

Managing QAD Master Data Was Suddenly Made Super Easy for Vanguard Pai Lung

When Vanguard Pai Lung's American plant in Monroe, NC adopted QAD ERP in 2011, they soon found they needed a more efficient way to manage their QAD Master Data.

As the largest knitting machinery company in the world managing more than 40,000 active part numbers, they were spending an inordinate number of hours updating item numbers individually. Roughly half of the part numbers are *make items* that require product structures and routings. Though they used PS Maintenance and PS Copy to manage their product structures, the size of their machine bills and

the customizations were making it hard to adequately maintain product structures and routings.

"QAD's routing maintenance program has some nice features, but the fact is, each routing step needs to be entered one at a time," says Tiffany Kuenzli, a 28-year veteran at Vanguard. "And, we could only see one routing step at a time when creating them."

Vanguard Pai Lung looked for third-party productivity solutions to manage their QAD data and decided on a suite of Data Loader solutions from 32 Soft.

Their suite consists of multiple Data Loaders for QAD Master Data & Inventory modules: Item Master, Product Structure, Routing Maintenance, and Supplier Item Maintenance.

Because Data Loaders allow users to download their QAD data into Excel spreadsheets where they can use Excel functionality, Item Master and Supplier Item Maintenance make it easier for Vanguard Pai Lung to update item numbers and supplier quotes massively rather than one at a time.

The Product Structure Data Loader gives them a much quicker response time. "The ease of copying was a major plus," says Tiffany. "And component replacement was super easy."

"Routing Maintenance was a huge change for us," she continues. "To be able to see all the routing steps with their comments makes it very easy to update. When we add new machines or have work center changes, we can move all the effected routings in one transaction."

Once they make needed changes and additions to their data in the Data Loader Excel spreadsheets, they can easily and safely upload them to QAD – without involving their IT Department or outside consultants.

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