User Guide

INVENTOR - JT

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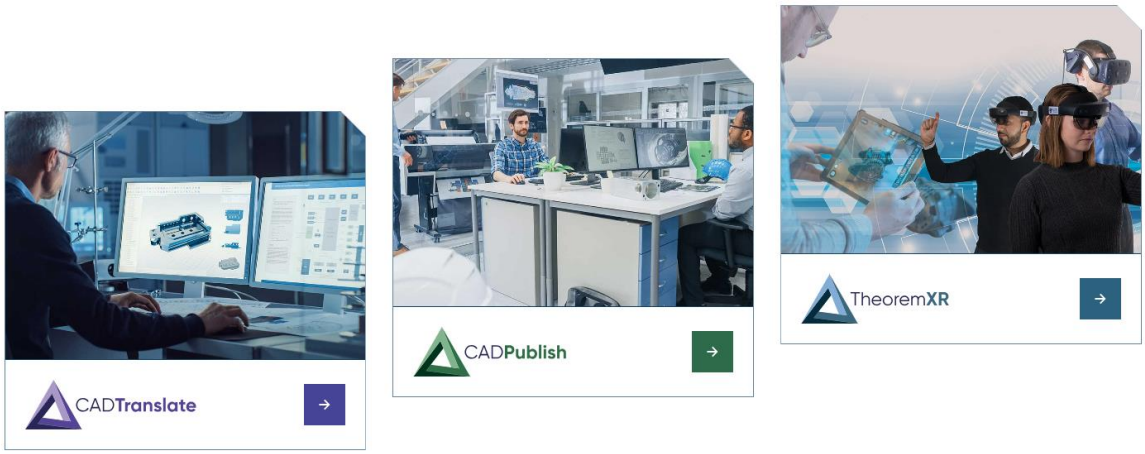

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The INVENTOR - JT Translator

The translator may be installed on a number of machines each accessing a central network-floating license.

Theorem's CADverter product for Inventor to JT is a direct converter between Inventor assemblies (.iam files) and part (.ipt files) and Siemens JT parts. It enables the user to convert all forms of mechanical design geometry, as well as assembly and attribute information, between these two systems.

The Inventor-JT CADverter can be used interactively or in a batch mode, from a standard GUI Interface, offering combined viewing, data filtering and translation capabilities.

Primary Product Features

- Converts all types of geometry, wire frame, surfaces, trimmed surfaces (faces) and solid models
- Converts assembly structure between the system
- Converts attribute data including colour and layer information
- The conversion process can be run Interactively or in Batch mode
- Data can be filtered by layer and entity type
- Geometry can be filtered and selectively processed

Primary Product benefits?

- Direct conversion between Inventor and JT reduces processing time, simplifies integration and retains accuracy of the model.
- The integrated viewing capability enables visual verification, pre and post translation
- The integrated data filtering options allows selected data ONLY to be processed, enabling optimisation of translations and time saving.
- By converting all forms of geometry no data is lost, eliminating the time required to recreate missing data
- With over 20 years industrial use, Theorem's product robustness and quality is well proven, reducing your business risk

This document will focus specifically on guidance for the use of the CADTranslate Inventor to JT. For information regarding any of Theorem's product ranges please contact sales@theorem.com

Getting Started

Documentation & Installation Media

The latest copy of the User Guide documentation can be found on our web site at:

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Each product has a specific link that provides user documentation in the form of PDF and Tutorials.

The latest copy of Theorem software can be found via the link above and by searching for the specific product. Each product has a specific link to the Product Release Document, which contains a link to the download location of the installation CD.

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Installation

The installation is run from the .msi file download provided. For full details of the installation process, visit www.theorem.com/documentation and select UI from the product selection list.

License Configuration

To run any product a valid license file is required. The Flex License Manager is run from the .msi file download provided. For full details of the installation process, visit www.theorem.com/documentation

Using the Product

To use the product, follow the documented steps found in this document or follow the online video tutorials which can be found from www.theorem.com/documentation

