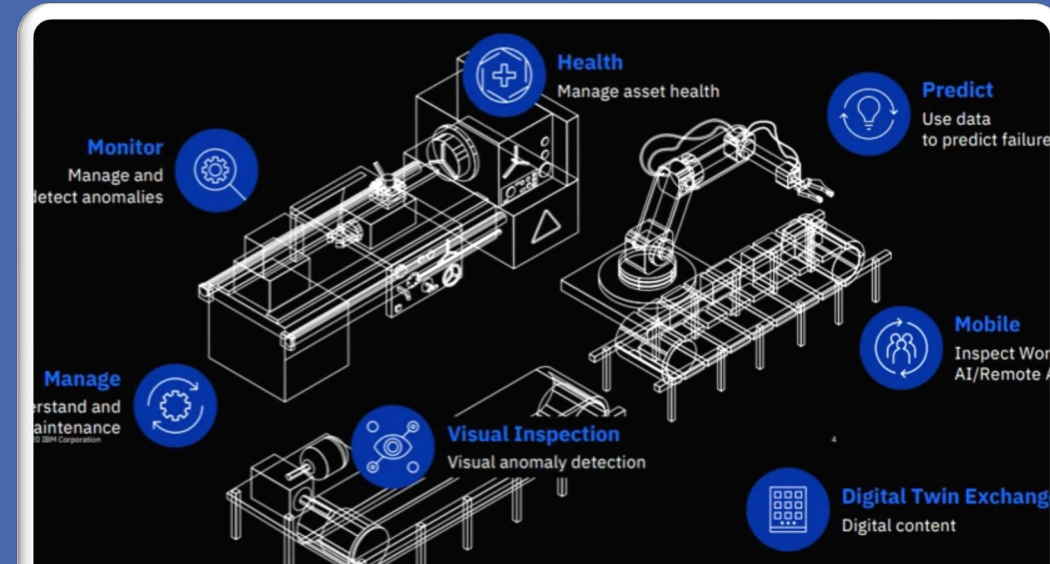


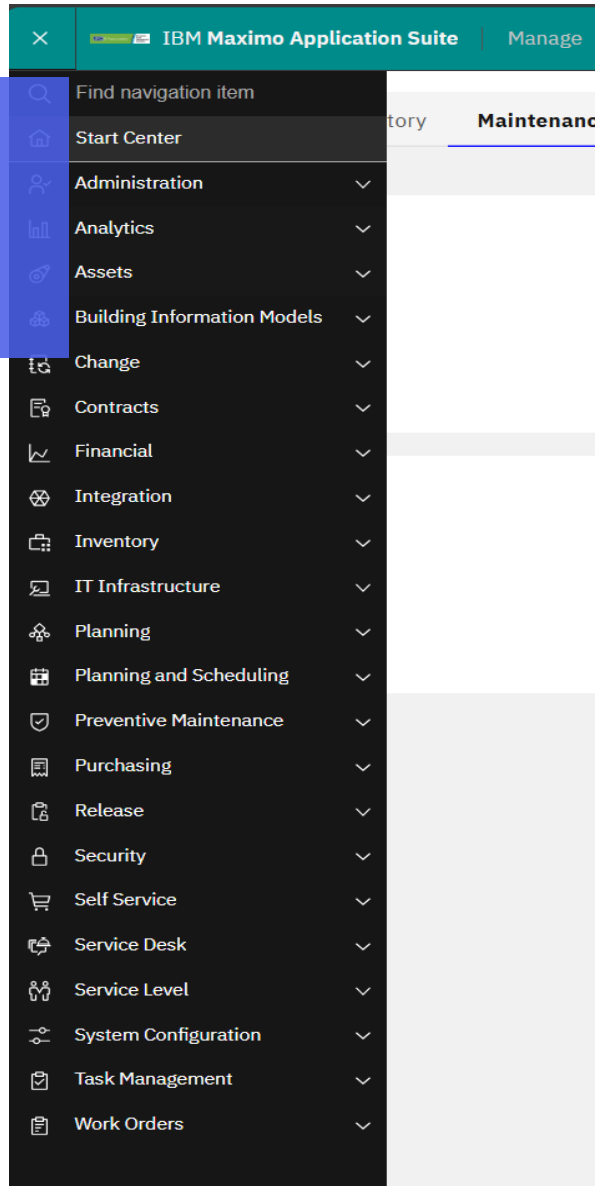


# MAXIMO/EAM VOCABULARY AND FUNDAMENTALS

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES



- ENABLE SYSTEM NAVIGATION MORE EFFECTIVELY IN MAXIMO BY UNDERSTANDING THE VOCABULARY FOR THE SYSTEM
- DRIVE WORKFLOW ACCURACY IN MAXIMO AND EAM BY USING SOME OF THE METHODOLOGIES IN THE PRESENTATION
- UNDERSTAND CLEAR DEFINITIONS TO FOSTER DATA QUALITY
- START USING THE RIGHT VOCABULARY TO PROMOTE AUTOMATION AND OPTIMIZATION



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IN ASSET MANAGEMENT, A GOOD **VOCABULARY** IS LIKE HAVING THE RIGHT SPARE PART IN MAXIMO—WITHOUT IT, YOU’RE JUST CLICKING AROUND, HOPING FOR A MIRACLE. KNOW YOUR TERMS, SAVE YOUR SYSTEMS AND HEARTBURN.

