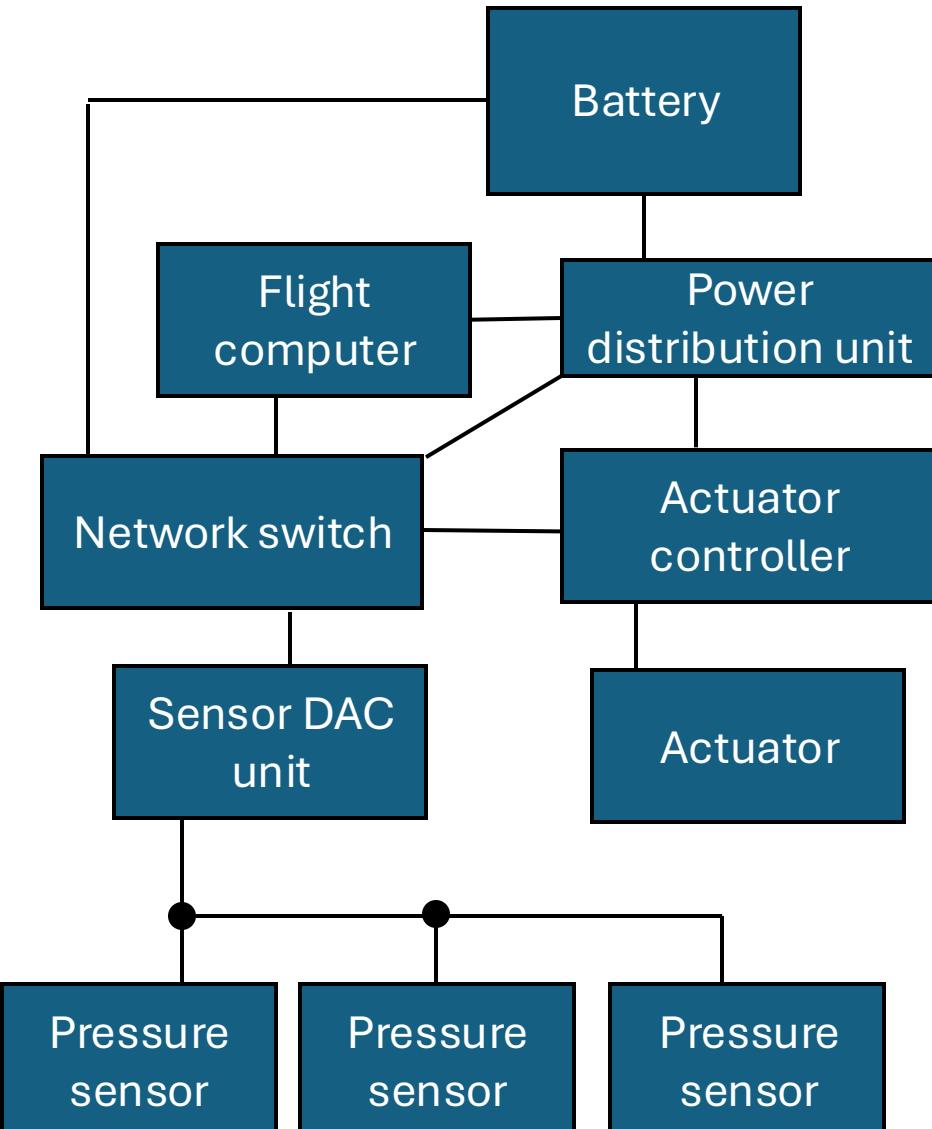
The free, open-source electrical system design tool.

Disclaimer

- I wrote this in past tense, but it's **far** from done!
- This is my first-ever real coding project
 - I don't claim that my code is any good – just the thoughts!
- I've never really used another real system-engineering tool
 - Maybe I'm reinventing a wheel
 - Either way, it's a super fun project

What is an electrical system?

- Any collection of circuit boards, devices, other things, that connect to each other with wires or harnesses
- Requires engineering trades and decisions to design
- Examples:
 - Avionics system on a rocket or satellite
 - Vehicle HIL
 - Test stand
 - Concert sound system
 - Residential AC power distribution



What is **not** an electrical system?

- Physical electrical behavior
 - We take the assumption that any device has inputs and outputs and what it does to relate the two is not part of “system engineering”
- Network routing
 - Software configs are agnostic to the electrical systems

How do you design your system?

- The competition:
 - Zuken, E-plan, etc
 - SUPER expensive, cumbersome, training-intensive

Pen and paper vibes

- Alternatively, Vizio, Powerpoint, Excel, MS Paint
 - No metadata in your drawings
 - No enforceable design rule checks
 - Conflicting sources of truth
 - Required manual dependencies
 - No centralized revision control

Harnice solves this.

- There can and should always exist **one single source of truth** for any entire electrical system.
- On the assumption that the following are known, every artifact (harness drawing, BOM, etc) should be fully deterministic.
 1. Your system is fully defined
 - You know how many devices you need and how you want them to be connected
 2. You have complete details about how each device works
 - Device connectors and channels are fully defined
 3. Every design standard you adhere to is expressible
 - Ex. “We always put yellow heat shrink if the harness contains a signal with this name”
 - Ex. “Every time a harness contains more than two receptacle connectors, switch the font size on the label”
 4. The physical routing of harnesses in 2D or 3D is defined somehow
 - Harnice doesn’t know how long a harness needs to be

How do you know what to design?

- Traditionally, the engineer **compiles** information either from a design guide, from industry knowledge, or other sources,
...manually...
- until their design is complete.

INSTEAD:

- Harnice encourages the user NOT to compile any information, and instead, explicitly document your design standards and rules in a machine-readable format.
- ***Let the machines work for you!***

High-level requirements

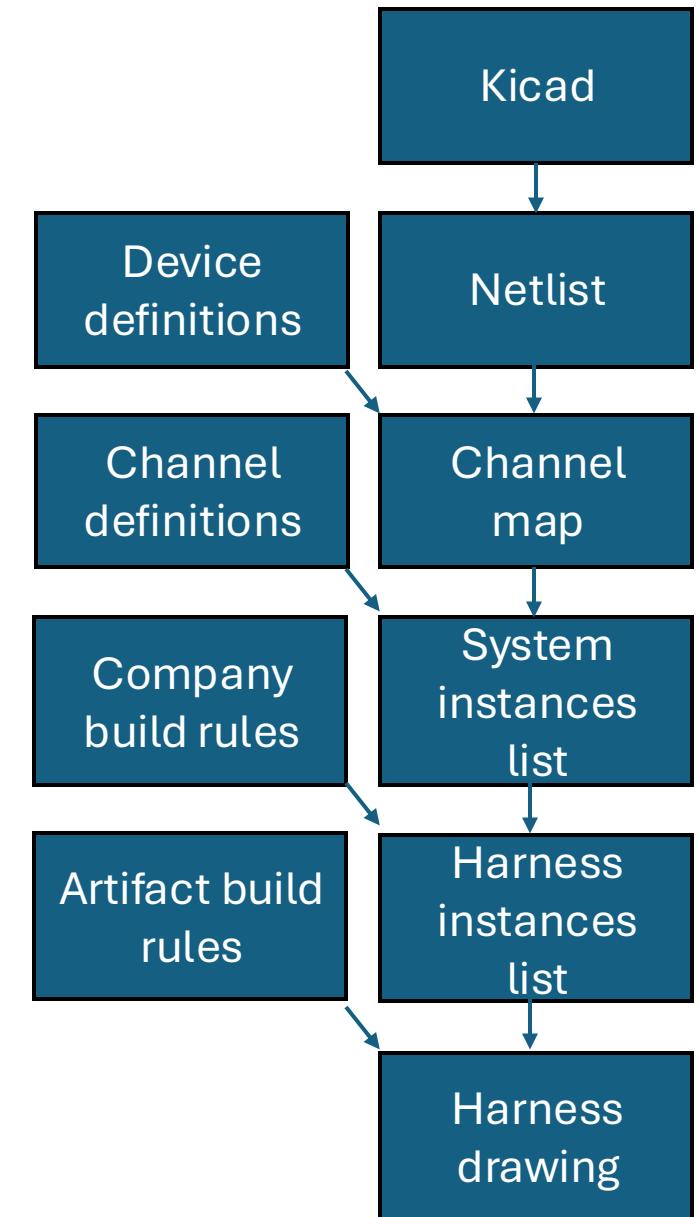
- Harnice shall have just one command which should update everything about a product
- Harnice shall allow users to input their design rules using a well-known human-readable language
- Harnice may only produce ONE deterministic solution to any product, and raise an error if multiple or zero solutions are found
- Harnice shall not operate on released parts`

Flexibility requirements

- If you can define something as an “instance” with “attributes”, it should be able to end up in a harness build file.
- Harnice shall minimize the number of terms that represent physical goods (see prev. slide)

