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V-Modell® XT-based Software Development and Project Management support for the Visual Studio Team System

Quick Start

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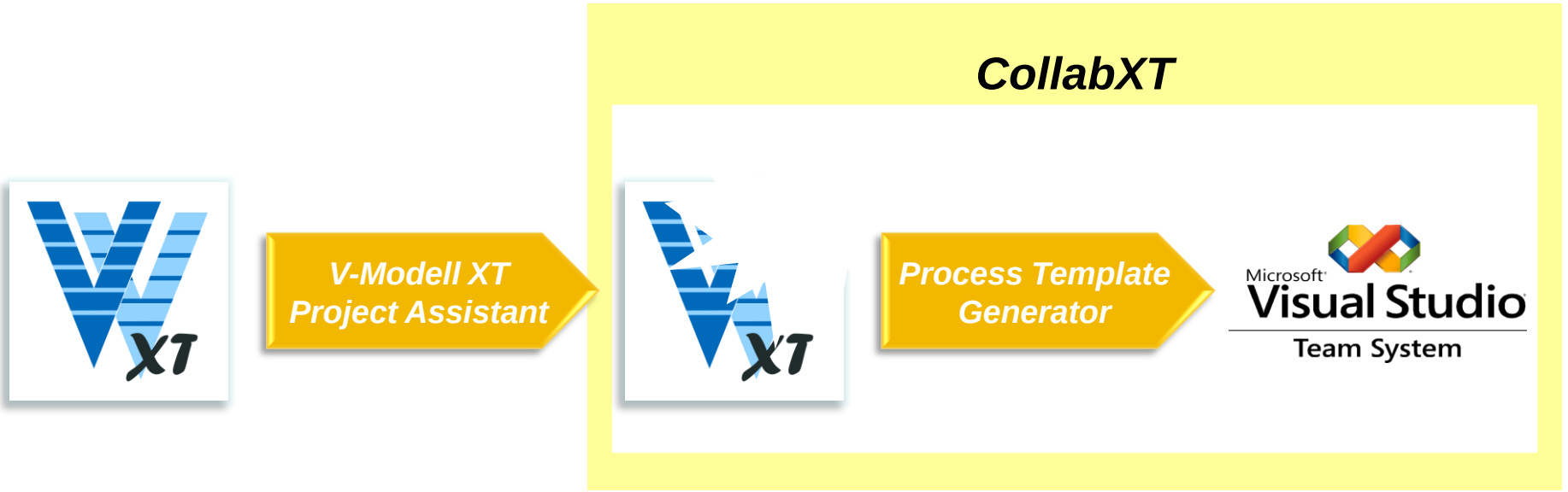
Project and Goals

The “CollabXT for TFS” project has been created to offer a generic way for transforming a V-Modell® XT Process into a valid Team Foundation Server Process Template. Therefore the project offers a generator to automate this step and a few tools to enable additional TFS features like Work Item Linking. In additional releases we will offer the possibility to enrich the high level V-Modell® XT Process with other more detailed micro process elements. This will really add value to the V-Modell® XT and will enable to implement best practice methodology into V-Modell® XT process model.
The V-Modell is a process model for planning and executing Projects. The V-Modell improves project transparency, project management and the probability of success by defining concrete practices with associated results and responsible Roles. The V-Modell® XT is a further development of the V-Modell 97. The V-Modell® XT is an important process model in Germany as it is the obligatory process to be used for projects that are assigned through German government.

- Support for:
  - Integrated Application Lifecycle Management
  - Collaboration in distributed development projects
  - Automated process support and operation
  - Sophisticated user-assistance

Project and Goals

- Integration extends the standard tool chain…
  - Editor und Project Assistant → Authoring and Tailoring the V-Modell
  - Generator creates a Team System Process Template from given content
  - Process Template can also be edited using Team System-integrated tools…



Features

CollabXT for TFS transparently extends the standard tool-chain of the V-Modell® XT

- Features:
  - Using every tailored *Supplier* and *Acquirer/Supplier* V-Modell® XT 1.2.1 as basis
  - Metamodel-based process for deriving generators and process-extenders, including
    - Product Library, Process Documentations
    - Sophisticated Work Item Tracking and Reporting
    - Development support by IDE-integrated Editors, Source Control System, Compilers, fine grained development methodology
  - Support for German and English V-Modell® XT derivates
  - Extending the V-Modell® XT standard tool-chain for Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server

Prerequisites…

- CollabXT for TFS is designed for a *minimal-impact* use, meaning
  - No special prerequisites are required
  - Only standard V-Modell-tools are needed
  - Team Foundation Server installed on a server available via network

- The CollabXT for TFS Generators require
  - .NET runtime environment (http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=10CC340B-F857-4A14-83F5-25634C3BF043&displaylang=de)
- The V-Modell® XT tools require
  - Java runtime (http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp)
  - Tools from the V-Modell Web Portal (http://www.v-modell-xt.de)

