

Converting SmartPlant PID for iTwin

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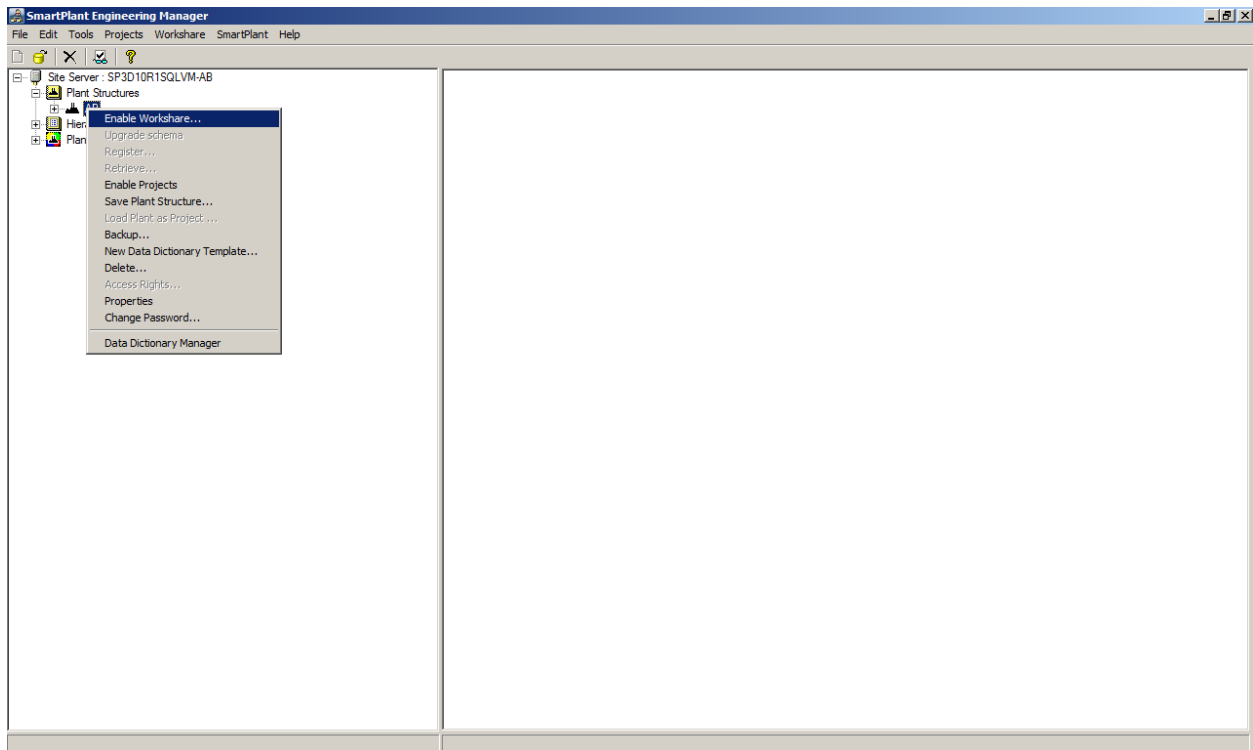
Summary

This document will step you through how to export drawings from SmartPlant PID and then convert these to the iModelHub.

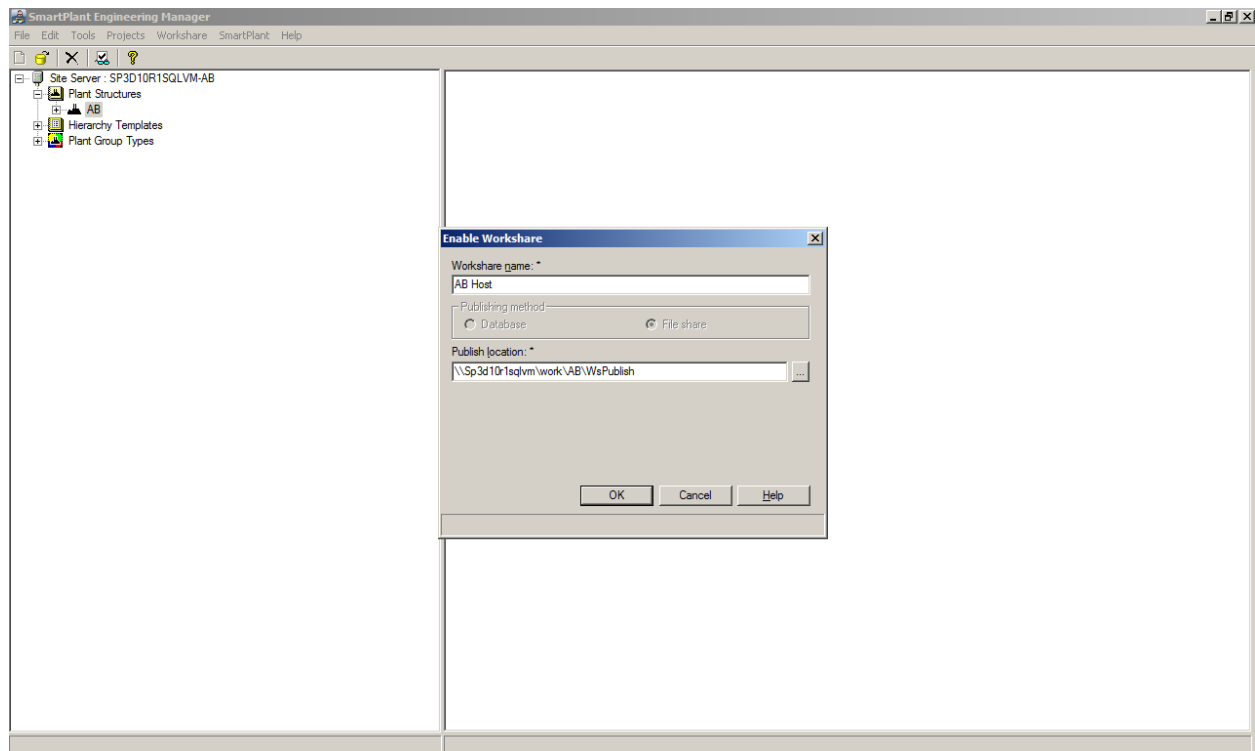
Exporting Drawings from SmartPlant PID

The iModel Bridge for SmartPlant PID works on drawings that are exported using the workshare functionality of SmartPlant PID.

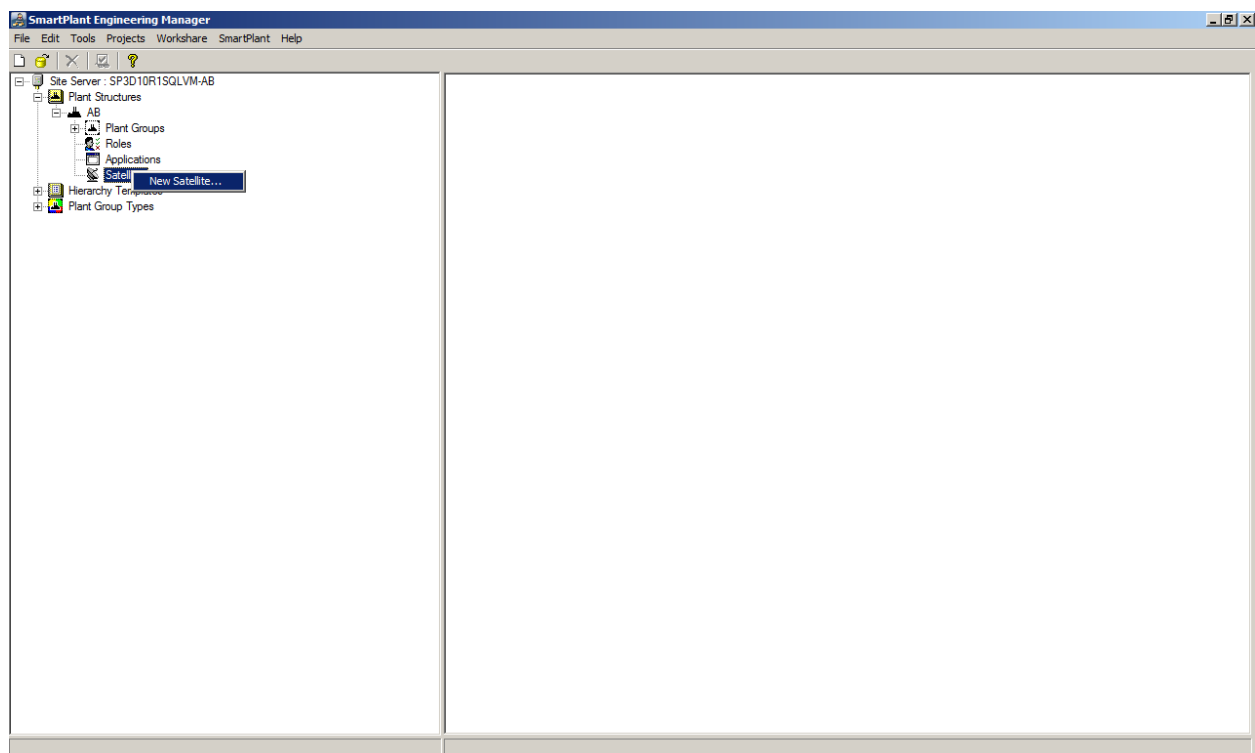
Initially it is required to first enable workshare. To do this, start SmartPlant Engineering Manager. Go to your Plant Structures node as indicated and then either right click on the node or go Workshare \ Enable Workshare... from the menu:



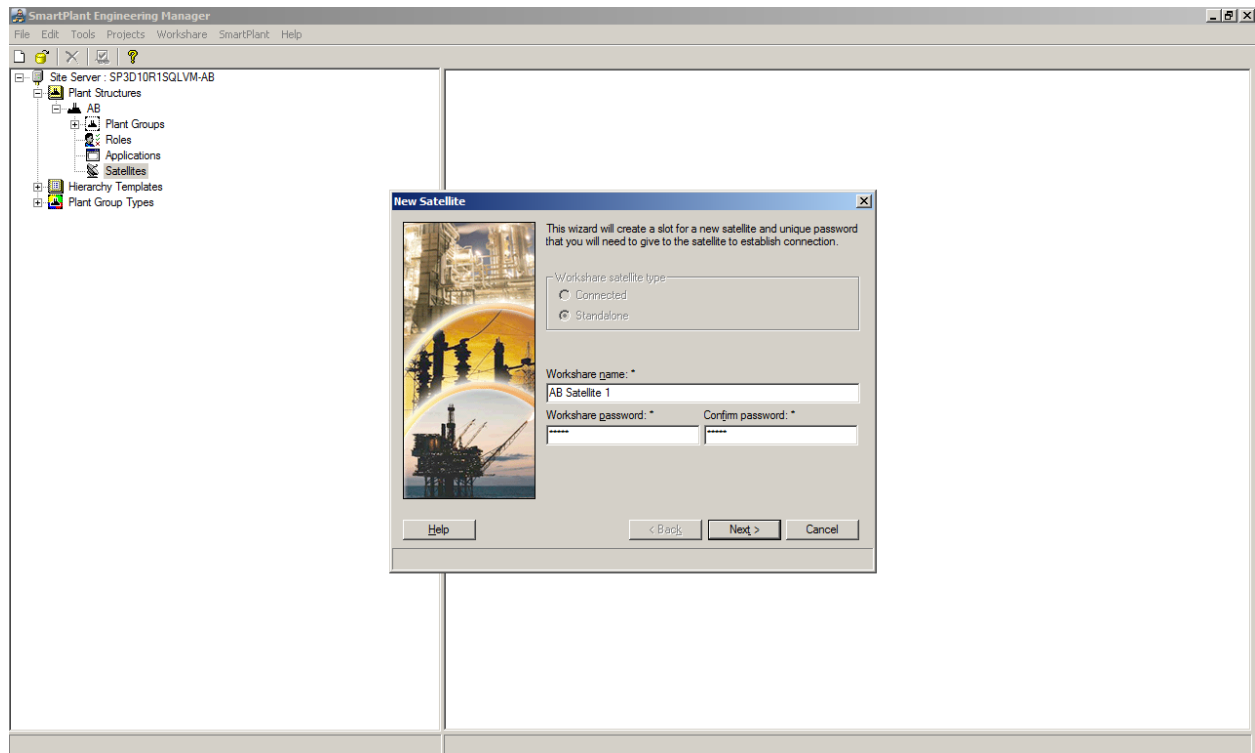
Set the Workshare name and click OK, make sure the file share option is enabled.