Using the Product

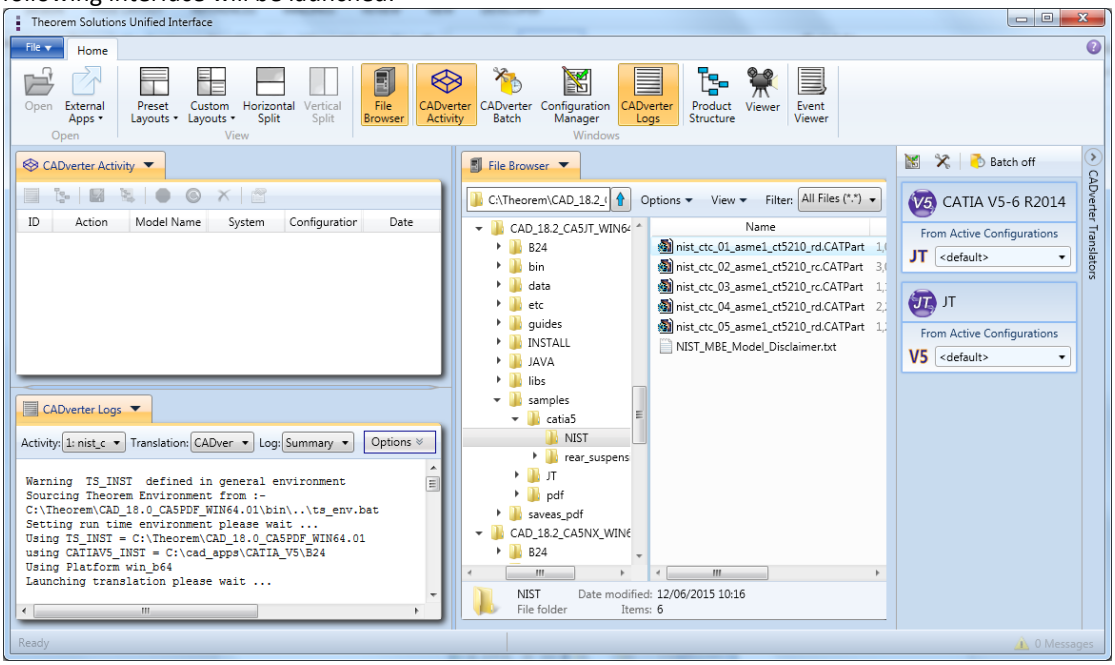
Default Translations

Default Translation – via the Unified Interface

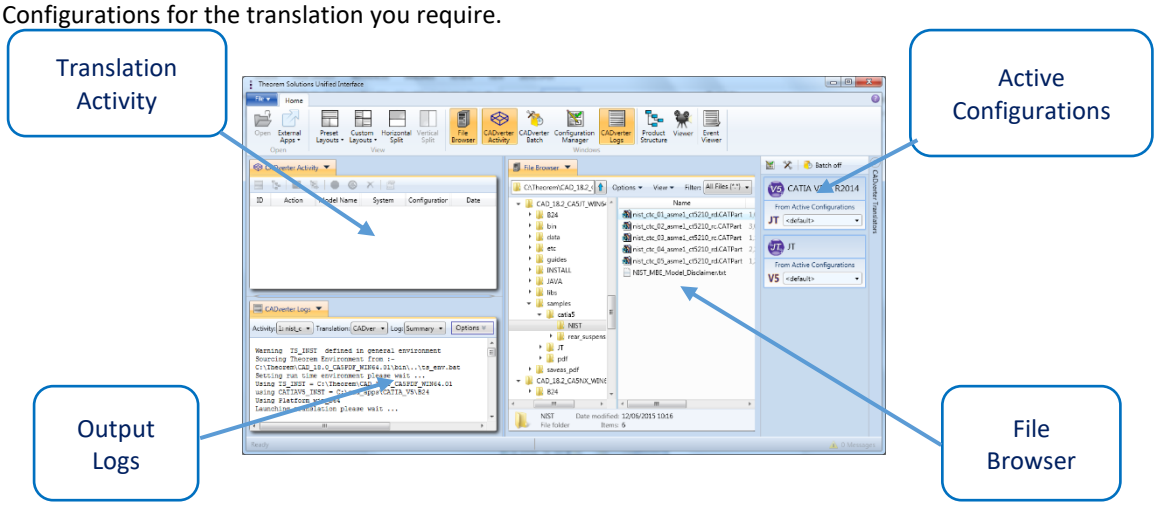
The Unified Interface can be started via the Start Menu – if a shortcut was added during installation.

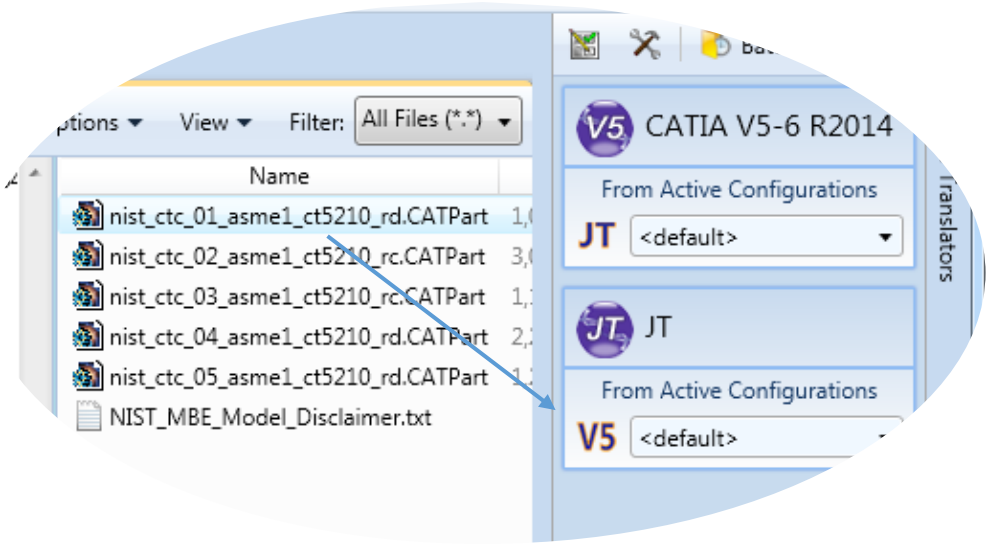
Alternatively, the Unified Interface can be run via a Windows Explorer selection in:
<UI_installation_directory>\bin\Unified_Interface.cmd