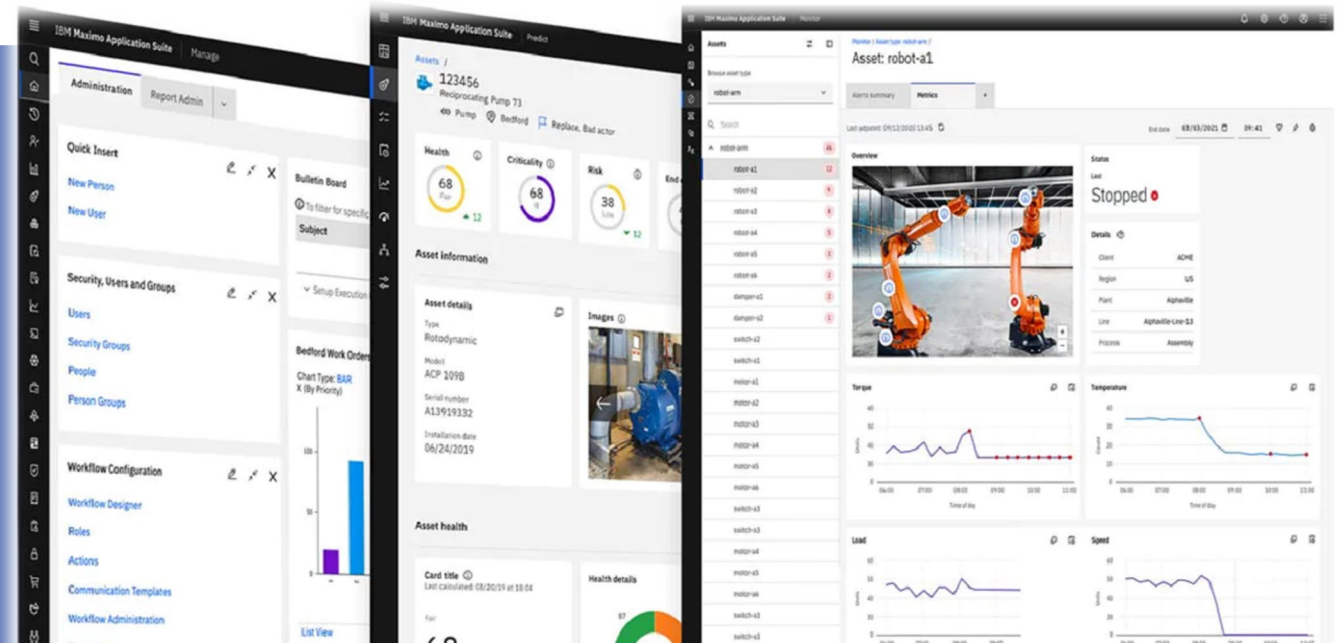
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# THE BACKBONE OF MAXIMO



**Kubernetes**  
Platform



**Apache Kafka**  
Platform



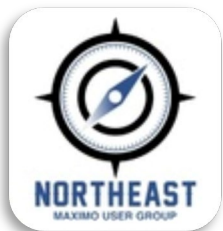
**Red Hat Open Shift**  
Platform



**mongo DB**  
**Mongo DB**  
Database



**DB2**  
Database



# THE BACKBONE OF MAXIMO



**Kubernetes**  
Platform

An open-source **container orchestration platform** used to deploy, manage, and scale containerized applications

**Think of it like:** An air traffic controller for containers – it makes sure each one gets to the right place and keeps running.



**Apache Kafka**  
Platform

A **distributed streaming platform** that handles real-time data feeds by publishing, storing, and processing message streams

**Think of it like:** A super-fast postal service for data – constantly delivering messages between systems.



# THE BACKBONE OF MAXIMO

A **NoSQL document-oriented database** that stores data in flexible, JSON-like documents rather than traditional rows and columns.

**Think of it like:** A digital filing cabinet that doesn't force you to use predefined folders.



**mongo DB**

**Mongo DB**  
Database

a family of **relational database management systems (RDBMS)** developed by IBM.

**Think of it like:** A digital **filing cabinet** behind the scenes of Maximo



**DB2**  
Database



# THE BACKBONE OF MAXIMO

MAS is deployed and managed within OpenShift to provide scalability, resilience, and security.

An **enterprise Kubernetes platform** developed by Red Hat that adds security, management, and developer tools to Kubernetes



**Red Hat Open Shift**

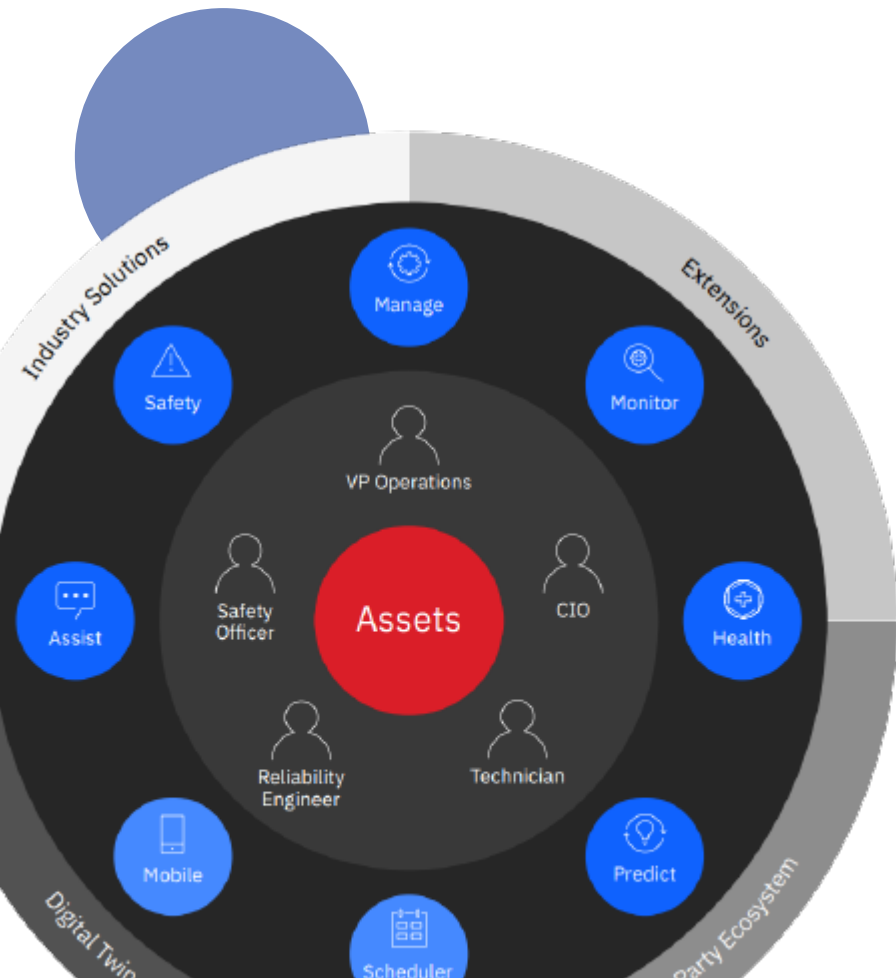
Platform

## Think of it like:

Kubernetes with a dashboard, seatbelts, and a security guard – enterprise-grade management on top of raw Kubernetes.