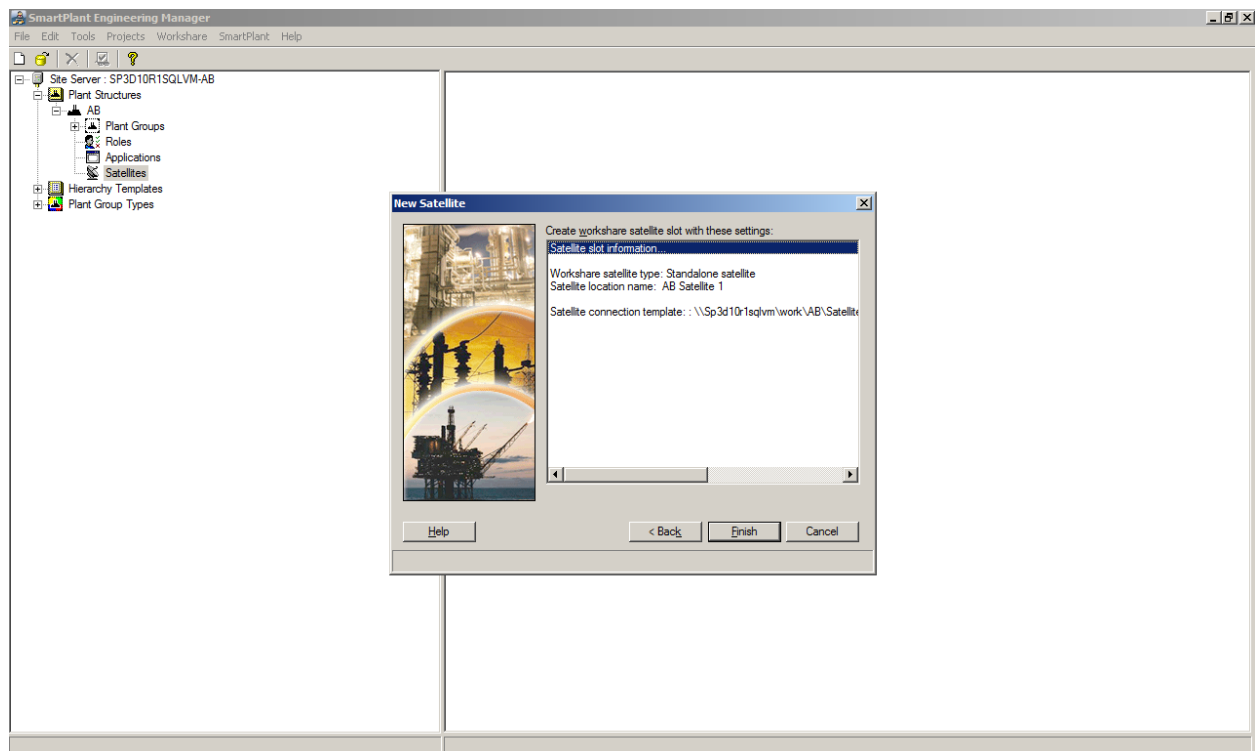
The Satellites node should then be highlighted. Right click and select New Satellite...



Enter a name for the Workshare name and enter a password for the Workshare.

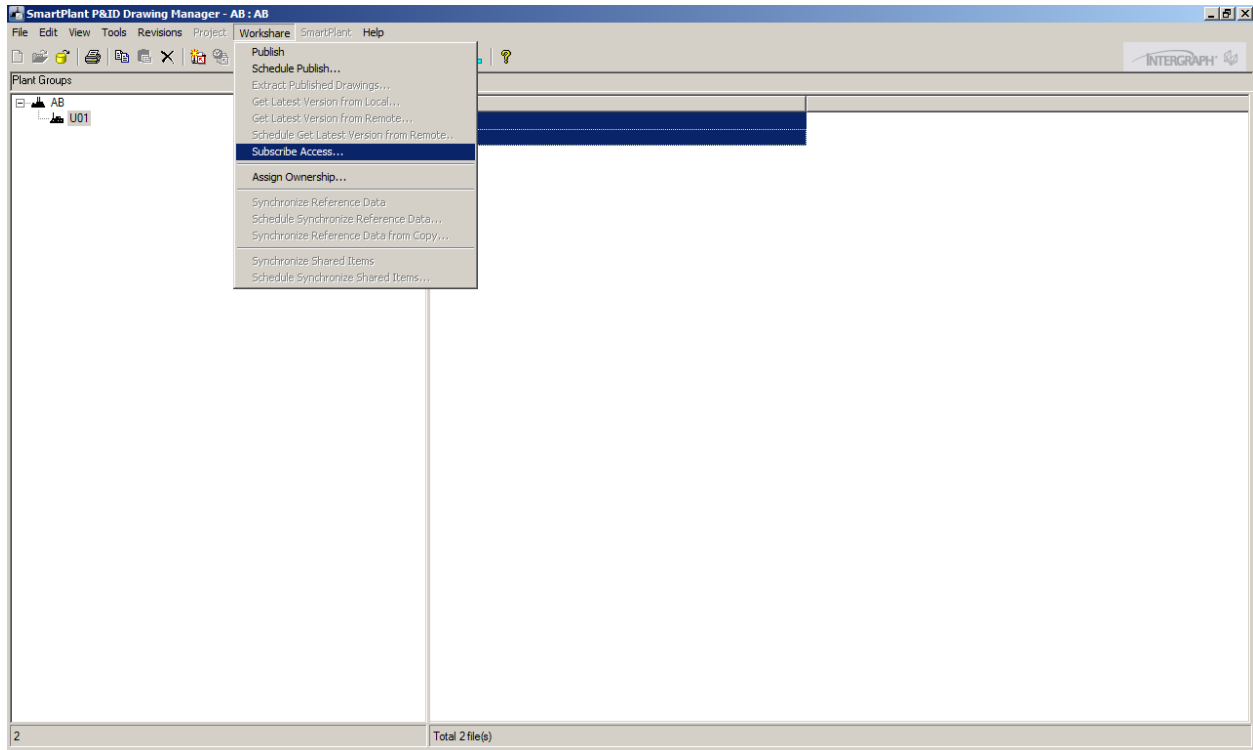


Click Finish

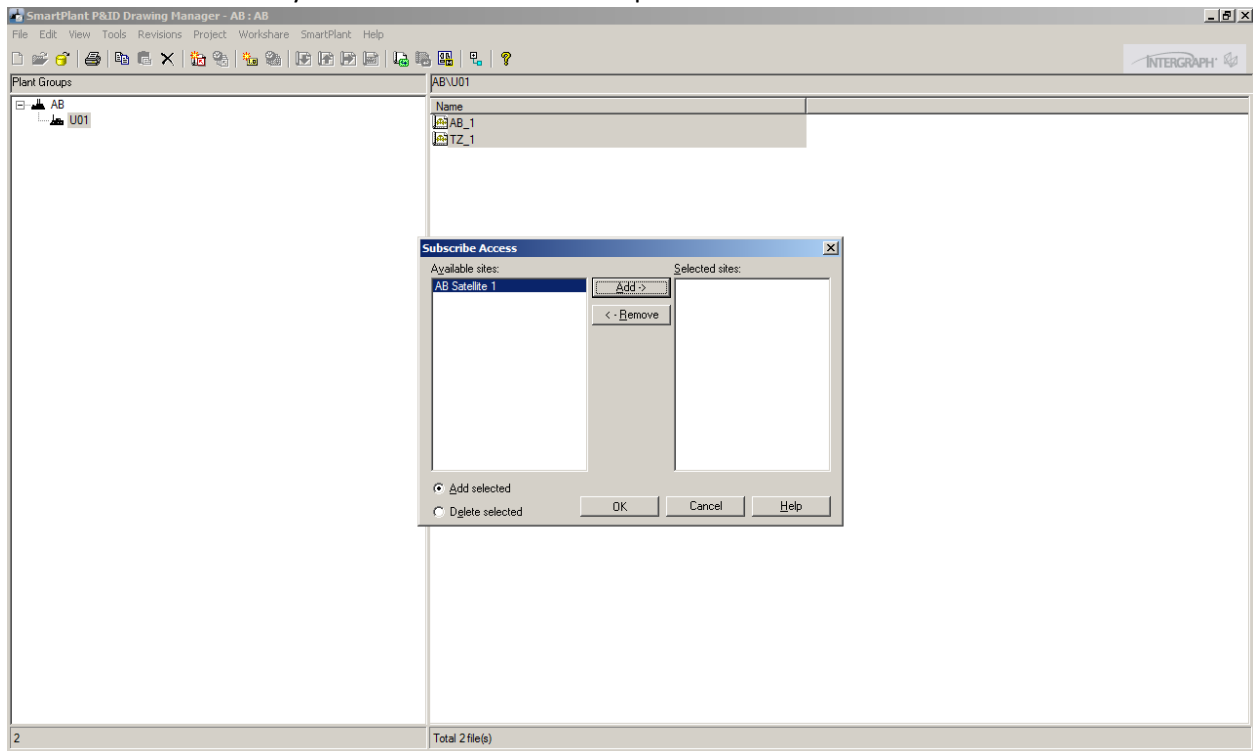


Exit SmartPlant Engineering Manager.

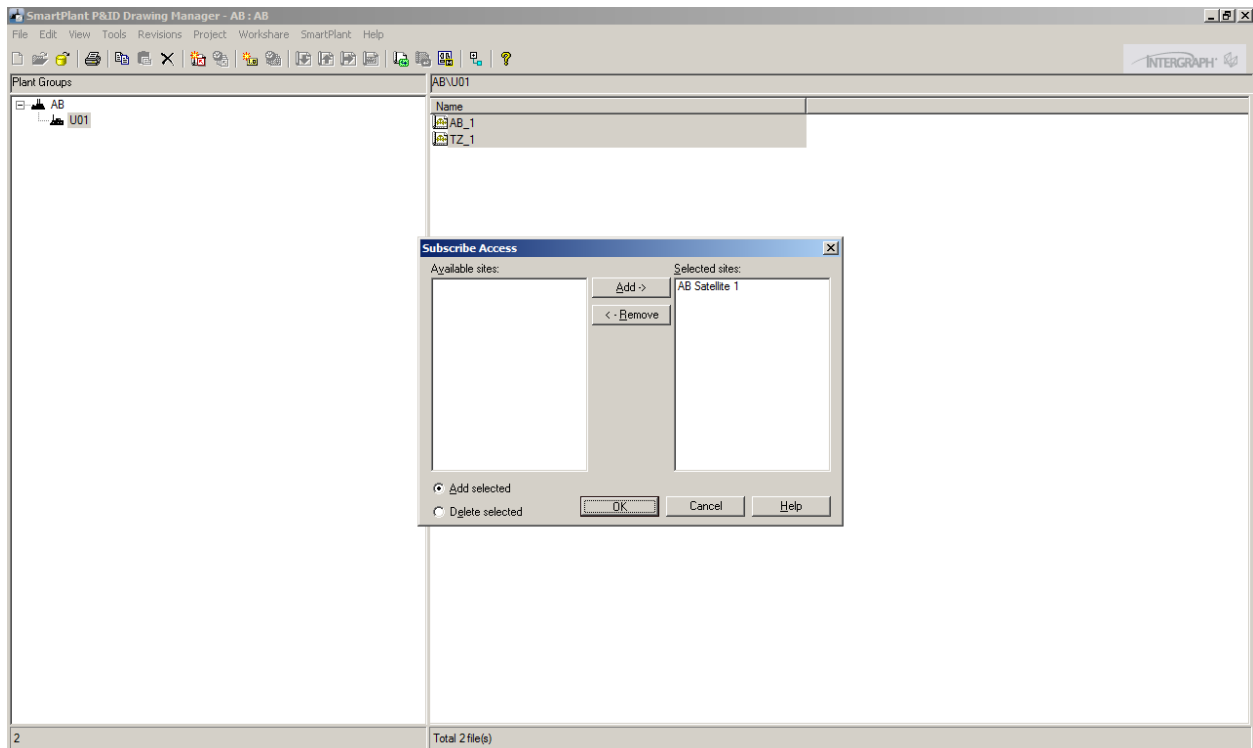
Run SmartPlant P&ID Drawing Manager and go to the node you want exported and select the drawing(s) to be exported. Select Workshare \ Subscribe Access... from the menu



