USER GUIDE

Supplier Web UI

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Prior to STEP 8.2, users could choose between a number of Web UI templates when creating a Web UI. While these templates are now legacy functionality and not applicable to STEP 8.2+ systems, the information in the sample Web UI topics may benefit current users.

See the **Web User Interfaces / Web UI Getting Started** documentation for more information on Web UI functionality, which may not be reflected in this topic / section.

Note: For current supplier-specific functionality, search for "supplier item Web UI" (using double quotes) in online help documentation.

Introduction

The purpose of the Supplier Web UI is to enable users to initiate and maintain products through a workflow. The users could be external supplier users or internal users. Each state has a dedicated screen with selected fields that can be maintained.

This guide contains information about how to use the Supplier Web UI, which can be accessed via an internet browser.

User Interface

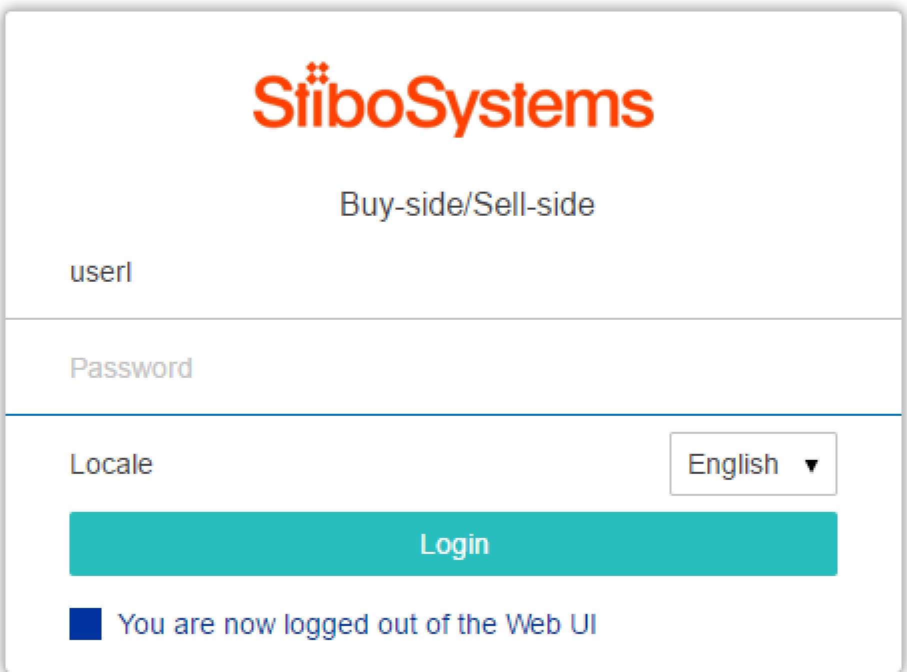
The home page screen has four widgets:

1. Welcome: Information about what user is logged into the Web UI and a button to log out.
2. Search: Finds nodes with an ID or name matching the search phrase.

3. Onboarding workflow: Shows task count for a workflow, which is automatically generated, when creating a user Web UI.
4. Quick links: This provides quick navigation to Excel import that navigates to an import screen to see info about asset download / download background processes.

Logging In

To log in to the User Web UI you must enter a valid username and password. Then click the Login button.



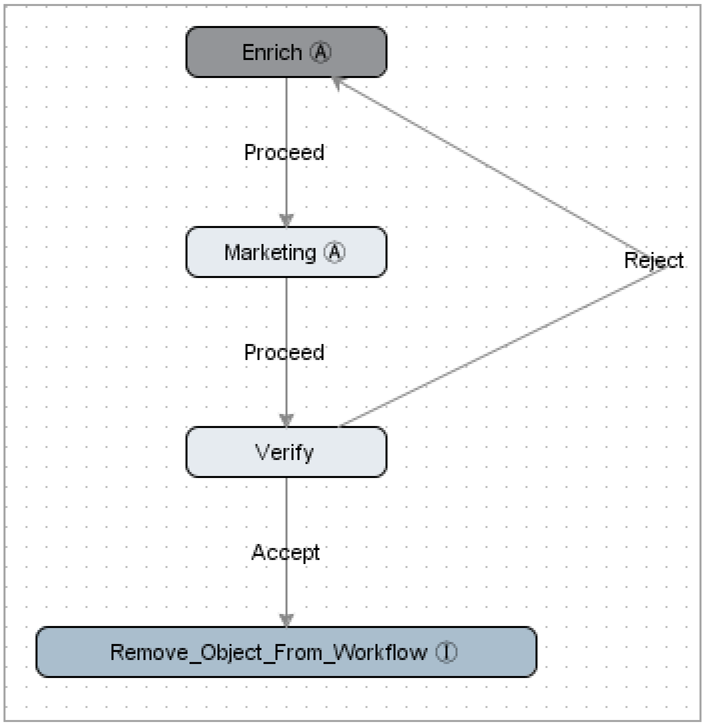
You will now be logged in to the Supplier Web UI and be able to view, edit, and save product information based on the privileges applied to you by your administrator.

Workflow and States

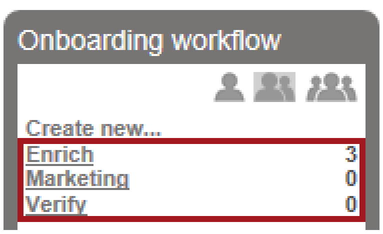
The Supplier Web UI is based on a workflow that lets the users select products in a particular state, maintain products and subsequently submit products to another state.

Note: In a workflow, supplier users can only see objects that are **directly** linked to their supplier classification. Objects that are children to blue folders within a classification folder are not available to supplier user workflow tasks. For more information, see the **Moving Tasks through a Workflow in Web UI** topic in **Web User Interfaces / Web UI Getting Started** documentation or the **Moving Tasks through a Workflow in Workbench** topic in the **Workflows** documentation.

The example workflow provided per default is:



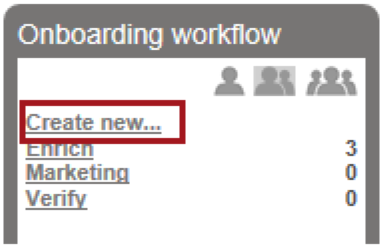
The State Selector widget on the home page screen shows the number of products for each state.



The idea is that a supplier user initiates a product, another (possibly internal) user enriches the product with additional information, a third user (internal marketing employee) updates marketing relevant information. The final state is 'Remove_Object_From_Workflow' meaning that the product has successfully been transitioned and maintained through the workflow using the Supplier Web UI.

Each state can be restricted to a specific User Group meaning that only this User Group can view and maintain products in that state.

Initiating Products



To initiate a new product, click 'Create new...' in the state selector box. This will give you an edit screen where you must supply some basic information such as ID, Name and placement of the product. Optionally you can also enter some descriptive text and/or add the product to a batch.