The solution

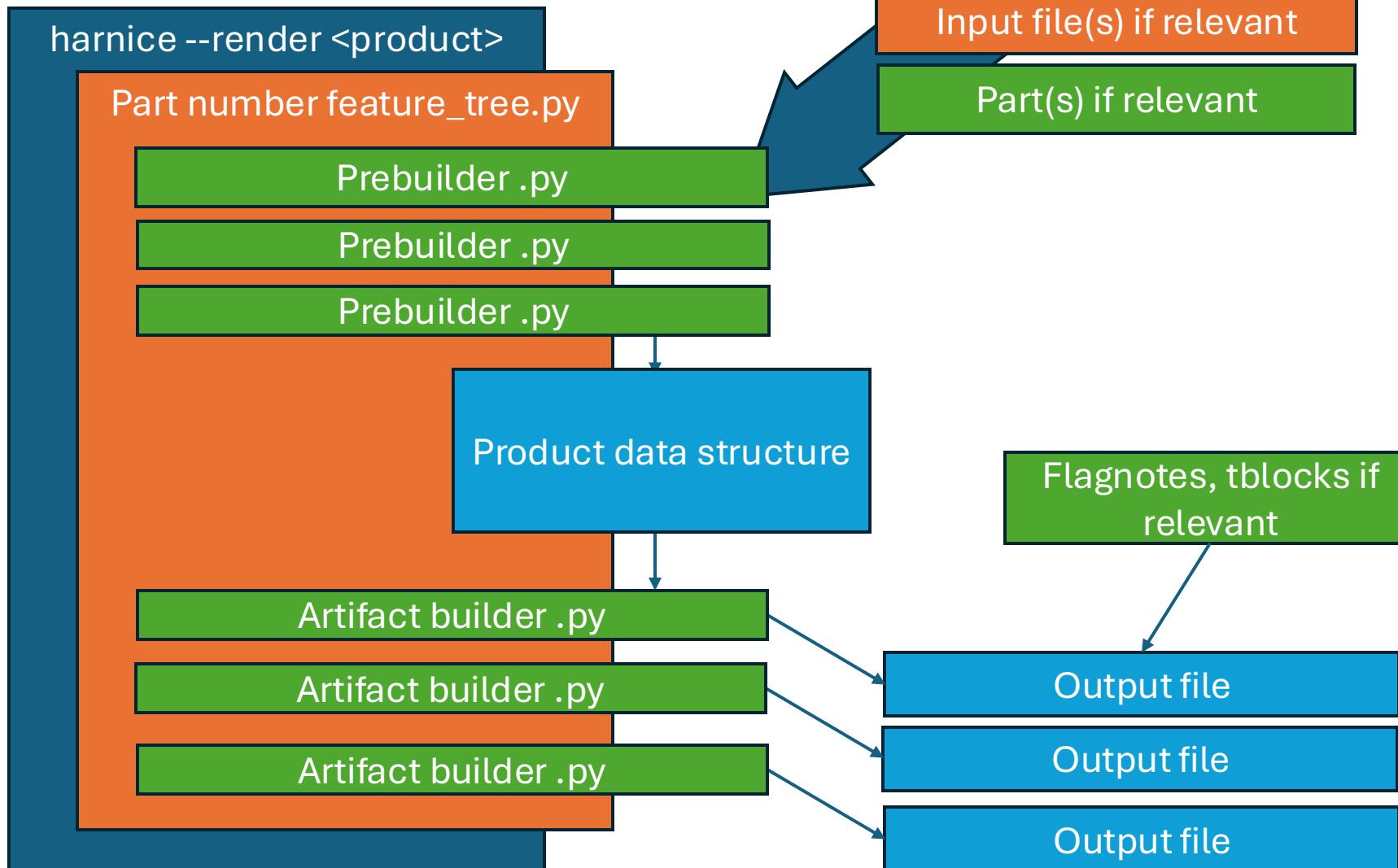
- You specify your system using Kicad or Altium
 - Components represent devices
 - Nets represent harnesses
- Harnice runs a bunch of code on your netlist to determine harness requirements
 - Builds a channel map
 - Builds a System Instances List (list of every part and every connection for every harness)
- Harnice harness editor can look for a harness inside a system
 - Adds parts based on standard build rules
 - Exports build drawings and other artifacts instantaneously



a word on terminology...

Term	Description	Scope	Attributes	Examples
“System”	A complete overview of every relevant piece of hardware in your system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems contain devices and nets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which device part numbers and how many are you using How each device is connected to each other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle HIL Test stand Concert sound system Residential AC power distribution
“Device”	A physical device that interfaces with other devices via hardware electrical signals		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part number Connectors Channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure sensor ADC Light switch MacBook
“Channel”	A set of signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devices have Channels Channels exist in a centralized library Channels are not allowed across multiple connectors yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other compatible channels Input, output, or both Range, tolerance Data format 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Power in” “Mic level signal” FTT (4-20mA) 500mHz 50ohm
“Signal”	An individual conductor going in or out of a device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channels are defined to contain Signals Device Connectors must contain all device Channels’ Signals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +5V Chassis CS, MISO, MOSI
“Net”	A set of connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nets defined at the system-level Nets are not harness part numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which connectors of which devices are included in the net 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N\$1
“Harness”	A physical device that exists to link devices together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harnesses contain Circuits and mating connectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harness part number Contained parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightning cable Your favorite octopus harness
“Circuit”	A connection between one signal and another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circuits contain contacts, conductors, etc that form an electrical path 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel 1 +5V

The workflow



- Regardless of which product you're working on, when you call “render”, harnice will run “featuretree.py”
- Feature Tree, notionally based on Solidworks, will sequentially build up the product’s data structure based on “prebuilders” you can write and select
- Feature Tree will also call Artifact Builders, which do stuff like generate a BOM, make a PDF drawing, etc

Harnice products

	System	Harness	Device	Part	Title block	Flagnote
Inputs	Netlist exported from Kicad or Altium	System instances list, manual YAML or JSON harness definition	ICD.py		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Params.json	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Params.json
Data structure	Instances list	Instances list	Signals list			
Outputs			.Kicad_sym	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attributes.jsonDrawing.svg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attributes.jsonDrawing.svg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drawing.svg