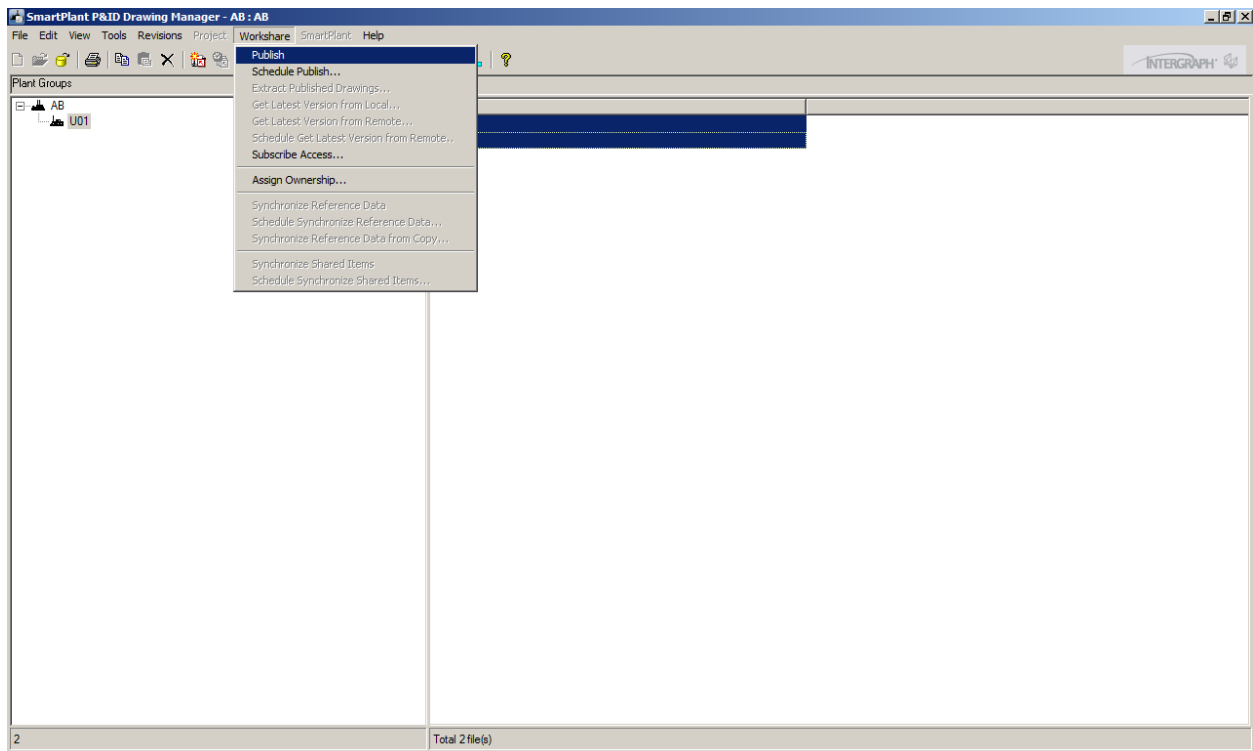
Select the Satellite that you created in the earlier step and then click Add



and click OK.



Then select Workshare \ Publish from the menu.



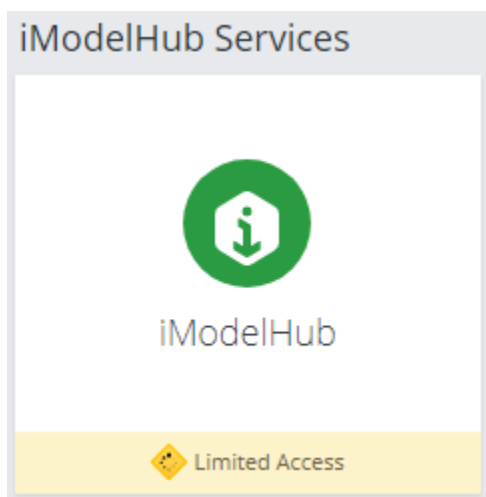
This will create zip files in a folder of Workshare that was created. These zip files will be used as the input to the iModel Bridge. You will also need the satellite file that was created in the Satellite Templates folder of the workshare.

Importing Drawings into the iModelHub

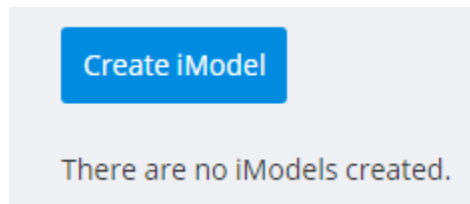
Ensure you have a CONNECT Project

Create an iModel

Your project will also require an iModel to be defined. To do this, find the tile labeled “iModelHub Services”



If you have a just created your project, you will only see a button to Create an iModel:



Click the button and name your iModel

Create an iModel

Name:

SPPID iModel

Description:

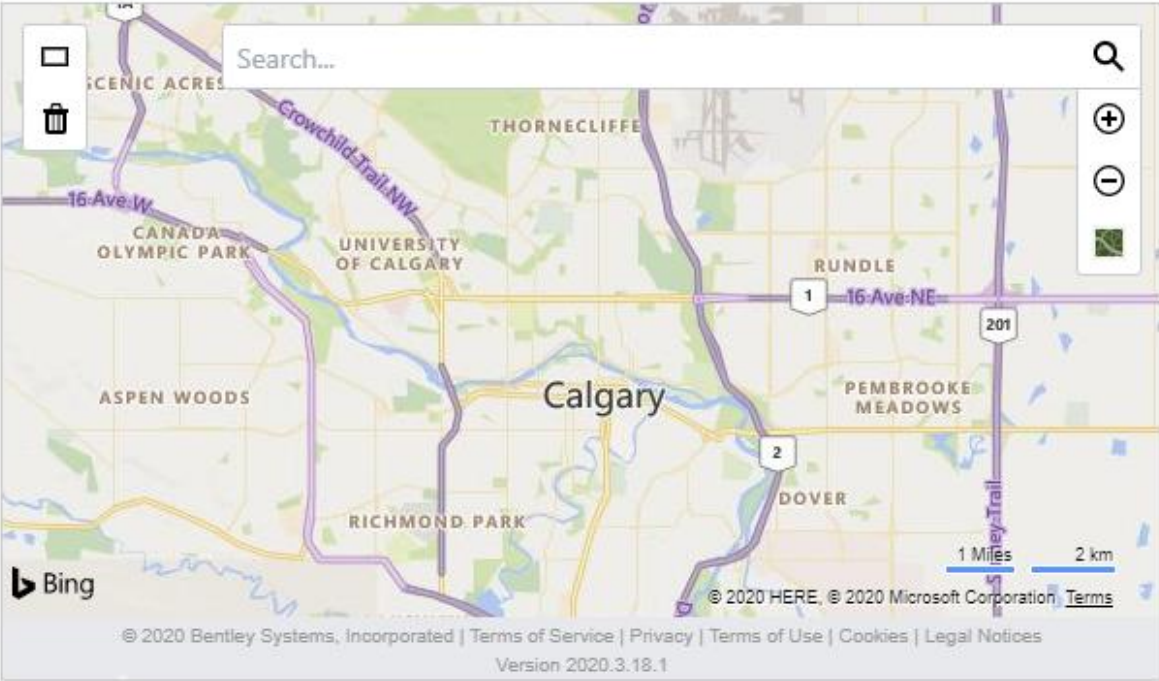
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Create

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Click Create

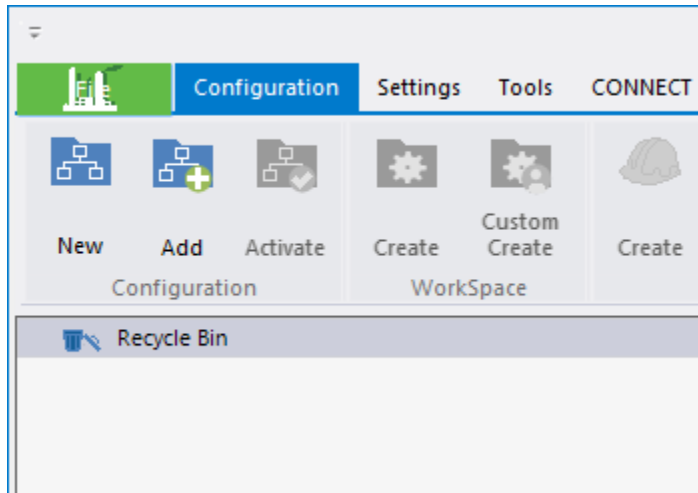
iModel Provisioning

Prior to importing any drawings from SmartPlant PID, you must first provision the iModel. The provisioning will add the schemas to the model. The source for these schemas can currently only come

from using OpenPlant Project Administrator to provision the iModel with the OpenPlant schemas. From OpenPlant Project Administrator 10.08, you do not need to have a separate source for the schemas that previously required the installation of an OpenPlant design application as the WorkSets are now part of the OpenPlant Project Administrator.

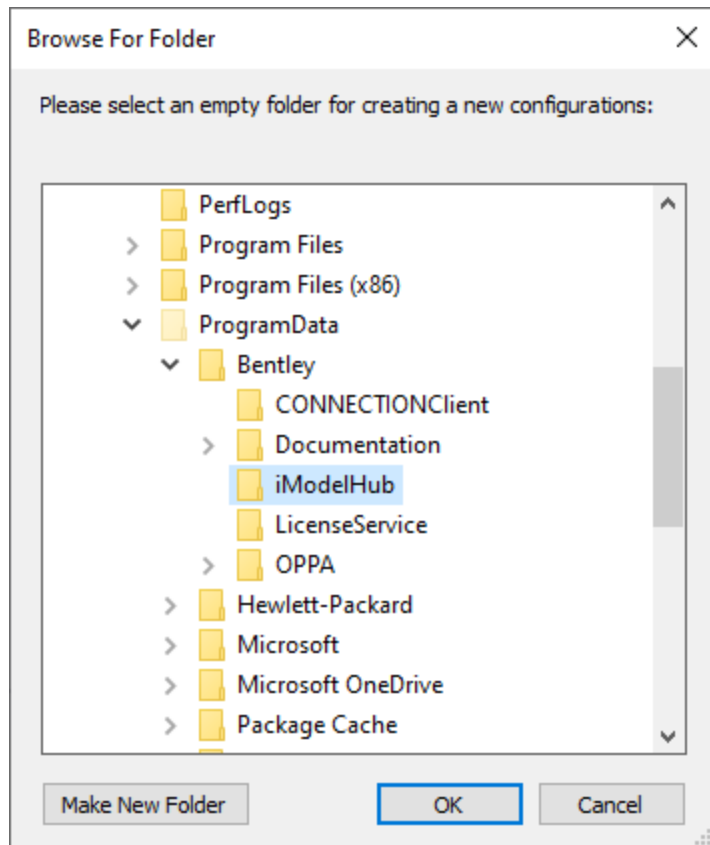
Creating a WorkSet in a clean OpenPlant Project Administrator Setup

Run OpenPlant Project Administrator. If you don't have any design applications installed, you will have an empty set of workspaces