# MODULES VS APPLICATIONS



## Module

A Module is a collection of applications that serve a functional area

## Application

An Application is a specific interface within the module where the user performs tasks

## Start Center

Static homepage or dashboard for users, showing their KPIs, assignments, and link

## Operational Dashboard

Real-time, interactive visual tools designed to monitor and manage day-to-day business activities and processes

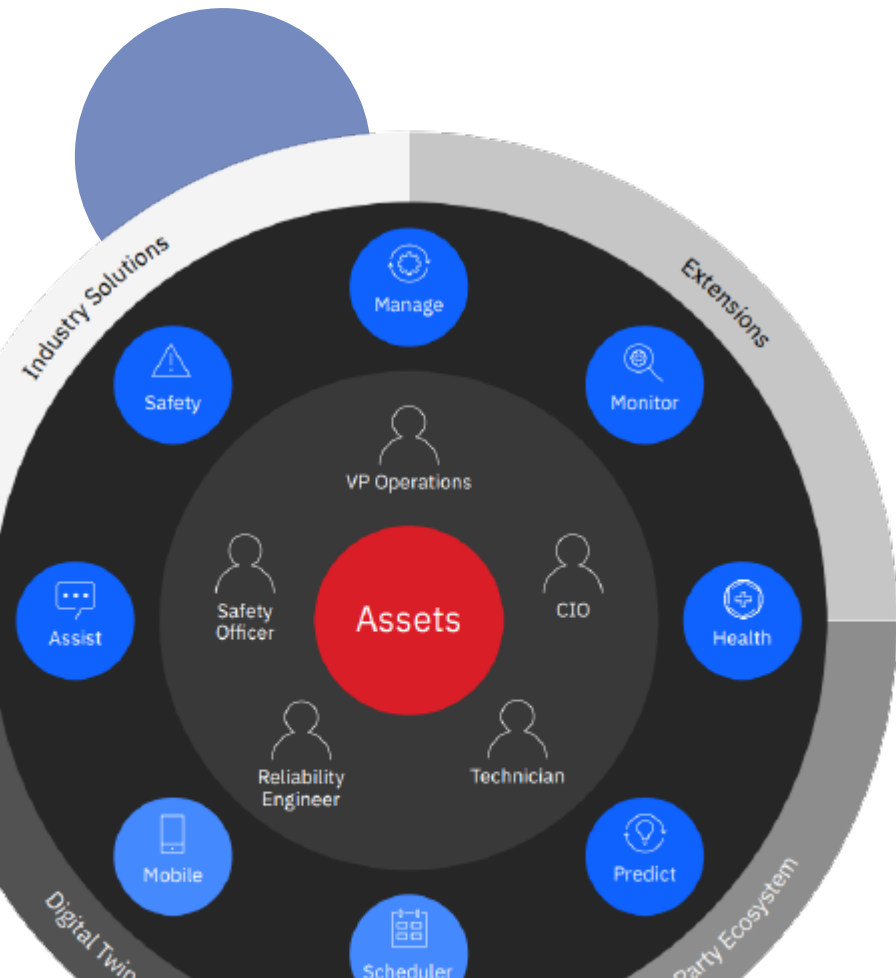


Modules are like rooms in a house, Applications are like tools in the rooms.





# MODULES VS APPLICATIONS



## Classification

organizes records into a **hierarchical** structure  
(like equipment types)

## Domain

defines a list of **valid values** for fields  
(like WO statuses: WAPPR, INPRG, COMP or asset types like PMP, MTR, AHU).

## Database Structures

the underlying physical schema of the Maximo database – the actual tables, columns, relationships, keys, and data types stored in the relational database (e.g., DB2, SQL Server, Oracle)

## Objects Structures

logical data models used primarily for integration – they define how Maximo data is packaged, transferred, and understood between Maximo and external systems

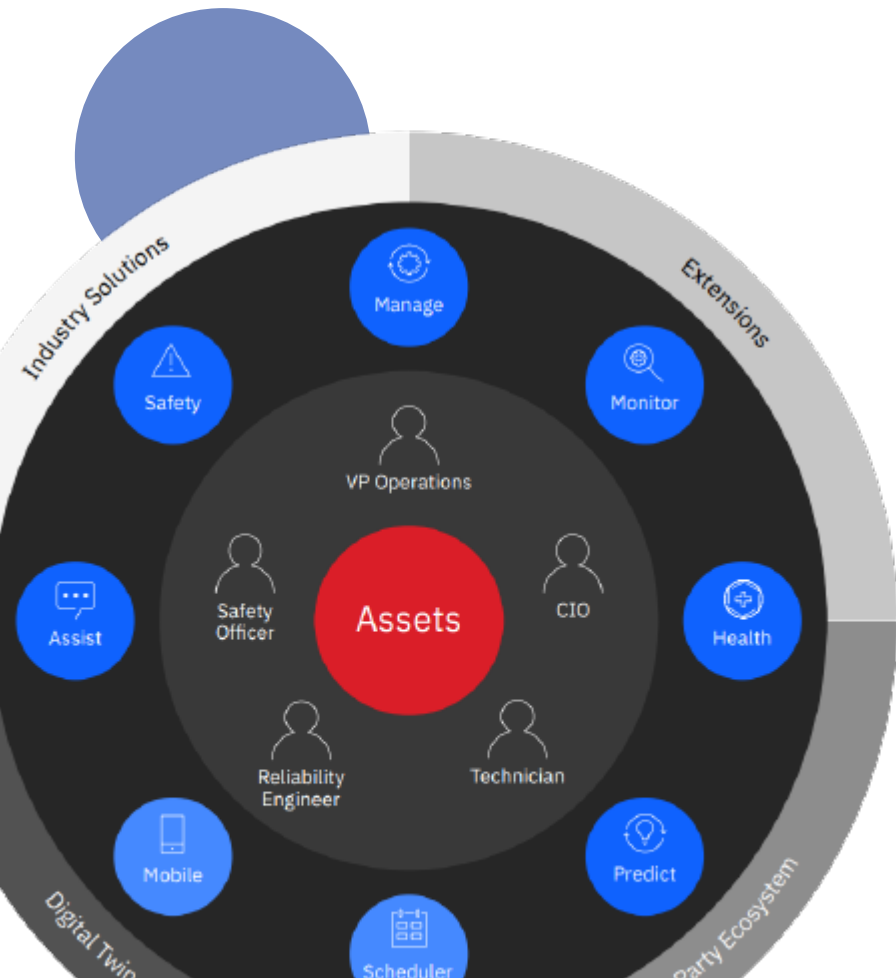


**Database Table:** WORKORDER – stores the actual work order records.

**Object Structure:** MXWO – defines which fields and related records (e.g., labor, tasks) are included when sending or receiving work order data through an API



# MODULES VS APPLICATIONS



## Maximo Business Object (MBO)

the logic engine that handles the business rules and processing of records.

## Attribute

single data field—like the asset number or location name—within the MBO.