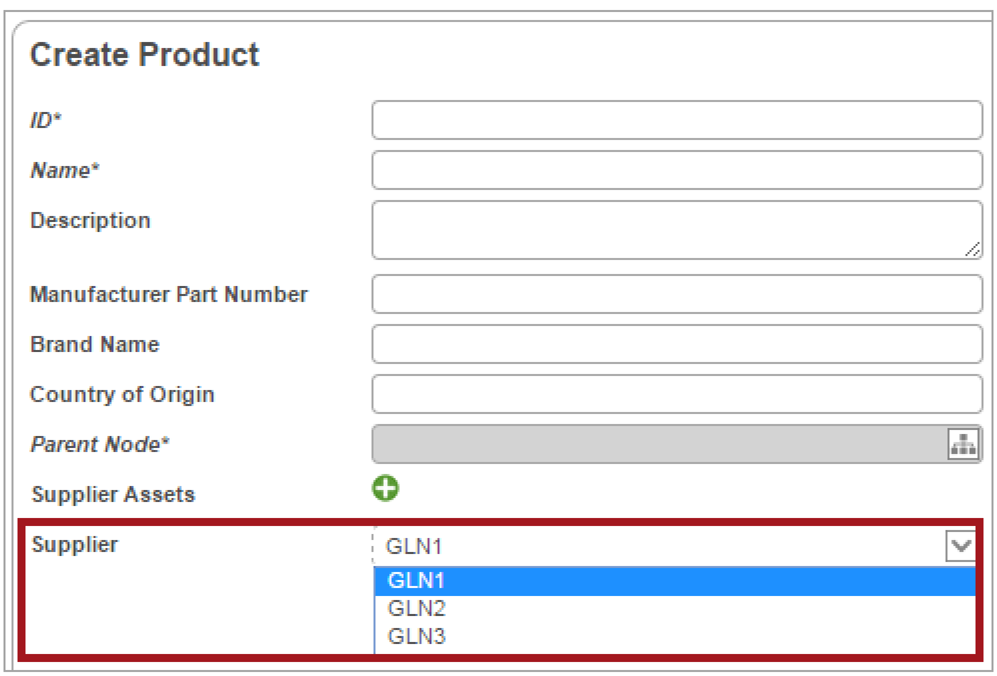
Save

Clicking the 

button saves the product in the data base and the product is submitted into the first state in the workflow.

All-View Across Multiple Suppliers

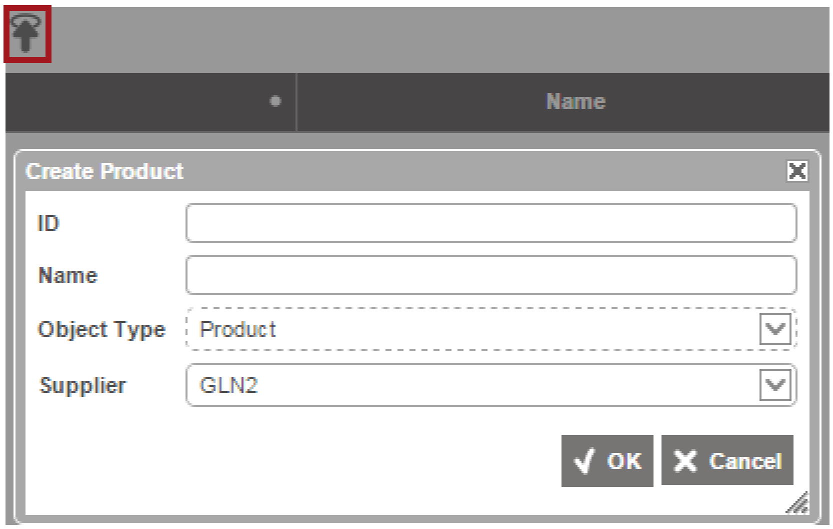
If a supplier user is a member to more than one supplier group and the setting 'Enable all-view for users that are a member of multiple suppliers' is set to Y(es) the supplier user will have to choose to which supplier group the created product should be created to. See the **Supplier Web UI Setup Guide** documentation.



When adding images the supplier user will have to choose to which supplier group the image should be added to or if the asset should be added to all accessible supplier groups.

Note: If a supplier user with access to more than one supplier adds an asset to a product only supplier users with access to the same product AND access to the same asset, the user will also be able to view the asset on the product.

It is also possible for a supplier user to create products when standing in the blue hierarchy using CreateSupplierProductToolbarAction:



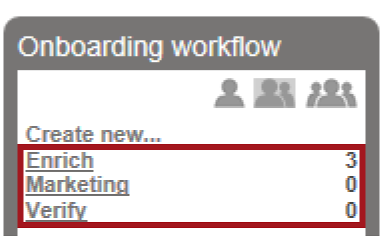
In the object type selector it is possible to choose among all valid object types for where in the blue hierarchy the user is invoking this toolbar action.

And supplier users having access to more than supplier group will have to choose to which supplier group it should be made available.

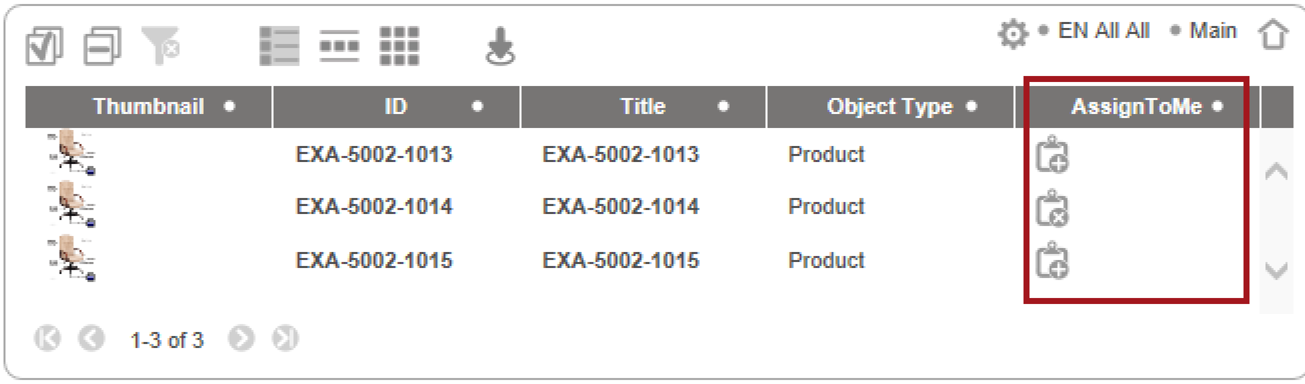
Likewise it is possible to add assets to a supplier group when standing in the blue hierarchy with the CreateSupplierAssetToolbarAction component.

Maintaining Products

To maintain products within the Supplier Web UI you must first select a state in the State selector box.



This will give you the list of products currently in the selected state.