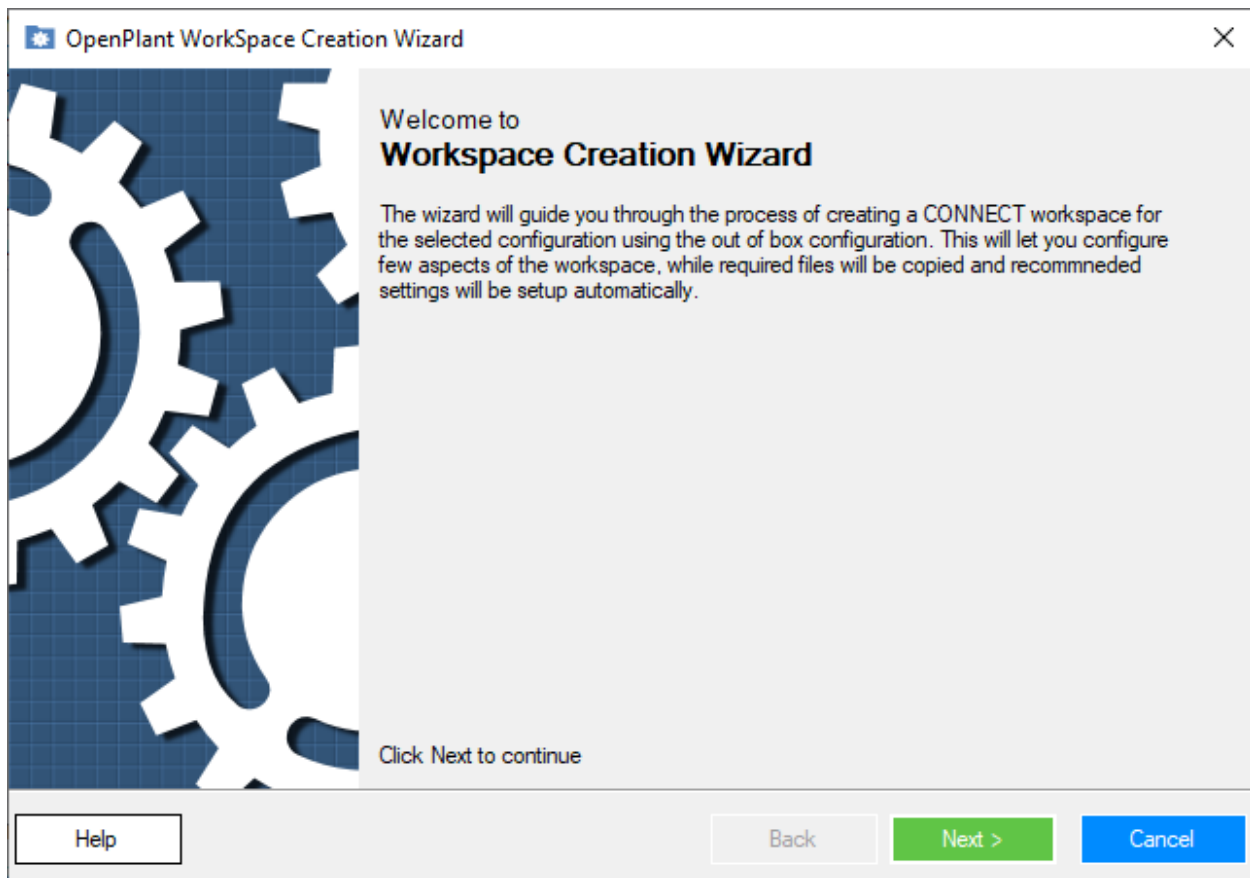


Click New

The default location for this data would be under C:\ProgramData\Bentley, but you are free to choose your own location. Make a New Folder and name it:



Now Create a new Workspace by clicking on Create which brings up the Workspace Creation Wizard:



Click Next, then give the WorkSpace a name:

OpenPlant WorkSpace Creation Wizard

Workspace Name and Location

Please specify workspace name; the workspace name needs to be a legal folder name. Add a description (optional) and browse to folder where this workspace will be created. If this is a network location please make sure you have write access.

Name

Description

WorkSpace Root

...

Click Next to continue

Restore Default

Help

Back

Next >

Cancel

Click Next

OpenPlant WorkSpace Creation Wizard

Customize Workspace

Please specify the worksets location, the folder can reside outside a workspace.

WorkSets Root ...

Click Create to finalize the setup and begin processing

Restore Default

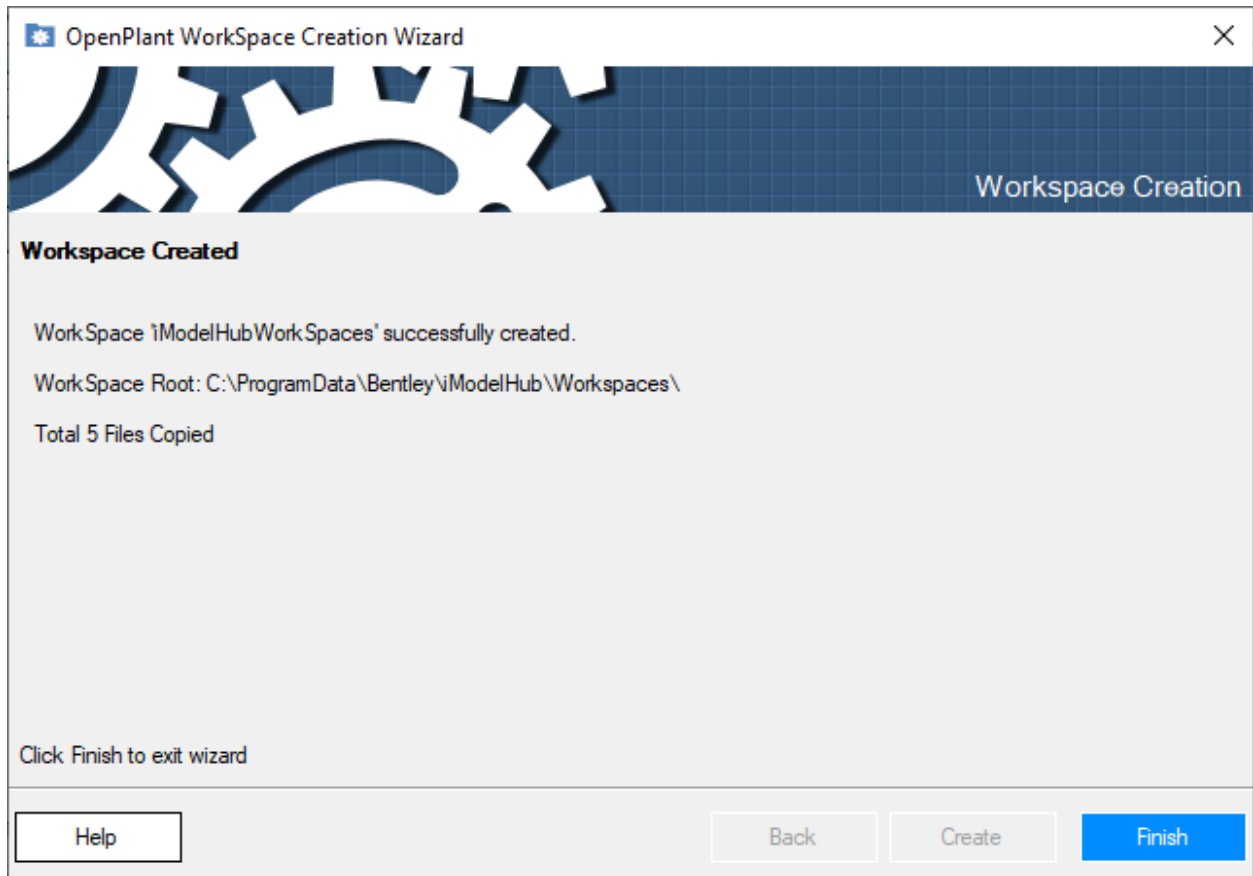
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Create

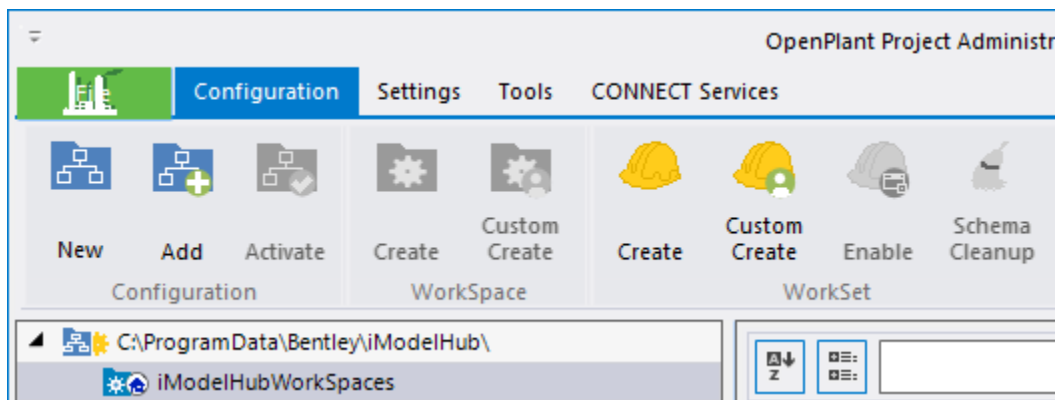
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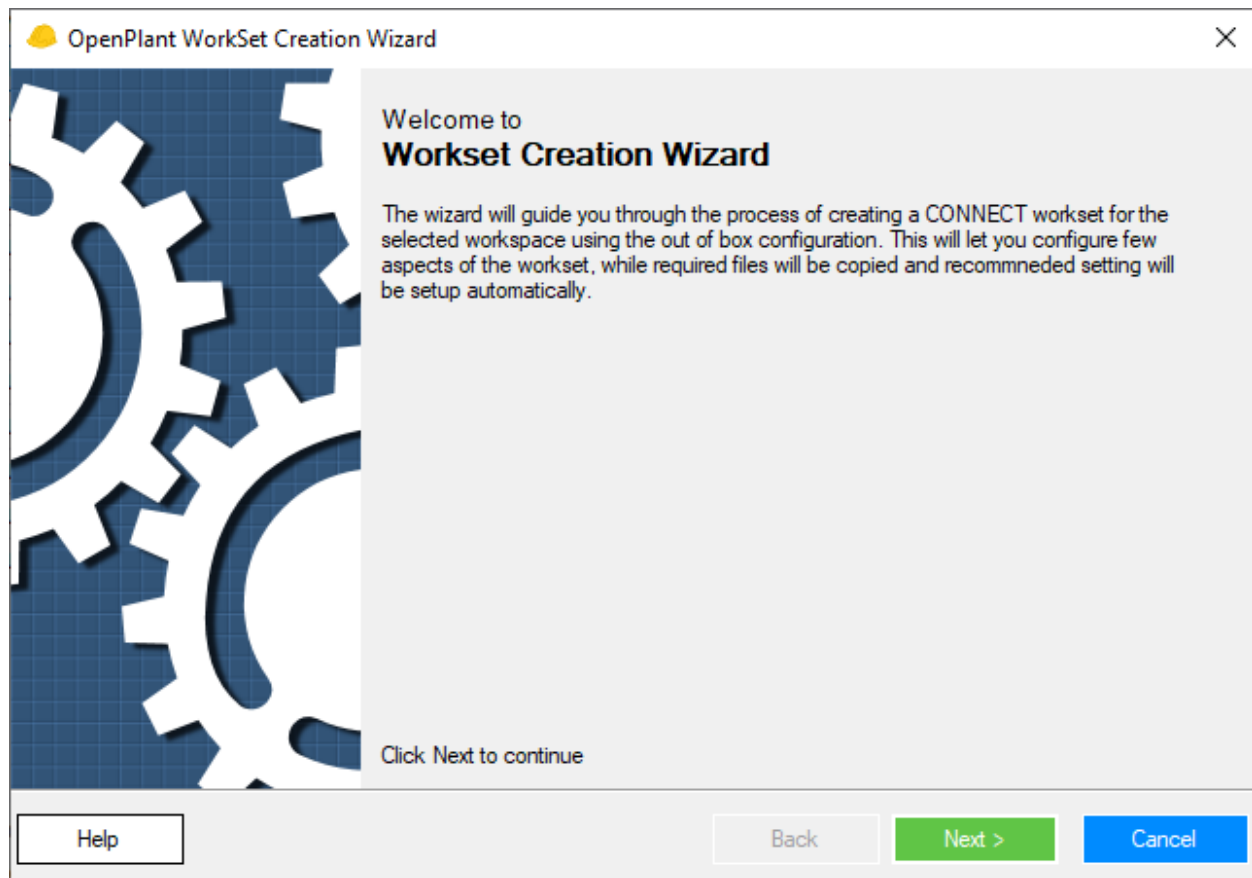


After the WorkSpace has been created, click Finish.