The following interface will be launched:



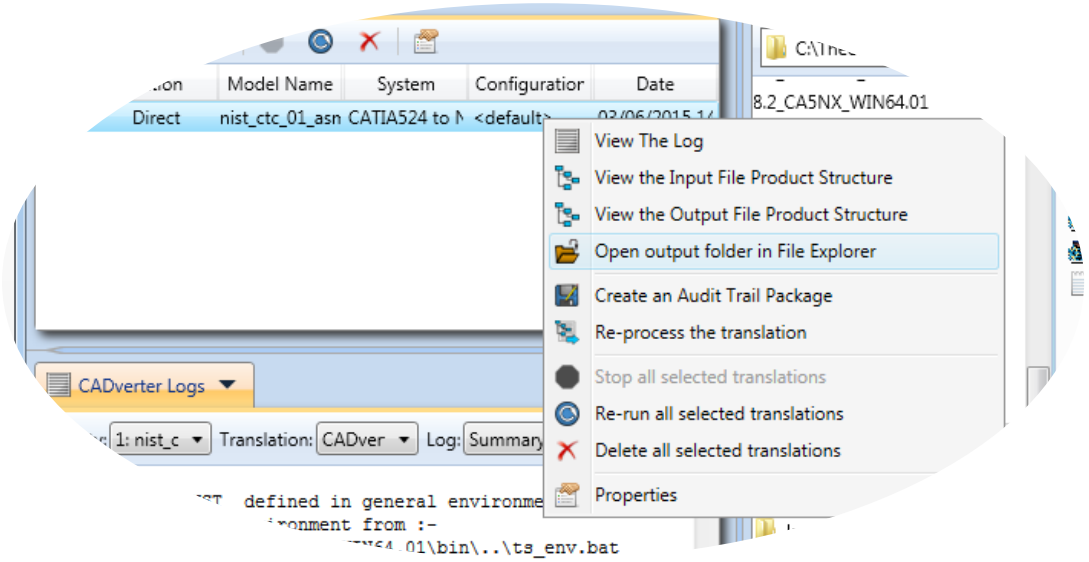
The default layout is split into 4 primary areas, which can be altered to the users prefer:
The simplest way to translate from INVENTOR is to drag a file from the file Browser Pane on to the Active Configurations for the translation you require.





On completion, the Unified Interface will display the activity information and details from the log file created during the translation, if requested, in the Translation Activity and Output Log panes, respectively.

The generated output data can be located by selecting the translation from the Activity pane and opening the output folder:



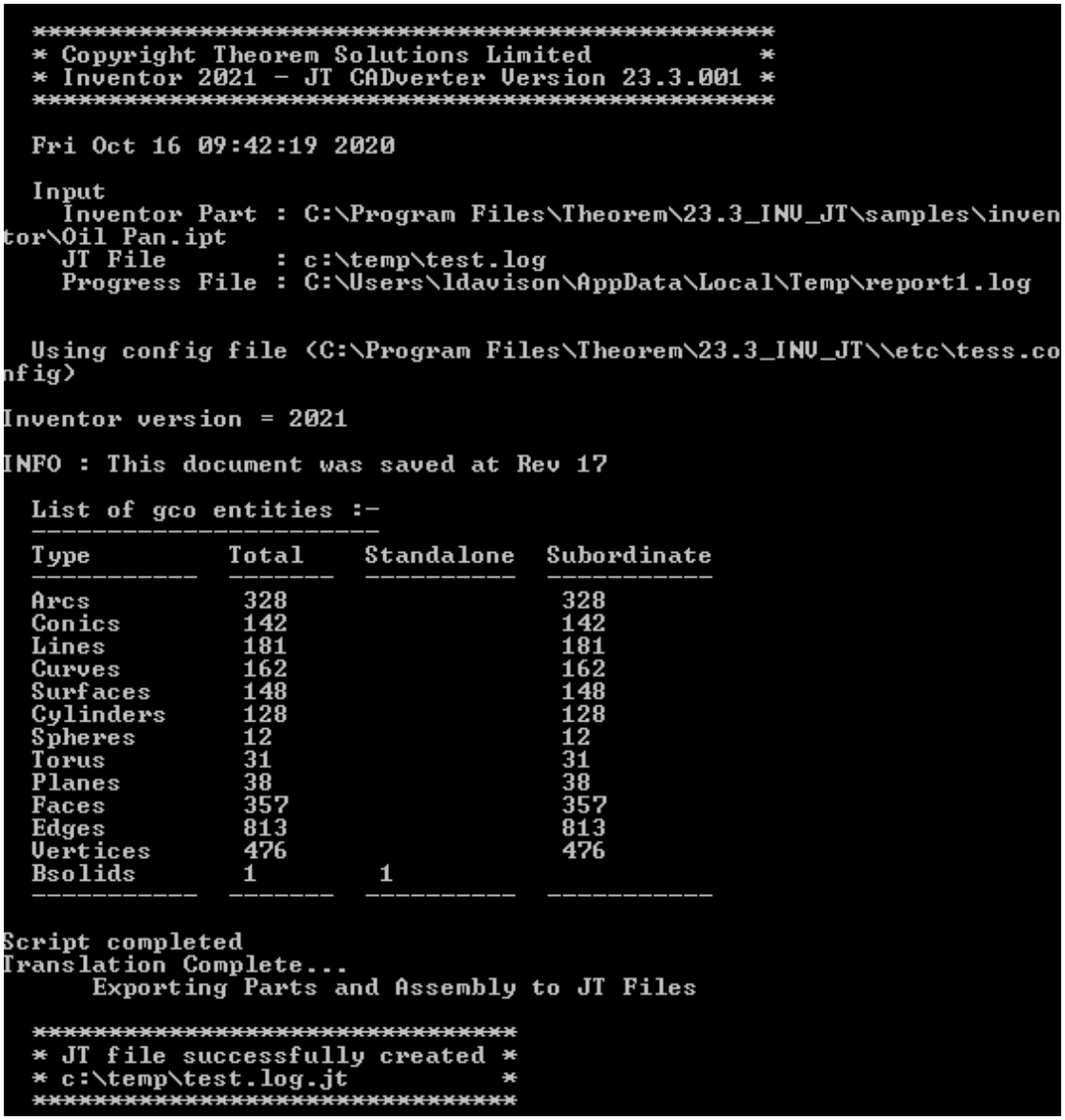
Default Translation – via the Command Line

Running a translation via the command line can be carried out via the ***cad_run.cmd*** file located in the ***<installation_directory>\bin*** directory. The format of the command is as follows when translating from INVENTOR to JT:

<Translator_installation_directory>\bin\cad_run.cmd Inventor_JT –i <input_file> -o <output_file>

The example above will translate an Inventor sample file provided within the installation and produce the following screen output:

```
"C:\Program Files\Theorem\23.3_INV_JT\bin\cad_run.cmd" Inventor_JT -i "C:\Program Files
\Theorem\23.3_INV_JT\samples\inventor\Oil Pan.ipt" -o c:\temp\test.log
```



The file will be output to the target location. In this case:

C:\temp\test.jt

Translator Customization

The Theorem translator allows the information that is read from the source system and written to the target system to be tailored via a set of user specified arguments. Commonly used arguments are supported via the Unified Interface, with Advanced Arguments being described within this document for use in the Unified Interface or via the Command Line invocation.

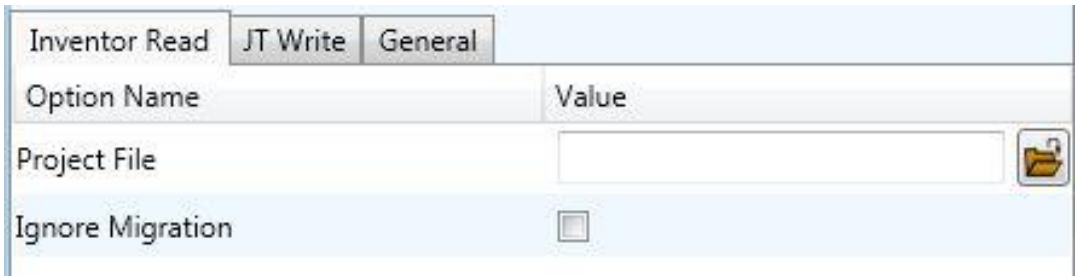
Common Options for INVENTOR to JT

Within the Configuration Manager pane of the Unified Interface, arguments that can be specified when publishing INVENTOR data into JT are grouped into 3 areas:

- INVENTOR Read – Those arguments that affect how data is read from INVENTOR
- JT Write – Those arguments that affect how the data is written to JT
- General – Those arguments that are common to ALL Publishing activities regardless of source data

INVENTOR Read Arguments

The image below shows the INVENTOR Read arguments that are available, with their default settings:

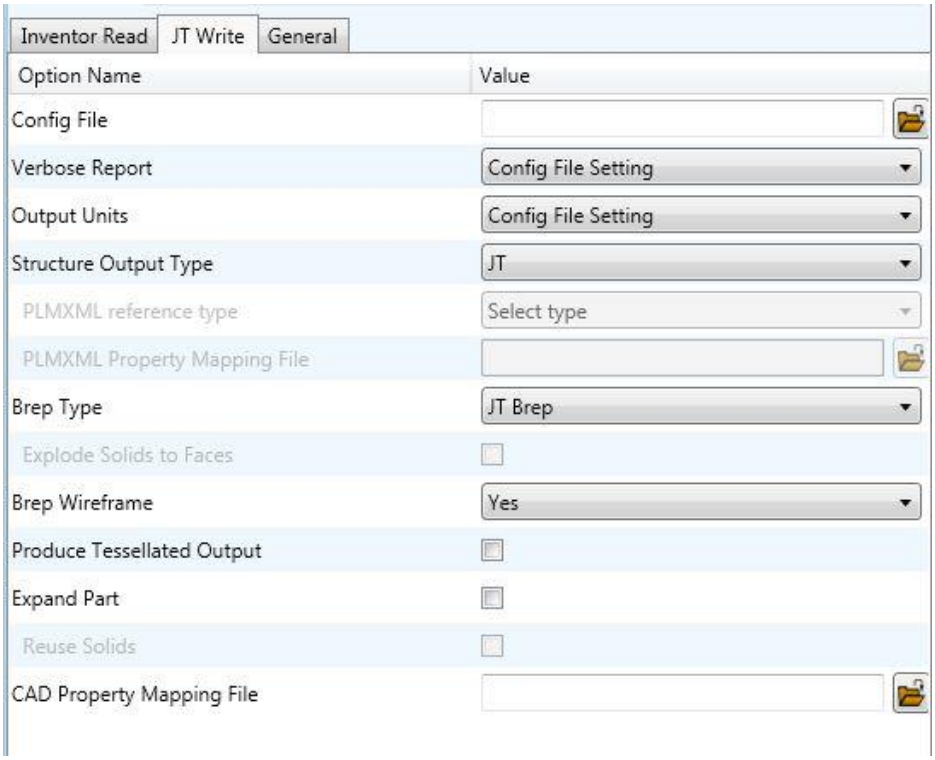


Each of these options is described below:

Option	Description
Project File	This allows the user to specify an Inventor project file (*.ipg) which details search paths for parts within an assembly amongst other Inventor settings. ○ Command Line Syntax: ▪ *Project [file_name]* •
Ignore Migration	This option allows the check for data migration to be omitted. Command Line Syntax: ▪ *ignore_migration* •

JT Write Arguments

The image below shows the Write JT arguments that are available, with their default settings:



Each of these options is described below:

Option	Description
Config File	Allows a JT configuration file to be specified. Please see Appendix B for a full description of the JT config file format. ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *-z [path_to_file]*
Verbose Report	Defines the report. Default is *'Config File setting'* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *Config File Setting: Default* ▪ *No: -VerboseReporting false* ▪ *Yes: -VerboseReporting true*
Output Units	Output unit definition. Default is *'Config File setting'* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *Config File Setting: Default* ▪ *As Input: -OutputUnits inputUnits* ▪ Millimeters: *-OutputUnits mm* ▪ Centimeters: *-OutputUnits cm* ▪ Meters: *-OutputUnits m* ▪ Inches: *-OutputUnits inches* ▪ Feet: *-OutputUnits feet* ▪ Yards: *-OutputUnits yards*
Structure Output Type	Specifies the type of assembly structure to be output. Default is JT. • Selectable options are: *JT: Default* *PLMXML (with external references to JT files)* *STEP BOM (with external references to JT files)* ○ Command Line Syntax

	▪ JT: *Default* ▪ PLMXML: *<See PLMXML Ref Type>* ▪ STEP BOM*: write_stepbom*
PLMXML Reference Type	Only active if a Structure Type of PLMXML is selected. • Selectable options are: 1. *PLMXML referencing JT Parts in the same folder* 2. *PLMXML in addition to the JT Assembly File* • ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ 1: *plmxml_only* ▪ 2: *write_plmxml*
PLMXML Property Mapping File	Allows a Property Mapping file to be selected. Only active if a Structure Type of PLMXML is selected. *(See Appendix C for the file format)* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *plmxml_prop_map_file [File]* ***Note!*** *When this option is unset, the file "plmxml_property_mapping.txt" in the 'data\jt folder' will be used as the mapping file. This file contains lines with mappings that are mandatory for certain downstream applications and mappings to remove attributes used solely in the translation process. Therefore it is a good idea to start with a copy of this file when creating a new mapping file.*
Brep Type	Specifies the BREP type in the resultant JT Files. Default is JT Brep. • Selectable options are: ○ *JT Brep: Default* ○ *XT Brep (Theorem)* ○ *JT Brep (JT Open)* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *JT Brep: Default* ▪ *XT Brep (Theorem): xt_brep no_fixup* ▪ *JT Brep (JT open): jt_xt_brep* •
Explode Solids to Faces	A secondary option enabled when XT Brep (Theorem) output is specified. Explodes solids to faces. Default is OFF. ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *split_brep*
Brep Wireframe	Store wireframe in the JT Brep. Default is YES. • Selectable options are: ○ *Yes: Default* ○ *No* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *no_brep_wire : No (Tessellated)*
Produce Tessellated Output	Convert Brep data directly to facetted data. Default is OFF. ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *tess_output*
Expand Part	Process multi-solid parts as an assembly. Default is OFF. ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *expand_part*
Reuse Solids	A secondary option enabled when Expand Part is set to re-use existing solids. Default is OFF. ○ Command Line Syntax

