### Introduction to Visual Components

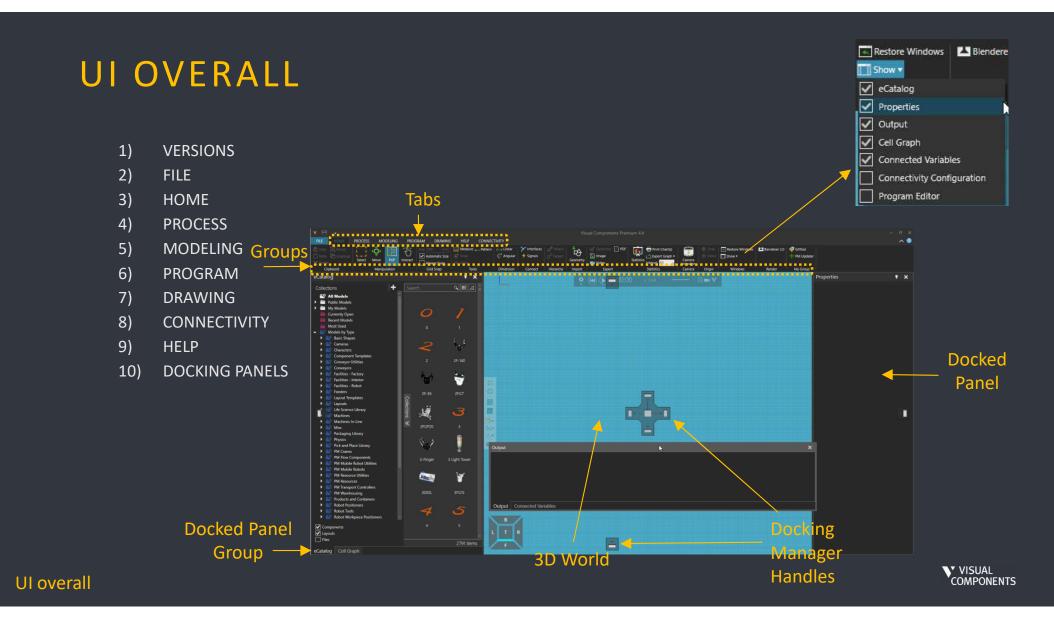
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# VERSIONS

|   | ESSENTIALS | PROFESSIONAL | PREMIUM |
|---|------------|--------------|---------|
| LAYOUT CONFIGURATION                    |            |              |         |
| PROCESS MODELING                        |            |              |         |
| E-CATALOG                               |            |              |         |
| CAD COMPATIBILITY                       |            |              |         |
| PROJECT READY DELIVERABLES              |            |              |         |
| SIMPLE ROBOTICS                         |            |              |         |
| POINT CLOUD SUPPORT                     |            |              |         |
| 2D DRAWINGS                             |            |              |         |
| PLC CONNECTIVITY                        |            |              |         |
| STATISTICS AND REPORTING                |            |              |         |
| VC EXPERIENCE                           |            |              |         |
| COMPONENT MODELING                      |            |              |         |
| GEOMETRY SIMPLIFICATION                 |            |              |         |
| WIZARDS                                 |            |              |         |
| BASIC CAD                               |            |              |         |
| GEOMETRICAL CAD DATA FOR ROBOT PATHS    |            |              |         |
| ROBOT PATH STATEMENT AND CURVE TEACHI   | NG TOOL    |              |         |
| PAINT PROCESS VISUALIZATION             |            |              |         |
| ROBOT CONNECTIVITY FOR FANUC, UR AND ST | TÄUBLI     |              |         |
| SIEMENS S7 PLC CONNECTIVITY             |            |              |         |
| WINMOD AND SIMIT CONNECTIVITY           |            |              |         |
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| Open           |
| Save           |
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| Print          |
| Options        |
| Exit           |

- Clear All, Open, Save
- Info of the current layout
- Print 3D View or 2D Drawing
- Options
  - Language
  - Theme
  - Background coloring
  - Floor
  - World Origin