How-To

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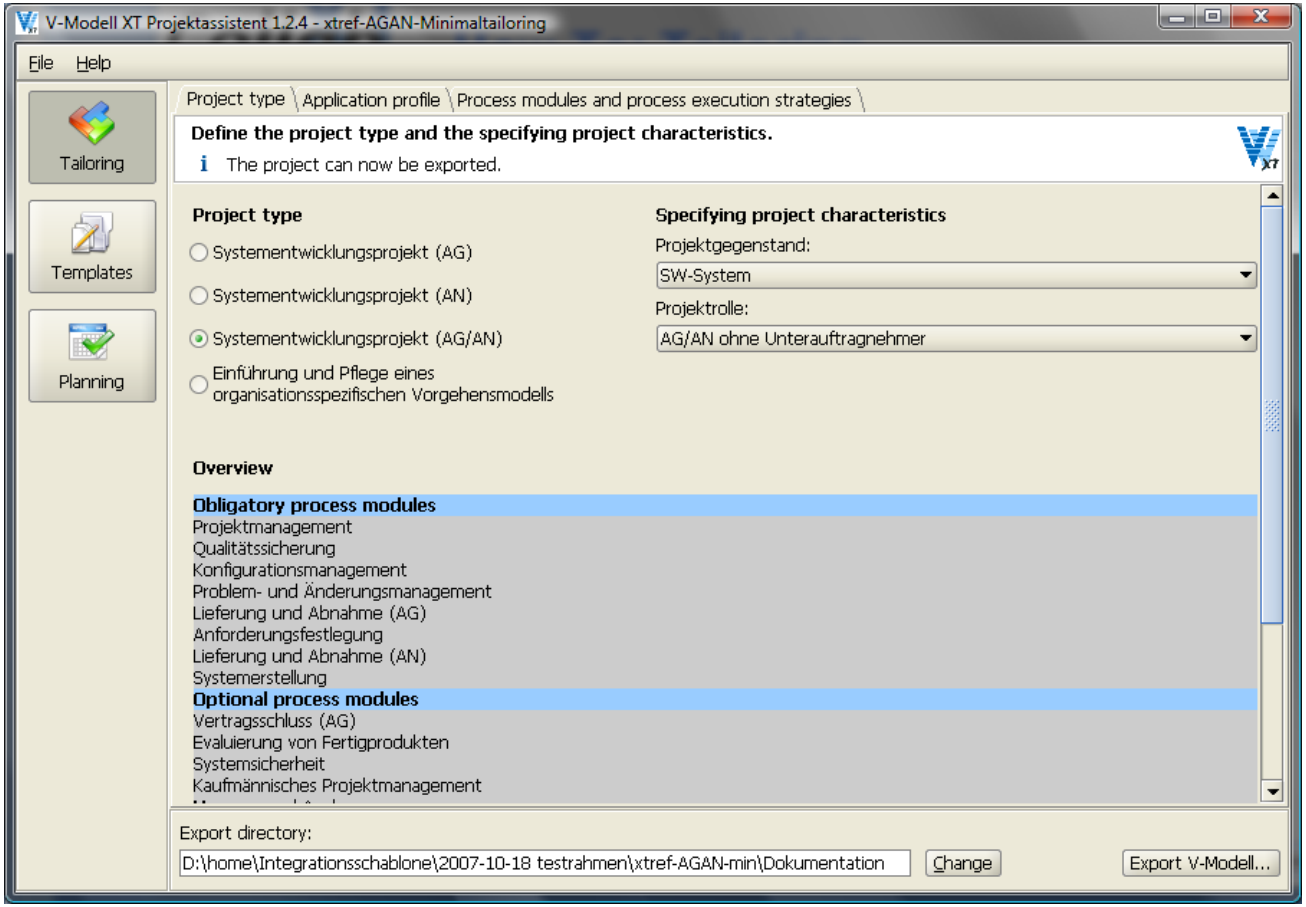
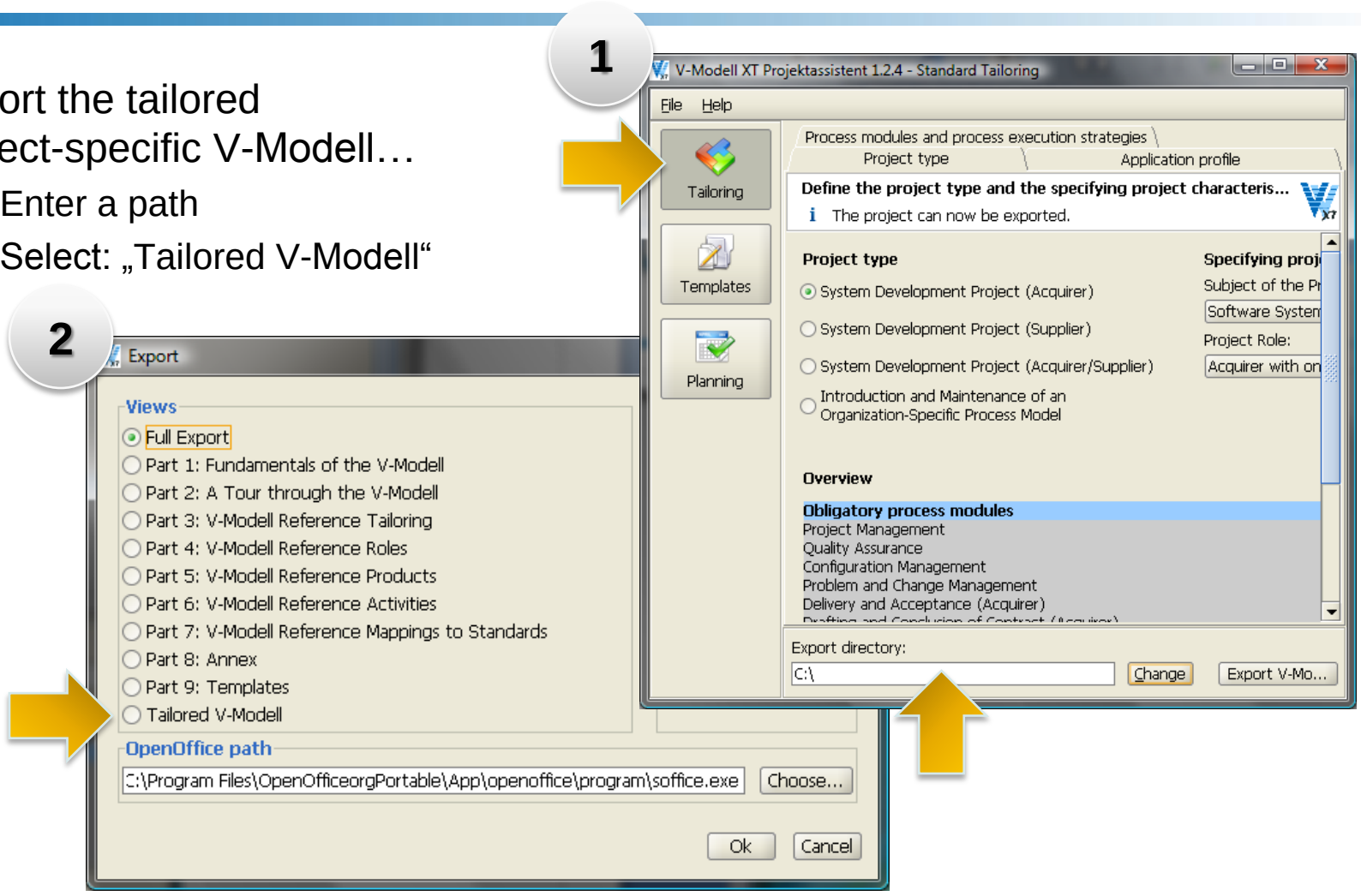
How-To: Tailoring

- Tailor V-Modell®XT using Project Assistant



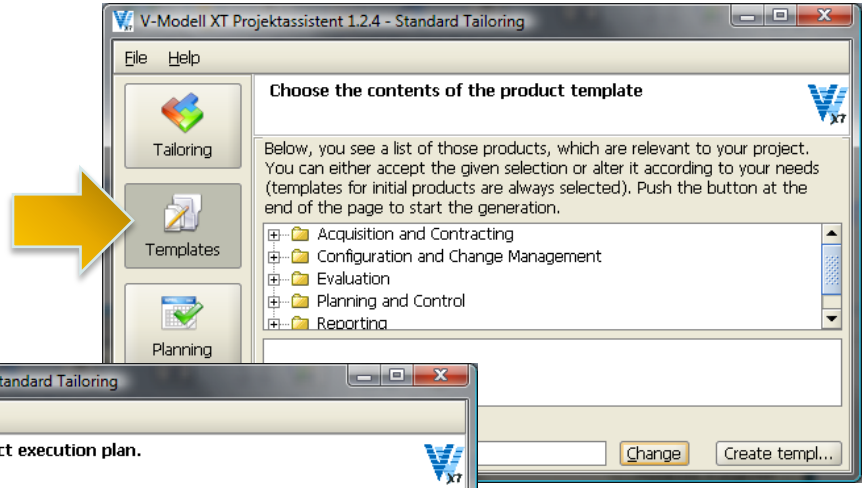
How-To: Export V-Modell Contents – 1

- Export the tailored project-specific V-Modell…
  - Enter a path
  - Select: „Tailored V-Modell“

