Abstract:
Engineering IT is a leading field in productivity improvement in the industry. Nowadays, IT tools have been applied in almost all the processes from conceptual design, to process analysis, manufacturing, project management. The interoperability and system integration has been a challenge and demands a systematic solution. A feature-based life-cycle approach is proposed in this presentation to implement IT projects in various engineering projects with system integration and interoperability considered.

Problem:
What are features? What is the concept of interoperability? What are the feature-based engineering IT solutions? Associative features and their enormous applications in engineering IT are to be introduced. Collaborative network engineering is emphasized.

Audience:
Plant technical managers, IT vendors, IT consultants, engineers using IT tools, system integrators, system analysts, and developers

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