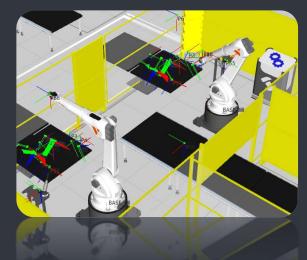
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- Set the floor color
- Display World origin frame
- Robot frame visibility
  - show all motion points in the layout simultaneously or only selected robot's points



| Options |  |   |                     |                       |  |
|---------|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| General | Floor display opt  | ions  |                     |                       |  |
| Display | Background color<br>Floor visibility   |   |                     | •                     |  |
| Add On  | Floor visibility<br>Grid visibility<br>Floor color<br>Floor reflection<br>Major grid line color<br>Minor grid line color<br>Auto Resize Floor<br>Floor Size<br>Grid Size<br>World origin frame<br>Frame label size<br>Robot frame visibility | <ul> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>×: 50000</li> <li>×: 1000</li> <li>✓</li> <li>10</li> <li>Selected</li> </ul> | V: 50000<br>V: 1000 | ▼<br>- 0.00<br>▼<br>▼ |  |
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# HOME

HOME PROCESS MODELING PROGRAM DRAWING HELP CONNECTIVITY

- Layout editing
- Component libraries eCat
- Component interconnections (interfaces and signals)
- Statistics
- Exports: videos, animations, pdf, statistics etc.

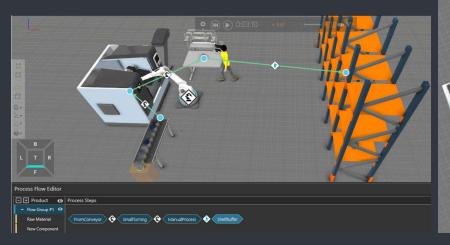
A layout is always open in the 3D world

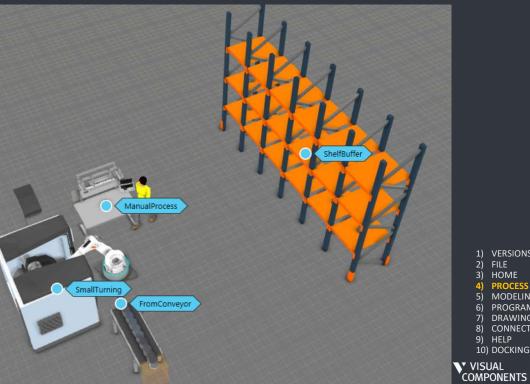
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### PROCESS

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| Clipboard | M           | anipulatio   | m      | Grid Snap      | Tools   | Transport Link Tools | Helper Tools    |          |           | Editor |                        | Windows         |

- Defining products for processes
- Creating processes
- Grouping processes in flow groups
- Have multiple flow groups •
- Map the processes to form flows





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# MODELING

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- Component modeling
  - Ability to save as a separate file for reusing in another layout and adding to a catalog
- Creating and/or editing component
  - Features (i.e. geometries)
  - Properties
  - Behaviors (i.e. logic, functionality, interfaces, statistics etc.)
  - Materials



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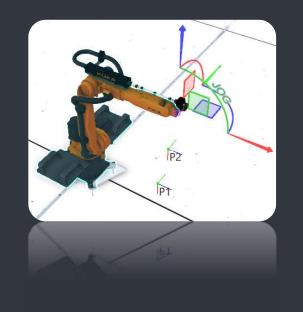
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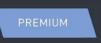
#### Robot programming

- Jogging (Teaching)
- Tool and base configurations
- Main and sub sequences/routines

#### Feasibility tools

- Reachability
- Collision detection
- Singularities





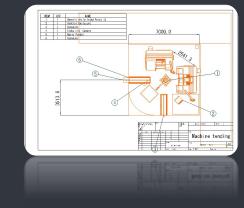
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## DRAWING

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- Creating technical drawings of the layout (3D World)
- Orthographic/perspective projections, dimensioning
- Exporting
- Sheet templates and Bill of Material



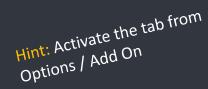
Drawing is saved along with the layout

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# CONNECTIVITY

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- Mapping and synchronization of simulation variables/signals with external controllers and data sources e.g.
  - PLC via OPC UA
  - Beckhoff ADS
- Used with
  - Virtual Commissioning
  - Co-simulation
  - Remote Visualization





- + Universal Robots RTDE
  + Stäubli CS8 Add-On
  + Fanuc Robot Connectivity
  + Siemens S7 PLC
  - + WinMOD and SIMIT



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### **H E L P** Get used to find support right from the beginning