“Instances Lists” as data structures

- Harnesses and Systems use “Instances Lists”
 - A list of every single item, idea, note, part, instruction, circuit, literally anything that comprehensively describes how to build that harness or system
 - TSV (tab-separated-values, big spreadsheet)
 - Declined alternatives: STEP files, schematics, dictionaries not general, descriptive, or human readable enough

```
INSTANCES_LIST_COLUMNS = [
    'instance_name',
    'print_name',
    'bom_line_number',
    'mpn', #unique part identifier (manufacturer + part number)
    'item_type', #connector, backshell, whatever
    'parent_instance', #general purpose reference
    'location_is_node_or_segment', #each instance is either a node or a segment
    'cluster', #a group of co-located parts (connectors, backshells, etc.)
    'circuit_id', #which signal this component is electrically connected to
    'circuit_id_port', #the sequential id of this item in its circuit
    'length', #derived from formboard definition, the length of the segment
    'diameter', #apparent diameter of a segment <----- csys
    'node_at_end_a', #derived from formboard definition
    'node_at_end_b', #derived from formboard definition
    'parent_csys_instance_name', #the other instance upon which this csys is based
    'parent_csys_outputcsys_name', #the specific output coordinate system
    'translate_x', #derived from parent_csys and parent_csys_outputcsys_name
    'translate_y', #derived from parent_csys and parent_csys_outputcsys_name
    'rotate_csys', #derived from parent_csys and parent_csys_outputcsys_name
    'absolute_rotation', #manual add, not nominally used unless rotated
    'note_type',
    'note_number', #----- merge with parent_csys and input
    'bubble_text',
    'note_text',
    'supplier',
    'lib_latest_rev',
    'lib_rev_used_here',
    'lib_modified_in_part',
    'lib_status',
    'lib_datemodified',
    'lib_datereleased',
    'lib_drawnby',
    'debug',
    'debug_cutoff'
]
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Possible

Harness Instances List example

A1

Save As...

Sort & Filter Find & Select Add-ins Analyze Data Copilot

1 instance_name print_name bom_line_number mpn item_type parent_instance location_is_r cluster circuit_id circuit_id_pc length diameter node_at_end node_at_end parent_csys_ parent_csys_ translate_x translate_y rotate_csys absolute_rot note_type note_number bubble_text note_text supplier lib_latest_re

2 origin Node Node

3 circuit1 Circuit

4 X1 X1 1 D38999_26Z Connector Node X1 X1.node X1.origin 0 0 0 0

5 X1.node Node X1 X1.origin 0 0 195 195 public 1

6 X1.cavity7 7 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit1 0 X1.cavity7 X1.node X1.origin 0 0 195 195 public

7 circuit1.contact0 2 TXPA20 Contact X1.cavity7 Node X1 circuit1 1 X1.cavity7 X1.node X1.origin 0 0 195 195 public

8 C1 3 test Cable Segment X1.cavity7 X1.cavity7 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

9 C1.conductored Conductor C1 Segment X1.cavity7 X1.cavity7 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0 public 1

10 X2 X2 4 D38999_26Z Connector Node X2 X2.bs connector 3 0 0 0

11 X2.node Node X2 X2.bs connector 0 2.08 165 165 public 1

12 X2.cavity1 1 Connector c:X2 Node X2 circuit1 3 X2.cavity1 X2.bs connector 0 2.08 165 165 public

13 circuit2 Circuit

14 X1.cavity6 6 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit2 0 X1.cavity6 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

15 C1.conductblk Conductor C1 Segment X1.cavity6 X1.cavity6 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0 public 1

16 X2.cavity2 2 Connector c:X2 Node X2 circuit2 2 X2.cavity2 X2.bs connector 3 0 0 0

17 circuit3 Circuit

18 X1.cavity8 8 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit3 0 X1.cavity8 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

19 C1.conductgreen Conductor C1 Segment X1.cavity8 X1.cavity8 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0 public 1

20 X2.cavity4 4 Connector c:X2 Node X2 circuit3 2 X2.cavity4 X2.bs connector 3 0 0 0

21 circuit4 Circuit

22 X1.cavity9 9 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit4 0 X1.cavity9 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

23 C3 3 test Cable Segment X1.cavity9 X1.cavity9 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

24 C3.conducto 1 Conductor C3 Segment X1.cavity9 X1.cavity9 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

25 X4 X4 4 D38999_26Z Connector Node X4 X4.bs connector 3 0 0 0

26 X4.node Node X4 X4.bs connector 0.98 -4.03 205 205 public 1

27 X4.cavity1 1 Connector c:X4 Node X4 circuit4 2 X4.cavity1 X4.bs connector 3 0 0 0

28 circuit5 Circuit

29 X1.cavity10 10 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit5 0 X1.cavity10 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

30 C3.conducto 2 Conductor C3 Segment X1.cavity10 X1.cavity10 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

31 X4.cavity2 2 Connector c:X4 Node X4 circuit5 2 X4.cavity2 X4.bs connector 3 0 0 0

32 circuit6 Circuit

33 X1.cavity11 11 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit6 0 X1.cavity11 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

34 C3.conductoshield Conductor C3 Segment X1.cavity11 X1.cavity11 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

35 X4.cavity3 3 Connector c:X4 Node X4 circuit6 2 X4.cavity3 X4.bs connector 3 0 0 0

36 circuit7 Circuit

37 X1.cavity12 12 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit7 0 X1.cavity12 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

38 C4 3 test Cable Segment X1.cavity12 X1.cavity12 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

39 C4.conducto 1 Conductor C4 Segment X1.cavity12 X1.cavity12 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

40 X500 X500 4 D38999_26Z Connector Node X500 X500.bs connector 3 0 0 0

41 X500.node Node X500 X500.bs connector 19.72 2.08 15 15 public 1

42 X500.cavity1 1 Connector c:X500 Node X500 circuit7 2 X500.cavity1 X500.bs connector 3 0 0 0

43 circuit8 Circuit

44 X1.cavity13 13 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit8 0 X1.cavity13 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

45 C4.conducto 2 Conductor C4 Segment X1.cavity13 X1.cavity13 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

46 X500.cavity2 2 Connector c:X500 Node X500 circuit8 2 X500.cavity2 X500.bs connector 3 0 0 0

47 circuit9 Circuit

48 X1.cavity14 14 Connector c:X1 Node X1 circuit9 0 X1.cavity14 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

49 C4.conductoshield Conductor C4 Segment X1.cavity14 X1.cavity14 X1.bs connector 3 0 0 0

50 X500.cavity3 3 Connector c:X500 Node X500 circuit9 2 X500.cavity3 X500.bs connector 3 0 0 0

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Ready Accessibility: Unavailable

Artifact builders

- Artifact builders will scour the Instances List or other artifact outputs and make other things out of it
 - BOM
 - Formboard arrangement
 - PDF drawing sheet
 - Analysis calcs
 - Write your own!

```
#=====
#          CONSTRUCT HARNESS ARTIFACTS
#=====

scales = {
    "A": 1,
    "B": 0.25
}
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("bom_exporter_bottom_up", "public", artifact_id="bom1")
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("standard_harnice_formboard", "public", artifact_id="formboard1", scale=scales.get("A"))
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("standard_harnice_formboard", "public", artifact_id="formboard2", scale=scales.get("B"))
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("wirelist_exporter", "public", artifact_id="wirelist1")
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("revision_history_table", "public", artifact_id="revhistory1")
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("buildnotes_table", "public", artifact_id="buildnotestable1")
featuretree.runartifactbuilder("pdf_generator", "public", artifact_id="drawing1", scales=scales)

featuretree.copy_pdfs_to_cwd()
```

Prebuilders

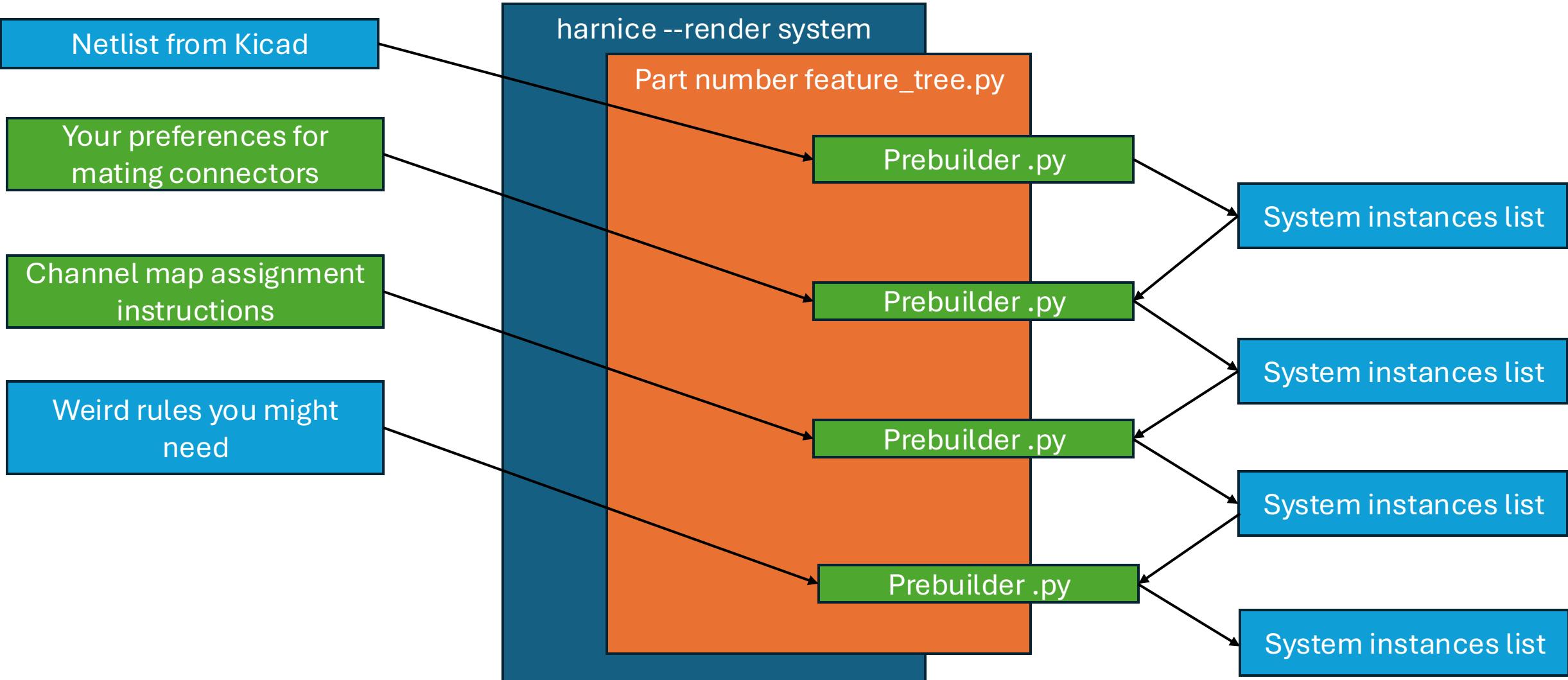
- Prebuilders are pre-written “macros” that actively add or modify lines on an instances list.
 - Can read information from the instances list
 - Can read information from other support files
- Examples
 - `featuretree.runprebuilder("wireviz_yaml_prebuilder", "public")`
 - Reads a wireviz YAML (another commonly used harness design format)
 - `featuretree.runprebuilder("add_yellow_htshrk_to_plugs", "kenyonshutt")`
 - You can write any rule or set of rules you want in Python, save it to your library, and call it from a harness feature tree.
 - This one, for example, might scour the instances list:
 - for plug in instances_list:
 - if item_type==plug:
 - instances_list.add(heatshrink, to cable near plug)

Prebuilders

