UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

DEVELOPMENT OF VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY LAYOUT WITH MODELING LANGUAGES APPROACH AND SIMULATION USING DELMIATM QUEST®

NORHIDAYAH BINTI MOHAMAD

Thesis submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

December 2011

AUTHOR'S DECLARATION

I declare that the work in this thesis was carried out in accordance with the regulations of Universiti Teknologi MARA. It is original and is the result of my own work, unless otherwise indicated or acknowledged as referenced work. This thesis has not been submitted to any other academic institution or non-academic institution for any other degree or qualification.

I, hereby, acknowledge that I have been supplied with the Academic Rules and Regulations for Post Graduate, Universiti Teknologi MARA, regulating the conduct of my study and research,

Name of Candidate	:	Norhidayah Binti Mohamad
Candidate's ID No.	:	2007131345
Program	;	Master of Science Mechanical Engineering
Faculty	:	Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
Thesis Title	:	Development of Virtual Assembly Layout with
		Modeling Languages Approach and Simulation Using
		Delmia [™] Quest®

Signature of Student :

Date :

22nd December 2011

ABSTRACT

The development of virtual model fabrication in this thesis is focusing on manufacturing assembly layout model using modeling languages approach, which are Simulation Control Language (SCL) and Batch Control Language (BCL). SCL is a procedural language in files logic program outlining the development structure of manufacturing layout while the BCL supports the layout by reading the modified model parameters, running the simulation, and providing visual control. This thesis also explores the flexibility of the Layout Data file developed using SCL and BCL approach to drive the Virtual Assembly Layout (VAL) model configurations through simulation and the development process of database for storing and representing the VAL model. The concept and mechanisms of Manufacturing Information (MI) development involves the use of eXtensible Markup Language (XML). The objectives of the research are therefore to obtain a basic understanding on how these modeling languages are used to develop virtual model and demonstrate the model capability of representing the simulation by using Delmia[™] QUEST[®]. Therefore, it can be concludes that the generated simulation demonstrates the feasibility of interchanging models using modeling language approach as an intermediate representation and provides an opportunity to improve simulation quality.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I wish to acknowledge and express my gratitude and appreciation to: (i) my supervisor, Associate Professor Dr.Ing Yupiter HP Manurung for his supervision, encouragement, suggestions and assistance throughout the research; (ii) my whole family who has been giving constant encouragement, faith and confidence besides the continuous moral support; (iii) Madam Roseleena Jaafar, my co-supervisor for her encouragement and significant contribution in proof reading the manuscript. It is a pleasure to express my heart-felt gratitude to my beloved friends who have undergone long hours of inconvenience during the preparation of this thesis. Much gratitude also goes to the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Institute of Graduate Studies (IGS) of Universiti Teknologi MARA for the assistance rendered for the related administration and financial processes. Lastly, my greatest thanks to my beloved family and individuals who have been contributed so much throughout my studies.

Norhidayah Mohamad December 2011

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Author's Declaration	ii
Abstract	iii
Acknowledgements	iv
Table of Contents	v
List of Tables	ix
List of Figures	x

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1	Background	1
1.2	Problem Statement	3
1.3	Objective	4
1.4	Research Hypotheses	4
1.5	Research Requirement (Methodology)	6
1.6	Scope and Limitations of Research	8
1.7	Research Outline	9
1.8	Structure of the Thesis	10

CHAPTER TWO: REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

-i

2.1	The Design of Manufacturing Layout	12
2.2	The Configuration of Virtual Facility Layout: Views From Related	
	Practitioners	14
2.3	Views From Applied Technology: Simulation Model	16