**UI overall** 

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- Dock / Undock
- Pin / Unpin
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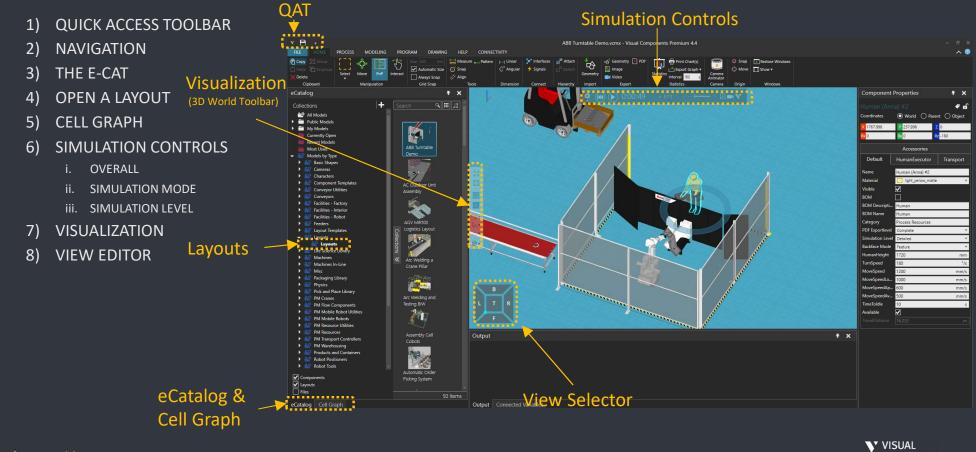
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eCatalog Cell Graph

### **INTRODUCTION - HOME**



# QUICK ACCESS TOOLBAR

By pressing  $\Rightarrow$  sign the user can:

- Customize Quick Access Toolbar (QAT)
- Minimize the Ribbon tab
- Set QAT either above or below the toolbar

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#### Quick Access Toolbar Navigation

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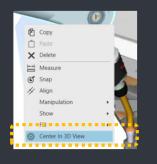
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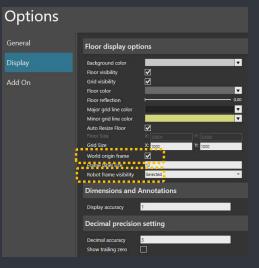
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- Rotation RMB (Right mouse button) + drag mouse LMB + RMB + drag mouse Pan Zoom Scroll wheel Up/Down Or Shift + RMB + drag mouse up/down d. Set Center Ctrl + RMB <u>on geometry</u> Or
  - MB on geometry Center in 3D View



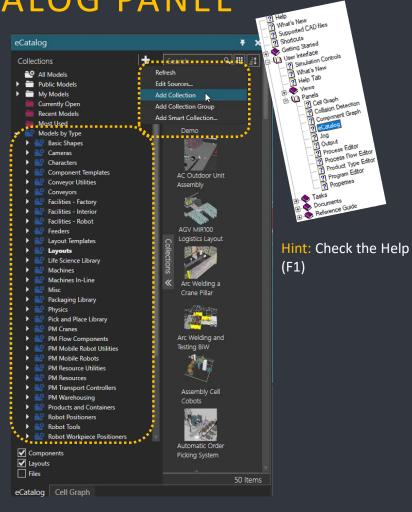
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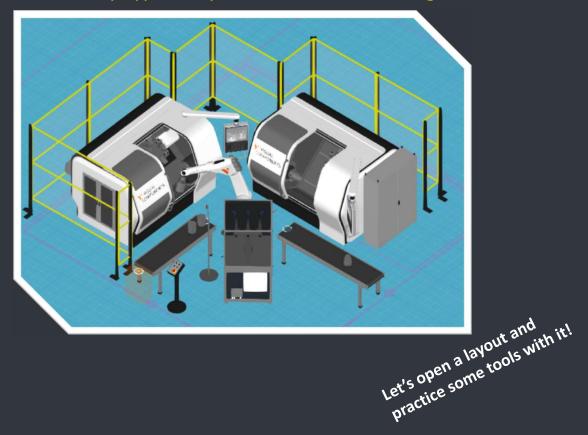


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# OPEN A LAYOUT

Models By Type->Layouts-> Machine Tending



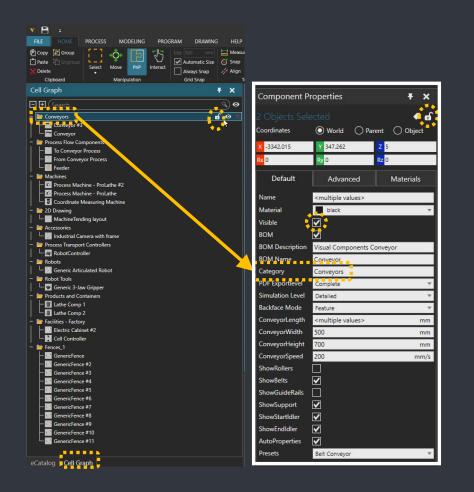
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# CELL GRAPH 1/2