```
#===== ASSIGN PRINT NAMES TO CONNECTORS =====
for instance in instances_list.read_instance_rows():
    instance_name = instance.get("instance_name")
    if instance_name == "X1":
        instances_list.modify(instance_name,{
            "print_name": "P1"
        })
    elif instance_name == "X2":
        instances_list.modify(instance_name,{
            "print_name": "P2"
        })
    elif instance_name == "X3":
        instances_list.modify(instance_name,{
            "print_name": "P3"
        })
    elif instance_name == "X4":
        instances_list.modify(instance_name,{
            "print_name": "J1"
        })
    elif instance_name == "X500":
        instances_list.modify(instance_name,{
            "print_name": "J2"
        })
    elif instance.get("item_type") == "Connector":
        raise ValueError(f"Connector {instance.get('instance_name')} defined but does not have a print name assigned.")

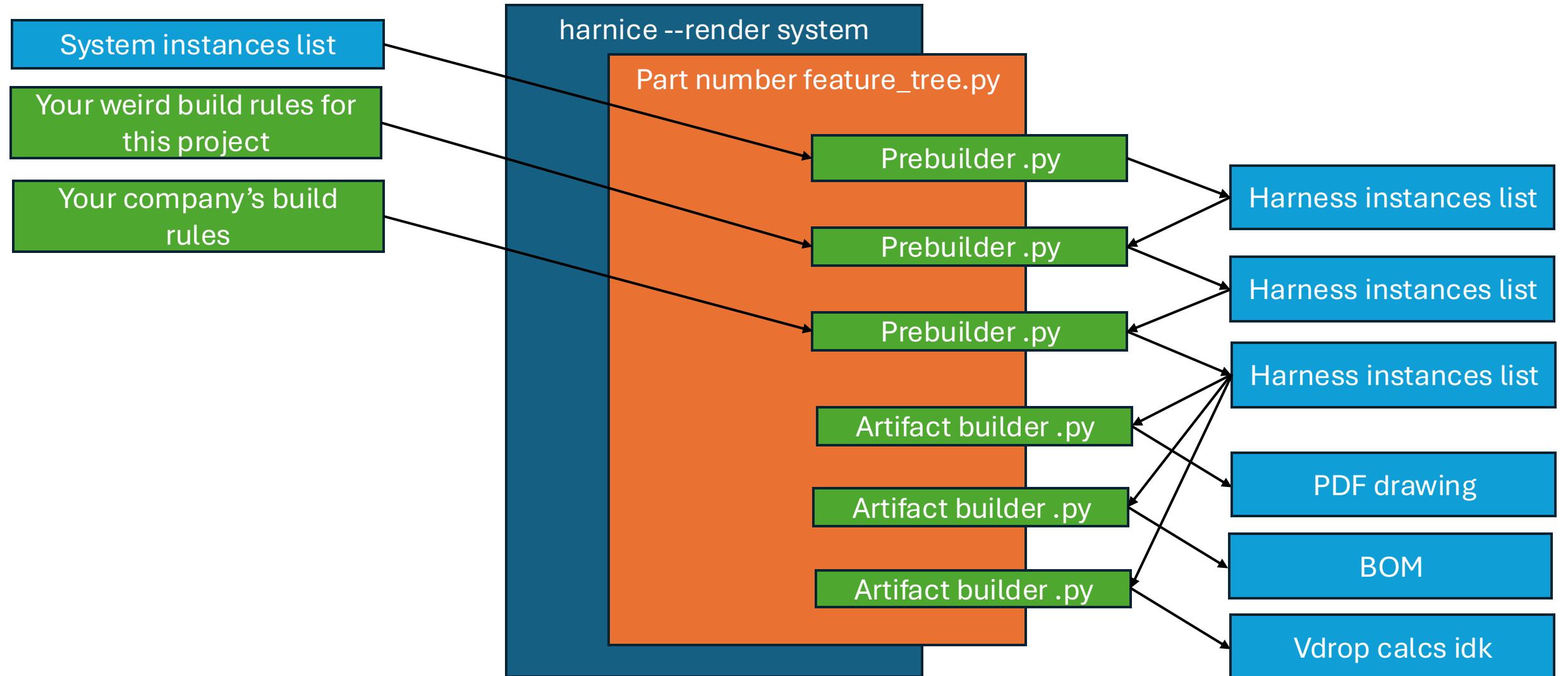
#===== ASSIGN BACKSHELLS AND ACCESSORIES TO CONNECTORS =====
for instance in instances_list.read_instance_rows():
    instance_name = instance.get("instance_name")
    if instance.get("item_type") == "Connector":
        mpn = instance.get("mpn")
        if re.fullmatch(r"D38999_26ZA.+", mpn):
            if instance.get("print_name") not in ["P3", "J1"]:
                instances_list.add(f"{instance_name}.bs",{
                    "mpn": "M85049-88_9Z03",
                    "print_name": f"{instances_list.attribute_of(instance_name, 'print_name')}.bs",
                    "bom_line_number": "True",
                    "supplier": "public",
                    "item_type": "Backshell",
                    "parent_instance": instance.get("instance_name"),
                    "cluster": instance_name,
                    "location_is_node_or_segment": "Node"
                })
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Harnice workflow – for systems



User editable per product
Harnice module
Import from library
Generated file

Harnice workflow – for harnesses

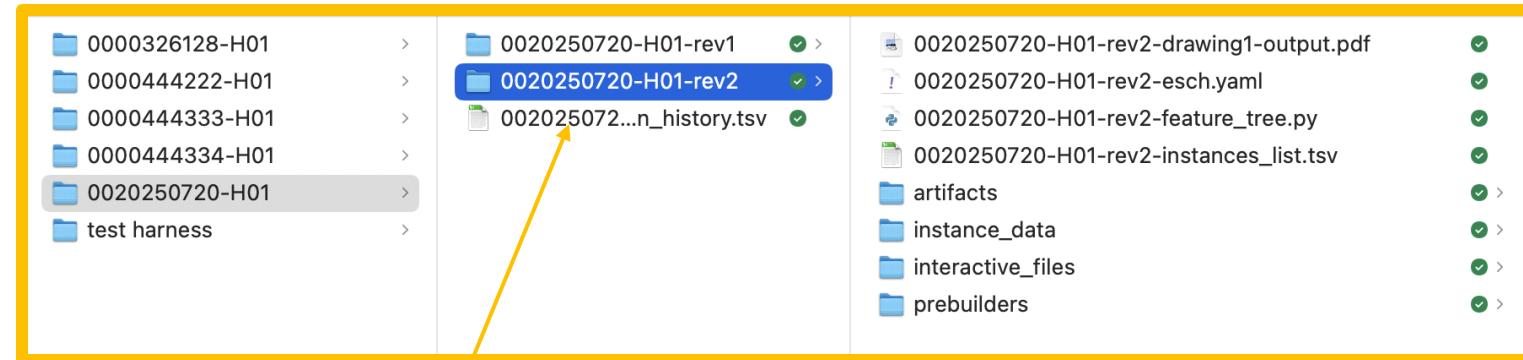


Libraries

- Parts, prebuilders, artifact builders, etc, should be re-used and referenced for any future use
- Users are heavily encouraged to contribute to the public git repo for your cots parts
 - **harnice-library-public**
- However, you can define paths to as many library repos as you want.
 - **my-company-harnice-library**
 - **my-super-top-secret-harnice-library**
- You don't even have to use git to control it!