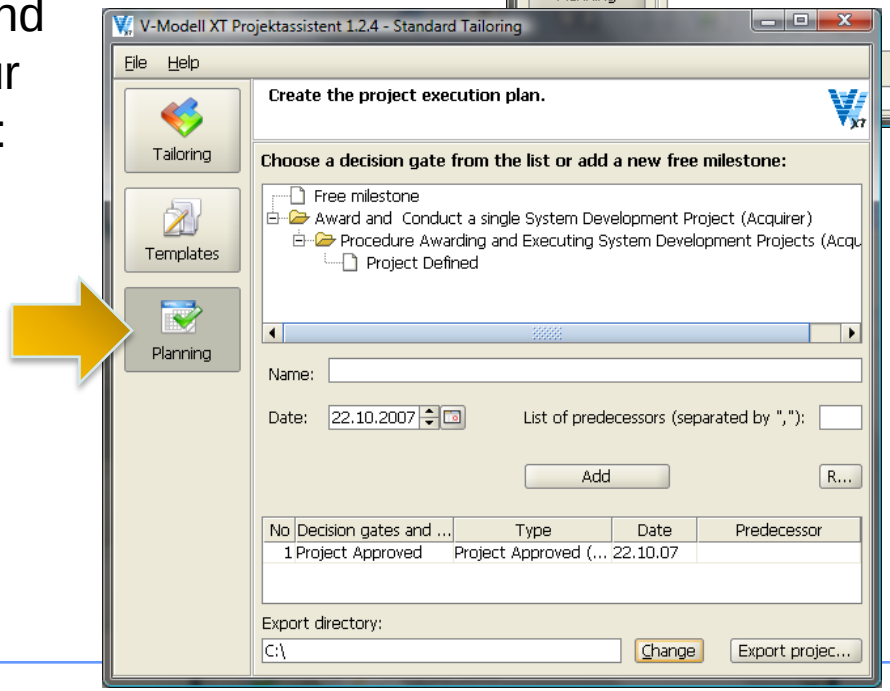


How-To: Export V-Modell Contents – 2

- Select and export the work product RTF-templates:

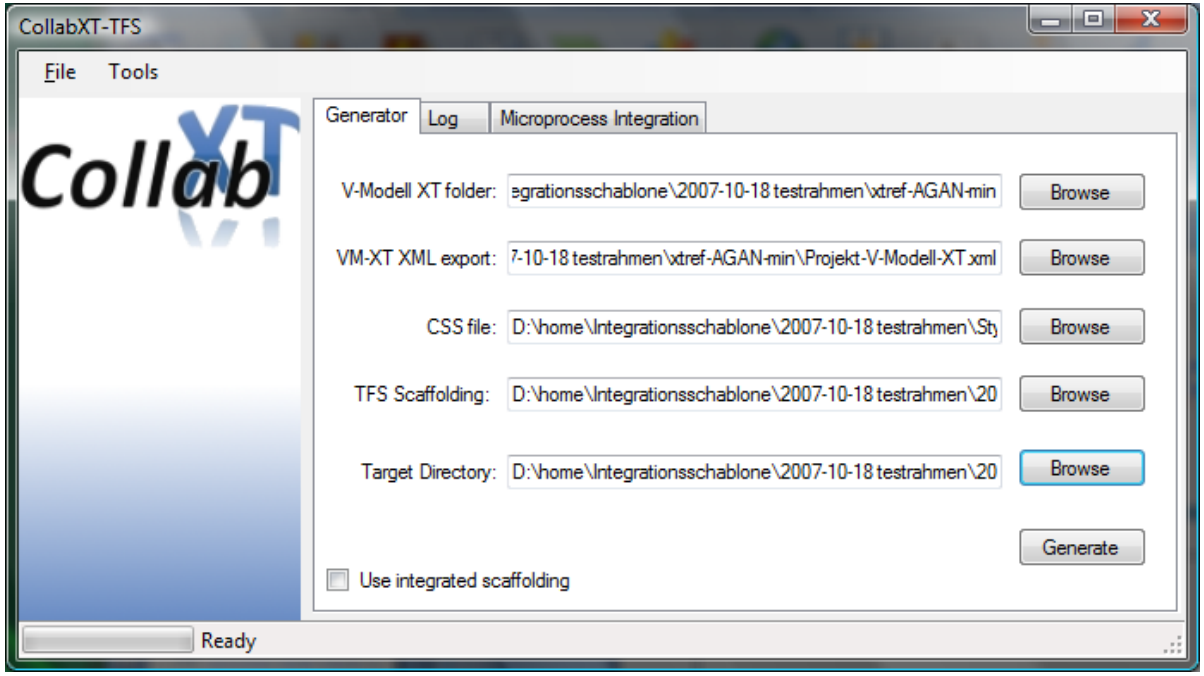


- Prepare and export your initial plan:



How-To: Start generator

- Locate all contents for the generator
  - V-Modell exports
  - CSS-File (optional)
  - Meta Template

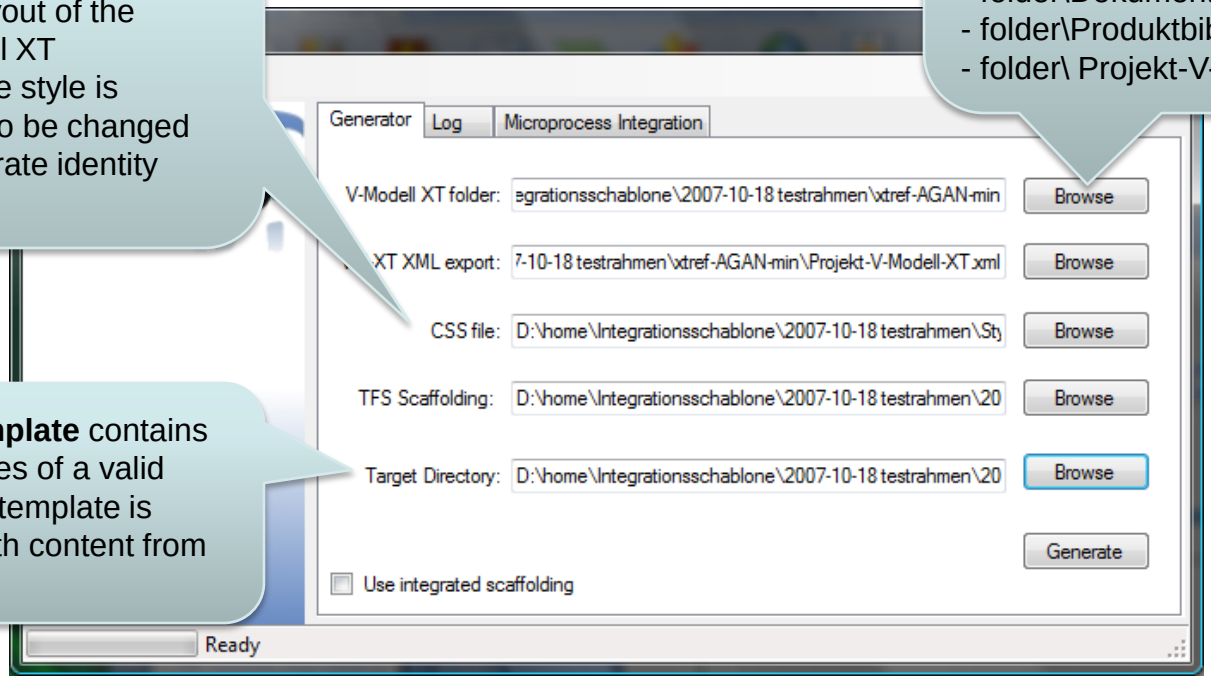


How-To: Start generator

- Relevant contents‘ description

The optional **CSS-File** contains and adopted style sheet for a more screen-oriented layout of the generated V-Modell XT documentation. The style is optional an can also be changed according to corporate identity questions.