- Select all components under one group by selecting the group
- Multi selection with Ctrl-button
  - Add to selection
  - Remove from selection
- Select a group of component with Shiftbutton
  - Components in between will be selected
- Lock (group or single component)
- Hide/Show (group or single component)
  - Use the Visible Property to Hide/Show all selected



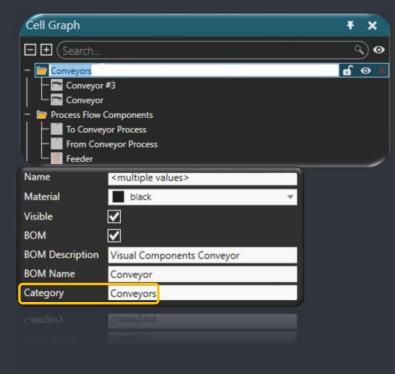
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# CELL GRAPH 2/2

- Rename component(s)
- Rename Category
  - Applies to all components in that Category



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| Reset<br>Play/Stop<br>Clock | Speed Scale<br>and<br>Slider |       | cord<br>eo or VR |

Tips:

- Double-click the Speed slider thumb to reset scale to 1.0
- Record controls also displayed in Ribbon
- Each record control displays a task pane/action panel of additional options

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- Simulation Run Time
  - Set to custom to stop the simulation at a given time
- Warm Up Time
  - Use to run the simulation to a given time as fast as possible (run without rendering)
  - Use Reset to zero
- Repeat
  - Start automatically from beginning when running to the end
- Save State
  - Save orientation (joint values) of all components in the layout
  - Used as the initial state



| Clock Display Mode  | Hours       | : Minutes        | : Seconds    | Ŧ          |
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| Simulation Run Time | 1           | 0                | 0            | $\infty$   |
| Warm Up Time        | 0           | 0                | 0            | Reset      |
|                     |             |                  |              | Save State |
| Repeat              |             | Simulation Level | Default      |            |
| Simulation Mode     | 🔘 Real Time | 0                | Virtual Time |            |

Note: *Save State* is also called always when hitting Play



| Clock Display Mode  | Hours  | : Minutes   | : Seconds               |            |
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#### **Real Time**

- The speed of simulation is scaled to operate in real time, for example one second in simulation is one second in real time.
- Use a scale factor to speed up or slow down the simulation, thereby allowing you to sync simulation with real world device. Virtual Time

- The speed of simulation is dependent on computer speed, thereby allowing simulation to run as fast as possible.
- Use a step size to define a virtual frame rate for rendering the 3D world. For example, a step size of 0.13 would render a frame every 0.13 seconds of simulation runtime.

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#### Default

Accuracy is defined by component setting (property)

Detailed

 Simulates component movements as accurate as possible, thereby simulating full range of motion for component

#### Balanced

 Simulates component movements in a way that is balanced with performance of simulation, thereby component may move from point to point without simulating unnecessary joint motions

#### Fast

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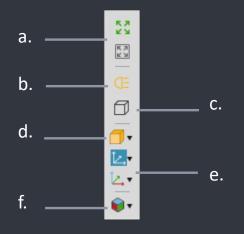
- Simulates component movements as quickly as possible, thereby component may snap to joint configuration or jump from point to point
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Note: Simulation level control is disabled if no component in the

layout has implemented the feature

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### VISUALIZATION



- a. Fill View
- b. Headlight
- c. Camera Projection
- d. Rendering
- e. Frame Visibility
- f. View Editor

### View Selector

- Easy access for default views
- Selectable faces, lines and corners
- Double click on top => bottom
- Single click on top => rotates 90°



Hint: Hit F11 to enter full screen mode

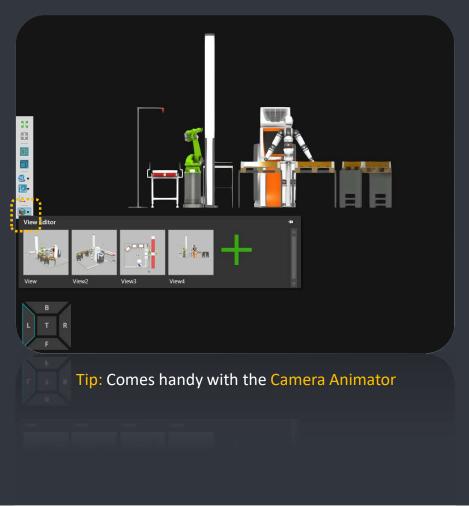
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# **VIEW EDITOR**