	▪ *reuse_solids*
CAD Property Mapping File	A file containing a list of CAD properties and information on how they are mapped to the JT file. Not used by default. *(See Appendix C for the file format)* ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *cad_prop_map_file [File]* • ***Note!*** *An example mapping file is provide in the 'data\jt' folder. This file provides a good starting point when creating a new mapping file.*

INVENTOR to JT General Arguments
The image below shows the General arguments that are available, with their default settings:

Each of these options is described below:

Option	Description
Advanced	Allows any of the Command Line Advanced arguments documented below to be passed to the Unified Interface invocation

INVENTOR to JT Advanced Arguments

Theorem's INVENTOR to JT translator has been configured with default settings that optimize the translation process. However, there are times when a satisfactory result cannot be obtained, so it may be required to deploy one or more Advanced Arguments to improve the translated result.

The following table describes useful Advanced Arguments that can be entered into the General Tab -> Advanced field:

Option	Description
Parasolid Tolerant Modelling	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output is specified. Enables Parasolid tolerant modelling. Default is ON ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *nopstolmodel – to turn off*
Factor	Specify the factor level of Parasolid Tolerant Modelling when turned on. Default is 3. ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *pstolmodel 3*
Sew Parasolid Bodies	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output is specified. Enables the sewing of Parasolid bodies. Default is ON ○ Command Line Syntax ▪ *nosew – to turn off*
Tolerance	Specify the tolerance for the sew command above. Default is 0.01. ○ Command Line Syntax

	▪ *pssew 0.01*
Incremental Sewing	Enables incremental sewing when used with Sew Parasolid Bodies. Default is ON. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *no_sew_increm – to turn off*
Split Discontinuous Surfaces	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. Splits discontinuous surfaces. Default is OFF. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *brep_prep – to turn on* ▪ *no_brep_prep – to turn off*
Force body creation (No check of Parasolid entities)	A secondary option enabled when XT Brep (Theorem) output specified. Removes the checking of Parasolid entities. Default is ON. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *nocheck* – (force body creation without checking = Default) ▪ *check* – (doesn't force the body creation - Parasolid checking is enabled)
Fix Degenerate Edges	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. On face create failure, check and fix any degenerate edges. Default is ON. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *fix_degen* ▪ *no_fix_degen – to turn off*
Specify a Face Edge Tolerance	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. Specify an edge tolerance to be used when creating faces. Default is ON. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *Please see Edge Tolerance below*
Edge Tolerance	A secondary option used with Specify a Face Edge Tolerance where the tolerance value is assigned. Default is 0.000006. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *face_edge_tol 0.000006*
Fix small features in solids	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. Remove small edges, sliver and spike faces from solid bodies. Default is OFF. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *ps_fix_small – to turn on*

	▪ *no_ps_fix_small - default*
Fix small features in open solids	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. Remove small edges, sliver and spike faces from open solids. Default is OFF. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *ps_fix_osol – to turn on* ▪ *no_ps_fix_osol - default*
Simplify Geometry	A secondary option to be used when *Brep Type = XT Brep (Theorem)* output specified. Simplify Geometry. Default is OFF. o Command Line Syntax ▪ *simplify_solids – to turn on*

Appendix A – JT Configuration File

Introduction

A configuration file contains the settings for your translations. The configuration file can be specified using the command line option ***–config*** or ***-z***.

If this is not supplied the following config file will be used:-

tessINVENTOR.config in ***%TS_INST%\etc*** directory (where TS_INST = Installed directory)

The JT configuration file contains various sections, each containing different settings based on the section.

The Setup Section

The setup options in the configuration file define how your files are translated. The setup section is the first part of the configuration file and contains a series of standard translator options.