## System Configuration

where you configure the **behavior, rules, and setup** of the application – like workflows, domains, settings, and automation scripts

## Database Configuration

The part of Maximo where you define and manage the **structure of the database** – including **tables (objects), attributes (fields), relationships**, and **indexes**

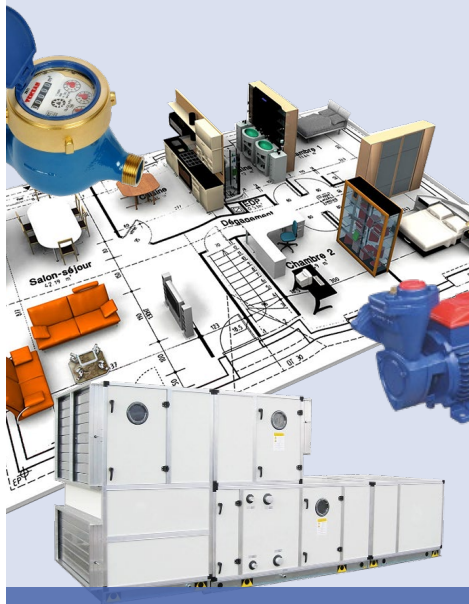


Think of System Configuration as setting the **rules of the game**, not changing the playing field.

Think of Database Configuration as **changing the blueprint** of the system.



# THE EVERYDAY TOOLBOX



**Asset  
vs  
Location**



**Work Order  
vs  
Service Request**



**Person  
vs  
Owner**

**PREVENTIVE  
MAINTENANCE**



**CORRECTIVE  
MAINTENANCE**



**Preventive  
Maintenance  
vs  
Corrective  
Maintenance**



# THE EVERYDAY TOOLBOX

## Asset (What)

An Asset is a tangible or intangible entity that needs to be maintained—like a vehicle or a generator.

- Something that has potential or actual value to an organization.

**VS**

## Location (Where)

A Location represents where the asset is installed or used.

- such as Building A or Zone 3.





# THE EVERYDAY TOOLBOX

## Service Request

A Service Request is typically the initial input from a user or stakeholder asking for help or reporting a problem.

- Often associated with a Ticket Template

**VS**

## Work Order

A Work Order is a formal task assigned to a technician, often generated from planned maintenance.

- Often associated with a Job Plan



**Work Order  
vs  
Service Request**



# THE EVERYDAY TOOLBOX

## Person

A Person is an individual's record in Maximo, typically representing an employee, contractor, or technician.

- Can be linked to labor records, user profiles, or crews

**VS**

## Owner

An Owner is a designated individual or group responsible for an asset, location, or record, often from an accountability or stewardship perspective.

- Can be linked to Asset, Location, or Work Order records to indicate responsibility



**Person  
vs  
Owner**



# THE EVERYDAY TOOLBOX

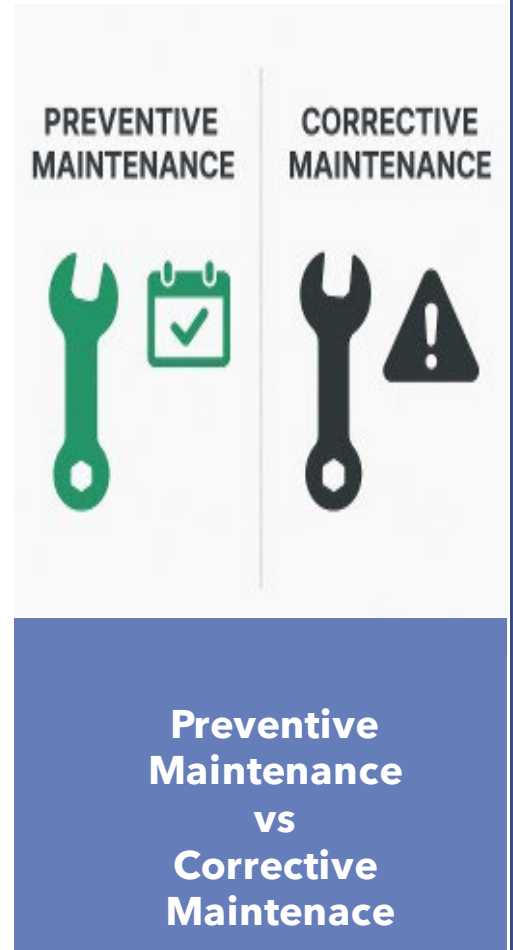
## Preventive Maintenance (PM)

Planned maintenance activities performed **before** failure occurs to extend asset life and prevent breakdowns.

**VS**

## Corrective Maintenance (CM)

Reactive or planned maintenance performed **after** a failure or issue is detected.







# PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

## PLANNING

The process of preparing for maintenance work by defining **what** needs to be done, **how**, and what resources are required.

## SCHEDULING

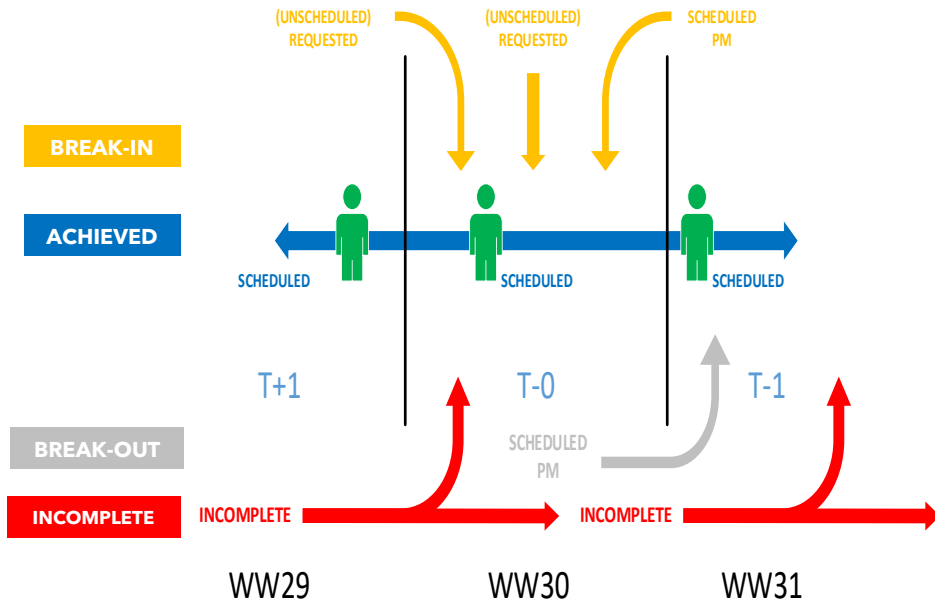
The process of assigning **when** work will be performed and **who** will perform it, based on resource availability and priority







# PLANNING AND SCHEDULING



## BREAK-IN

Work completed within the work week that was not scheduled previously or within the work week

## ACHIEVED

Work that was planned & scheduled for the current work week and completed in that work week

## BREAK-OUT

Work completed that was planned & scheduled in a particular work week and put into another work week without being rescheduled

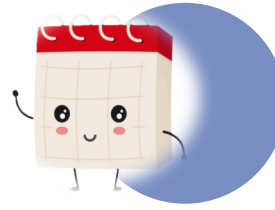


# PLANNING AND SCHEDULING



## CRAFT VS LABOR

- Craft is a type of **skill**, such as Electrician or Plumber.
- Labor is an **individual** who has one or more craft skills and is available for assignment.