### Editor for custom views

- Add
- Select
- Update
- Rename
- Delete



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  - iii. PNP TOOL
  - iv. INTERACT TOOL
- 3) COORDINATE SYSTEMS
- 4) TOOLS









# CLIPBOARD

Clipboard – Ribbon Tab Group

Contex menu – RMB

Quickmenu – LMB

Clone copies, pastes and connects at one click



1) Clipboard

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# SELECTION

- Selecting a single component with single LMB click works with ALL tools
- Select components in
  - Rectangular Area
  - Free-form Area
- Multi-selection with Ctrl-button
  - Add to selection
  - Remove from selection
- Select All (not hidden)
- Invert selection (not hidden)

| Select           | Move                | PnP      |  |  |  |
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Hint: Hold down Ctrl to enter rectangular selection

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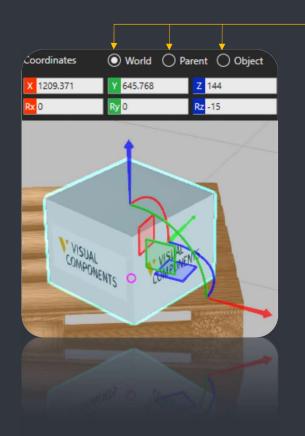
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# MOVE TOOL 1/3

- The manipulator (big arrows/planes) is used to tanslate and rotate the selected object
- Origin of the manipulator is always in the object's origin
- The object can be translated/rotated along the coordinate system that is currently selected for the manipulator
  - World, Parent or Object coordinate system



# Select the orientation for the manipulator

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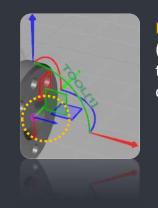
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# MOVE TOOL 2/3

- Snap to any geometry by dragging the torus/origin of the manipulator
- Snap to scale marks by placing cursor over the scale

Hint: Snap to scale-marks by placing cursor over the scale or activate the "Always Snap".



Hint: small arrows (if shown) present the object's own coordinate system Automatic Size

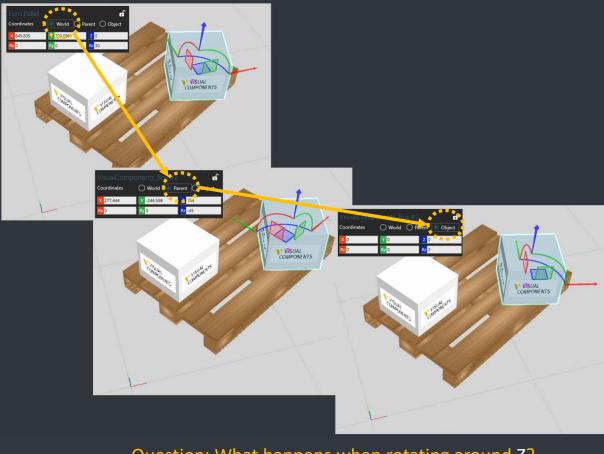
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# MOVE TOOL 3/3



Question: What happens when rotating around Z?

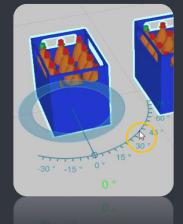
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# **PNP TOOL:** MOVING

- Coordinates selection has the same functionality as with the Move tool
- Translate by dragging
  - in perspective projection
    - moves component(s) always on XY-plane (floor)
  - in orthographic projection
    - moves component(s) parallel to the camera lens
- Rotate by dragging on the "donut"
  - Snap to scale marks by placing the cursor ower the scale

Hint: Snap to scale marks by placing the cursor over the scale



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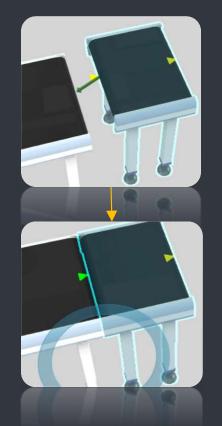
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# **PNP TOOL**

- The PnP command connects physical interfaces
- To activate the connection, drag the component closer another component
  - Available connection is indicated by dark green arrow
  - Move closer along the arrow until the component snaps
- When a component is selected with the PnP-tool:
  - Available interfaces are shown as yellow arrows
  - Connected interfaces are shown as green arrows