Product version control

- To “render” a product (harness, part, etc) with Harnice, the CLI will force you to operate in a “rev folder”
- Revision data always stored in revision_history.tsv
- Revisions can be referenced elsewhere, ex in pdf_generator



```
Mac:0020250720-H01 kenyonshutt$ harnice -r harness
Thanks for using Harnice!
This is a part folder (0020250720-H01).
Please 'cd' into one of its revision subfolders (e.g. `0020250720-H01-rev1`) and rerun.
Mac:0020250720-H01 kenyonshutt$ cd 0020250720-H01-rev1
Mac:0020250720-H01-rev1 kenyonshutt$ harnice -r harness
Thanks for using Harnice!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.13/bin/harnice", line 8, in <module>
    sys.exit(main())
    ~~~~~^
  File "/Users/kenyonshutt/Documents/GitHub/harnice/src/harnice/cli.py", line 28, in main
    render.harness()
    ~~~~~^
  File "/Users/kenyonshutt/Documents/GitHub/harnice/src/harnice/commands/render.py", line 26, in harness
    fileio.verify_revision_structure()
    ~~~~~^
  File "/Users/kenyonshutt/Documents/GitHub/harnice/src/harnice/fileio.py", line 342, in verify_revision_structure
    raise RuntimeError(f"Revision {rev} status is not clear. Harnice will only let you render revs with a blank status.")
RuntimeError: Revision 1 status is not clear. Harnice will only let you render revs with a blank status.
Mac:0020250720-H01-rev1 kenyonshutt$ cd ..
Mac:0020250720-H01 kenyonshutt$ cd 0020250720-H01-rev2
Mac:0020250720-H01-rev2 kenyonshutt$ harnice -r harness
Thanks for using Harnice!
Working on PN: 0020250720-H01, Rev: 2

Importing parts from library
ITEM NAME           STATUS
X1                  library up to date (rev1)
X2                  library up to date (rev1)
X4                  library up to date (rev1)
X500                library up to date (rev1)
X3                  library up to date (rev1)
X2.bs               library up to date (rev1)
X4.bs               library up to date (rev1)
X500.bs              library up to date (rev1)
X3.bs               library up to date (rev1)
-Origin node: 'X1.node'
Harnice: harness 0020250720-H01 rendered successfully!

Mac:0020250720-H01-rev2 kenyonshutt$
```

pn	desc	rev	status	releaseticket	datestarted	datemodified	datereleased	drawnby	checkedby	revisionupdates	affectedinstances
0020250720-H01	HARNESS, DOES A, FOR B	1	OUTDATED		7/22/25	8/10/25		K SHUTT	W CANAVAN	INITIAL RELEASE	
0020250720-H01	HARNESS, DOES A, FOR B	2			8/10/25	8/10/25		K SHUTT	D RAIGOSA	CHANGED NOTE FOR CONNECTOR	X1

5	6	7	8	9	10		
	REVISION	UPDATE	STATUS	DRAWN BY	CHECKED BY	STARTED/MODIFIED	
	1	INITIAL RELEASE	OUTDATED	K SHUTT	W CANAVAN	7/22/25	8/10/25
	2	CHANGED NOTE FOR CONNECTOR		K SHUTT	D RAIGOSA	8/10/25	8/10/25

A

B

Library flexibility

All parts in a library are version controlled per previous slide...

harnice-library-public	
Name	
artifact_builders	
> bom_exporter_bottom_up	
> buildnotes_table	
> pdf_generator	
> revision_history_table	
> standard_harnice_formboard	
> wirelist_exporter	
> wireviz_builder	
boxes	
channel_types	
flagnotes	
parts	
> D38999_26ZA98PN	
> D38999_26ZA98PN-rev1	
D38999_26ZA98PN-rev1-attributes.json	
D38999_26ZA98PN-rev1-drawing.svg	
D38999_26ZA98PN-revision_history.tsv	
> D38999_26ZB98PN	
> D38999_26ZC35PN	
> D38999_26ZE6PN	
> M85049-88_9Z03	
> M85049-90_9Z03	
> prebuilders	
> titleblocks	

revision_history.tsv to track all revisions of a product

When importing an item from library, you can request different versions or overwrite imported libraries flexibly...

0020250720-H01-rev2	
Name	
0020250720-H01-rev2-drawing1-output.pdf	
! 0020250720-H01-rev2-esch.yaml	
+ 0020250720-H01-rev2-feature_tree.py	
0020250720-H01-rev2-instances_list.tsv	
> artifacts	
> instance_data	
> generated_instances_do_not_edit	
> imported_instances	
> X1	
> library_used_do_not_edit	
> D38999_26ZB98PN-rev1	
D38999_26ZB98PN-rev1-attributes.json	
D38999_26ZB98PN-rev1-drawing.svg	
X1-attributes.json	
X1-drawing.svg	
> X2	
> X2.bs	
> X3	
> X3.bs	
> X4	
> X4.bs	
> X500	
> X500.bs	
> interactive_files	
> prebuilders	

Library will be imported new at every Render for traceability purposes

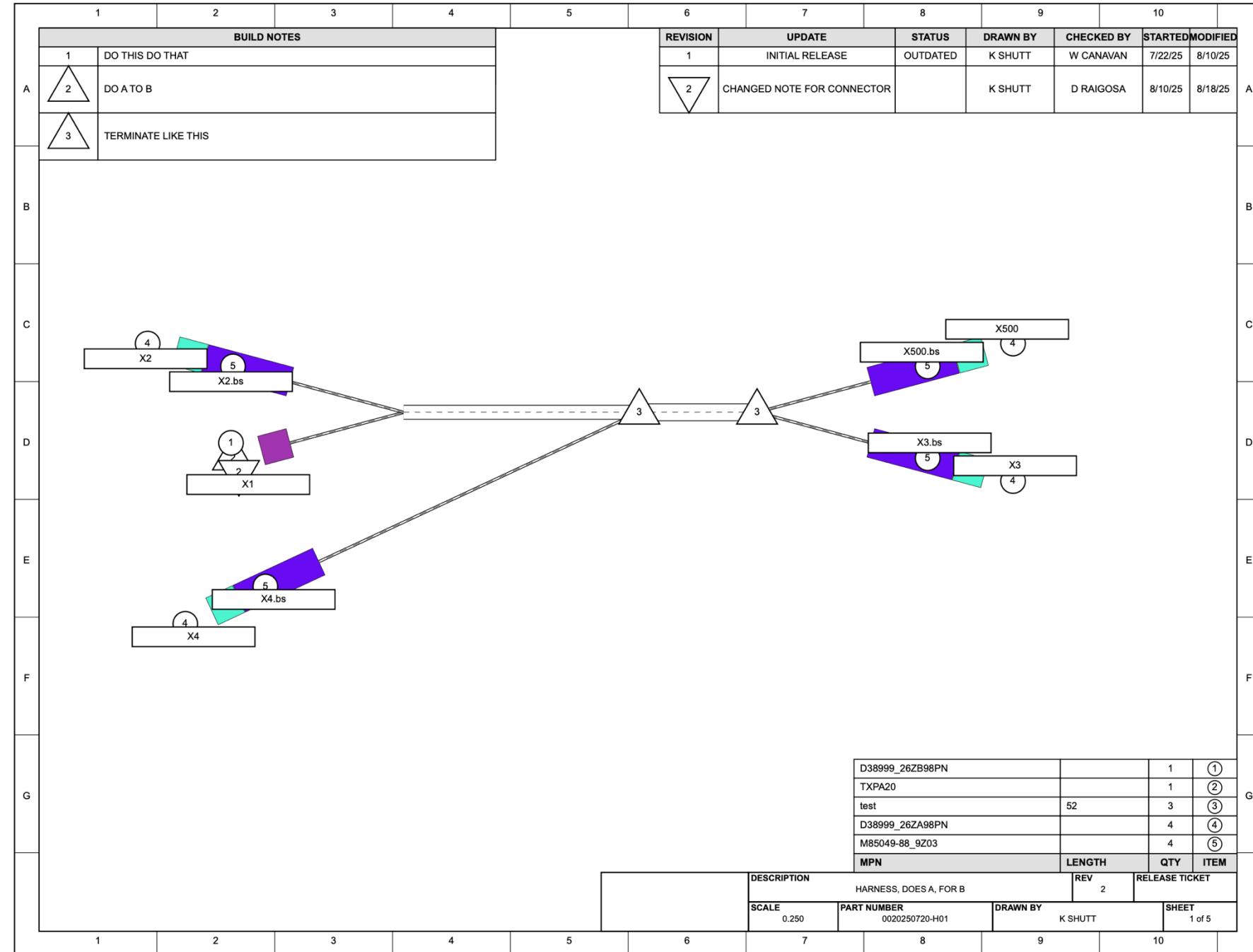
User-editable copy (instances_list tracks “modified” from imported library)