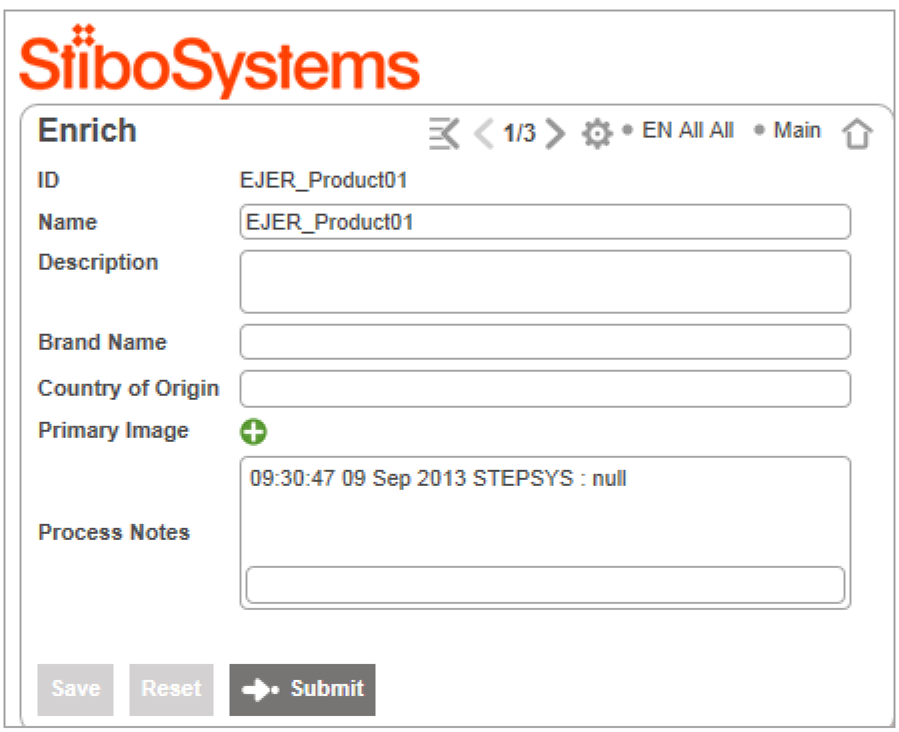


Notice the column 'AssignToMe.' Each task has an icon that allows the user to assign the task to himself ( ) or assign it back to the previous task owner or default group ( ), if the icon is clicked.

Click the ID of one of the products to get the maintenance screen for that state.

Example of a maintenance screen

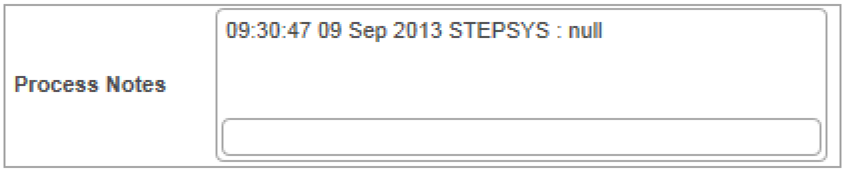
Maintenance screens are highly configurable and are explicitly designed for a specific state. The following example of a maintenance screen for the Enrich state illustrates the idea of the maintenance screens.



You can change the name of the product and optionally add a Process Note.

Process Notes

A process note is a text that you can enter to describe or explain something that you find relevant for the current product in the current state. The process note can be viewed in the following states in the workflow and can thus be used to give a message to users that will maintain the product in following state.



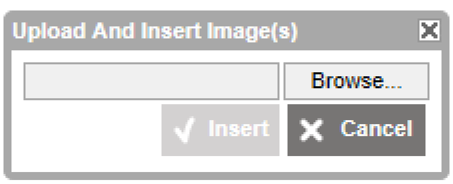
1. Enter some text in the text field.
2. Click the Save button.
3. The text entered will now be displayed in the message area tagged with date, time and user. You can also click the Save and Submit button to save the Process Note.

Primary Image

One or more images can be uploaded and/or referenced to a product.

Reference an image from your hard drive

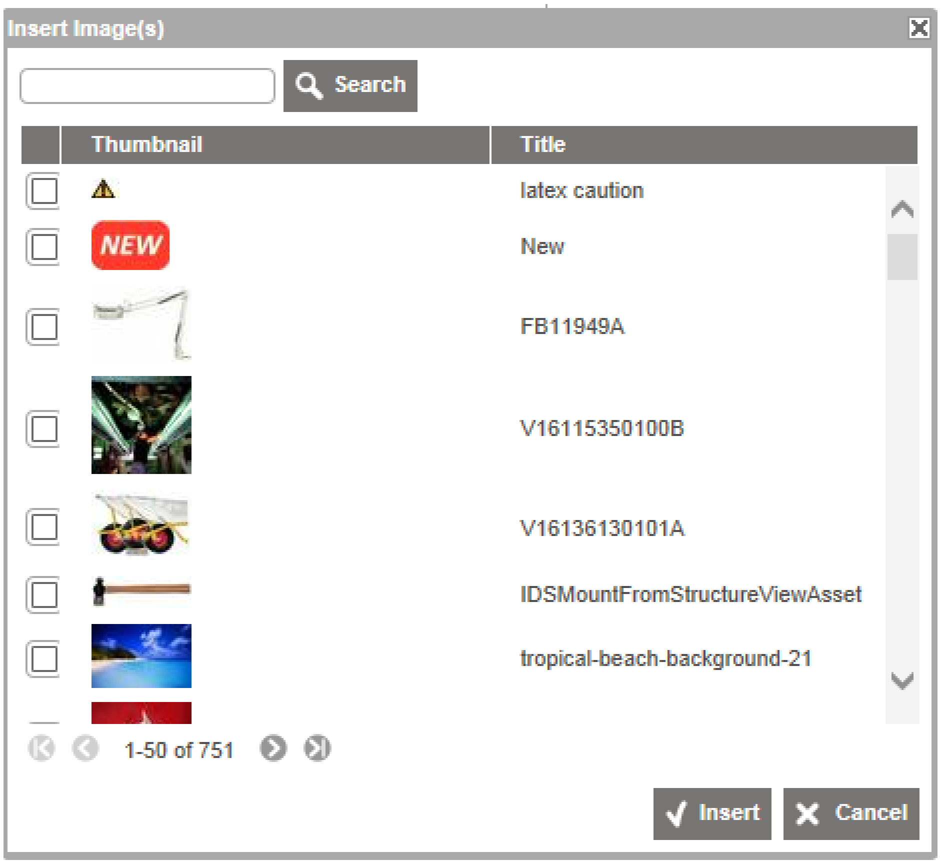
1. Click the green plus icon. A pop up box with two choices appear.
2. Select 'Upload and Insert Image(s)'. A file chooser appears that lets you browse to the image(s) on your hard drive.