Select the WorkSpace in the hierarchy, then click Create under WorkSet



This brings up the WorkSet Creation Wizard:



Click Next

Give the WorkSet a name and set the units:

OpenPlant WorkSet Creation Wizard

WorkSet Name and Units

Please specify workset name; the workset name needs to be a legal folder name. Add a description (optional) and finally set your working units.

WorkSet Name: MetricWorkSet

WorkSet Description:

Units: Metric

Click Next to continue

Help Back Next > Cancel

Click Next

Select at least OpenPlant PID and if you are also importing a 3D model that will convert the piping and equipment to use the OpenPlant schema.

OpenPlant WorkSet Creation Wizard

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Product Selection

Please select product and custom configuration (if available) for the selected workset unit type

☐	Product Name	Options
☒	OpenPlant Modeler	Default ▾
☒	OpenPlant PID	Default ▾
☐	OpenPlant Support Engineering	Default ▾
☐	OpenPlant Orthographics Manager	Default ▾
☐	Bentley Raceway and Cable Management	Default ▾

Click Create to finalize the setup and begin processing

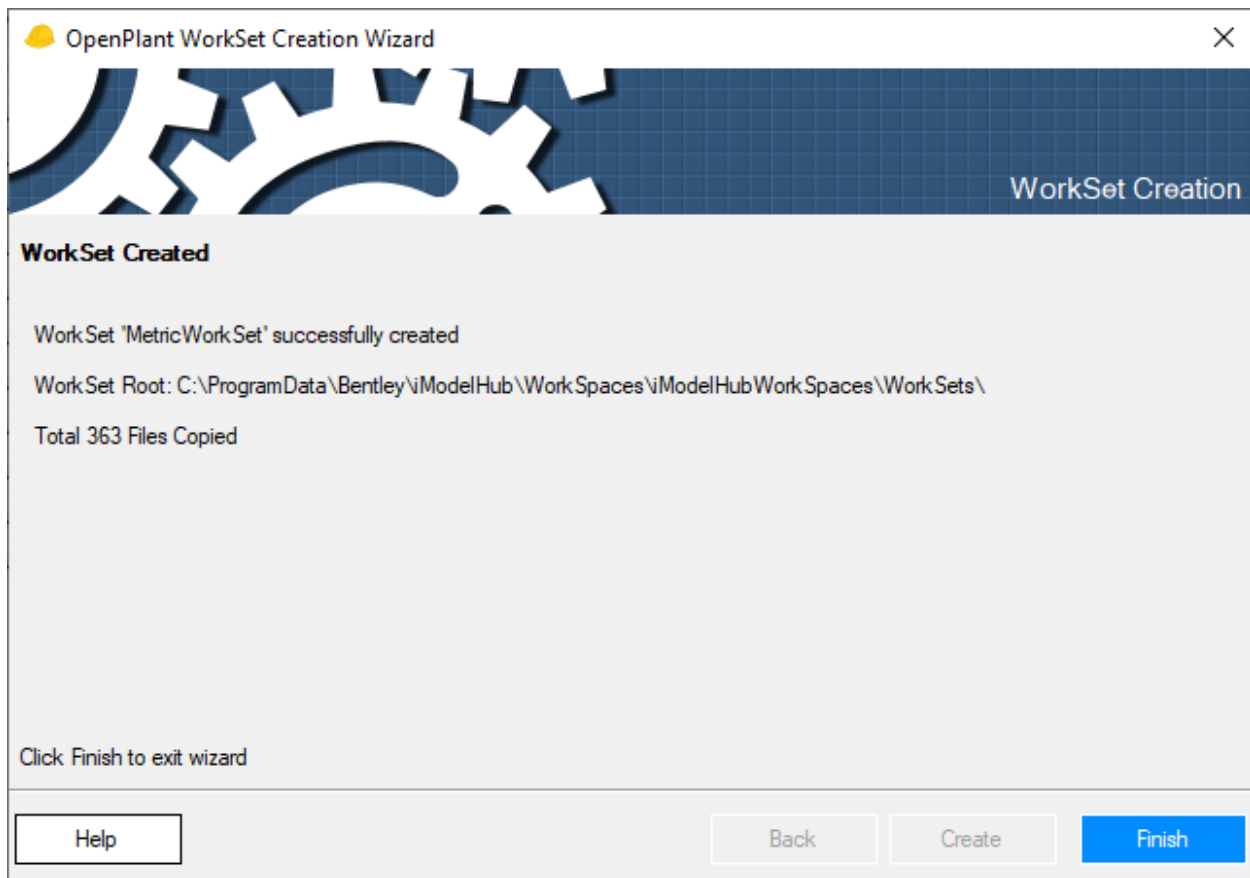
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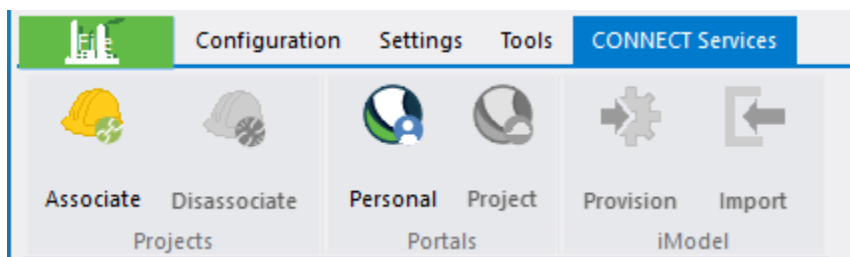
Click Create.



Click Finish after the creation is complete.

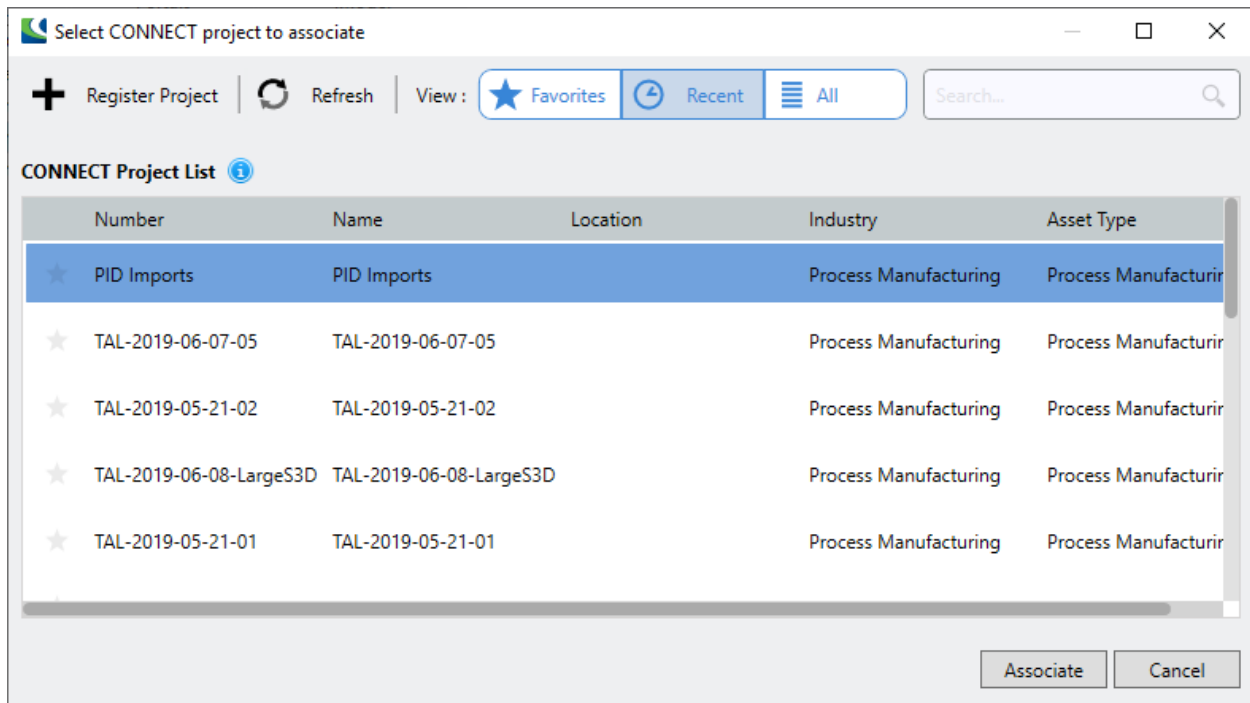
Provision the iModel using the created schema

Make sure the WorkSet you created is selected and then switch to the CONNECT Services tab, then click Associate



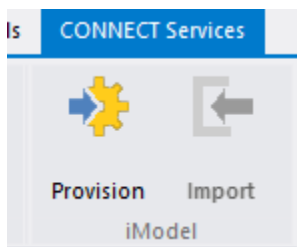
If Associate is not highlighted, then your workspace has not been selected.

Select the project you created:

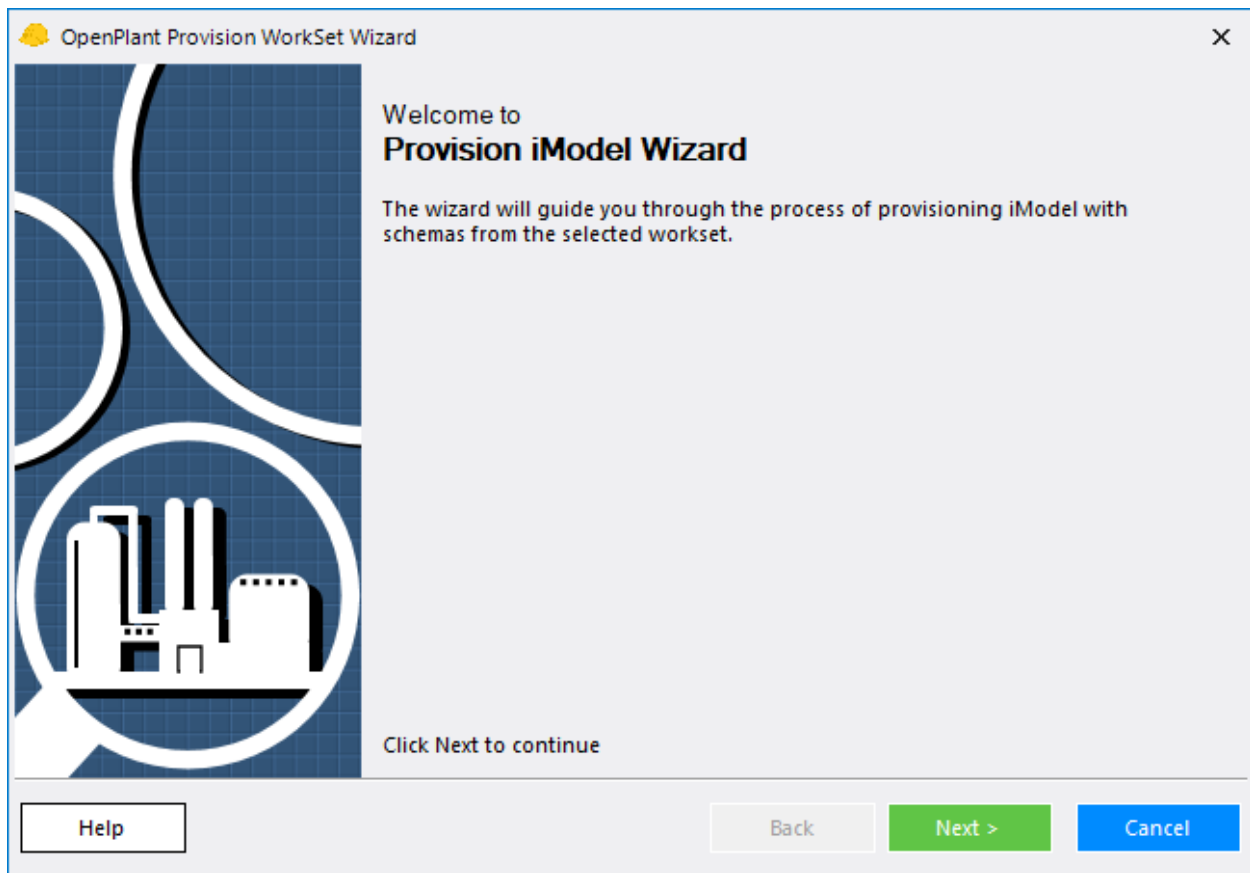


And then click Associate.

Then click Provision



This will bring up the Provision Workset Wizard



Click Next and then select the iModel that you created earlier. Once you have selected the iModel, click Next which will provision the iModel.