Different instances, even with the same MPN, are imported separately

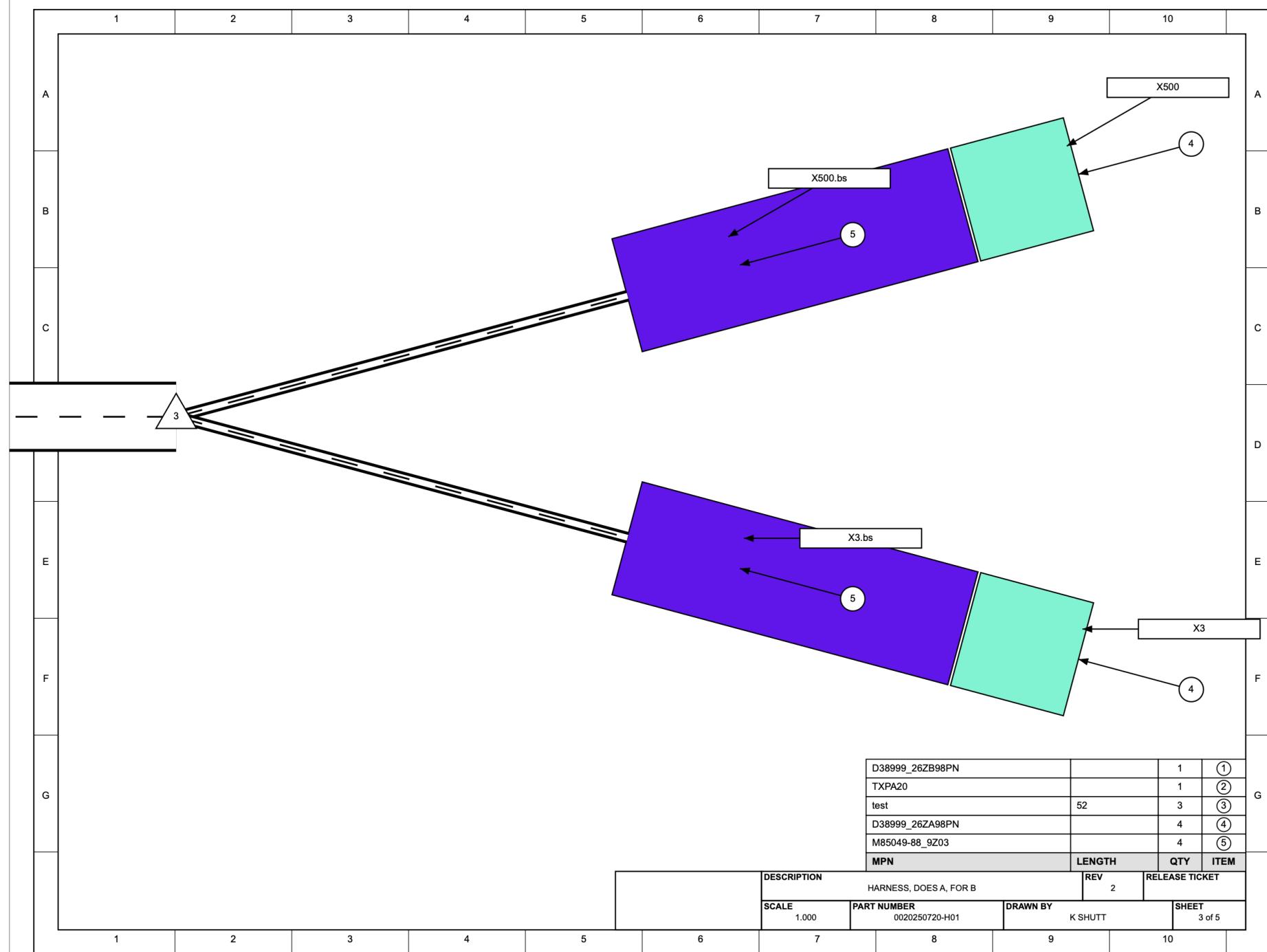
All imported items work the same way

Show me what you can do!

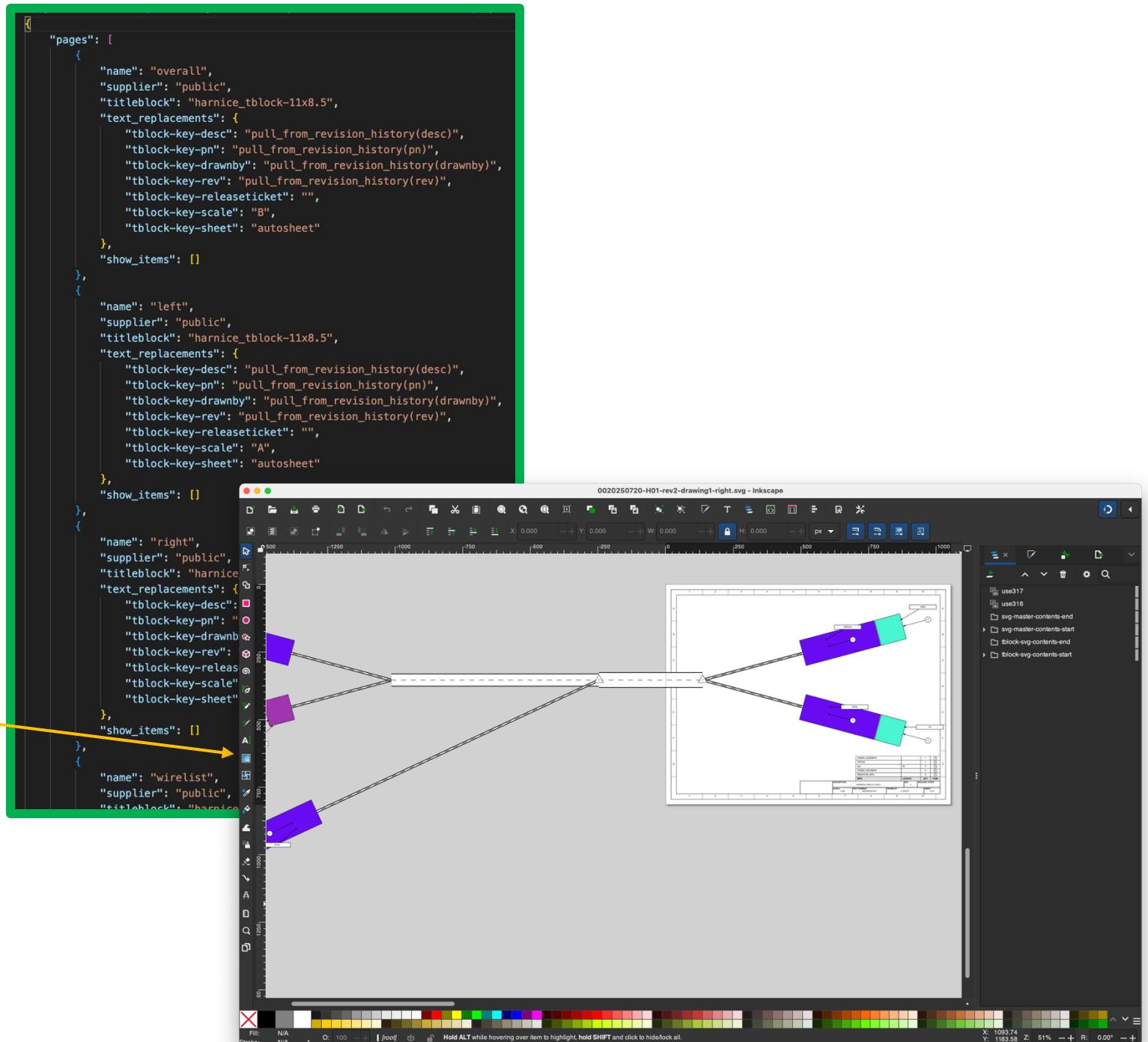
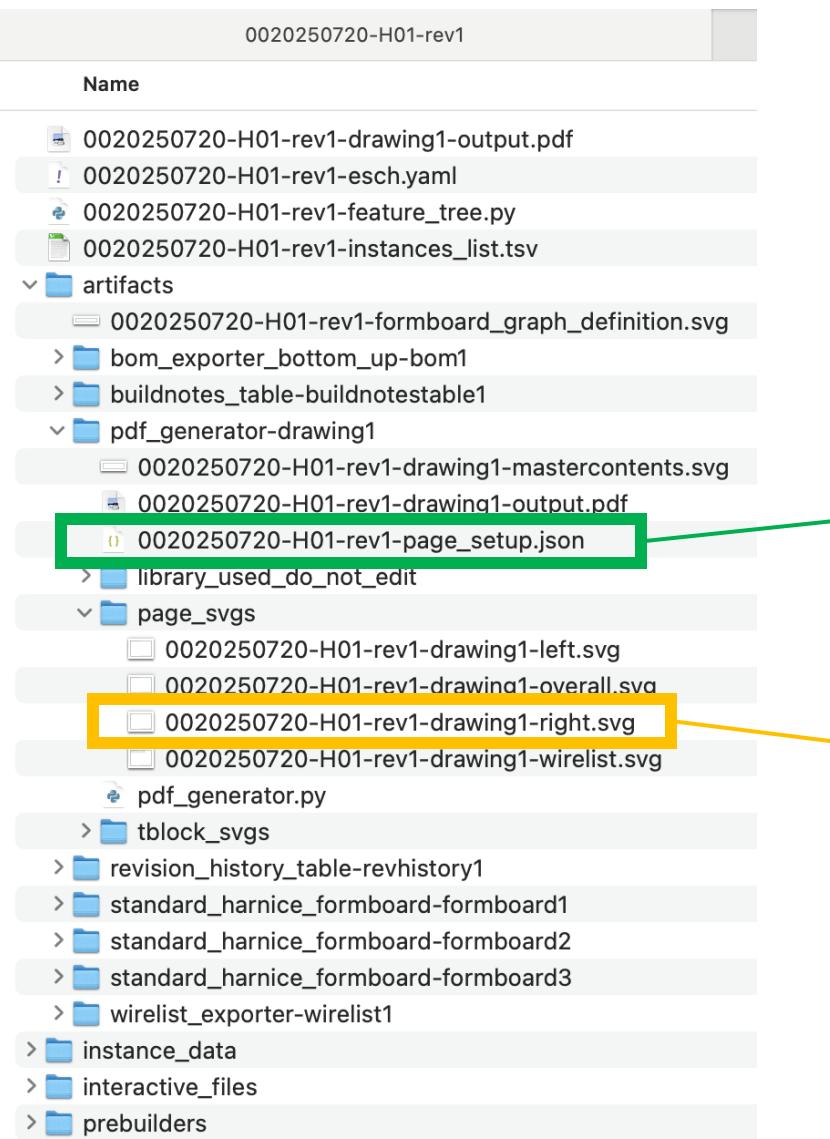
- Here's an output from artifact_builder called **"pdf_generator"**.
- It compiled the outputs of other artifact_builders like **"harness standard formboard builder"**, **"bom to svg"**, **"buildnotes to svg"**
- It knows the scale, the location, the buildnotes you need, what your parts look like, the revision history, all from the information on the Instances List



