Ansys Mechanical Beyond the Basics

Module 02 Student Reference Guide: Further Geometry Considerations

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Module 02: Learning Objectives

In this module, you'll learn how the geometry can be modified to add efficiency to the Mechanical solution.

The following topics will be covered:

- Introduction to SpaceClaim
- Cut planes and symmetry
- Body activation/deactivation for physics
- Shared topology
- Beam extraction



Module 02: Agenda

- Brief introduction to SpaceClaim
 - Purpose and application
 - Options for launch
 - GUI
 - View control and the global triad
 - Selection and Smart Filters
 - Hiding/showing bodies
 - Suppress for Physics
 - Tabs, ribbons, and tools
 - Design Tab → Pull
 - Repair Tab
 - Prepare Tab → Midsurface
 - Prepare Tab → Beam Extract



Module 02: Agenda (Continued)

- Cut assembly along symmetry plane
- Share topology between valve rod and seal
- Imprint nuts and bolts on flanges
- Suppress two bolts in preparation for body-body beam creation
- Extract beam for one bolt
- Update geometry in Mechanical
- Define the symmetry condition



Module 02: Reference Material

Summary of geometry changes:

- Cut model for reflective symmetry
- Define shared topology between valve seal and valve rod
- Extract line body for simplified beam element representation of bolts
- Split surfaces to preserve bolt head and nut bearing areas



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