The **V-Modell XT export folder** contains all relevant exported contents.
Structure of the <folder>:
- folder\Dokumentation
- folder\Produktbibliothek
- folder\ Projekt-V-Modell-XT.xml



The **TFS-Meta Template** contains all relevant structures of a valid TFS template. The template is copied and filled with content from the V-Modell

Merging the Microprocess

- Merging a Microprocess enables you to detail the process usage
  This is a great and easy way to integrate 2 processes

- For Merging you need a Team System Process Template that represents the Microprocess
  - You may use MSF Agile, MSF CMMI
  - You may use your own Best Practice Process
  - You may use any other valid Team System Process Template

- Merging allows you to combine the following process elements
  - Work Item Types
  - Queries*
  - Document Libraries
  - Reports

  - * Be sure to only merge queries to which corresponding Work Item Types are choosen for merge as well otherwise the instantiation will crash

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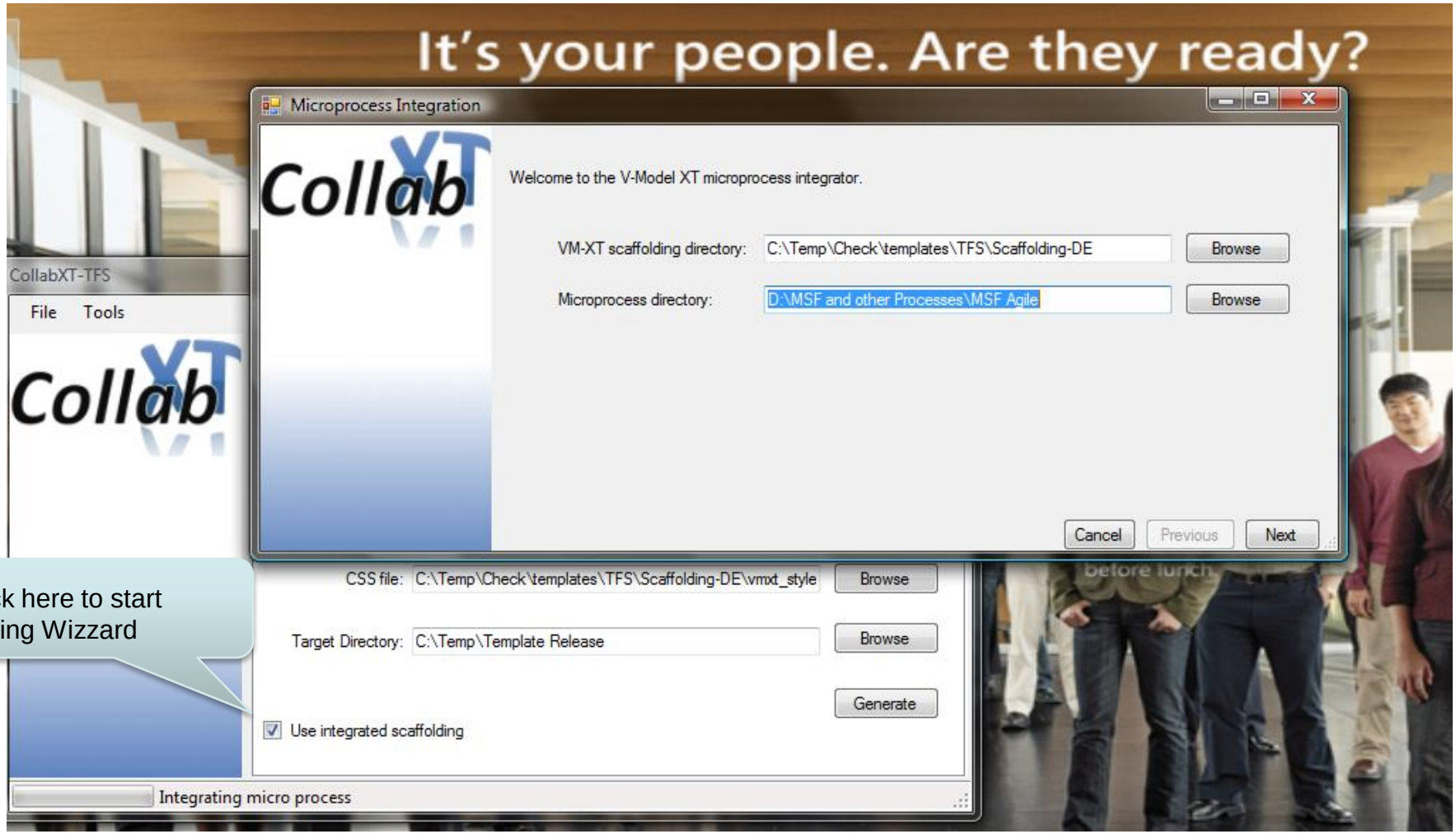

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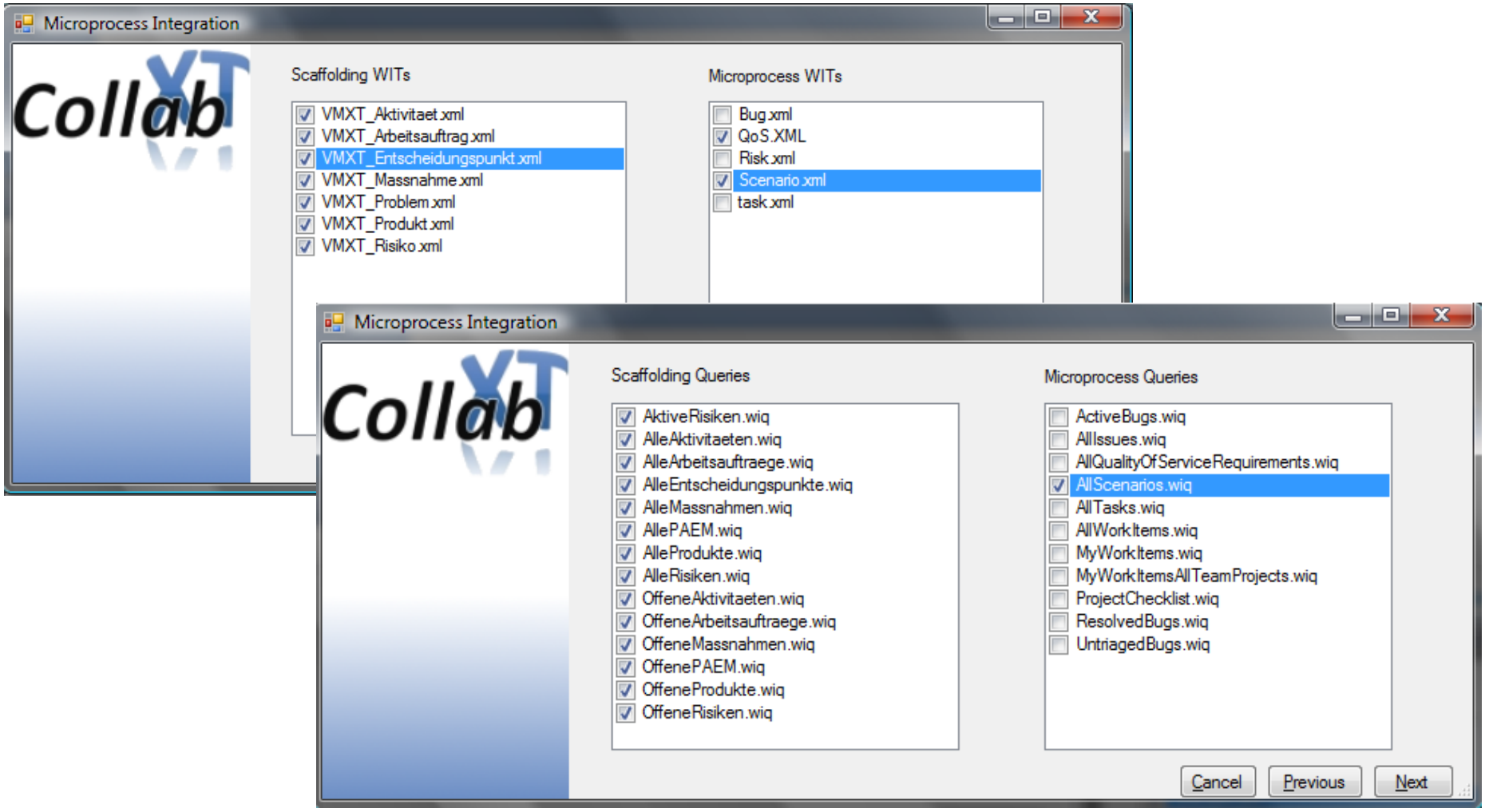