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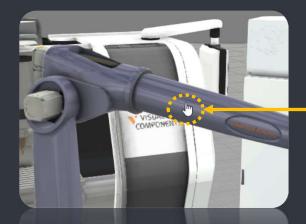
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# INTERACT TOOL

- Interact with components that have moving joints or functionality to support interacting e.g.
  - Operate robot joints
  - Adjust Conveyor length
  - Resize Pathways
- Possibility to interact is indicated with a hand pointer



a. Operate robot jointsb. Adjust Conveyor lengthc. Resize Pathways

Hint: Possibility to interact is indicated with a hand pointer

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# COORDINATE SYSTEMS 1/2

- **X, Y, Z**  $\rightarrow$  The position
  - Distance in the selected coordinate system
- **Rx, Ry, Rz**  $\rightarrow$  The orientation
  - Angle in degrees in the selected coordinate system
- You can also use expressions instead of typing values
  - Eg. (L2+L3)/2+50
  - Used variable name have to belong to the component
- Apply with Enter key

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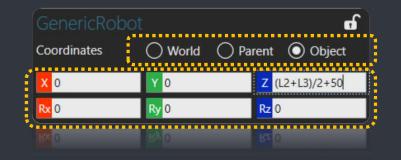
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# COORDINATE SYSTEMS 2/2

# In Object mode: temporary, relative translation

fields are always zeroed out when reselecting



Hint: Click the axis label to zero out the value

Hint: Expressions - Access properties under other than *Default* tab by using colons e.g. Advanced::TableLength

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# COORDINATE SYSTEMS

### World

Global coordinate system with a fixed origin

### Parent

- References the object coordinate system of selected component's parent
- (If a component is NOT attached to a node in another component, the parent of a selected component is the 3D world)

### Object

- References selected component's coordinate system. That is, the location of a component is relative to its own origin.
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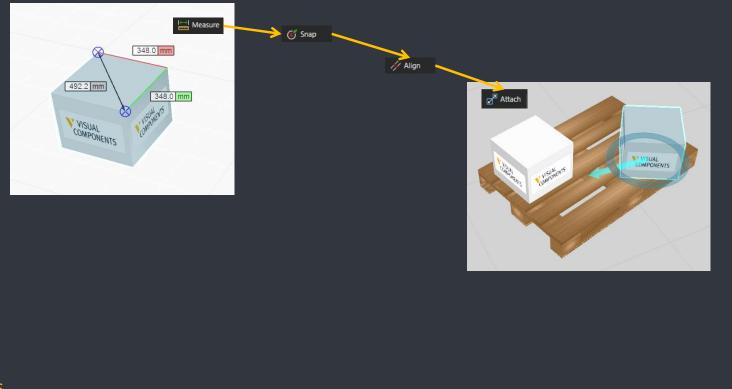
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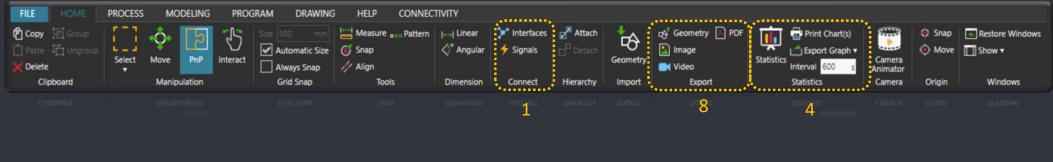
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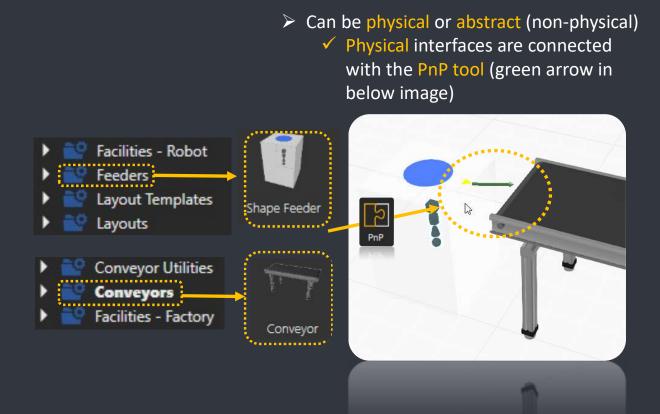
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## **PROPERTY AND ACTION PANELS**

- > Every selected object (component, program statement, behavior, feature...) has properties that are shown in the Properties Panel
- > Tools and other commands (once active) have typically own Action Panel that are grouped by defa same window as the Properties