3. Browse to the image you want to upload, select it and click the 'Open' button.
4. Repeat step 3 if you want to upload more than one image.
5. Click insert. The select image(s) will now be uploaded from your hard drive to the screen.

Reference an image from the database

1. Click the green plus icon. A pop up box with two choices appears.
2. Select 'Insert.' A dialog appears showing you the available images in the database.



3. Select one or more images.
4. Click insert. The select image(s) will now be inserted to the screen.
   - To view the image in full size, click the magnifying icon next to the image thumbnail.
   - To delete the image, click the red cross button next to the image thumbnail.
   - To view and edit details on the image click the pen button next to the image thumbnail. This will take you to a separate image screen.

Buttons

Save button

Clicking the 

button will save the values of the current product to the data base.

In the Initiate screen, it will submit the product into the first state in the workflow.

Reset button

The 

button lets you reload the product values from the server.

Submit button

The 

button is placed within screens tied to states in a workflow. Clicking the button will save the values of the current product to the data base and move the product to the next state in the workflow.

Excel Integration

The supplier Web UI enables you to initiate and maintain products in a Smartsheet for Excel. This can be very useful when you have to maintain or initiate many products at a time. You can download multi-level product data to an interactive Excel file, maintain or add new product data in Excel, and then upload the Excel file to the Supplier Web UI again. You can also use the Smartsheet component to initiate multiple new products using a pre-defined template in Excel to set up the products.

Using Excel Smartsheet

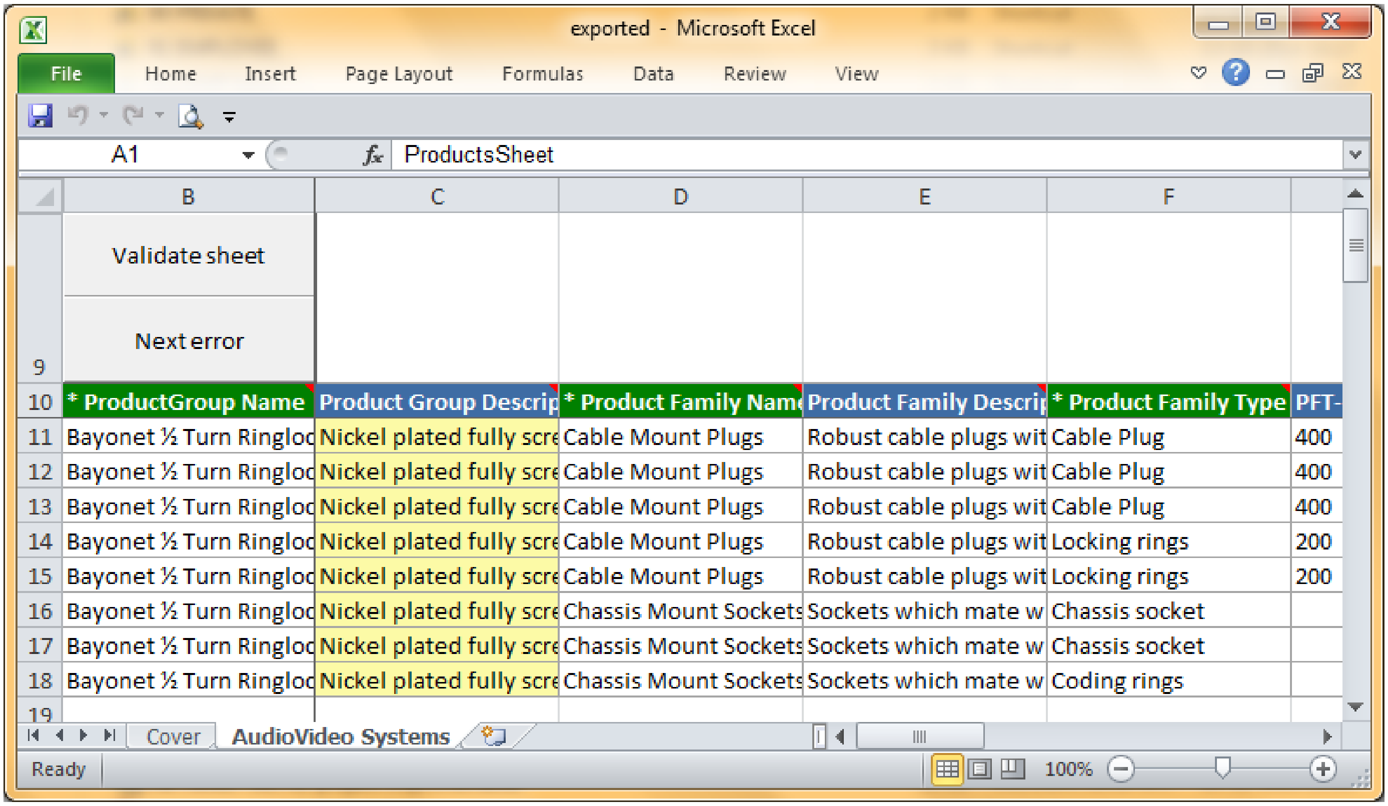
To be able to use Smartsheet, you have to specify the export configurations in the Export Manager, and then associate them with the relevant template widgets and export actions in the Supplier Web UI. From the Export Manager, you can either export data to a Smartsheet or you can export a template that you can use when you want to initiate new products.

For more information, see the **Smartsheet Data and Template Configurations** section of the **Smartsheets** documentation.

