

## **The Design Engineer's Internet Desktop**

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The Internet and advanced development software now allow manufacturers and distributors of standard, off-the-shelf industrial products to create intuitive Internet-based desktops to empower design and plant/industrial engineers, as well as product specifiers who purchase industrial components and assemblies. By catering to individuals with similar professional interests, massive amounts of information and design tools/aids can be accessed in a virtual engineering design reference library. This presentation will describe the various possible features of the "working home page" of the engineer's desktop of the 21st century, such as an on-line technical library, access to superior editorial content updated daily, enhanced global networking, facilitation of RFPs, secure on-line purchases and MRP against open purchase orders, and much more.

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