## CALENDAR VS SHIFT

- A Calendar defines the **workdays** and holidays of a group or site
- A Shift defines specific **time blocks** within those days, such as 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.



## METER VS INSPECTION

- A Meter continuously tracks asset **condition or usage**, like runtime hours or cycle counts.
- An Inspection Form is a **manual** checklist completed by a technician during a walkthrough or audit.



# PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

ASSIGNMENT MANAGER	PURPOSE	APPLICATIONS	PURPOSE	GRAPHICAL SCHEDULER
A real-time <b>labor assignment tool</b> used to assign work orders to individuals based on availability, craft, and location.	Best for fast, transactional, real-time labor assignment.	<b>VS</b>	Best for longer-term planning, coordination, and visual resource management	A <b>visual scheduling tool</b> that lets you plan, assign, and optimize work orders, tasks, and labor via a calendar-style Gantt chart





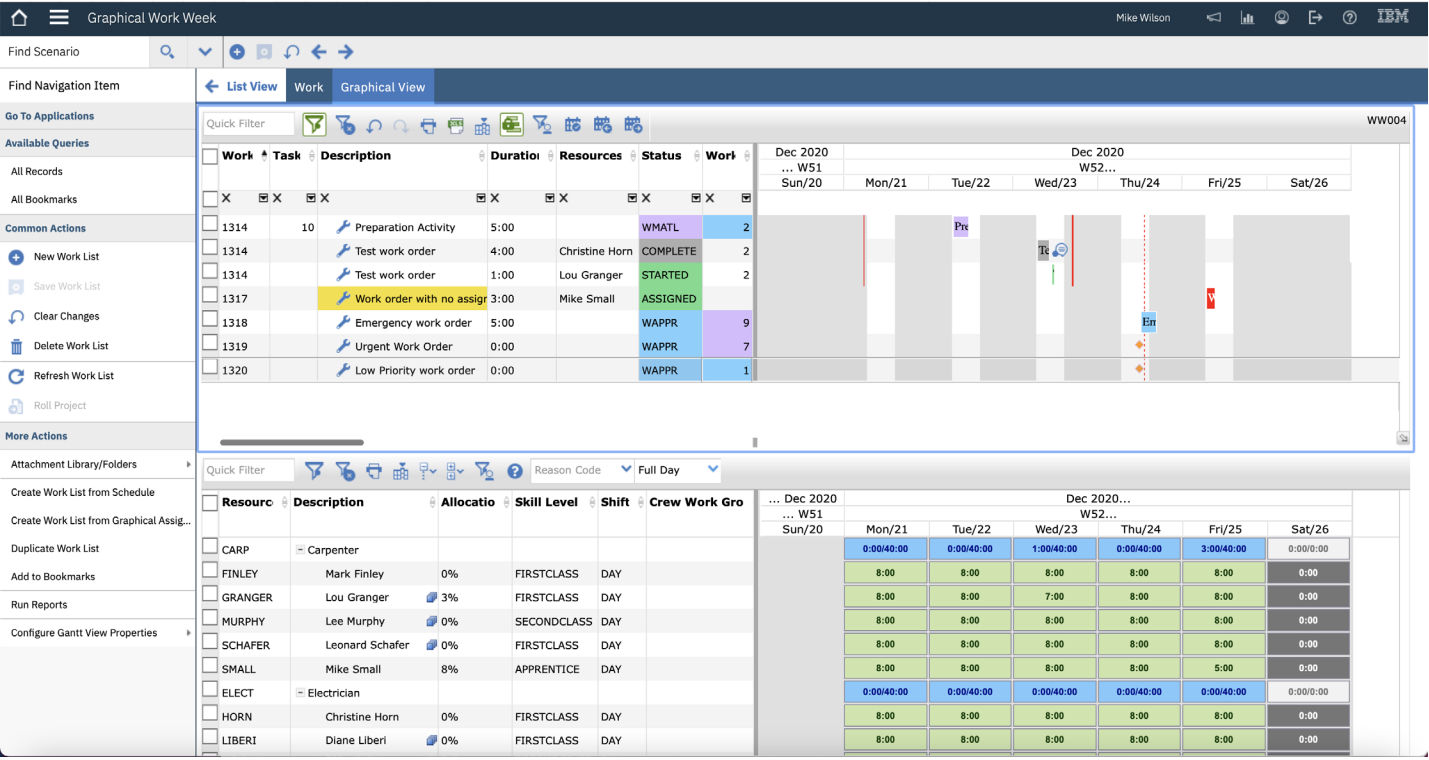
# PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

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# REPORTING & AUTOMATION



IoT

Internet of Things



**Definition:** The connection between **Internet of Things (IoT)** devices and Maximo to enable real-time data exchange, remote monitoring, and predictive maintenance.

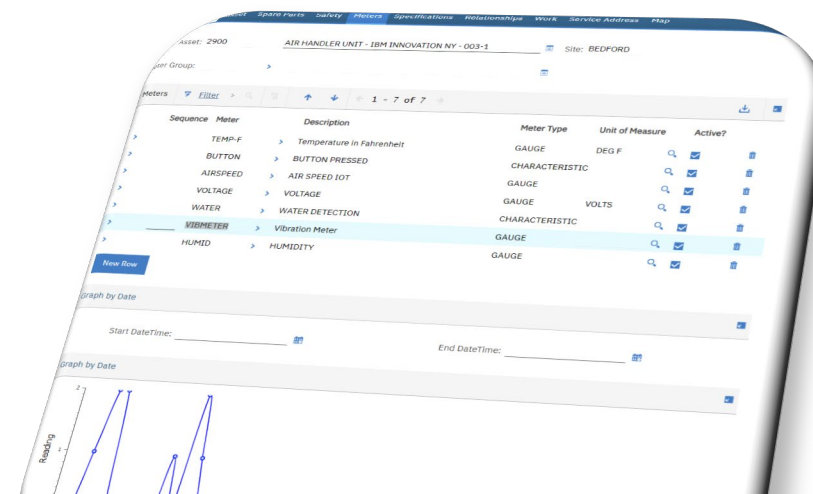
**Purpose:** To automatically trigger work orders, alerts, or condition-based maintenance using sensor data (e.g., temperature, vibration).

## Common Use Cases:

A vibration sensor exceeds a threshold and auto-generates a corrective work order.

Meter readings from pumps are sent directly to Maximo for automated tracking.

IoT turns **assets into smart devices**, enabling Maximo to act **proactively** instead of reactively.