 OpenPlant Provision WorkSet Wizard ×

Select iModel

Please select an iModel for the selected workset. You may need to create an iModel in your associated CONNECT project.

iModel ...

Click Provision to finalize the setup and begin processing

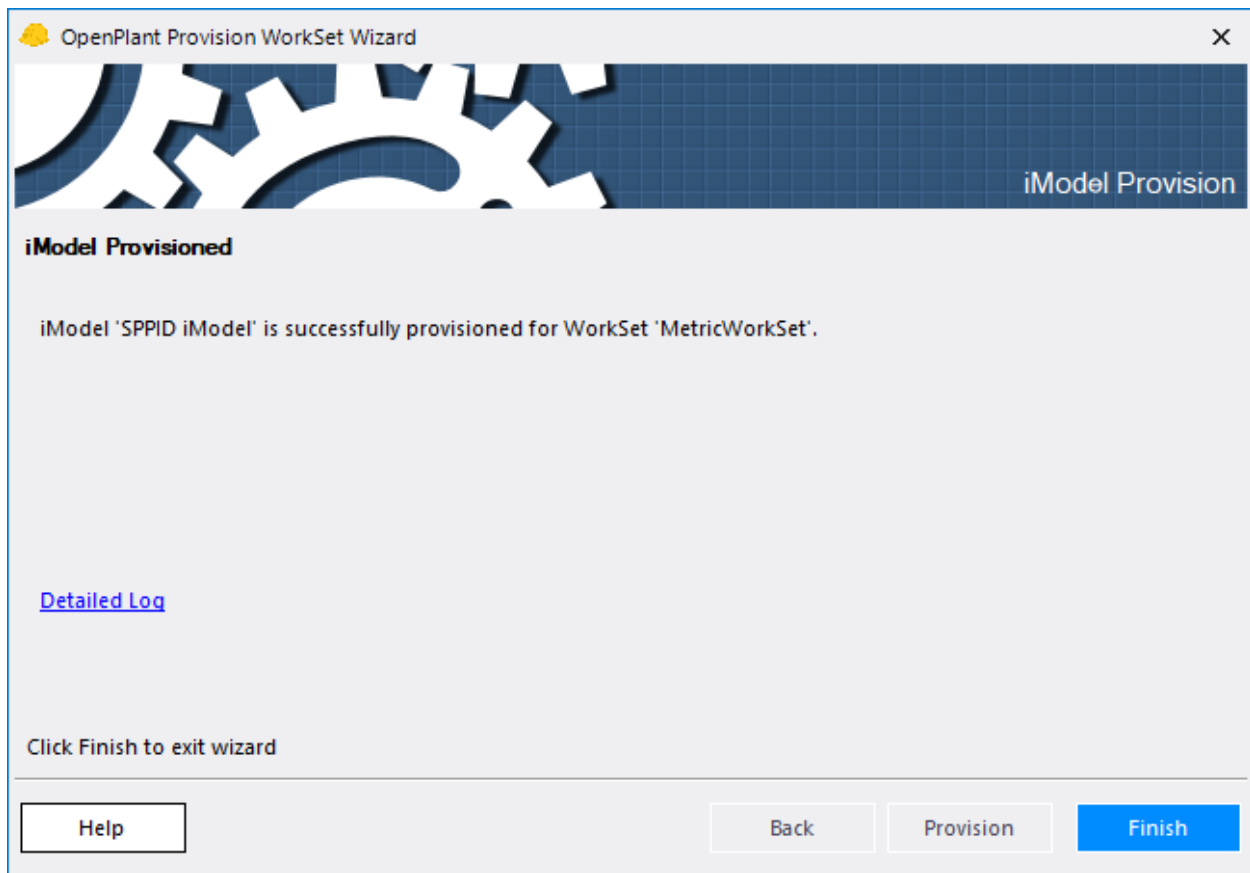
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Provision

Cancel

When the provisioning has finished, click Finish.



You are now ready to import drawings into your iModel.

Using the iTwin Synchronizer

Create the Project and iModel you wish to use and make sure that it is provisioned using the steps outlined in previous sections then you can convert drawings and models from your desktop by downloading the iTwin Synchronizer:

<https://www.bentley.com/en/products/product-line/digital-twins/itwin-synchronizer>

When you first run the iTwin Synchronizer, you need to sign in:

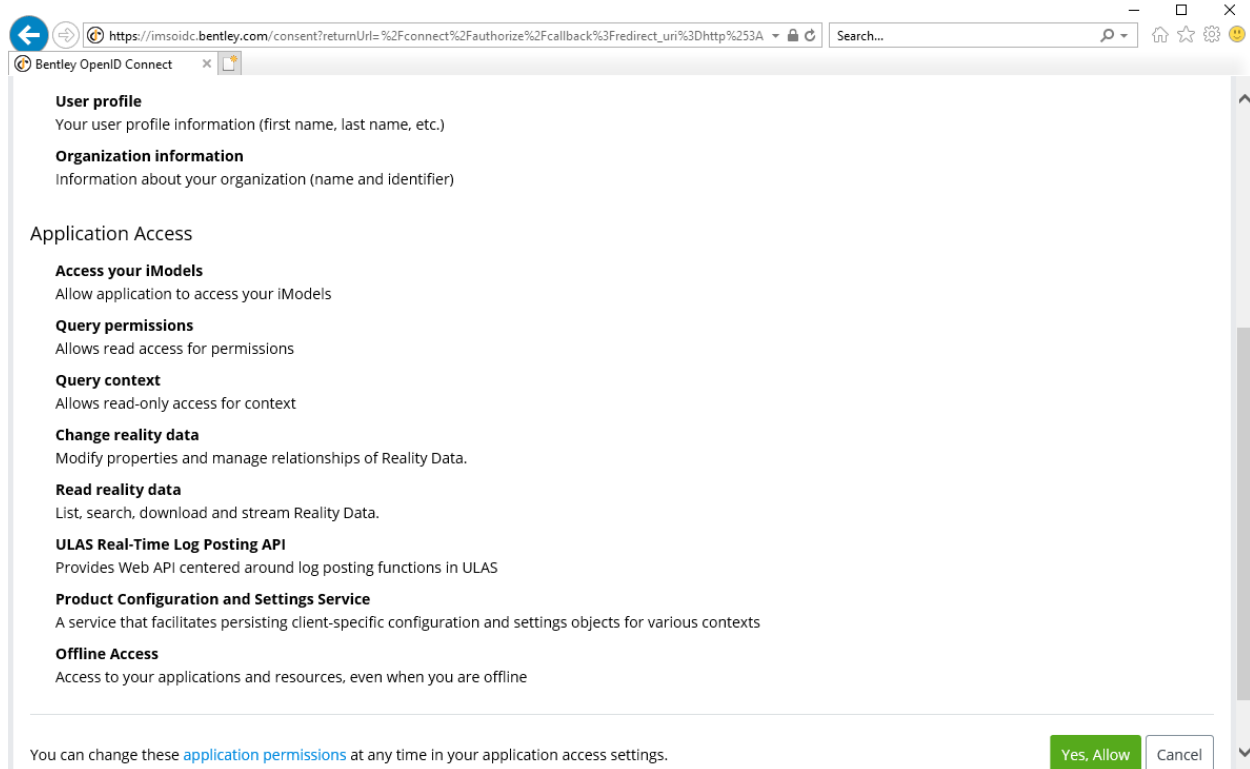


Please sign in to access your
Bentley services.

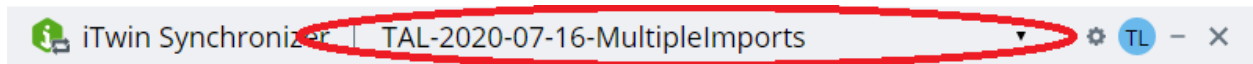
Sign In

[Generate snapshots](#)

After you sign in, you will need to Allow the application various permissions:



Then select your iModelHub Project:



Synchronizations

+ New



No synchronizations created for this project.

Click New, then fill in the name of the synchronization, select the iModel from the available iModels and select the path to find the .zip files.

New synchronization

1

2

Map to iModel

Associate Bridges

Synchronization Name

Map to ⓘ

SPPID Import

SPPID iModel ▼ ↺

File Search Paths ⓘ

C:\Users\Admin\Documents

Browse...

Files

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Add files to be synchronized. Consider adding the file that defines the geographic coordinate system first.

Next

Cancel

Then click the green + and select one or more SPPID zip exports.



New synchronization

1

Map to iModel

2

Associate Bridges

Synchronization Name

SPPID Import

Map to ⓘ

SPPID iModel



File Search Paths ⓘ

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Files



PID-07-300025_{43938.6962152778}.zip



PID-12-300025_{43941.4509027778}.zip



Next

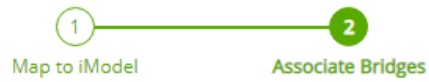
Cancel

Click Next

The iTwin Synchronizer will check to see if a Bridge is available for these files:



New synchronization



Checking Bridge assignments

[< Back](#)

Save

Cancel

Since this is a new installation, there are no bridges available, so the SPPID Bridge is required to be downloaded.



New synchronization



An iModel Bridge needed to process these files was not found. Please enable a bridge below to proceed.

C:\Users\Admin\Documents\PID-07-300025_{43938.6962152778}.zip

C:\Users\Admin\Documents\PID-12-300025_{43941.4509027778}.zip

The following iModel Bridges need to be enabled for this synchronization:



PlantSightSPPIDBridge

Converts SmartPlant P&ID files.

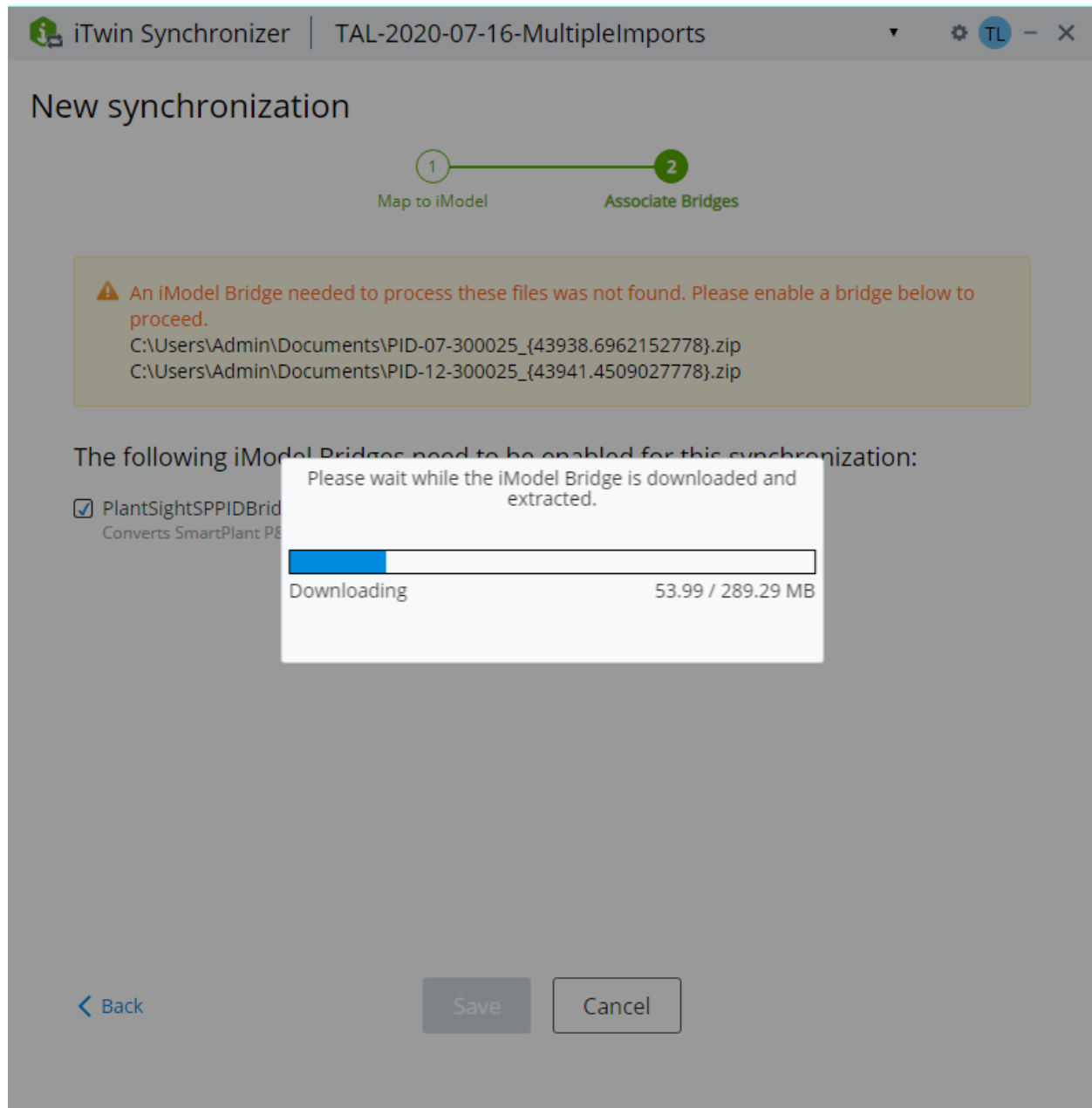
Enable

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Save

Cancel

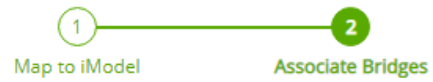
Click Enable.



