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USE OF AUTOKON DESIGN FACILITIES - A DESIGNER’S PRESENTATION OF AN ACTUAL CASE

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AUTOKON MODULES

PRELIKON
Produkts scientific calculations related to ships. Included are hull definition, hull variation, hull drawing, hydrostatics, stability, launching, capacities, ullage and sounding, grain stability, speed/power etc.

FILIP
Two-way connection between PRELIKON and AUTOKON. Generation of preliminary lines to AUTOKON.

BOF
BOF is a programme for fairing of surfaces, and generates linplan and body plan complete with drawings and lists.

LANSKI
Used for completion of body plan fitting landings of internal shell structures on shell surfaces. Handles also cutout information in longitudinal stiffening.

TRALOS
Defines longitudinal surfaces internally in the hull, like decks with camber and sheer, bulkheads and stringers, and provides offsettables for surfaces.

TRADET
TRADET defines all stiffening on surfaces defined by TRALOS, in addition, seams and butts of plats in the surfaces are defined together with cutouts for penetrating profiles. Defines transverse frames on the shell.

DRAW
Programme for generation of graphical information based on data stored from TRALOS and TRADET. Drawings are detailed for the design and drawing office giving substantial improvement in total drawing efficiency.

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Features:

- Definition of the main surfaces in the ship
- Definition of cut-outs
- Definition of profiles and stiffenings
- Definition of plate seams and thicknesses
- Simple input to the program
- Complete list of profiles used on the surfaces
- Easy updating of data due to topological description
- Generation of detailed drawings of the surfaces, including profiles and seams

For classification, steel and work drawings the modules TRALOS, TRADET and DRAW are used. These modules are used together with the other AUTOKON modules and store the results in the AUTOKON database. The results are stored both geometrically and topologically which means that the data are related to each other. By changing some data you will automatically have all related data updated as well.

This special feature makes it possible to drastically reduce the hours needed for alteration of drawings. At the same time you will always have access to the latest edition of drawings, and these drawings will show the correct geometrical results.

The TRALOS module is used for definition of any internal longitudinal surface in the ship. The surfaces can be plane (parallel to the center line or curved with chamber and sheer or twisted. Or the surface can be a combination of the mentioned. TRALOS will handle any type of conventional longitudinal surface unless it has to be faired. It can also handle inner surfaces connected to an unsymmetrical body plan. The programme can handle three main groups of surfaces depending on the transverse configuration of the surface. Horizontal surface (HSUR) defining decks, tanktop etc. which do not have any vertical lines. It will be used for symmetrical body plan. The same type of surfaces, but for unsymmetrical bodyplan (WSUR), and finally vertical surfaces such as girders or similar which do not have any horizontal lines. Long L bulkheads (VSUR).

TRADET

The module TRADET store all the detailed data related to a TRALOS generated surface in the AUTOKON DATABASE, such as:

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Profiles, beams and girders

Definition of all seams and butts describing type of joint, extent and related plate thicknesses

Definition of minor internal structures, including extension and connecting surfaces

Definition of connections between surfaces with necessary identification and type of connection, such as open, water tightness etc.

The profiles are split into relevant groups and will be identified with a profile number and the side of the sip where they belong. Profile orientation is established according to the "view" from which the profile is seen.

Joints between the various parts are called seams. The seams are also split into relevant groups and are identified as for the profiles. Additionally the thickness and type of weld is taken into consideration.

**DRAW**

The **DRAW** module is used to generate drawings with different levels of detailing.

Scantling drawings which includes graphical lines of any structure penetrating the drawn surface.

If the penetrating profiles have been defined the drawing will also include the cutout contours.

Structural drawings which include information of the scantling drawings plus the graphical details belonging to the surface itself such as:

- Stiffeners
- Seams
- Connections of minor and major parts
- Inner contours

"Windows" can be defined for detailing of the drawing. Symbols are added for the seams. Stiffeners and profiles, minor or major structures, will be drawn either with a continuous line or various dotted lines depending on the type of connection and profile location. (This side or other side).
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REPOS AV TEGN : T
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PEACEFROMMEMBER'S SCREEN? MEMBER (Y/N) WILL ALSO CLEAR SCREEN
'D' CONTINUE FROM LAST POINT
CASE STUDIES.