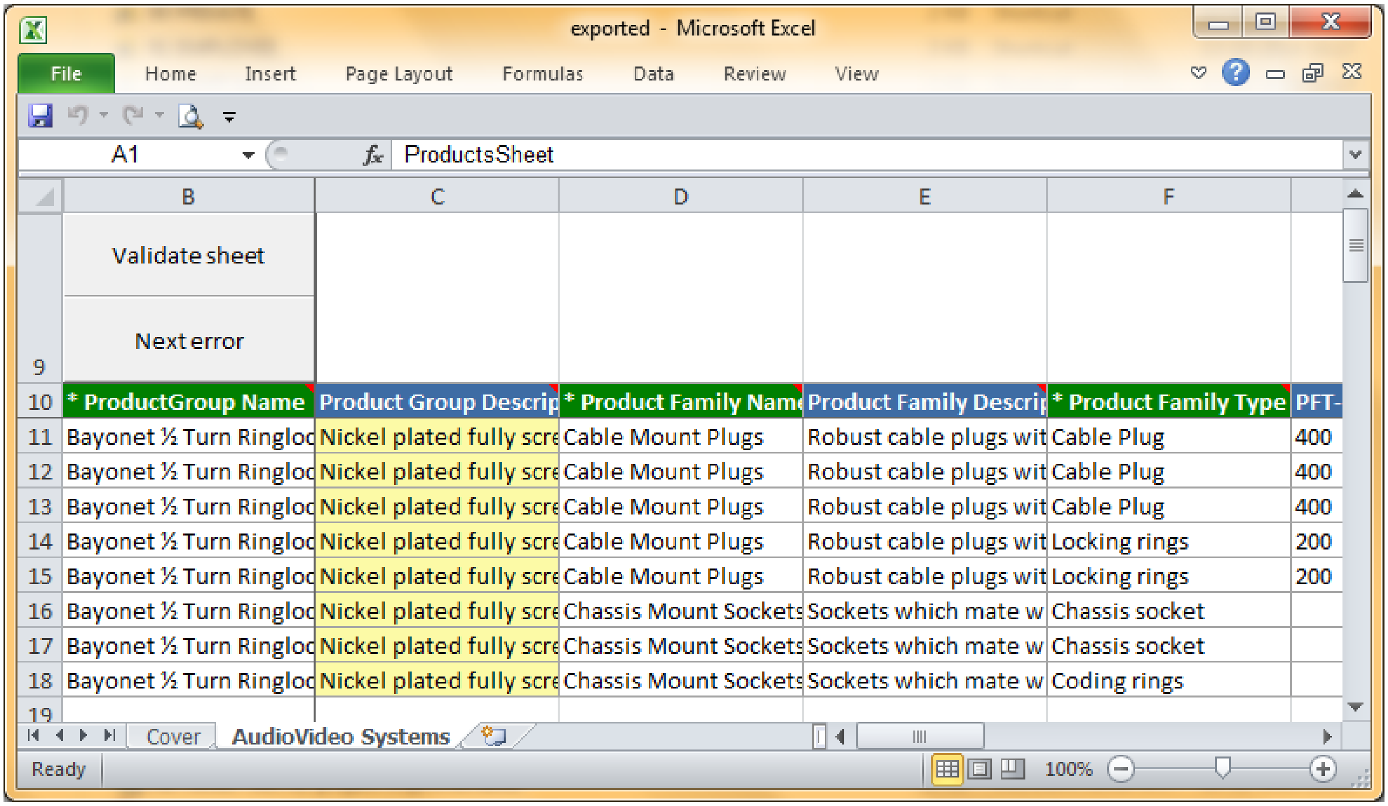
For information on how to configure Smartsheets in the Supplier Web UI, see the **Smartsheets in Web UI** section of the **Web User Interfaces** documentation.

Download a Smartsheet with Data

1. In the workflow widget, click the relevant state. A table containing the products that are currently in the selected state appears.



2. Select the products you want to export to the Smartsheet file.
3. Click the **Download Smartsheet** icon. If more download icons are available, hover the mouse over the icons to locate the appropriate icon.

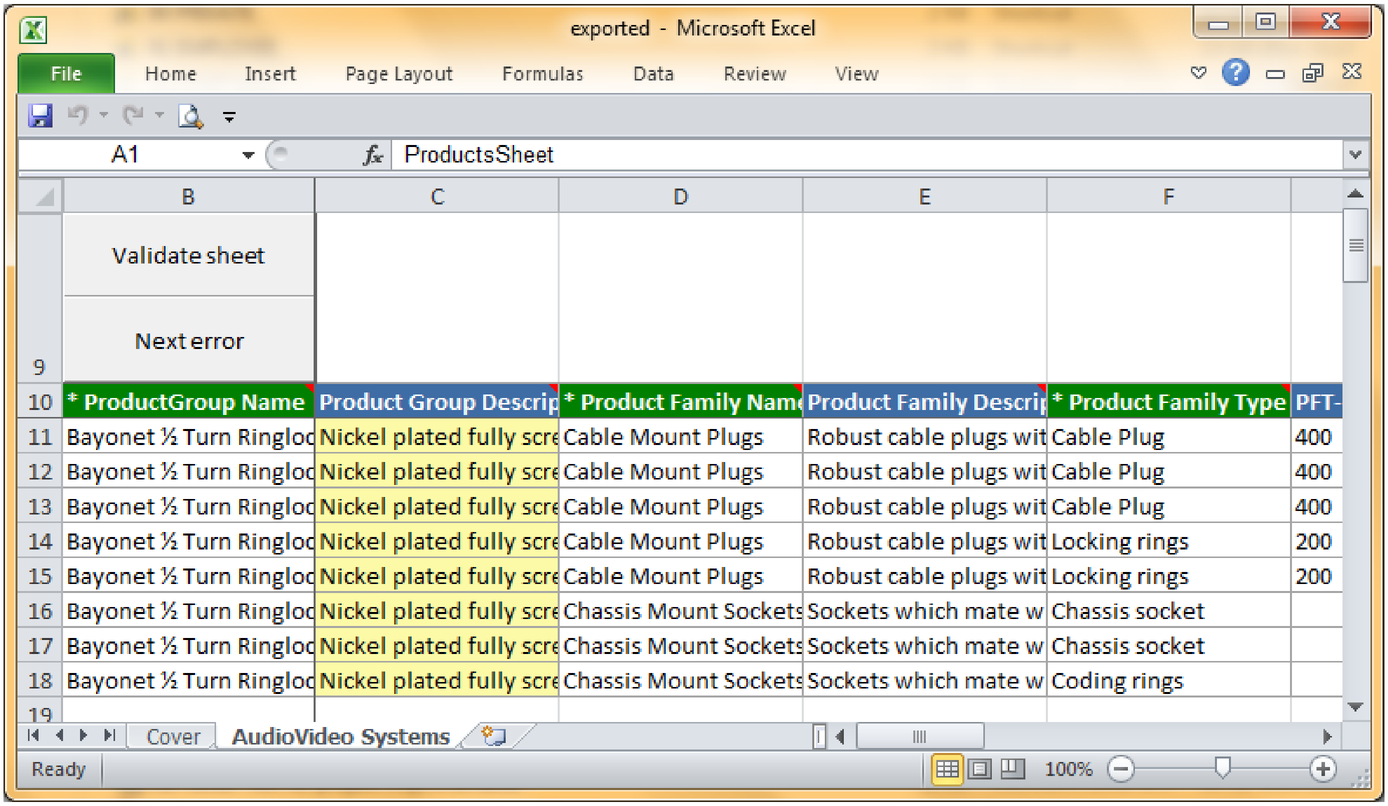


4. In the **Download Smartsheet** dialog, choose the relevant export configuration and then select the relevant products for export.
5. A download job starts and you are taken to the download job page
6. When the download job is finished, click **Download**, and then save the file to your hard drive.