# REPORTING & AUTOMATION

## Workflow

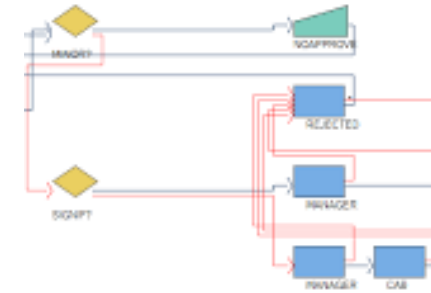
**Definition:** A visual tool in Maximo for designing **business processes**, including approvals, escalations, notifications, and routing logic.

**Purpose:** To automate routine decisions and task assignments, ensuring consistency and compliance with organizational rules.

### Common Use Cases:

- Auto-routing service requests to the correct department based on asset location.
- Requiring supervisor approval before high-cost work orders are released.

Workflows make Maximo **intelligent**, enforcing **your business rules** every time and help you identify your Service Delivery Model to end users.



**Workflow**  
Business Processing







# REPORTING & AUTOMATION

## Automation Scripts

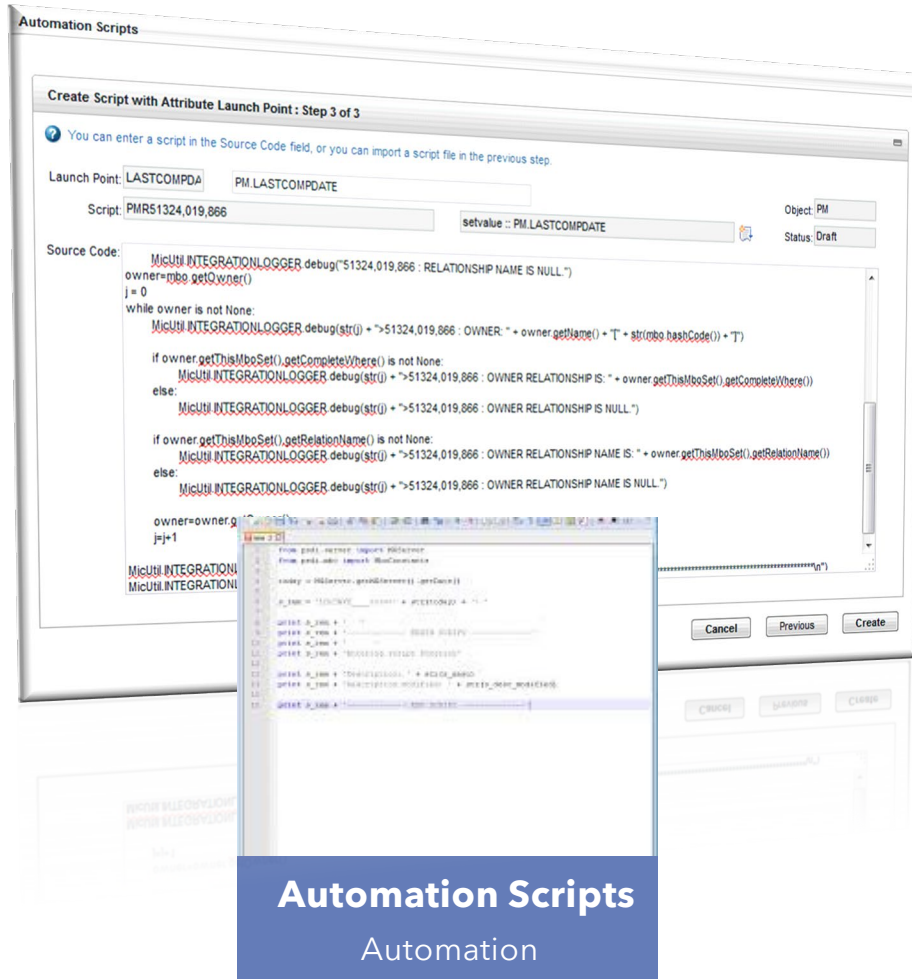
**Definition:** Lightweight, **server-side scripts** written in Jython or JavaScript that automate tasks or enforce rules without custom Java code.

**Purpose:** To tailor Maximo behavior — such as auto-filling fields, validating inputs, or triggering workflows — in a flexible, low-code way.

### Common Use Cases:

- Auto-populating a “Supervisor” field based on asset location.
- Blocking work order closure if required fields are missing.

Automation scripts make Maximo **adapt to your logic** — no developers needed. (But you will need some programming experience)