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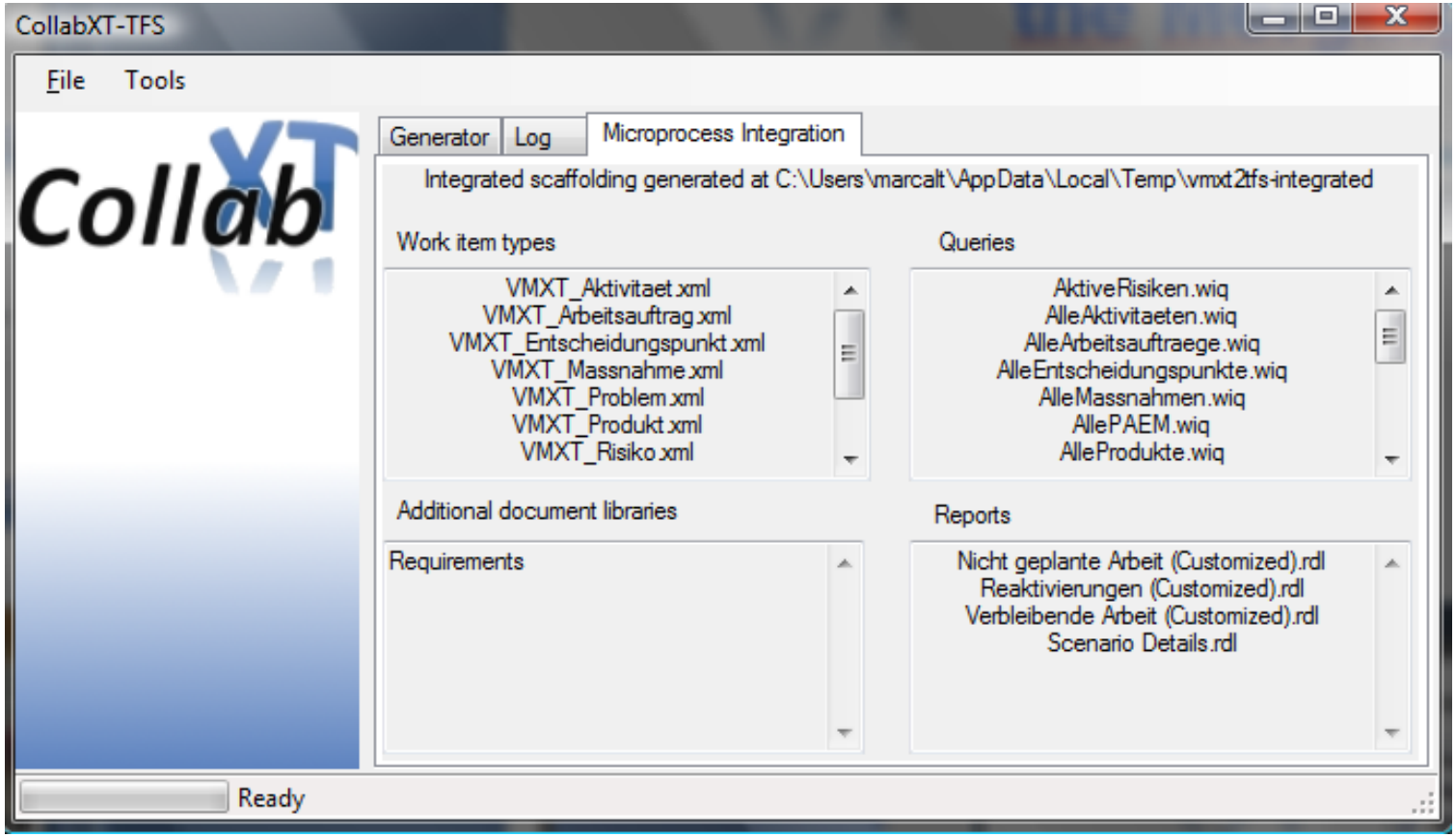
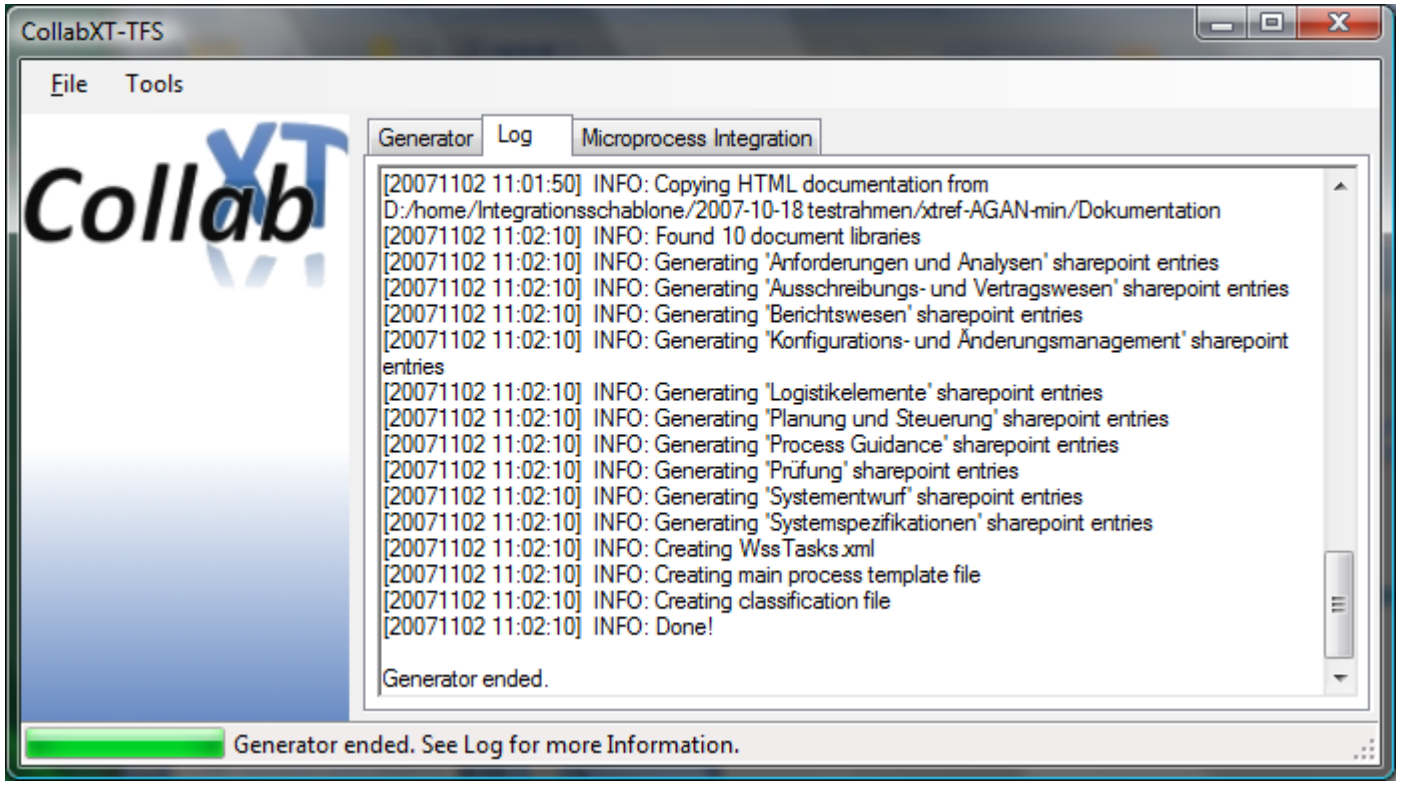


