

## "6 Considerations of Concord Pro / Altium 365 Setup" Q and A

What surprised us in this webinar was the response to one of the polling questions. About 50% of the attendees were not using the product but rather looking for more information about them. This is even more apparent in the questions of the Q and A.

Note that Concord Pro (CP) and Altium 365 (A365) use the same code base. The only difference is Concord Pro is installed on one's company server while Altium 365 is hosted by Altium through the cloud.

Nexus is reintroduced as a custom cloud solution. Altium is phasing out the local server-based Nexus product. This allows Altium to serve such clients better since it enables Altium control of the server and does not require travel expenses.

Question / Comment	Answer / Response
Can multiple parts be promoted from one life cycle state to another with one common operation?	Yes, you can promote 2 or more files at the same time. Select the files, right-click and select Operations » Change State. The release comment will apply to all files.
Our company uses the Aras PLM system. Can these Altium PLM systems interface to other PLM systems in any way or share data?	This is possible if you opt for Nexus, a custom solution requiring capital and company commitment.
During DBLIB Migration the Comment Parameter get overwritten with the Design ID. And Name becomes the Design ID. very annoying.	Oddly, that is exactly what we would want when exporting components for library scrubbing! Oh, well ...
Concord Pro looks like career opportunity for librarians	Seriously, EVERY library management system out there needs a librarian. The libraries are not autonomous.
What happens with GIT?	Altium adopted the use of GIT for version control for Nexus and Concord Pro around 2018. Altium is using GIT for A365.  However, Concord Pro can connect to an external SVN server. As for A365, no method is known for connection into an external version control system.
What is added in 365 Pro versus 365?	A365 is provided to all users of Altium with a subscription. The pro version allows for a few more features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life cycle Management</li> <li>• Revision Naming</li> <li>• Where Used (for components used in projects)</li> <li>• Component Templates</li> </ul>

<p>What are companies missing that don't use A365, but use CP? Just personal devices?</p>	<p>The only feature one does not get with Concord Pro is collaborating with individuals outside of the company. For example, in A365, you can provide access to a contract manufacturer or contractor.</p> <p>For Concord Pro, one would need to provide VPN access or create a <i>contractor's loop</i> (work being moved and created inside and outside of Concord Pro), which is challenging to implement.</p>
<p>Which feature do you recommend, Nexus or pro 365?</p>	<p>These products serve different purposes. If you need an "out of the box" solution, then A365 is the most affordable way to go. If you need a custom solution that integrates with an existing company PLM, then Nexus will be required. As mentioned earlier, a Nexus engagement process is not trivial.</p>