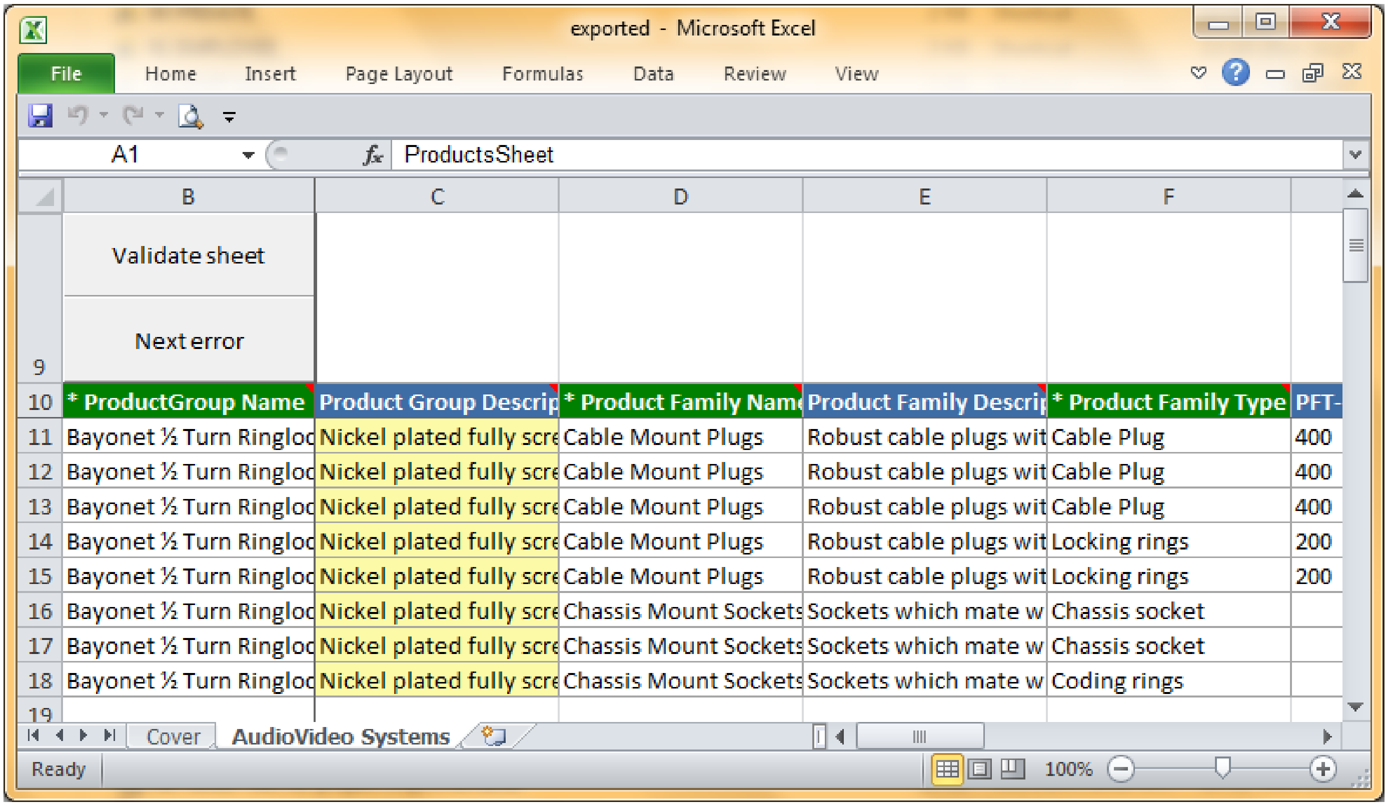
When you have downloaded the file with data, you can start maintaining the data.

Enter Data in a Smartsheet

1. In **Excel**, open the Smartsheet that will be edited. The Smartsheet opens on the **Cover** tab, which contains information about the download date and the color codes used in the Smartsheet. A **Security Warning** is displayed saying that macros have been disabled. However, macros must be enabled for the Smartsheet to work properly.



2. Click **Options**, then select **Enable Macros**.
3. On the workbook, click the second tab, which has the name of the node selected during the export process.



4. Enter the product data.
5. Click **Validate sheet** in the top left corner. The **Serverside validation** dialog opens.
6. Select whether changed products only or all products should be validated, then click **Start**.
7. In the **Login** dialog, enter the relevant STEP user name and password.

   The system validates the changes. The **Serverside Validation** window will display if the validation succeeded or if there are errors that need to be corrected. Errors can be located via **Next Error** to locate and them fix them.

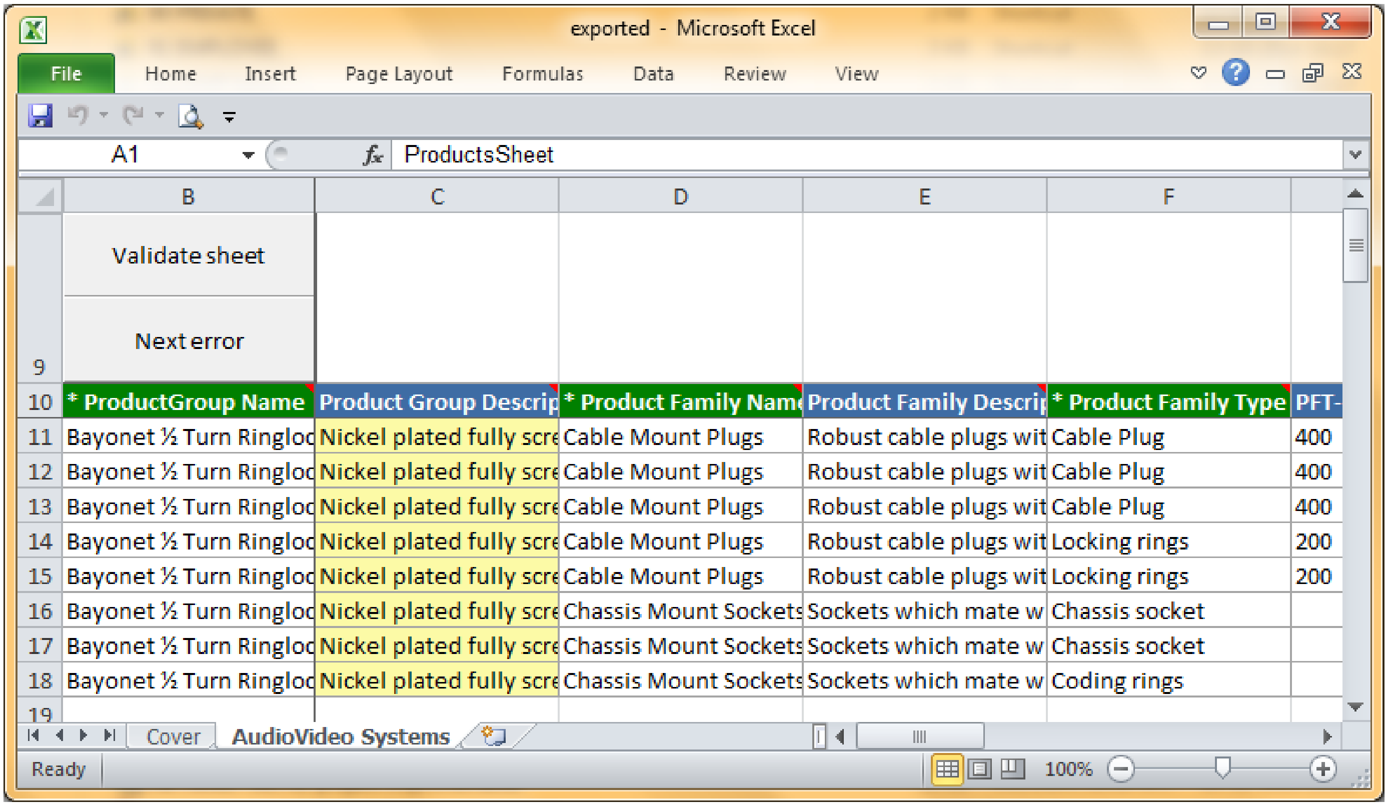
8. Save the file.