How-To: Generator ended successfully

- All relevant information is collected in a log → take a deeper look if something went wrong…



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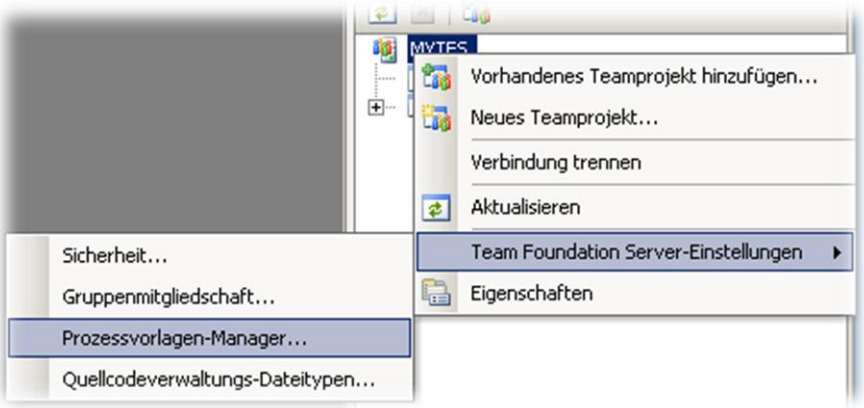
How-To: TFS Setup

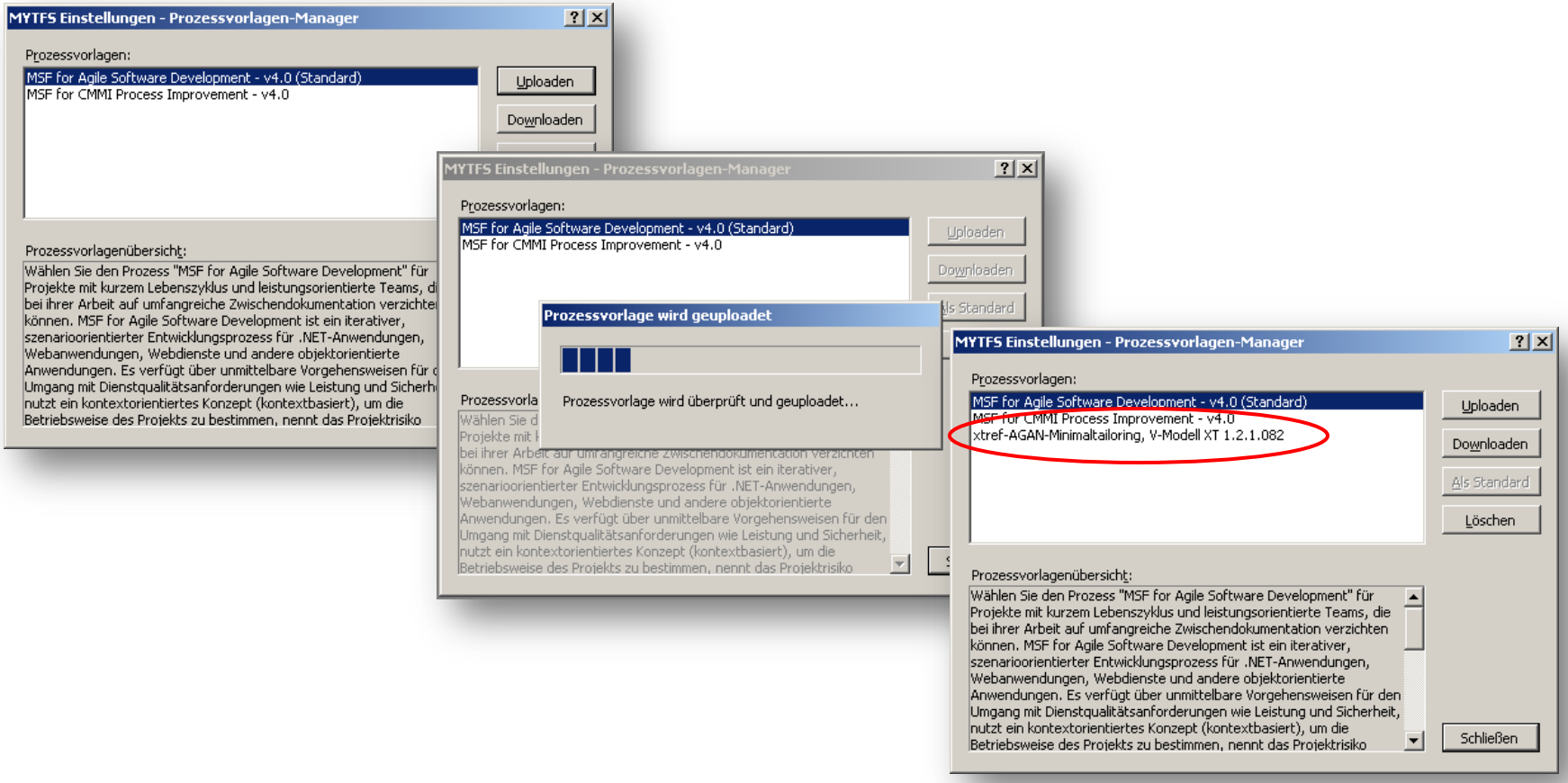
- Install the updated SharePoint Template on the TFS, using the script: *upload_**
  (for English systems: upload_sps_template_English_w2k3Server.bat)

- The template has to be imported to the TFS Process Template Manager this requires:
  - An installed, clean TFS
  - An installed SharePoint Template