- Another page shows a 1:1 scale view on a 8.5"x11" sheet.
- Connectors and backshells shown here are just rectangles, but could easily be photos or CAD screenshots.
- Flagnote positions are not well-defined, but can be configured as needed.



- Pages can be edited with your favorite SVG editor...



- **Of course...**
- All output artifacts are perfectly in sync with the Instances List

The screenshot displays three windows illustrating the synchronization between a 3D model and its corresponding data tables.

Top Window: A PDF viewer showing a 3D model of a circuit board with five numbered callouts (1 through 5) pointing to specific components. Below the model is a table titled "0020250720-H01-rev2-drawing1-output.pdf" containing 10 rows of data. The columns are labeled: Circuit_name, Length, Cable, Conductor_identifier, From_connector, From_connector_cable, From_special_contact, To_special_contact, To_connector, and To_connector_cable.

Circuit_name	Length	Cable	Conductor_identifier	From_connector	From_connector_cable	From_special_contact	To_special_contact	To_connector	To_connector_cable
circuit1	8	C1	red	X1	7		X2	1	
circuit2	8	C1	black	X1	6		X2	2	
circuit3	8	C1	green	X1	8		X2	4	
circuit4	24	C3	1	X1	9		X4	1	
circuit5	24	C3	2	X1	10		X4	2	
circuit6	24	C3	shield	X1	11		X500	1	
circuit7	20	C4	1	X1	12		X500	2	
circuit8	20	C4	2	X1	13		X500	3	
circuit9	20	C4	shield	X1	14		X3	1	
circuit10	20	C4	3	X2	3				

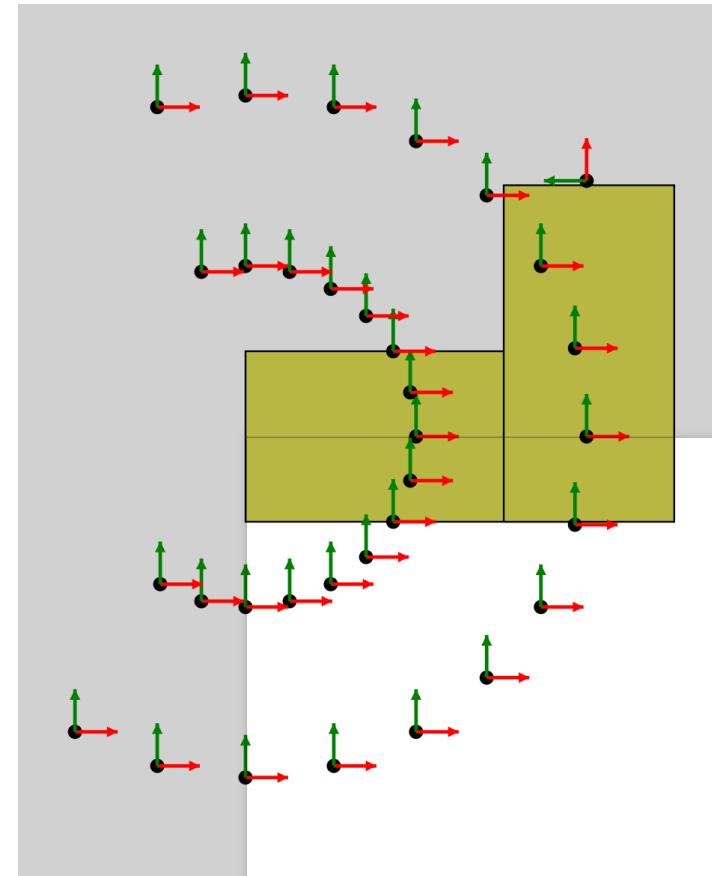
Middle Window: An Excel spreadsheet titled "0020250720-H01-rev2-wirelist.xls" showing a wirelist table with 10 rows. The columns are labeled: Circuit_name, Length, Cable, Conductor_id, From_conn, From_conn_cable, From_specia, To_special_c, To_connecto, and To_connecto.

Circuit_name	Length	Cable	Conductor_id	From_conn	From_conn_cable	From_specia	To_special_c	To_connecto	To_connecto
circuit1	8	C1	red	X1	7		X2	1	
circuit2	8	C1	black	X1	6		X2	2	
circuit3	8	C1	green	X1	8		X2	4	
circuit4	24	C3	1	X1	9		X4	1	
circuit5	24	C3	2	X1	10		X4	2	
circuit6	24	C3	shield	X1	11		X4	3	
circuit7	20	C4	1	X1	12		X500	1	
circuit8	20	C4	2	X1	13		X500	2	
circuit9	20	C4	shield	X1	14		X3	1	
circuit10	20	C4	3	X2	3				

Bottom Window: An Excel spreadsheet titled "0020250720-H01-rev2-instances_list.xls" showing an instances list table with 56 rows. The columns are labeled: print_name, bom_line_number, mpn, item_type, parent_instance, location_is_node_or_segment, cluster, circuit_name, circuit_id_port, length, diameter, node_at_end_a, node_at_end_b, and parent_csys_instance_name.

print_name	bom_line_number	mpn	item_type	parent_instance	location_is_node_or_segment	cluster	circuit_name	circuit_id_port	length	diameter	node_at_end_a	node_at_end_b	parent_csys_instance_name
X1.cavity7	7		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit1		0				
circuit1.contact0		TXPA20	Contact	X1.cavity7	Node	X1	circuit1		1				
C1.conducto red			Conductor	C1	Segment		circuit1		2	8			
X2.cavity1	1		Connector	caX2	Node	X2	circuit1		3				
X1.cavity6	6		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit2		0				
C1.conducto black			Conductor	C1	Segment		circuit2		1	8			
X2.cavity2	2		Connector	caX2	Node	X2	circuit2		2				
X1.cavity8	8		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit3		0				
C1.conducto green			Conductor	C1	Segment		circuit3		1	8			
X2.cavity4	4		Connector	caX2	Node	X2	circuit3		2				
X1.cavity9	9		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit4		0				
C3.conducto	1		Conductor	C3	Segment		circuit4		1	24			
X4.cavity1	1		Connector	caX4	Node	X4	circuit4		2				
X1.cavity10	10		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit5		0				
C3.conducto	2		Conductor	C3	Segment		circuit5		1	24			
X4.cavity2	2		Connector	caX4	Node	X4	circuit5		2				
X1.cavity11	11		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit6		0				
C3.conducto shield			Conductor	C3	Segment		circuit6		1	24			
X4.cavity3	3		Connector	caX4	Node	X4	circuit6		2				
X1.cavity12	12		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit7		0				
C4.conducto	1		Conductor	C4	Segment		circuit7		1	20			
X500.cavity1	1		Connector	caX500	Node	X500	circuit7		2				
X1.cavity13	13		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit8		0				
C4.conducto	2		Conductor	C4	Segment		circuit8		1	20			
X500.cavity2	2		Connector	caX500	Node	X500	circuit8		2				
X1.cavity14	14		Connector	caX1	Node	X1	circuit9		0				
C4.conducto shield			Conductor	C4	Segment		circuit9		1	20			
X500.cavity3	3		Connector	caX500	Node	X500	circuit9		2				
C4.conducto	3		Conductor	C4	Segment		circuit10		1	20			
X3.cavity1	1		Connector	caX3	Node	X3	circuit10		2				

