Grand Challenge Configuring and Running the Digital Twin Hub

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Digital Twin Machining at IMTS 2018



Digital twin hub

- Questions for each vendor
 - What part is being machined
 - What program is being used
 - What machine is doing the work



Framework command suggestions

Command	Label	Identified Item
Sign on	Makino 01	Machine tool instance
Load workpiece	Fish 01	Workpiece instance
Load program	Fish_three_features_021181	Project instance
Start operation	Contouring 33	Workingstep
Completed operation	Contouring 33	Workingstep
Tool change	Endmill 4	Cutter instance
Measure Feature	Rib	Workplan
Evaluate Feature	Rib thickness	Tolerance
Unload workpiece	Fish 01	Workpiece instance
Stop program	Fish_three_features_021181	Project instance
Sign off	Makino 01	Machine Tool Instance

Which commands are must haves for IMTS 2018?

Managing the digital twin hub

- 1. What commands do we need to manage the hub?
- 2. How to implement them in NC.js?
- 3. And how to support them in
 - In STEP definition / requirement
 - In QIF evaluation / report
 - In MTConnect action / response

Configuring the hub

- Recommendation one server in the hub per CNC machine tool
 - Dedicated for easier configuration management
 - Robust because can switch to a different server
- Recommendation one UUID per workpiece instance
 - Track part as it moves between vendors
 - Keep twin status current
 - Robust because can detect bad operations