Note: Some fields, such as node pickers, will prompt the user for a STEP user name and password. The system will only prompt for these credentials once.

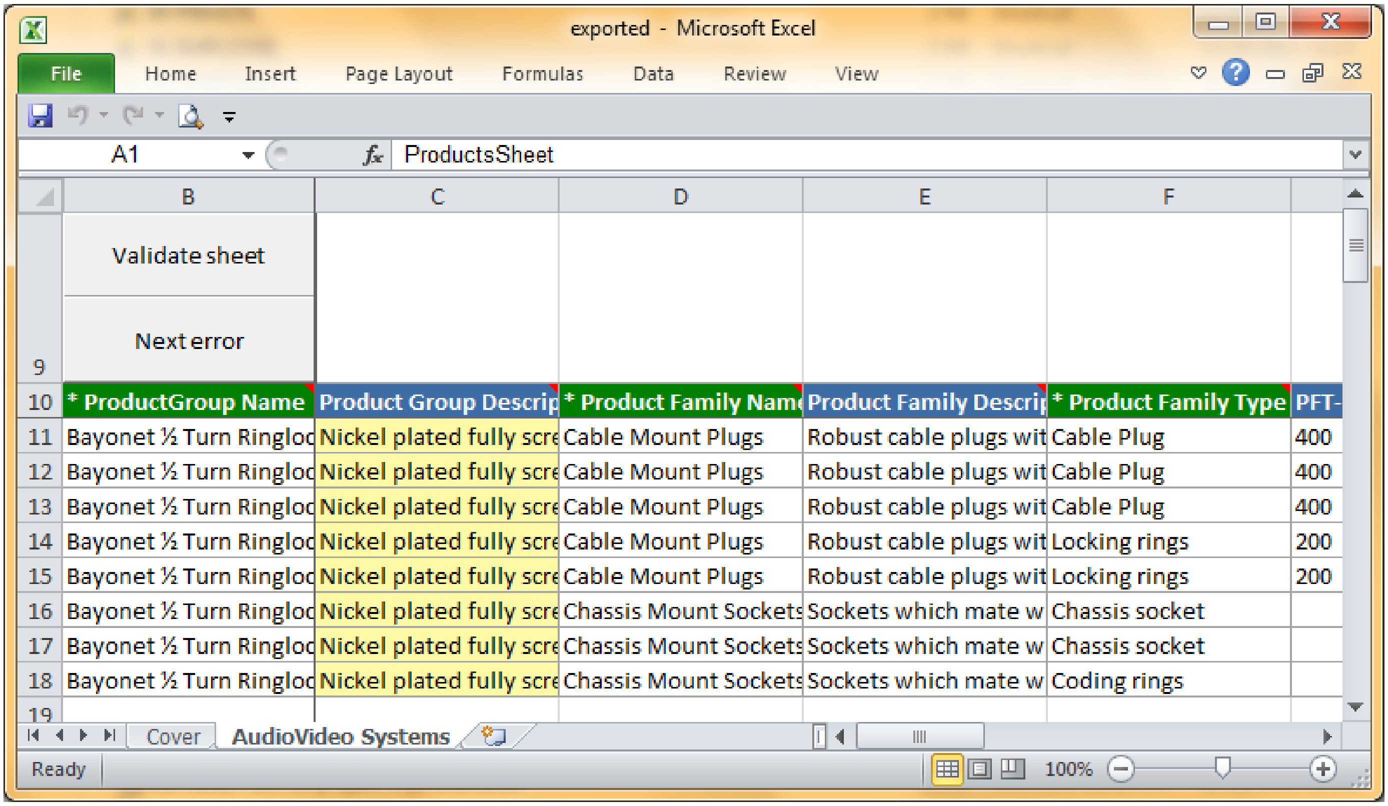
You can now upload the data to the Supplier Web UI.

Upload a Smartsheet to the Supplier Web UI

1. On the home page screen, in the **Quick links** widget, click **Upload Smartsheet**.



2. In the **Smartsheet upload** dialog, click **Browse**, navigate to the relevant Smartsheet file, click **Open**, and then click **OK**.



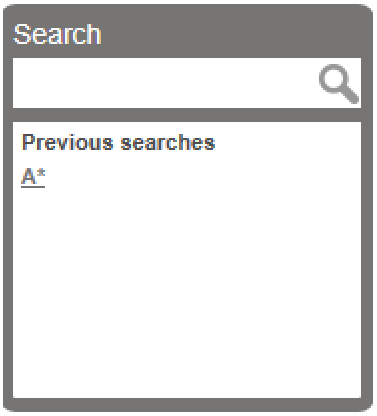
3. The upload process starts and the upload process screen is displayed.
4. When the upload process is completed, the products in the Smartsheet file have been uploaded to the Supplier Web UI, saved, and submitted to the first state in the STEP Workflow.

Note: If errors occur during an import, a Smartsheet file with the products that failed from the import process page can be downloaded. The error messages are displayed as screen tips in the Smartsheet file when the pointer is rested on an error cell. **Next Error** can be used to work a set of errors. When the errors have been corrected, the file can be imported again. However, there is limited support for this type of re-import. Some cells will be locked and consequently skipped during import.