CHEMICAL CARRIER.

Main dimensions:

Length over all .......................... 129.6 M
Length betw. perp. ........................ 122.6 M
Bredth moulded .......................... 19.0 M
Depth moulded ............................ 8.75 M
Draft summer ..................... abt 6.9 M
DW Design draft .................... abt 8790 TONNES
Speed ..................... abt 14.3 KNOT

SRS scope of work for this project:
Project drawings and documentation.
Classification drawings, steel, machinery,
Accommodation, outfitting.
Working drawings, steel and steel outfitting.
Pipe diagram, pipe arrangement and pipe sketches.
Complete lofting.

Work done for this project utilizing TRALOS and TRADET were taken to classification level and windows were taken to create working drawings.

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when this project was started utilizing ITC software, the classification drawings were finished and done in the traditional way. This meant that all the classification drawings had to be defined in TRALOS and TRADET. This work were done mainly by two men. One from the lofting department and one from the structural design department. These two men did not have any experience with TRALOS or TRADET.

They started the work after a crush course lasting for 1.5 day, and then they were working together for about two weeks. Then the steel man was supposed to do the remaining input to TRADET, and to take out windows from the main drawings, and to assemble these to create working drawings.

During this week, it of course were detected bugs and faults in the program package. But also one of the reasons for this project were to detect faults, and then to correct the programs. So for this project a lot of time were spent just in finding ways to get around problems, and to adjust the program.

Some of the problems we run into during the work were for instance to get the cutouts for flatbars on the correct side of the flatbar.

What we wanted

And what we got

This cutout is usually controlled by the direction of the flange of a profile.

Another funny thing we found when the lofting people started their work, the cutouts disappeared for the profiles in double bottom when they picked up the contours for the floors in double bottom.

The sequence in numbering profiles is important. Always from centreline to shell, and from deck to bottom. In theory it should be general, but sometimes the numbering was done from bottom to deck, and that ended usually up in defaults.

The type of lines which are possible to choose in the program is somewhat restricted.
Different types available:

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_____ : _____ girder, beams
_____ : - non water tight bulkhead
- - - water tight bulkhead

The control of which type of line is wanted is done by type of connections given for the different surfaces.

And for stiffeners, -ve or +ve type number of stiffener are given, -ve gives - . - . - line.

Equipment

This project was run batch against Univac 1100. Taking out papertapes, and making the drawings with a calcumpplotter. This was only to verify the content on the papertape, then the same tape was used on a Kongsberg drawing machine, and the drawing was made in ink. When using this equipment, a lot of time was wasted when waiting. First waiting for the Univac 1100 to be ready; then the checking of papertape; and finally a rather slow Kongsberg drawing machine which we have. So for this project, the tool used was definitely not the best to be used.

Economy of this Project

This item might be the most interesting part.

Total worked hours with TRALOS, TRADET and DRAW 680 hours

of these hours about 300 hrs direct waste getting the system working.
About 100 hrs. waiting for the Kongsberg drawing machine.

The working drawings was calculated to be 4500 hours

Total hours spent for working drawings including TRALOS, TRADET and DRAW -3750 hours.

Saved time 750 hours

Reduction 16,6%
If the project was run smoothly and with better tools, about 400 hours could have been saved i.e.

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& = 1150 \text{ hours}
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Reduction 25.5% possible.

But to keep in mind, we have only been dealing with working drawings. Classification drawings could have been done with TRALOS and TRADET for this project, and even more manhours could have been saved.
CASE STUDIES.

PASSENGER CARGO VESSEL

Main dimensions:

Length over all   101.8 M
Length betw.perp. 92.4 M
Bredth moulded   18.0 M
Depth moulded    12.0 M
Depth moulded to bhd deck 6.8 M
Max draft        5.0 M

SRS scope of work for this project:
Project drawings and documentation.
Classification drawings, steel, machinery,
Accommodation, outfitting.