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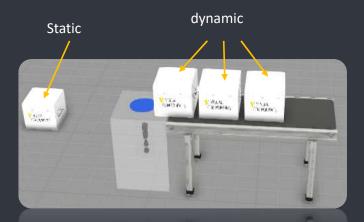
- > Custom properties can be grouped into separate tabs
- > Shows the number of selected components and their common properties

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|            | ConveyorLength   | 2000 mn                    | 1   |  |                                  |           |         |                |  |
|            | ConveyorWidth    | 500 mn                     | 1   |  |                                  |           | 1)      | Interfaces     |  |
|            | ConveyorHeight   | 700 mn                     | 1   |  |                                  |           | 2)      |                | Action Panels  |
|            | ConveyorSpeed    | 200 mm/                    | 5   |  |                                  |           | 3)      |                | amic compone   |
|            | ShowRollers      |                            |   |  |                                  |           | 4)      | Statistics     |  |
|            | ShowBelts        |                            |   |  |                                  |           | 5)      | Drawing        |  |
|            | ShowGuideRails   |                            |   |  |                                  |           | 6)      | Saving a Layo  |  |
|            | ShowSupport      |                            |   |  |                                  |           | 7)      | File Revisions |  |
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## STATIC VS DYNAMIC COMPONENTS



Best Practice: create only simple components (without excess behaviors/functionalities) during simulation

#### Static components

- Those that are added to the 3D world "manually", before running simulation
- Revert to initial state\* after simulation is reset
- Have always unique name

#### > Dynamic components

- Created while running the simulation
- Have to be contained in/belong to a container all the time, otherwise will vanish from the 3D world
- All dynamic components are deleted after resetting simulation

\*Note: State means location and orientation, including any joint values. State can be saved manually 1) Interfaces

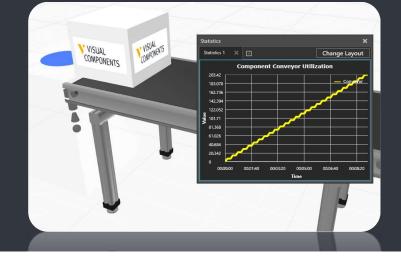
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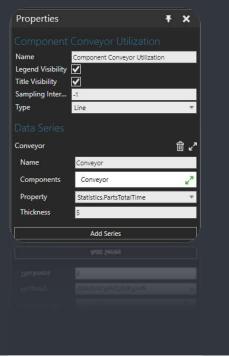


- a. Collect data of
  - material flow within components (requires)
  - components states / utilization
  - robot joint values
- b. Export to Excel sheet or CSV file
- c. Material flow info requires:
  - that the component has Statistics behaviour with
  - at least one material flow behavior (Container, Path...) associated to it



d. Component state / utilization info requires

- that the component has Statistics behaviour with
- a PythonScript behavior in a component to define the states



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### STATISTICS: TEMPLATE CHARTS





Utilization – Indicates the percentage for being in "Busy" state

State – Indicates the percentage for each state

Production Rate - Indicates the amount of components produced or transported by the selected component(s)

Average Part Count – Indicates how many child components have been by average in the monitored component during the last interval period.

Average Part Time – Indicates the average duration that parts visited the selected component(s) within the last interval, for example to indicate transporting or processing times.

Joint Values – Indicates the values of each joint of the selected component(s).

**Travel Distance** – Indicates the distance that the selected component(s) has travelled during the simulation run.

Battery Level – Indicates the current power capacity of the selected component(s)

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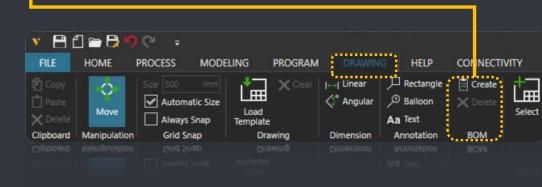
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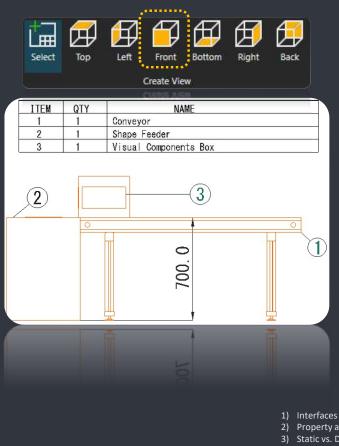
## DRAWING

- Created view is a snapshot of the layout at the time of creation
  - Changes in the 3D World do not reflect in to the drawing