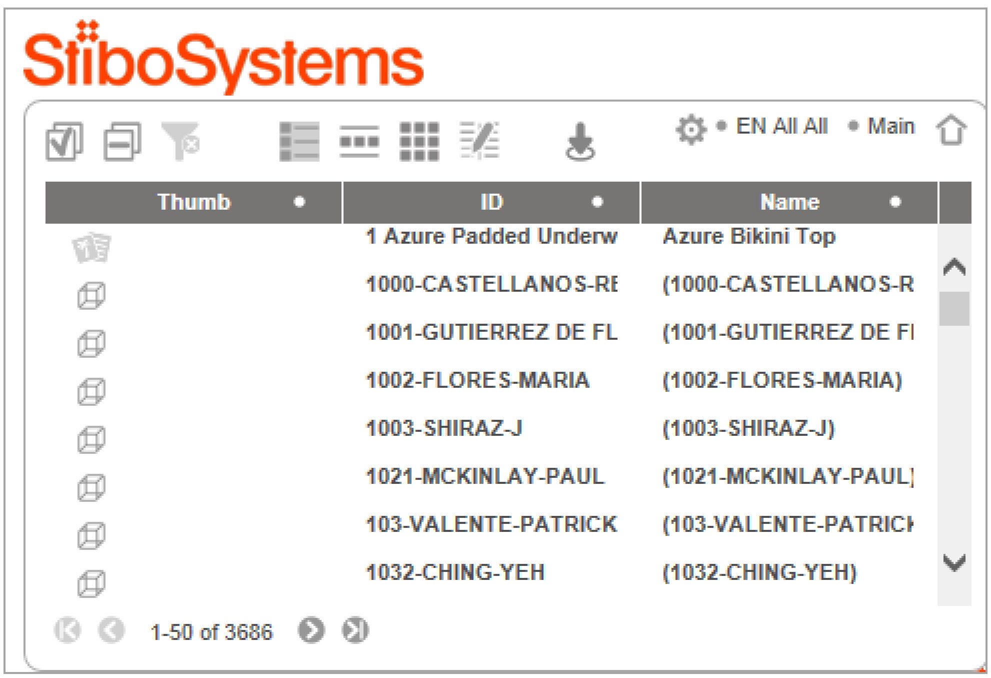
Searching

You can search for products that are currently in a state within the workflow.

1. Go to the 'Search' widget on the home page screen.



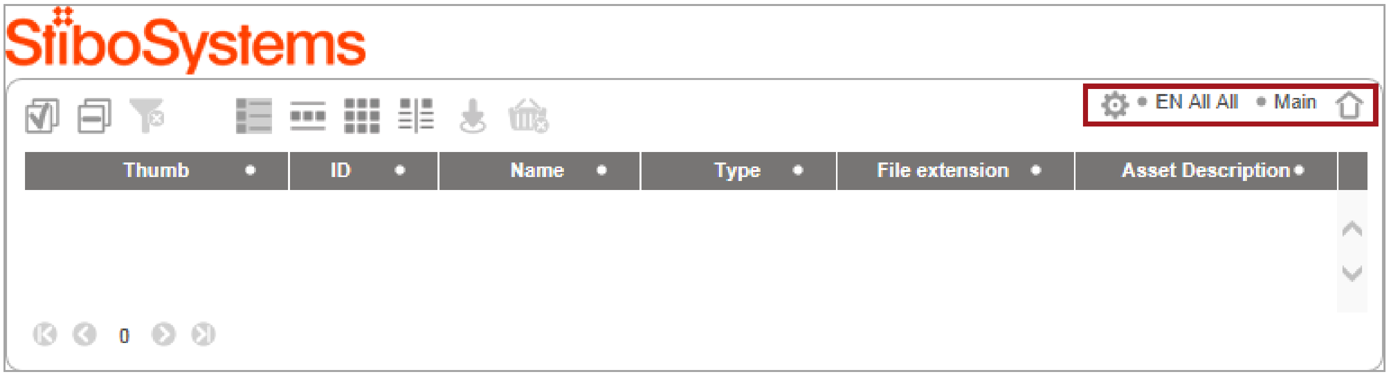
2. Enter the ID or the Name of the product you want to find. The search result will be displayed on the right hand side:



3. Select a product in the search result list by clicking the workflow in the column to the right. This will take you to the product in its current state.

Corner Bar

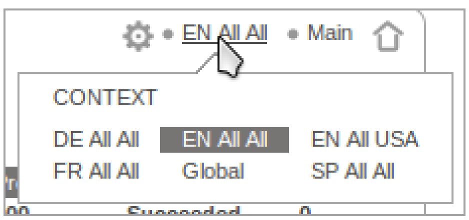
On all screens (except for the home page screen), there is a menu in the top right corner. This can be used to enter the Web UI designer, change context / workspace or navigate to the home page screen.



Changing context

To change the context click the current context indicator in the corner bar.

The panel will slide down and you can now select the context you want.

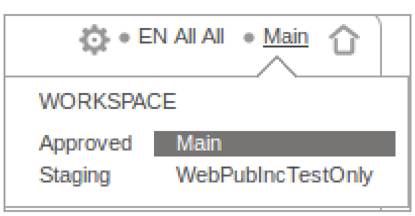


Clicking on one of the contexts will make the panel slide up again and the name of the current selected context will be displayed on the button.

Changing workspace

To change the workspace click the second left button in the top bar settings panel.

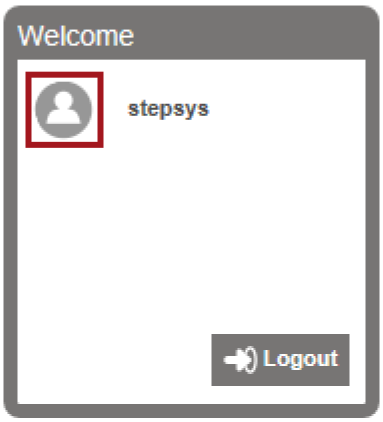
The panel will slide down and you can now select the workspace you want.



Clicking on one of the workspace will make the panel slide up again and the name of the current selected workspace will be displayed on the button.

User Details

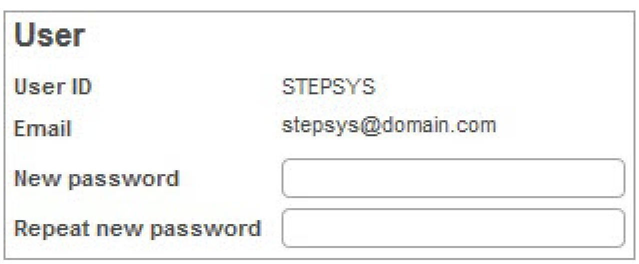
The user ID and email address of the current user can be found by clicking on the user icon in the Welcome widget on the home page screen.



This makes the User detail screen appear.

Change password

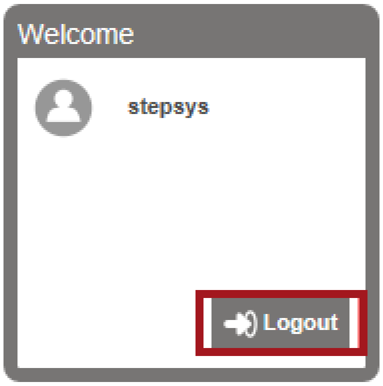
In the User detail screen you can change your password.



1. Enter you current password in the 'Old password' field.
2. Enter your new password in the 'New password' field.
3. Enter your new password in the 'Repeat new password' field.
4. Click the Save button. Your new password has been saved and will take effect on next login.

Log Out

To log out of the Web UI you must click the 'Logout' button on the Welcome widget on the homepage screen.



This will log you out and take you back to the login screen.