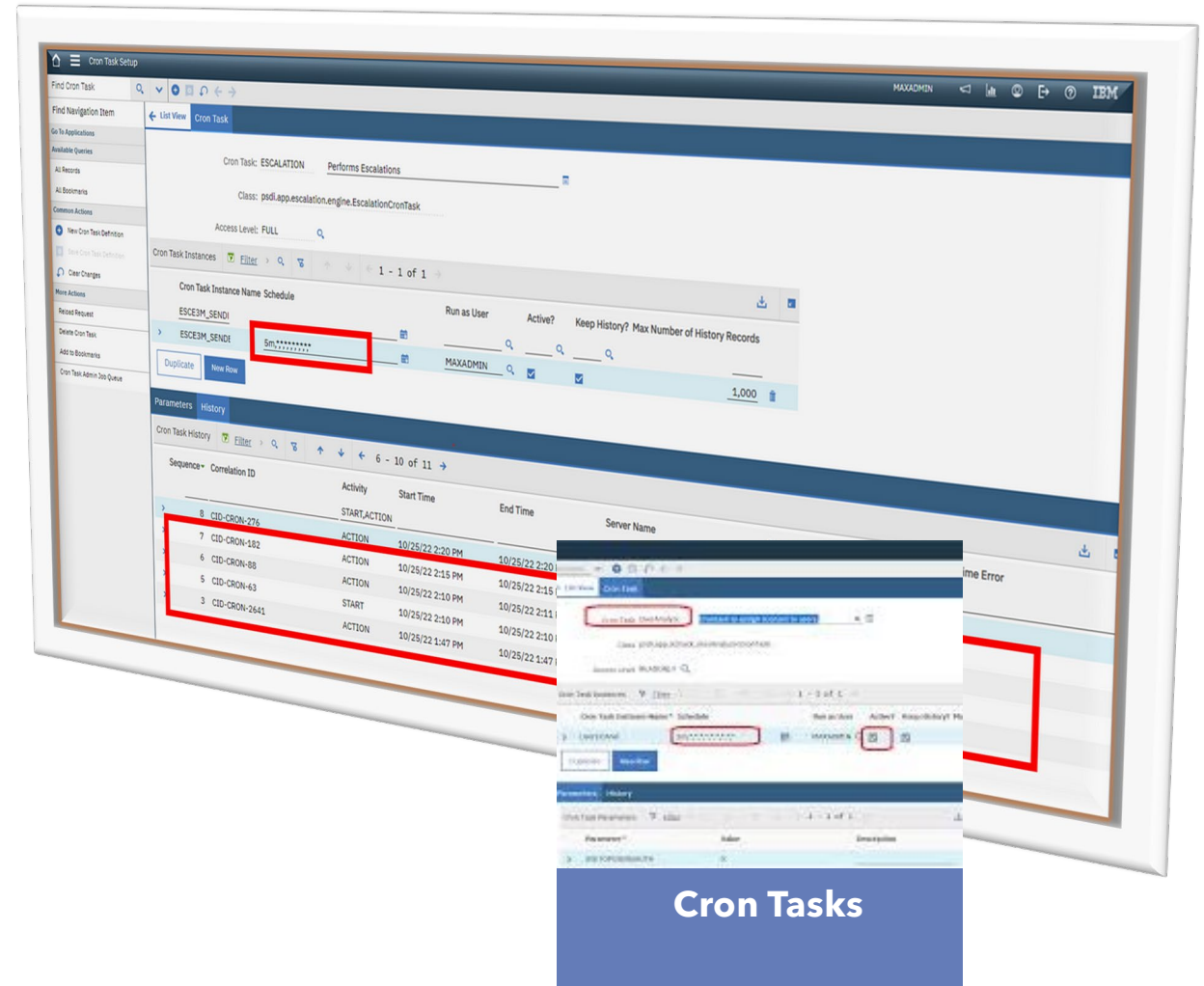


# REPORTING & AUTOMATION

## Cron Tasks (Scheduled Automation)

- Definition:** Background jobs that run on a **recurring schedule** to process tasks such as data imports, escalations, or integrations.
- Purpose:** To automate time-based processes — hourly, daily, or based on specific intervals.
- Common Use Cases:**
  - Nightly sync of external asset data into Maximo.
  - Scheduled email alerts for overdue inspections.

Cron tasks let Maximo **run itself on a timer**, so nothing falls through the cracks.



Cron Tasks



# REPORTING & AUTOMATION

## BIRT Reports

•**Definition:** Maximo's out-of-the-box reporting engine, used to build **custom reports** and dashboards with charts, tables, and grouped data.

•**Purpose:** To generate static or parameter-driven reports for data analysis, performance tracking, and audits.

•**Common Use Cases:**

- Monthly report of overdue PMs.
- Report showing cost by asset or department.

BIRT provides **insight through data**, turning transactions into **strategic intelligence**.

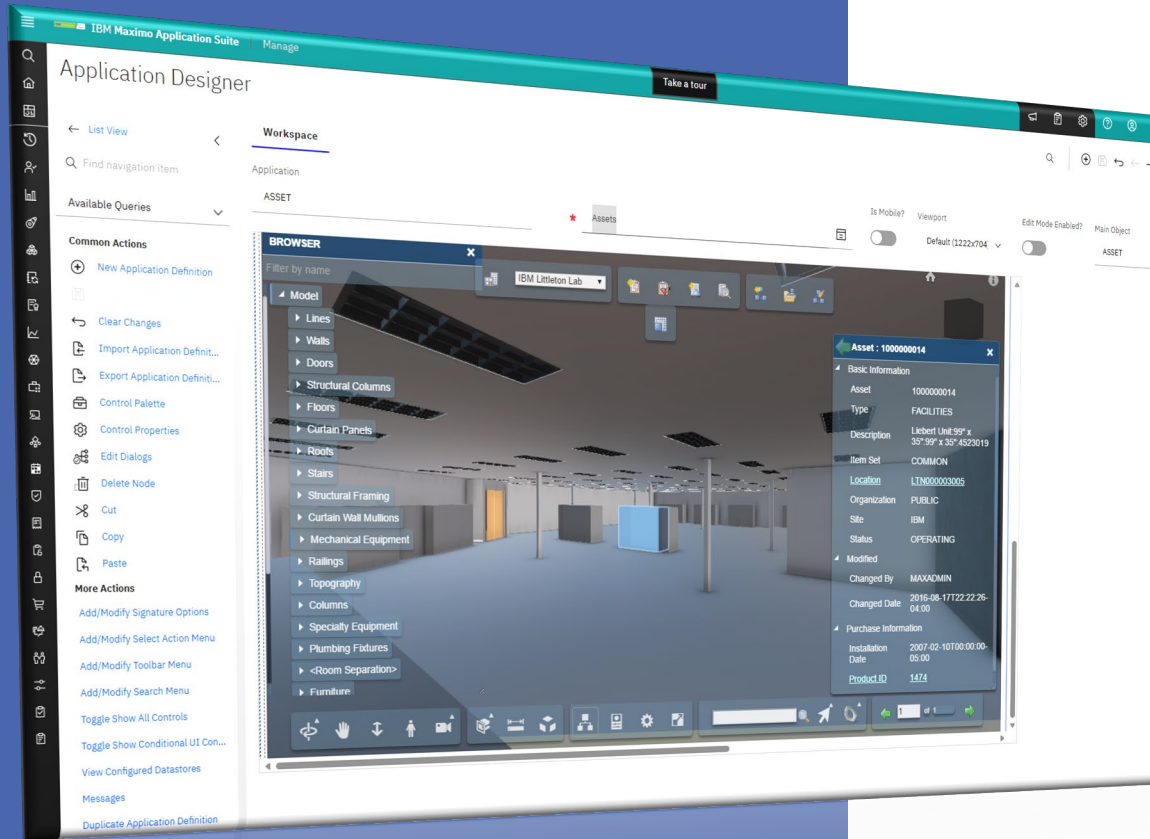
(might want to use Operational Dashboards)