- Every part can have as many child coordinate systems as you need
- These can be referenced in the instances list
- Used for things like flagnotes, child parts, or other related items
- Can be used to place parts on a formboard drawing, calculate distances, etc



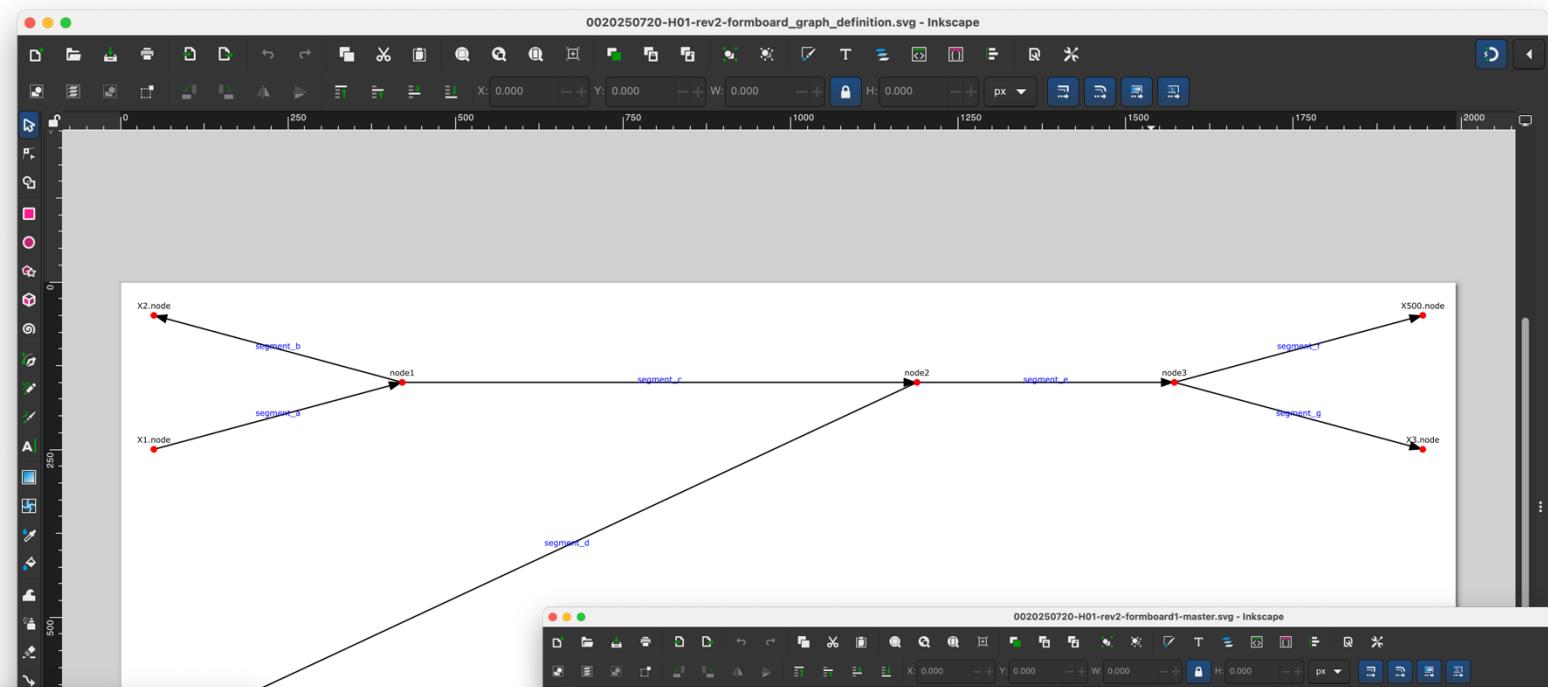
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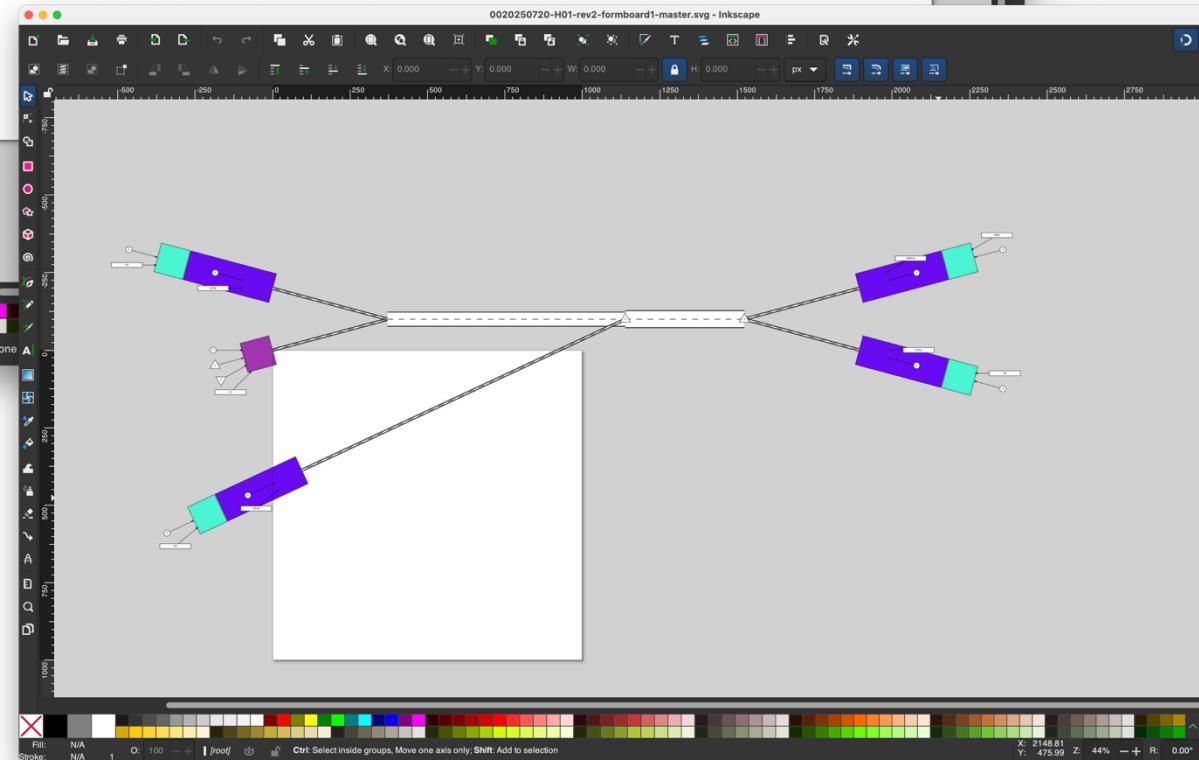
Defining a physical layout

- For now, `formboard_definition.tsv` allows user to input length and angle preferences
- These sync with cables and requirements from `instances_list`
- Eventually, I'll make a GUI



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "0020250720-H01-rev2.formboard_graph_definition". The table has columns A through G and contains the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	segment_id	node_at_end	node_at_end	length	angle	diameter	
2	segment_a	X1.node	node1	4	15	0.1	
3	segment_b	node1	X2.node	4	165	0.1	
4	segment_c	node1	node2	8	0	0.5	
5	segment_d	node2	X4.node	12	205	0.1	
6	segment_e	node2	node3	4	0	0.6	
7	segment_f	node3	X500.node	4	15	0.1	
8	segment_g	node3	X3.node	4	345	0.1	
9							
10							
11							



Interesting problems with **Harness Builder**

- Revision control
- Mapping harness reference designators to harness part numbers

Interesting problems with Harness Builder

- Mapping nets to harness part numbers
 - There's no guarantee that the user finds it useful to make a build part number out of every net. Assigning nets to harness part numbers is an engineering judgement call that Harnice will not solve for the engineer.
 - A system will produce a set of nets
 - For each net you find useful to make into a harness, make a part number first, and direct that part number prebuilder towards that net
- Example
 - Your system contains a bunch of COTS harnesses (cat6 ethernet cables)
 - Harnice system will render each instance as a separate net
 - There's no need to make a separate part number or harness drawing for each of those nets

Interesting problems with **System Builder**

- Channel maps
 - Just because you have a net that contains multiple connectors, that is not enough information to define which channel connects to where
 - If you have a net, you know the signals and channels of the net's connectors, and you know the compatible channel list, Harnice can produce a list

Interesting problems with **System Builder**

- Transmission line effects
 - Given that

Interesting problems with **System Builder**

- Harness disconnects

Things I learned about coding

- Git
- Fileio.path()

Infinite possibilities

Where are we as of today?

Where I want to take this