The bridge will be downloaded and extracted.



New synchronization



✓ All required iModel Bridges are enabled.

Save

Cancel

Click Save to continue once the Bridge was enabled.



Synchronizations

+ New

Name	iModel	Files	
SPPID Import	SPPID iModel	▼ PID-07-300025_{43938,6962152778}.zip PID-12-300025_{43941,4509027778}.zip	  

Click on the synchronize symbol



to start the synchronization.



Synchronize your changes

File Search Paths ⓘ

C:\Users\Admin\Documents

Browse...

Change comment

☐ Create Named Version

✓ All required iModel Bridges are enabled.

Synchronize

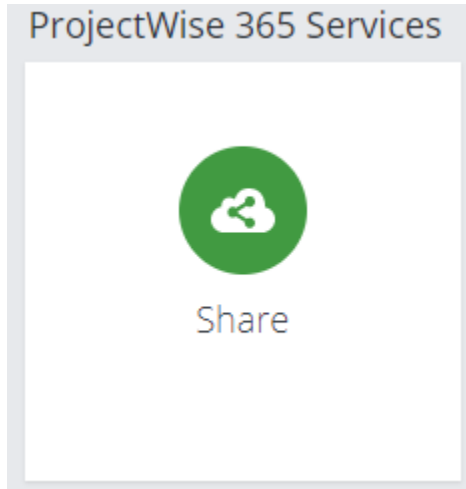
Cancel

Click Synchronize and the drawings will be converted.

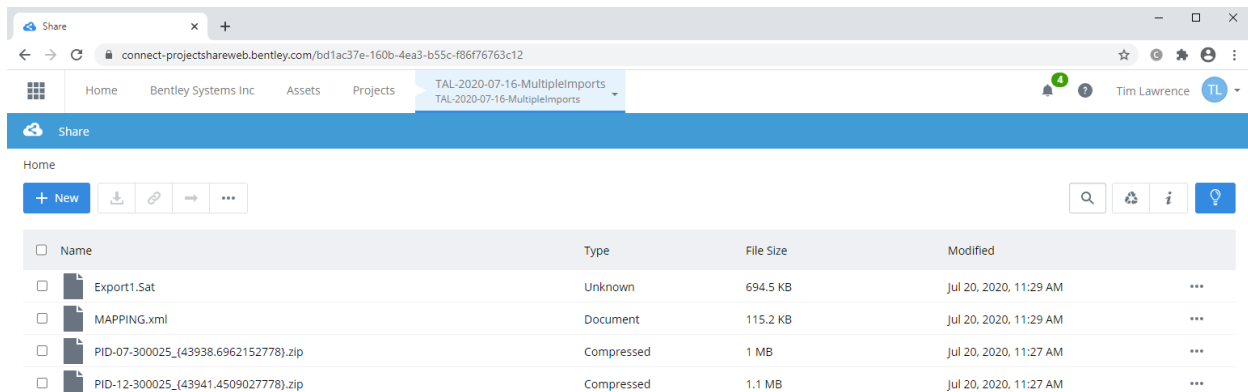
Using Synchronizer from the portal

Create the Project and iModel you wish to use and make sure that it is provisioned using the steps outlined in previous sections.

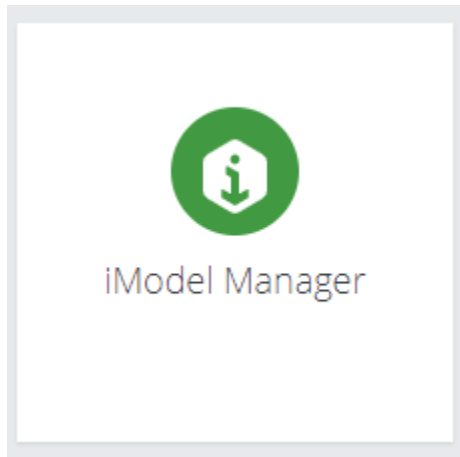
Go to the Share tile on the project you have created:



In the ProjectWise Share, add the .zip files that were exported from SmartPlant PID, as well as the Satellite file and if you have made any mapping modifications, that file should also be placed in this folder



Go back to the main page of this project in the Portal, then select the iModel Manager tile:



Click on the ... for the iModel you wish to use, then select Connections

iModelHub

connect-imodelhubwebsite.bentley.com/Context/bd1ac37e-160b-4ea3-b55c-f8

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iModel Manager | iModels

Create iModel

SPPID iModel

SPPID iModel - Portal

- Edit
- Change cover
- Connections
- Set iModel access
- Delete
- Properties

Since this is the first time you will have to create a new connection:



There are no data connections.

Please create a new connection to populate this iModel

Create connection

Click Create connection.

Click on ProjectWise 365

Create connection



Available data sources:

 ProjectWise 365 Synchronize files stored in ProjectWise 365 "Share". Read more	 ProjectWise Synchronize files stored in ProjectWise Design Integration. Read more
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Then Next

At the next step, click Skip as these are 2D drawings and there is no need to set a spatial model.

Create connection

1 Choose datasource 2 Specify spatial root 3 **Select composite models** 4 Configure connection

Home

Name	
☐	Export1.Sat
☐	MAPPING.xml
☒	PID-07-300025_{43938.6962152778}.zip
☒	PID-12-300025_{43941.4509027778}.zip

Select the 2 zip files.

Name the import job and if the file type supported multiple bridge types, you would need to select the bridge. Optionally you can also set a schedule for the bridge to run.

Create connection

1 Choose datasource 2 Specify spatial root 3 Select composite models 4 **Configure connection**

Connection name
SPPID Imports ✓

Bridge type
PlantSight SPPID Bridge ▾

Schedule

☒ Never

☐ Every 4 hours

☐ Daily 1 ▾ AM ▾

☐ Weekly Sunday ▾ 1 ▾ AM ▾

Click Create.

Select the Import job and click the play button to synchronize.

SP Synchronize - Portal

+ New [play] [edit] [delete]

☒ Name	Data source type	Last sync on	Last sync status
☒ SPPID Imports	ProjectWise 365		...

As the jobs run, you can monitor the progress:



SPPID iModel - Portal

SPPID Imports

Schedule (GMT): No schedule. 




Name	Spatial root	Master model
 PID-07-300025_(43938.6962152778).zip	☐	☒
 PID-12-300025_(43941.4509027778).zip	☐	☒

Status

Status	Total time	Start time	End time	Details	Sync trigger
▼  In Progress		Jul 20, 2020, 11:56 AM		File jobs are still running.	Manual sync ***

ID	Input file	Status	Total time	Start time	Details
▼ 	PID-07-300025_(43938.6962152778).zip	Starting		Jul 20, 2020, 11:56 AM	

Phase	Step	Percentage %	Time
No tasks found.			

Changing the Class and Property Mappings

This is default mapping for classes and properties when you run the AVEVA PID bridge. But you can customize these mappings as you may have different properties in AVEVA PID. To modify the mappings, download this:

[SPPID.zip](#)

This zip file contains 2 files:

Mapping.xml

Spec_SPPID.xlsm

Class Mapping

There are two different sheets for mapping of classes, BaseClassMapping and LeafClassMapping.

Base Class Mapping

The BaseClassMapping sheet has a list of all SmartPlant PID "Class name" - s (SPTypes), and the corresponding OpenPlant class name value. Values in a column OPPID "Class name2" can be changed.

SPPID				OPPID
Class name	Base class	IsDisplayed	Conditional property	Class mapped
AreaBreak	PlantItemGroup	1		GENERIC_EQUIPMENT CONTROL_DESK PROCESS_INSTRUMENT PROCESS_CONNECTOR_SYMBOL PID_DOCUMENT INLINE_PIPE_COMPONENT
AreaBreakAttribute		1		
BoundedShape	Representation	1		
BoundedShapeVertex		1		
Case		1		
CaseControl		1		
CaseProcess		1		
Connector	Representation	1		
ConnectorVertex		1		
Drawing		1		
DrawingProject		1		
DrawingVersion		1		
DuctingComp	PlantItem	1		

The "Conditional property Column" value is used to Map components to leaf OpenPlant classes depending on the Property value. If the matching OpenPlant LeafClass is not found, the value from the Base class mapping will be used.

Leaf Class Mapping

Due to the different component hierarchy of SmartPlant PID components, Leaf Class Mapping was added to specify more precise OpenPlant class name than a mapped Base class name.

SPPID				OPPID
Conditional property	Property value	Subclass	Class	Class mapped
EquipmentType	Base plate	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	PLATE
EquipmentType	Conical skirt	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Cylindrical skirt	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Leg	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Saddle	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Support	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Trunnion	Equipment supports	Equipment Component	VESSEL
EquipmentType	Anode	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Boot w/body flange	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Boot w/cone head	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Boot w/head	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Continuation	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Demister	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Demister Type 1	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Demister Type 2	General equipment components	Equipment Component	
EquipmentType	Dome w/body flange	General equipment components	Equipment Component	

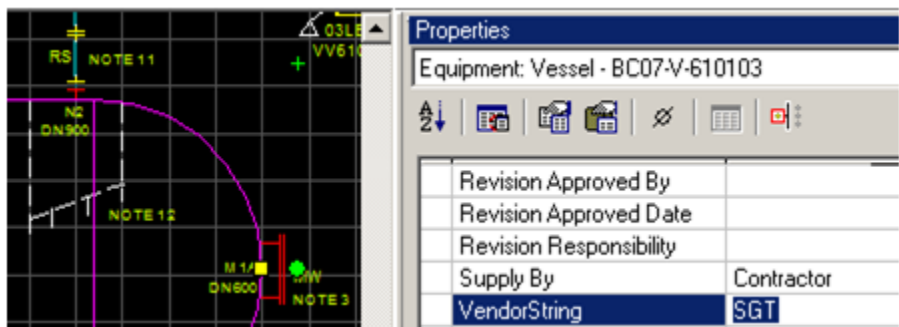
Properties Mapping

The properties mapping sheet lists the properties from the OpenPlant functional schema. The matching property from SmartPlant PID is filled into column D. If the schema is extended, the additional properties can be added to this sheet.

OPPID			SPPID
Class	Base classes	Property name	Property name mapped
PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	func:FunctionalComponentElement	OpenPlantTypeName	ItemTypeName
		DesignState	ProcessDesign.CaseClass
NAMED_ITEM	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	Description
		ALIAS	Name
DEVICE	NAMED_ITEM	DESIGNER	DesignBy
		SIZE	
		MATERIAL	Material
		ELEVATION	SP_ElevationSI

One SmartPlant property can be mapped to multiple OpenPlant properties by separating them with a semi colon <;>.