# MODELING

# BIM VS VIRTUAL



## BIM (Building Information Modeling)

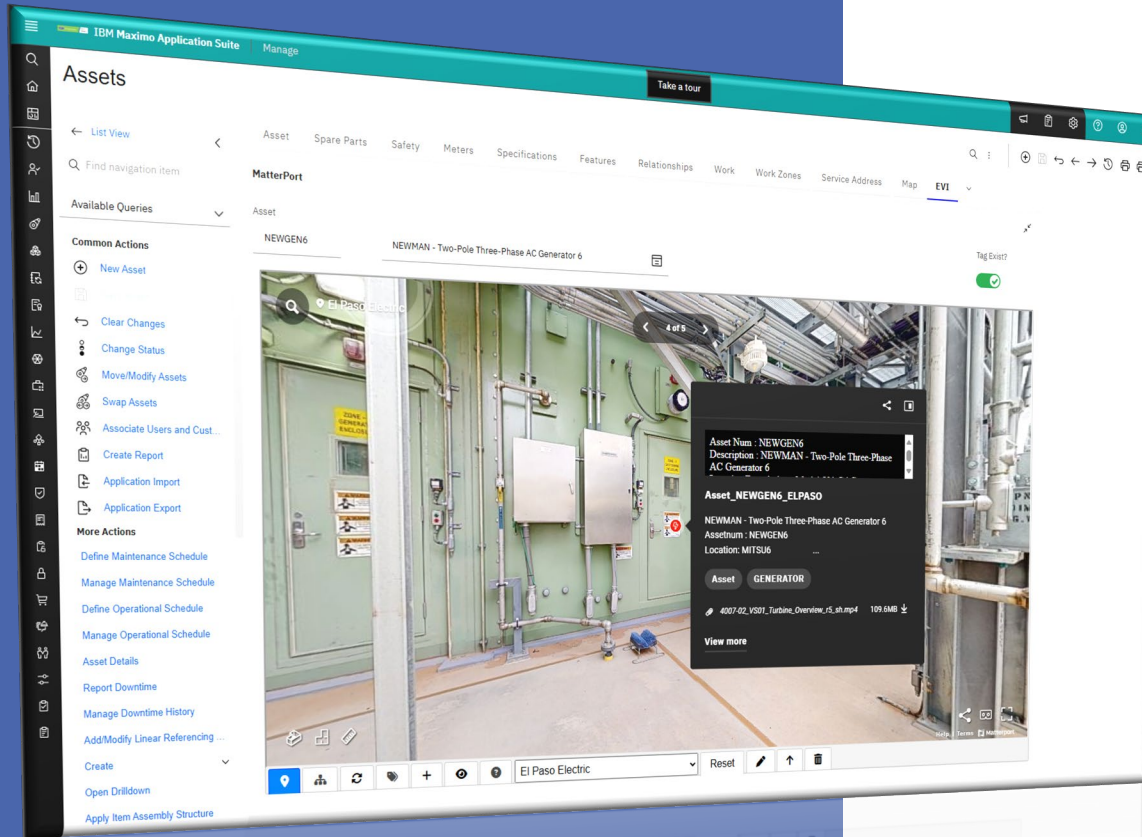
A data-rich 3D model that represents the design, construction, and operation of a physical building or infrastructure. BIM models are created in platforms like Revit or Navisworks and are built to industry stand

**Think of BIM as the digital DNA of a building** – highly structured, standardized, and rich in lifecycle data standards.



# MODELING

# BIM VS VIRTUAL



## Virtual Representation (e.g., Matterport)

A **photogrammetric or 3D scan-based model** of a physical space, often created with cameras like Matterport, NavVis, or LiDAR. It provides a visual walkthrough rather than a detailed engineering model.

**Think of virtual scans as a live tour of the facility**, great for seeing what's really there – but not engineered for design precision.





# MODELING

## Other Terminology

# BIM VS VIRTUAL



**Digital Twin** – visual (virtual) representation of a physical space or asset



**Scan** – camera capture of physical space to render into a model



**Model** – final version of a scanned virtual space



**Space** – the physical location of where the scan takes place

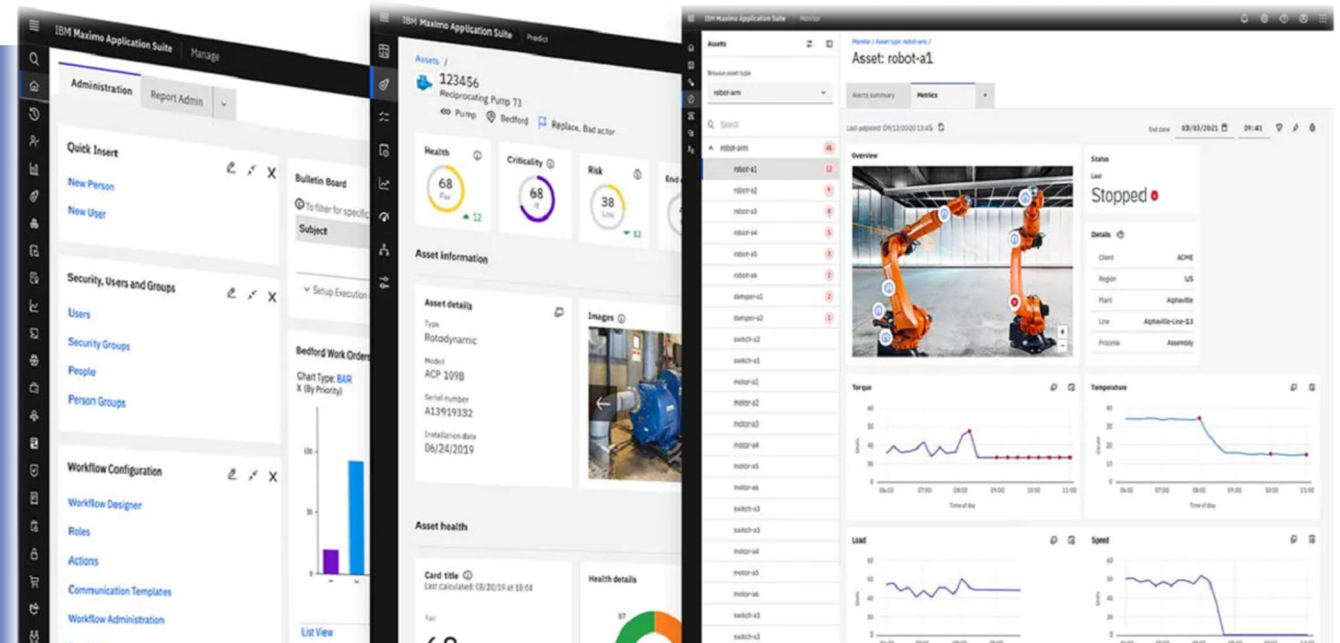


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# SUMMARY



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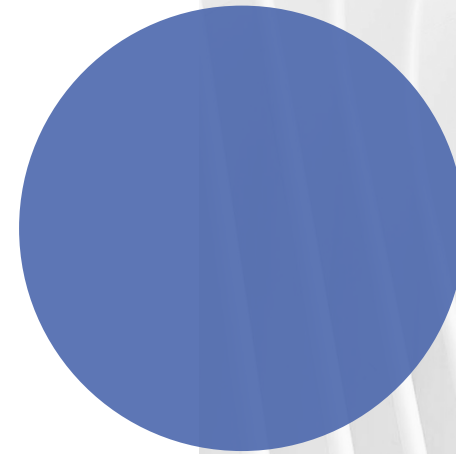
Drive workflow accuracy in Maximo and EAM by using some of the methodologies in the presentation



Understand Clear definitions to foster data quality



Start using the right vocabulary to promote Automation and Optimization





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