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5 Worst Practices in Creo Parametric Drawings

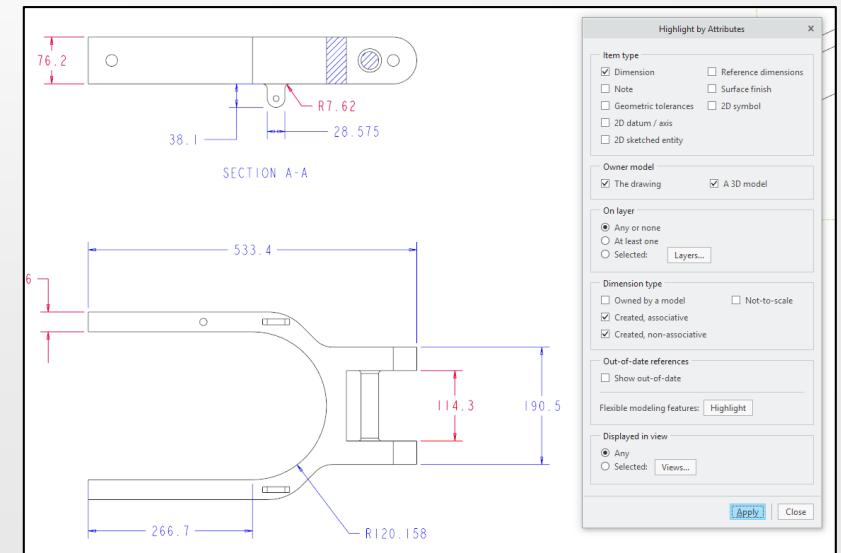
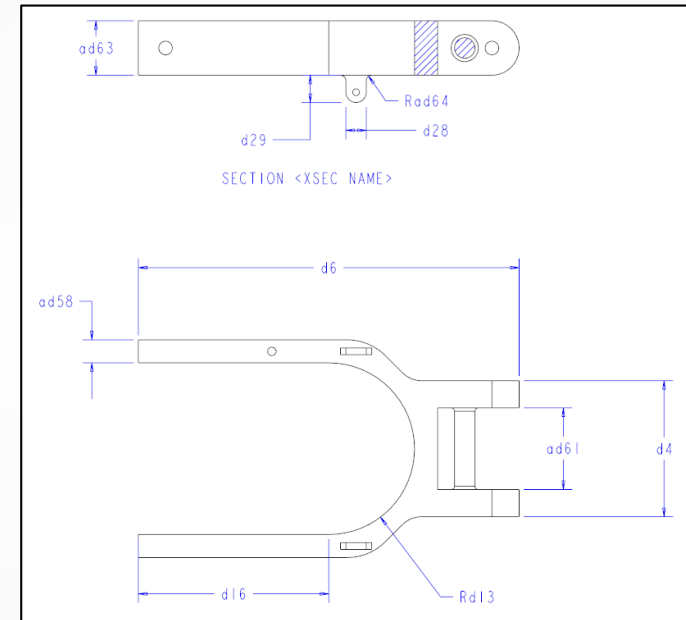
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5. Too Many Created Dimensions

- Users can either manually create dimensions on a drawing or use the preferred methods of showing model annotations.
- To view which dimensions were created and which were shown, click **Tools > Switch Dimensions**.
 - Most model dimensions will have a name in the format of d# (where # is a number).
 - Created dimensions will have a name in the format of ad#.
- The **Review > Highlight by Attributes** command will also identify created vs. shown dimensions.
- The old rule of thumb was that 95% or more of the dimensions on a drawing should come from the model. With Flexible Modeling and Model Based Annotations this value can vary.