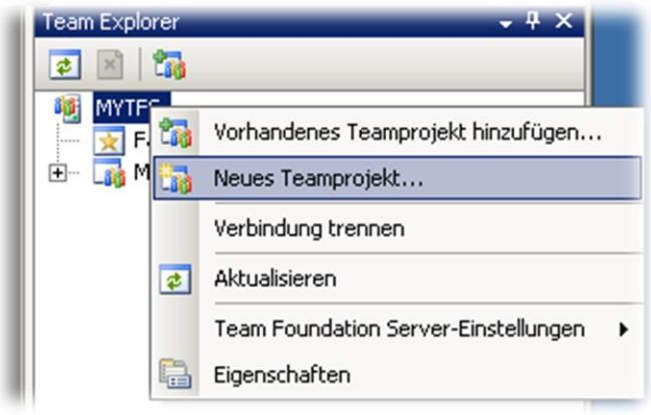


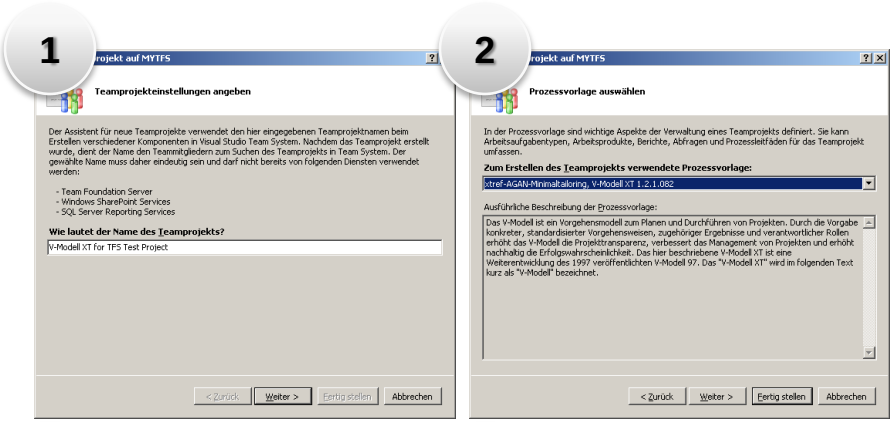
How-To: TFS Setup

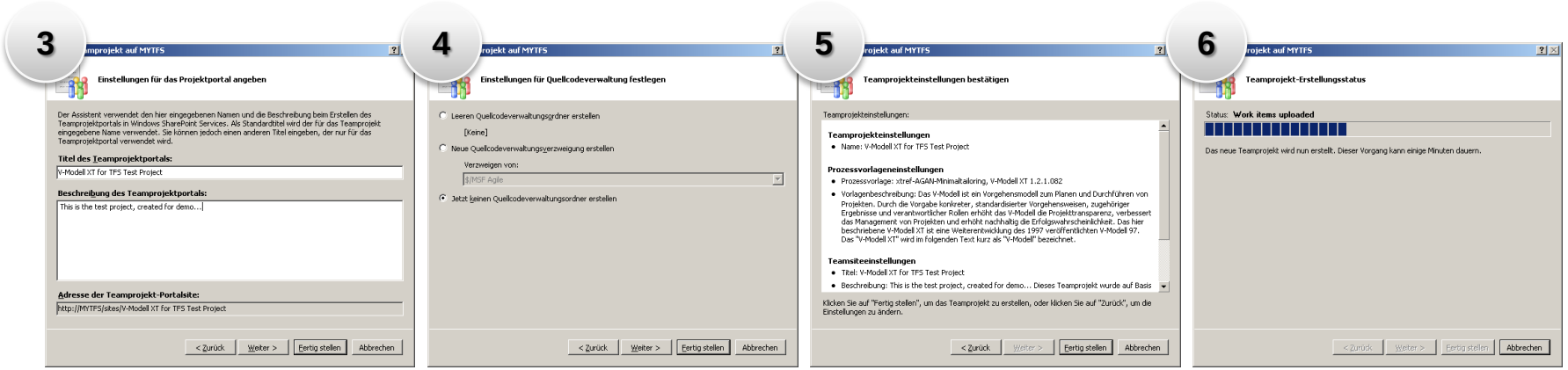
- Upload the template



How-To: Create a new Team Project

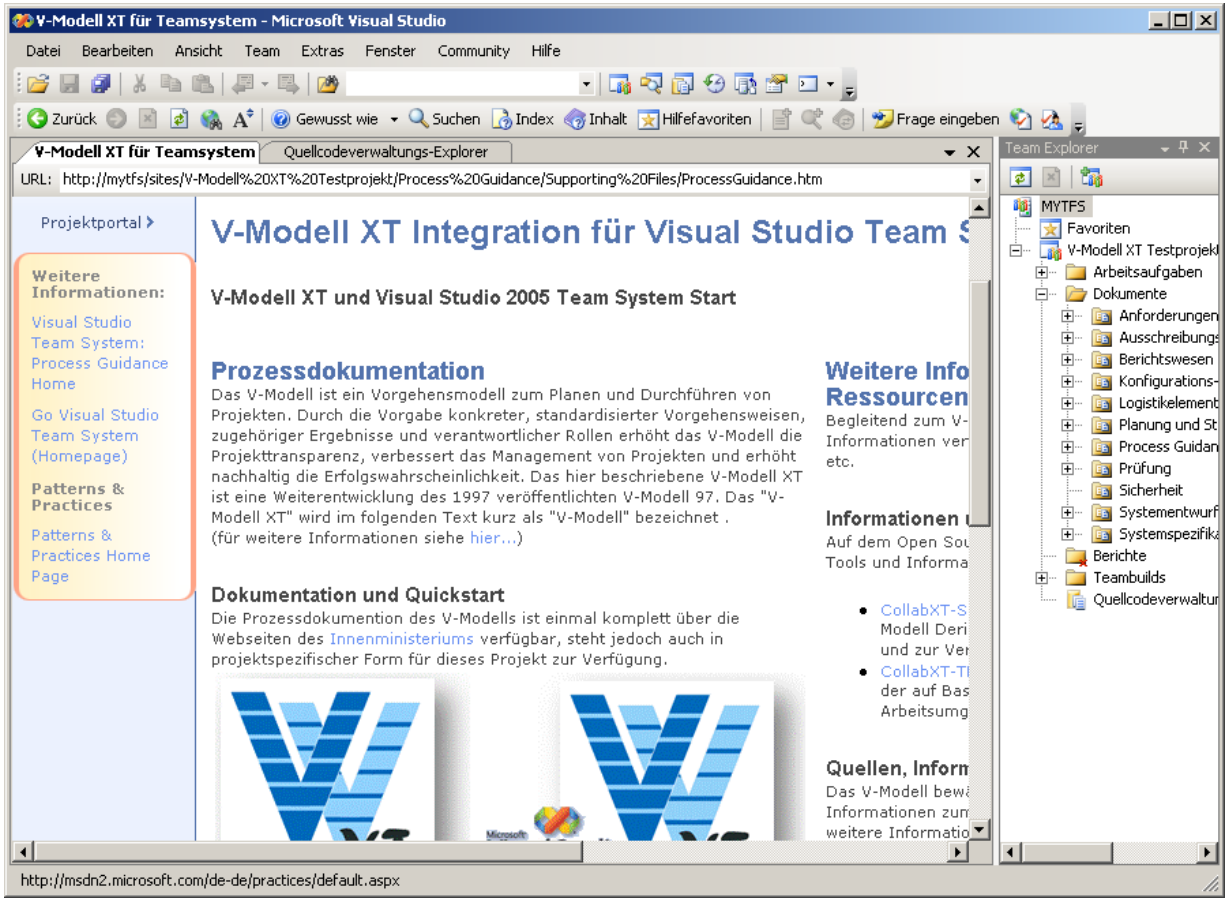






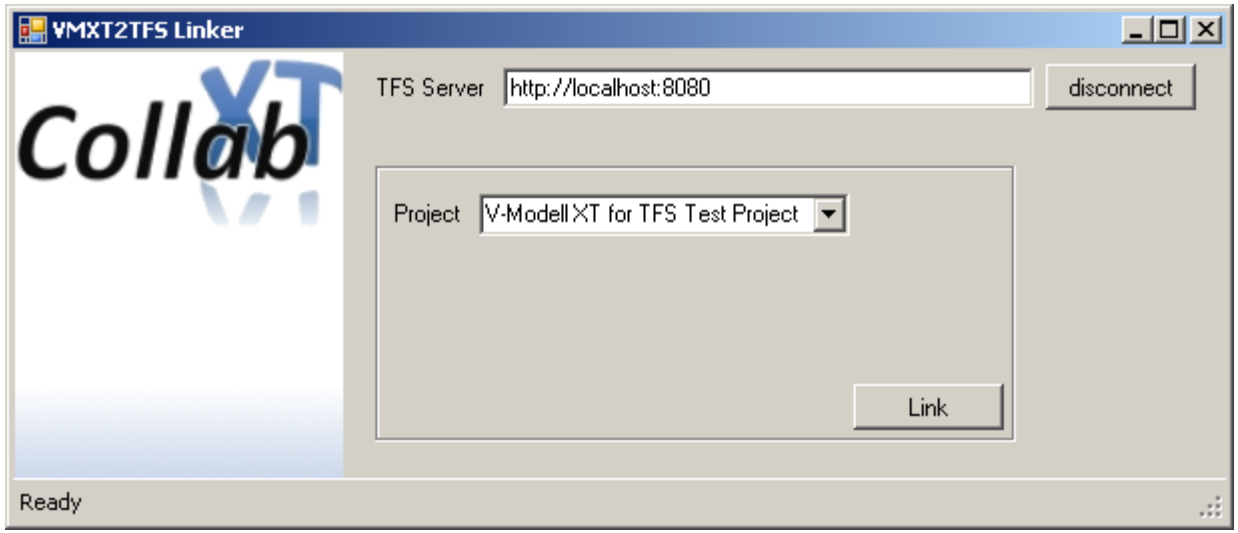
How-To: Ready-to-use…

- The opening screen of the Team Explorer including related information and additional material and sources…



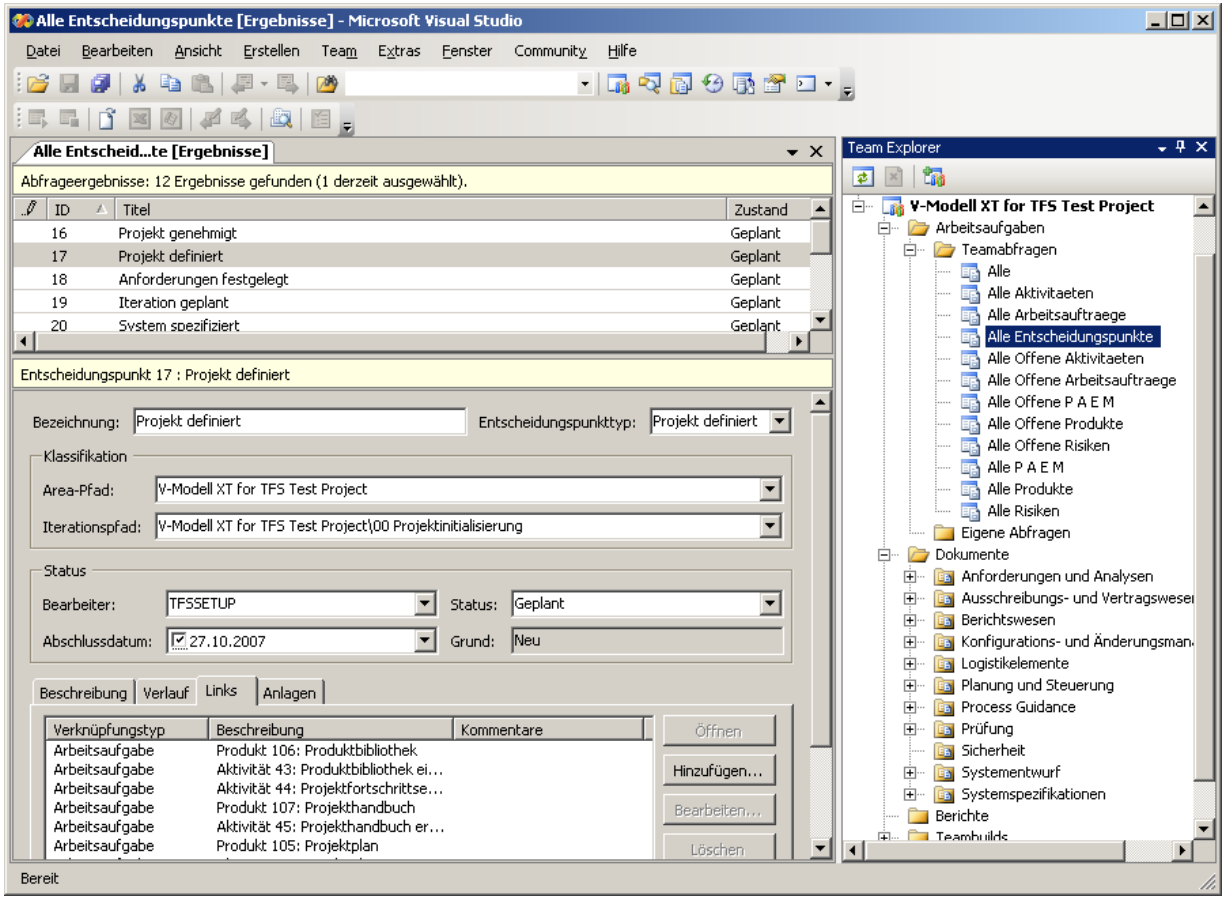
How-To: Link default Work Items

- Work Items generated from V-Modell XT contain linkage information
  - To represent process instance structure and element connection
  - Linkage is consistent o the initial, tailored V-Modell
- After instantiating a V-Modell-based process template, linkage can also be instantiated on the server:
  - Select server and the project to be linked



Ready-to-use, again…

- After instantiating and linking – the V-Modell-based development project is ready to use…



Conclusion/Overview

- First release is available since 11-15-2007 at

  www.codeplex.com/VModellXTTFS

- Features:
  - V-Modell® XT support for Supplier and Acquirer/Supplier project types
  - Actual support for German derivates
  - Supports customized V-Modell® XT variants
  - Fully integrated in TFS-environment incl. linking of instantiated Default Work Items
- Open:
  - Multi-language support for German and English variants
  - Improvement of reporting
  - Improvement of SharePoint-Intergration

More information is available at
CodePlex: www.codeplex.com/VModellXTTFS