To edit setup options

1. Open an existing configuration file with a text editor.
2. Edit the configuration file options listed in the table below.
3. Save the configuration with a .config extension

Option name	Keywords	Example
EAITranslator	EAITranslator {	EAITranslator {
OutputDirectory	"*path to directory*"	OutputDirectory = "/home/<user>/"
CommonPartsPath	"*path to directory*"	CommonPartsPath= "/myaccount/jtparts/"
chordalOption	"RELATIVE" "ABSOLUTE"	chordalOption = "RELATIVE"
structureOption	"PER_PART" "MONOLITHIC" "FULL_SHATTER"	structureOption = "MONOLITHIC"
WriteWhichFiles	"ALL" "ASSEMBLY_ONLY"	WriteWhichFiles = "ALL"

	"PARTS_ONLY"	
compression	true TRUE false FALSE	compression = true
triStripOpt	true TRUE false FALSE	triStripOpt = false
seamSewing	true TRUE false FALSE	seamSewing = true
seamSewingTol	*any integer*	seamSewingTol = 0.001
includeBrep	true TRUE false FALSE	includeBrep = false
brepPrecision	"SINGLE" "DOUBLE"	brepPrecision = "SINGLE"
autoNameSanitize	true TRUE false FALSE	autoNameSanitize = true
updateChangedPartsOnly	true TRUE false FALSE	updateChangedPartsOnly = false
verboseReporting	true TRUE false FALSE	verboseReporting = false
writeAsciiAssembly	true TRUE false FALSE	writeAsciiAssembly = false
singlePartsNoAssem	true TRUE false FALSE	singlePartsNoAssem = false
smartLODgeneration	true TRUE false FALSE	smartLODgeneration = true
autoLowLODgeneration	true TRUE false FALSE	autoLowLODgeneration = true
numLODs	*any integer*	numLODs = 3
JtFileFormat	64,70,80,81,82,90, 91,92,93,94,95,100	JtFileFormat = “95”

includeULP	PASSTHROUGH TRUE FALSE	includeULP = “PASSTHROUGH”
ulpPrecision	Real Value	ulpPrecision = 0.001
close brace	}	}

The Level of Detail Section

The level of detail section of the configuration file contains the tessellation and simplification information for each level of detail in the file.

This section consists of several sets of level of detail (LOD) information, and the number of these sets depends on the number you specified on the numLODs line in the configuration file.

To edit level of detail options

1. Open an existing configuration file in a text editor.
2. Edit the configuration file options listed below.
3. Save the configuration with a .config extension

Option name	Keywords	Example
LOD	LOD "*lod number*" {	LOD "1" {
Level	*any integer*	Level = 1
Chordal	*any number*	Chordal = 0.001
Angular	*any number*	Angular = 25
Length	*any number*	Length = 1
Label	*any string*	“ud_FINE”
FeatureSuppression	*any integer*	FeatureSuppression = 0
Simplify	*any number*	Simplify = 0.60
AdvCompressionLevel	*any number*	AdvCompressionLevel = 0.0
ULP	true false	
close brace	}	}

The Filter Section

The filter section of the configuration file contains the filename and metadata filtering information. Edit this section if you want to change how the translator sanitizes filenames and filters metadata keys.

To edit filter options

1. Open an existing configuration file with a text editor.
2. Edit the configuration file options from the table below.
3. Save the configuration with a .config extension

Option name	Keywords	Example
Filter	Filter {	Filter {
FilenameSanitizeSet	*"string of characters"*	FilenameSanitizeSet = "abc123."
FilenameSanitizeSetAdd	*"string of characters"*	FilenameSanitizeSetAdd = "4l"
FilenameSanitizeSetDelete	*"string of characters"*	FilenameSanitizeSetDelete = "c"
MetadataKey	*"string of characters"*	MetadataKey = "*metadata key to exclude*"
close brace	}	}

The Metadata section

The metadata section sets which metadata to attach to all parts, assemblies and nodes of the model.

Note: Be sure to add these options to the configuration file in pairs: one line to define the metadata key and one line to define the metadata value.

To edit metadata options

1. Open an existing configuration file (.CONFIG) in a text editor.
2. Edit the configuration file options shown in the table below.
3. Save the configuration with a .config extension

Option name	Keywords	Example
Metadata	Metadata {	Metadata {
AddToParts	*"string of characters"*	AddToParts = "<metadata key>" AddToParts = "<metadata value>"
AddToAssemblies	*"string of characters"*	AddToAssemblies = "<metadata key>" AddToAssemblies = "<metadata value>"
AddToAllNodes	*"string of characters"*	AddToAllNodes = "<metadata key>" AddToAllNodes = "<metadata value>"
close brace	}	}

The Special Section

The special section of the configuration file contains lines that are unique to this translator.

To edit special options

1. Open an existing configuration file with a text editor.
2. Edit the configuration file options shown in the table below.
3. Save the configuration with a .config file extension.