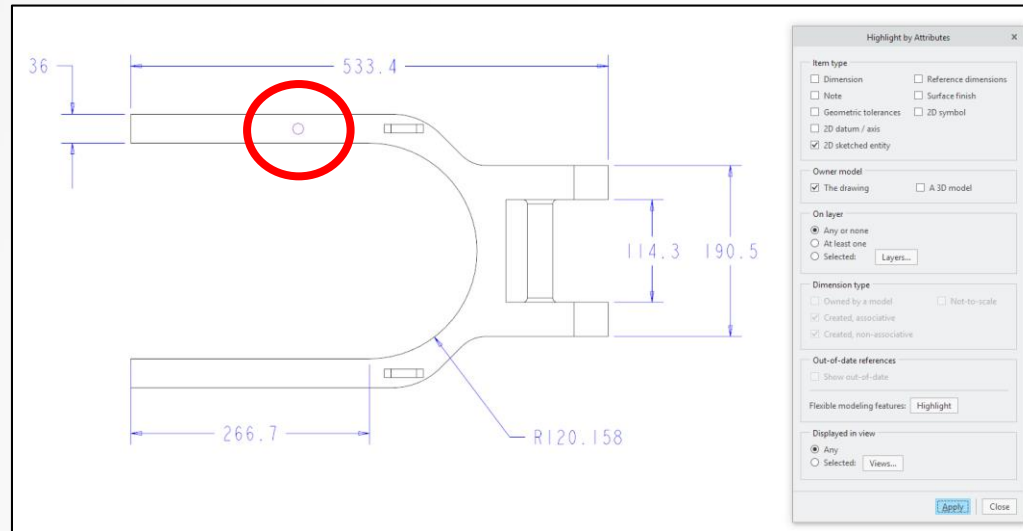
4. Manual Text instead of Parameters

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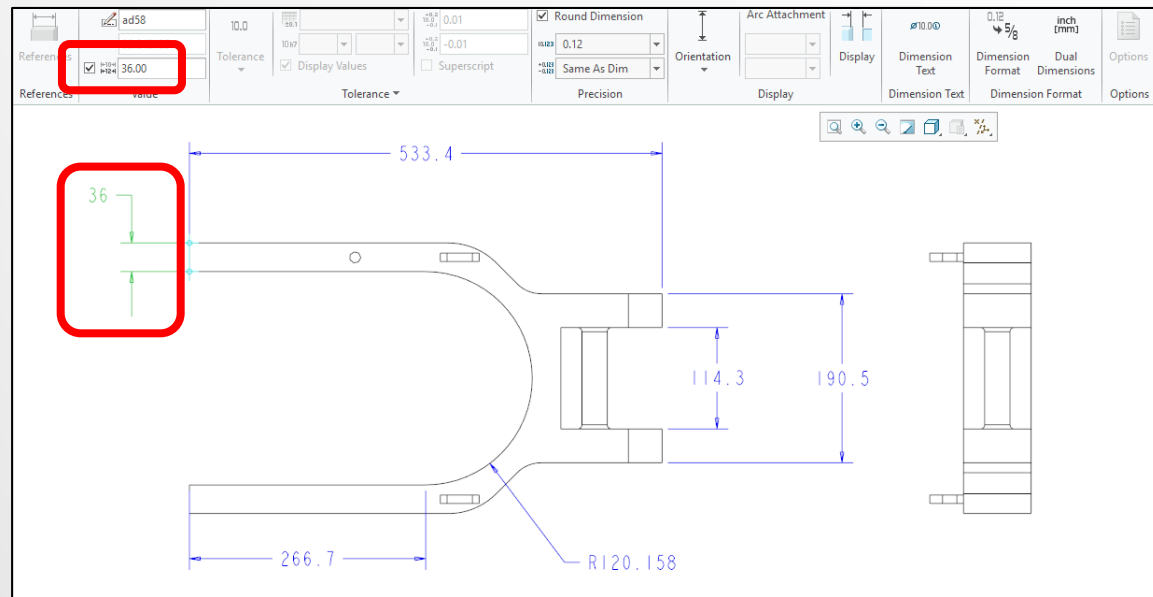
- Wherever possible, table cells and notes should refer to parameters instead of text entered by a user.
- Manually entered text must be updated manually, which increases the probability someone will forget or enter incorrect values.
- Use **Tools > Parameters** to determine which the names of model parameters.
- Typing an ampersand – the and sign & - before the name of the parameter will automatically extract its value.
- Changes to the value will update the drawing when the tables and sheets are updated, preserving the parametric nature of the drawing.

2. Sketched Entities



- Sketched entities should be kept to a minimum on drawings as they are cumbersome to create and maintain.
- Using sketched entities to fake model features is a terrible practice and should not be used.
- Rather than sketching entities on a drawing sheet, you should open the model and create, delete, or edit definition of features.
- The **Review > Highlight by Attributes** command can be used to identify sketched entities on a drawing sheet.

1. Overridden Dimensions



- Overriding dimensions is a practice that should never be used on drawings.
- This involves changing the value of a dimension from that driven by geometry to one specified by the user.
- This results in a disconnect between model geometry and the values used in production and inspection.
- If the model is analyzed and/or manufactured based on the model and then inspected based on the drawing, the results could be expensive and possibly catastrophic.