Work done for this project utilizing TRALOS and
TRADET were taken to classification level.
Two main purposes for this project were to test out the new version of TRALOS and TRADET, where it is possible to give the input in feet and inches, and to do the classification drawings based on preliminary lines done in Prelikon and connected to Filip to establish framenumbers which TRALOS and TRADET are dependent on. Then after fairing of lines, the preliminary lines were interchanged with the final lines.

For this project people from two other Norwegian yards were joining a course together with the structural design staff. This lasted for one week, and during this week all the attendent managed to do the input for this vessel. The actual time spent on TRALOS and TRADET were 1.5 days.

The input was done on alpha numerical screens as a terminal to our Prime 750 Computer. Drawings taken out on a Tektronix graphic screen for checking. Then finally drawn in the wanted scale on the calcomp plotter.

For this project a Hewlett Packard 45B was tested out, to see how this worked as a terminal to the Prime, and also to see if the graphic screen on this desktop computer worked satisfactory. The result was satisfactory, but some minor adjustments have to be made so the system becomes more streamlined.
CASE STUDIES.

PAPER CARRIER
Main dimensions:

Length over all: 114.4 M
Length betw.perp: 106.4 M
Breath moulded: 18.99M
Depth moulded 1st. deck: 12.6 M
Depth moulded 2nd. deck: 5.9M
Max draft: 5.9M
Cb: 0.662

SRS scope of work for this project:
Create setteup for workingdrawings.
This were deliwerd to the shipyard drawing office
for completion with texting etc.
CASE STUDIES

Box structures

Superstructures

Hatch covers

For all the other cases, we had a shipshape structure, and why not test it out on the simplest structure? A box shaped vessel or anything which are box shaped.

TRALOS and TRADET are dependent on framenumbers so we have made a database which are boxshaped in Alkon.

By doing this, we needed not to use Bof or Lanski.

The result can be seen on the following drawings.

Input time for this result were 5 hours.
DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE (OR SKIP) (Y/N/SK) ....... Y
ALL PARAMETERS SAME AS BEFORE? (Y/N)
PLACE CROSSHAIR, TYPE CHARACTER. 'C' WILL ALSO CLEAR SCREEN
DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE (OR SKIP) (Y/N/SK) ....... .
PLACE CROSSHAIR, TYPE A CHARACTER. 'C' WILL ALSO CLEAR SCREEN
DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE (OR SKIP) (Y/N/SK) ........ :
A DESIGNERS WORKING PLACE

The situation have changed considerably the last years for the staff in the drawing office. The manhour cost is increased compared with computer costs. So one way to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the designer is to invest money in hardware and software.

In our office we will have working station (Alpha numerical screens) for each designer. He will do the input for structural drawings on his own place. Also an Hewlett Packard 45B todesk computer, will be sheared between working places. This is also acting as a terminal to our Prime 750. On this H.P. 45B most project work and strength calculations can be done. Also checking of drawings on the graphic screen is possible.

After this checking the drawings or drawn out in the wanted scale on a calcumpplotter.

This equipment will of course increase the cost of a designeres working place, but compared with all dead time in running batch systems, I think this type of investment is recommendable.
CONCLUSIONS

It is possible to save manhours with this system from 10% to 40% depending on the skillness of people, and the tools which are given to the designer.

The system is also more suitable for some special vessels.
Eg. tankers, (lot of longitudinal numbers)
    Passenger vessel with lot of decks
    Ro-Ro vessels.
    I.e. vessels. with repeating items in the structure.

As the system is working now, there is information which could be better utilized.
I am thinking of steel specification of plates and profiles.
(Now we get profile length and seam length).
This can be coupled to a material program and that means we can have a preliminary steel specification on a very early stage.
For lofting some information in the system can be used but this is only minor parts. When this part of the system is linked together with Autopart and Autonest, we really have a system covering a vessel from project stage to production stage.
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