PIPE_REDUCER	PIPING_COMPONENT	DIRECTION	FlowDirection
		DESIGN_LENGTH_END_TO_END	
		SUPPLIER	
		MATERIAL_MARK	SupplyBy
		WALL_THICKNESS	PipingMaterialsClass
		END_TO_END_LENGTH	SP_ScheduleOrThicknessSI
		NOMINAL_DIAMETER_REDUCING_END;REDUCING_SIZE	PipingPoint2.NominalDiameter
		MAIN_SIZE	PipingPoint1.NominalDiameter
		REDUCING_SIZE	



A heuristic description for finding a proper SmartPlantPID property name is described further here:

Example: Some SmartPlant PID EQUIPMENT components have a property VendorString not displayed in the resulting iModel properties. An OpenPlant property name can be chosen to display this information, such as "Manufacturer".

The SmartPlant PID original property names can be taken from the published .ZIP file.

Unpack the published archive and in Drawing.xml, find the exact name of the property by the component SP_ID

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53  <SPItem ID="Vessel-888A10D8B14B4AACB6DB8BEC133776D6" SPType="Vessel">
54    <Prop Name="SP_ID">888A10D8B14B4AACB6DB8BEC133776D6</Prop>
55    <Prop Name="LengthTanToTan">16.5</Prop>
56    <Prop Name="SP_LengthTanToTanSI"> 16.5</Prop>
57    <Prop Name="Class" EnumIndex="2">Vessel Equipment</Prop>
58    <Prop Name="EquipmentType" EnumIndex="10033">Hemispherical Head Hor
83    <Prop Name="VendorString">SGT</Prop>

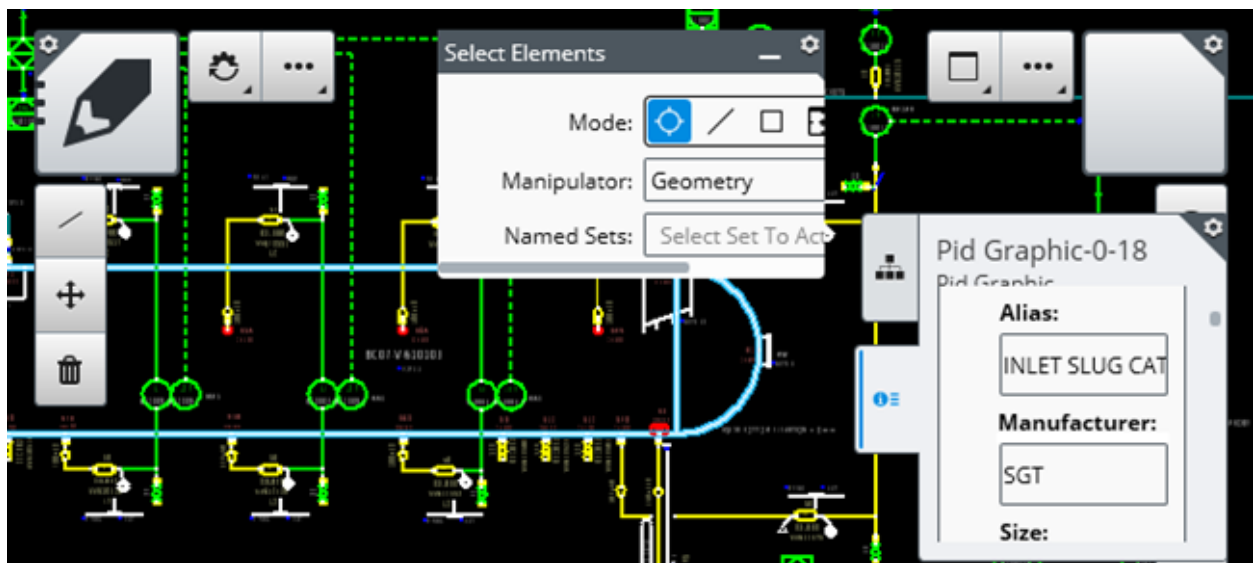
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Add the "VendorString" value to the SmartPlant PID property name, corresponding to the OPPID property "Manufacturer".

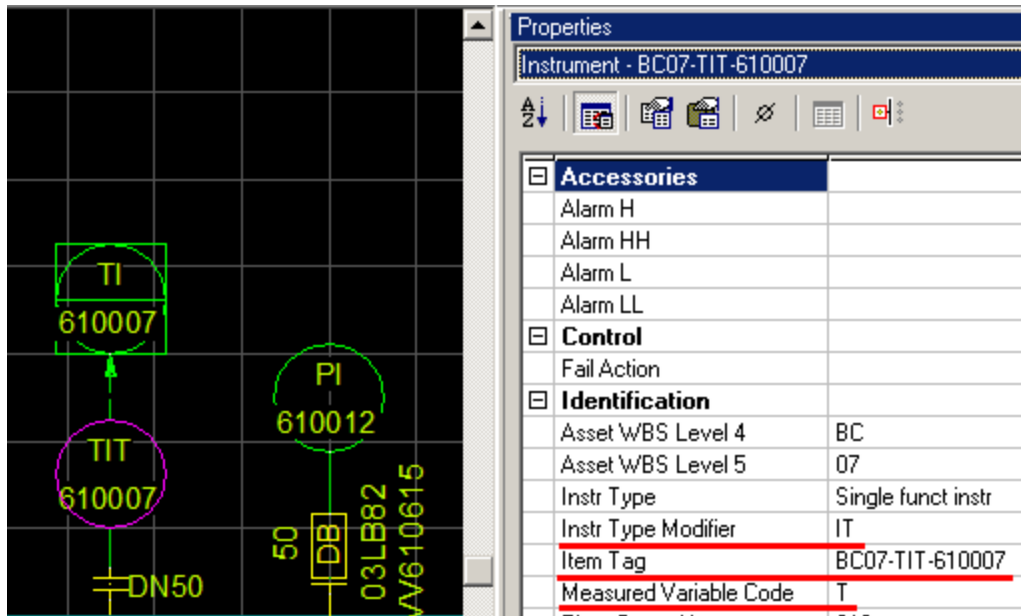
13	DEVICE		
14		NAMED_ITEM	
23		<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>VendorString</u>

Information: Why would a property of a VESSEL be defined in DEVICE properties? That is due to OpenPlant ECClass inheritance hierarchy. In OpenPlant logic, the class incorporates properties of all its base classes. The base OpenPlant class is displayed in the second column of the PropertiesMapping sheet. For instance: Vessel aggregates properties of VESSEL;CONTAINER; EQUIPMENT; DEVICE; NAMED_ITEM; PLANT_BASE_OBJECT classes.

After saving the changes, re-Creating XML and running export - the new property is displayed.



INSTRUMENT Example: Some INSTRUMENTs have properties that are not displayed in the resulting conversion.



Find the values of these properties by SP_ID objects in the Drawing.xml file (from published *.zip)

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157 <SPItem ID="Instrument-0D009ADD50904524B36DBF0EF8A49987" SPTYPE="Instrument">
158   <Prop Name="InstrumentTypeModifier">IT</Prop>

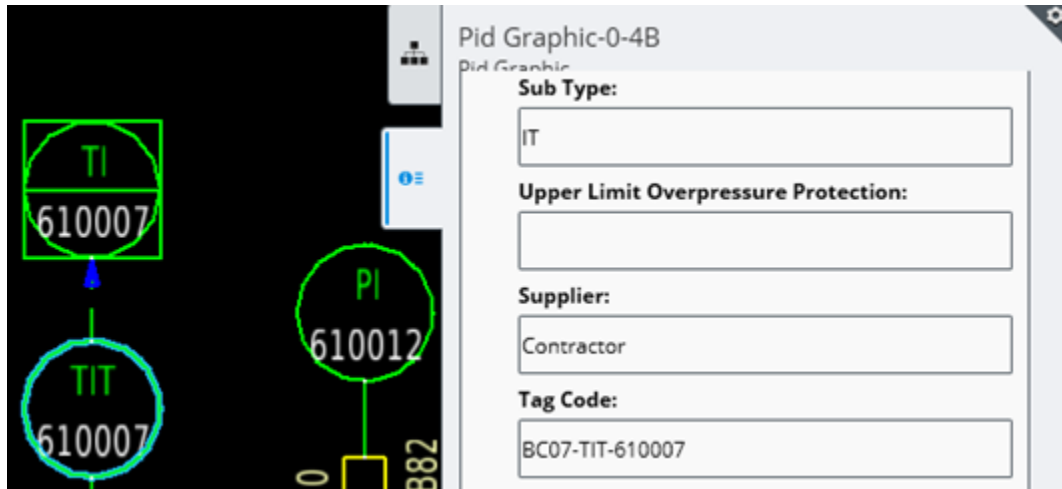
166   <Prop Name="SP_PipeRunID">C97CDE738C7F492293C9EE90DE552C62</Prop>
167   <Prop Name="SPIInstrClass" EnumIndex="1">C</Prop>
168   <Prop Name="ItemTag">BC07-TIT-610007</Prop>

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Add the SmartPlant PID property names to the mapping, create the XML, and run the conversion.

177	INSTRUMENT		
190	SET_POINT	PointIndex	PointIndex
191	SUB_TYPE	InstrumentType	InstrumentTypeModifier
192	UPPER_LIMIT_OVERPRESSURE_PROTECT	SP_CriticalPressureSI	
193	SUPPLIER	SupplyBy	SupplyBy
194	TAG_CODE		ItemTag
195	PIPE_LINE_NUMBER		
196	PID_NUMBER		
197	HOUSING_MATERIAL	PipingMaterialsClass	PipingMaterialsClass
198	CALIBRATION_DATA_REQUIREMENTS		
199	INTRINSICALLY_SAFE_INSTALLATION		

These SmartPlant PID properties are shown in the iModel Property palette.



The original SmartPlant PID property names can be taken neither from Drawing.xml, or from the "FullSPPIDproperties" Excel sheet which is hidden by default. The FullSPPIDproperties sheet contains all possible properties with display names from the SmartPlant PID resources.

Relation Mapping

The relation mapping consists of two sheets: RelationMapping and ConnectByFields. These sheets are used for adding/removing relationships between components.

RelationMapping is based on the OPPIDProcessFunctional ECRelationshipClasses of the OpenPlant Schema. These sheets help to specify relationships: "Relation" name and a pair of "Source" - "Target" OpenPlant ECClass names.

If a value of 1 is set in the "Disable" column, the value is not processed.

Relation	Source	Target	Disable
LOOP_HAS_INSTRUMENT	LOOP	INSTRUMENT	
LOOP_HAS_OBJECT	LOOP	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	
NOZZLE_CONNECTS_TO_SEGMENT	NOZZLE	PIPING_NETWORK_SEGMENT	
Object_Connects_To_Object	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	1
OBJECT_HAS_INSTRUMENT	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	INSTRUMENT	1
Object_Has_Object	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	1
Object_Is_Driven_By_Object	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	1
Object_Is_Related_To_Object	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	PLANT_BASE_OBJECT	1

The ConnectByFields sheet is for specific cases when objects are connected through a reference property (Component ID). The direction can be Backward (Component with Property will be Source and Class will be Target) and Forward.

OPPID		SPPID			
Relation	Class	Property	Direction	Disable	
SEGMENT_HAS_INSTRUMENT	Instrument	SP_PipeRunID	Backward		
SEGMENT_HAS_INSTRUMENT	Instrument	InlineComp.SP_PipeRunID	Backward		
SIGNALLINE_CONNECTS_TO_INSTRUMENT	Instrument	SP_SignalRunID	Backward		
EQUIPMENT_HAS_NOZZLE	Nozzle	SP_EquipmentID	Backward		

Updating Mapping.xml

Once you complete modifications to the mapping sheets, click the Create XML button on the Introduction sheet. This generates the mapping.xml file in the specified path (check that the path exists and that you have write permission to that location). VBA macros are used to create the xml from Excel sheets.

29		Input file Path value and press the button - output XML file would be generated	
30	Create XML		
31			
32			
33			
34			

Export Settings		
Export Setting Name	Name	Value
Export Xml Path	PathToXml	C:\Program Files\Bentley\PlantSight SPPID Bridge\MAPPING.xml
ClassMapDirect.TblName	ClassMapDirect.TblName	TableBaseClasses

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Using the results of the mapping

If you update the mapping.xml and want to use these in your conversions, the mapping file needs to be available for the iModelBridge.

iTwin Synchronizer:

Place the mapping.xml file in the same folder as the zip file that you select

CONNECT Portal:

Place the mapping.xml in the same folder as your .zip files to be converted. This will be either in the ProjectWise Share or folder on ProjectWise.