#### BOM

- Components with BOM property checked are included automatically
- Can be overridden by a creating balloon for the component
- Otherwise check BOM property and create BOM again





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## SAVING A LAYOUT

|  |  |  | A layout references the VCID of the included<br>components (unique identifier)   |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Clear All<br>Info<br>Open<br>Save As<br>Print<br>Options<br>Exit | Info<br>Layout<br>License<br>Version<br>EULA | View Layout Info         Include Components         Macket Components         Project Name         Description         Tage         kon         Preview         Image         Machined         • Authoring         Company Logo       Logo         • Version         Rovian         Auto resonant revi | <ul> <li>Non-primitive geometry is NOT saved</li> <li>Except when using Include Components –option</li> <li>Except on imported CAD geometries (if not sav component)</li> <li>Component geometry is searched within the eCatalog sources</li> <li>Include component original path –option is use in error message output (information) if e.g. ge loading fails</li> <li>Include Components</li> <li>Include Components</li> <li>Include Components</li> <li>Components</li> </ul> | ed as a<br>d only  |
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✓ Drawing

✓ Statistics

✓ Camera animations

✓ Connectivity configurations

5) Drawing

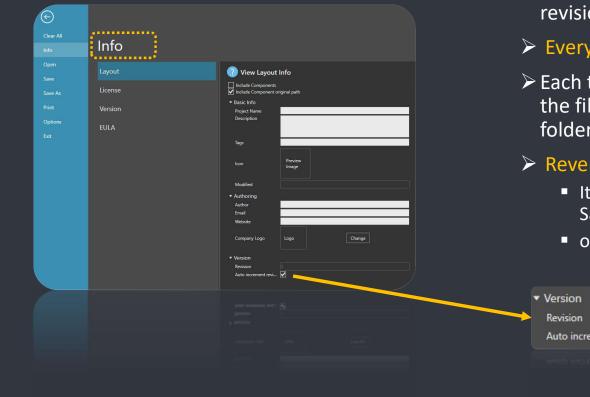
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eCatalog) are NOT reflected to layouts!

## FILE REVISIONS



- Layouts and components carry auto incremented revision number
- > Every save increments the revision number
- Each time a layout is saved the previous version of the file is stored with .bk extension to the same folder
- Reverting to previous version
  - It is possible to open .bk files directly and then use Save As
  - or .bk file can be renamed to .vcmx

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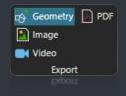
### EXPORTING TO MEDIA

#### Hint: Use Camera Animator for more impressive Video output

| Reflects to the output | Animated<br>3D PDF | Video<br>(avi, mp4, mov) | Animation<br>(VC Experience) | <br>  |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Simulation speed       | х                  | Х                        |                              | Hint:<br>Creating ar<br>animation is<br>the fasto |
| Camera<br>movements    |                    | Х                        |                              | the fastest!                                      |

### Export to non-animated geometry (selected component or the whole layout) to

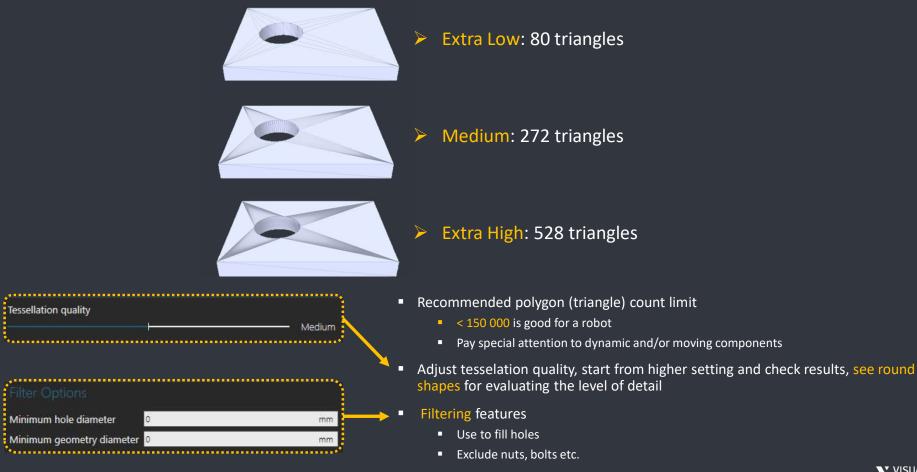
- a) a static 3D pdf
- b) a 3D Studio (.3ds) or Stereo Lithography (.stl)
- c) and more



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