Option	Keyword	Example	Default Value
InventorOptions	InventorOptions {	InventorOptions {	
ProjectFile	Full system file path	Windows example ProjectFile = "P:\apps\Inventor2009\Samples.ipj"	“”
IgnoreMigration	true/TRUE false/FALSE	IgnoreMigration = true	false
ReportFilename	Full system file path	Windows example ReportFilename = P:\caddata\translation\result\part55	Windows system C:%TEMP%\tscprogressyi
OutputUnits	mm millimetres cm	OutputUnits = mm	inputUnits

	centimetres m metre metres inches feet yards inputUnits		
StructureOutputType	JT PLMXML PLMXMLJT	StructureOutputType = JT	JT
PLMXMLPropertyMappingFile	*File Name*	PLMXMLPropertyMappingFile = “mapping_file.txt”	“”
brepType	XT JT XTJT	brepType = XT	JT
ParasolidTolerantModelling	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ParasolidTolerantModelling = true	true
ParasolidTolerantModellingFactor	*Any positive integer*	ParasolidTolerantModellingFactor = 3	3
SewParasolidBodies	true/TRUE false/FALSE	SewParasolidBodies = true	true
SewParasolidBodiesTol	*Any number*	SewParasolidBodiesTol = 0.01	0.01
IncrementalSewing	true/TRUE false/FALSE	IncrementalSewing = true	true
IncrementalSewingNoOfIterations	true/TRUE false/FALSE	IncrementalSewingNoOfIterations = 5	5
ExplodeSolidstoFaces	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ExplodeSolidstoFaces = false	false
SplitDiscontinuousSurfaces	true/TRUE false/FALSE	SplitDiscontinuousSurfaces = true	false
ForceBodyCreation	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ForceBodyCreation = true	true
FixDegenerateEdges	true/TRUE false/FALSE	FixDegenerateEdges = true	true
FaceEdgeTol	*Any number*	FaceEdgeTol = 0.000006	0.000006
FixSmallFeaturesSolids	true/TRUE false/FALSE	FixSmallFeaturesSolids = false	false
FixSmallFeaturesOpenSolids	true/TRUE false/FALSE	FixSmallFeaturesOpenSolids = false	false
SimplifyGeometry	true/TRUE false/FALSE	SimplifyGeometry = false	false

BrepWireframe	true/TRUE false/FALSE	BrepWireframe = true	true
ProduceTessellatedOutput	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ProduceTessellatedOutput = false	false
ExpandPart	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ExpandPart = false	false
ReuseSolids	true/TRUE false/FALSE	ReuseSolids = false	false
CADPropertyMappingFile	*File Name*	CADPropertyMappingFile = “mapping_file.txt”	“”
SavedViewsViewSetName	*"string of characters"*	SavedViewsViewSetName	"SavedViews"
AnnotationPlanesViewSetName	*"string of characters"*	AnnotationPlanesViewSetName	"AnnotationPlanes"
Close brace	}	}	

Appendix C – Property Mapping Files
Property mapping files are required for CAD property Mapping and PLMXML Property Mapping

A Property Mapping File is a comma separated text file containing information of how CAD properties from the source system will be mapped into the target file.

The format is as follows:

- Lines beginning with a "#" are treated as comment lines and are ignored.
- Any space characters will be treated as part of the item
- Lines containing a mapping must contain 6 items separated by 5 commas
- The six items are :-

Item	Description
Source name	The attribute name in the Source System
Target name	The attribute name in the Target File
Data derived from	0 - Do not convert 1 - Use the source value as given 6 - Use the source value as given and hide the property ***Note!*** *Value 6 For CAD Mapping Files ONLY (Not PLMXML)*
Default Value	Not currently used
Value Type	Not currently used
Default Units	Not currently used

An Example of a mapping file is shown below:-

```
# Mapping from input attribute name to Target property name
#
# Line Format:-
# Source name,Target name,Data derived from,Default Value,Value Type,Default Units
#    Data derived from:-
#    0 - Do not convert
#    1 - Use the source values as given
#    6 - Use the source value as given and hide the property
#
_ActivateBOM,NULL,0,0,,
_LastModifier,NULL,0,0,,
_Maturity,NULL,0,0,,
_PrdVersion,NULL,0,0,,
_ReferenceTimeStamp,NULL,0,0,,
_Responsible,NULL,0,0,,
COG M,ud_CAD_CENTER_OF_GRAVITY,1,0,,
COMPONENTS PRINCIPAL AXES ,NULL,0,0,,
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DENSITY Kg/M^3,NULL,0,0,,
INERTIA MATRIX KgM2,ud_CAD_MOMENT_OF_INERTIA,1,0,,
INERTIA VOLUME M^3,ud_CAD_VOLUME,1,0,,
INERTIA WET AREA M^2,ud_CAD_SURFACE_AREA,1,0,,
MASS Kg,ud_CAD_MASS,1,0,,
PRINCIPAL MOMENTS KgM^2,NULL,0,0,,
FILESAVETIME,File Last Modified,1,0,,
LOCALE,LOCALE,1,0,,
Masterdata Version,Masterdata Version,1,0,,
Material Details,Material Details,1,0,,
PART_NUMBER,PART_NUMBER,1,0,,
MPARTNAME,Source Model Name,1,0,,
Source,SourceName,1,0,,

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