

# Next Generation of Aviation Professionals



# LIFECYCLE SOLUTIONS

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## Magnitude of the Shortages

- Airlines will need 25,000 new aircraft in the next 20 years in addition to the 17,000 existing commercial aircraft (AET&M, 2008)
- Studies show that we will need 480,000 new aviation technicians by 2026. (Boeing Training and Flight Services)
- Average age of aircraft maintenance engineer/ technician/engineer in Europe is 40, and in the US, its 53 years of age. (Aviation Week, 2008)
- In 2017 the aviation personnel shortage in Canada will be equal to the 2008 Canadian aviation workforce. (NGAP Roundtable, 2009)
- Currently 1400+ 787 and A350XWB on order

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#### **Current Challenges**

- New aircraft require new skills and knowledge
- Lack of harmonization in global regulations
- Global initiatives to update regulation/ guidelines
- Any solution must involve an integrated solution involving industry members. (OEMs, Operators and the Regulators)



# The New Aircraft technology challenge:

- New Skills Mix
- New Training methodologies
- Regulatory requirements for new technology
- New Assessment techniques using Simulation
- Create embedded solutions

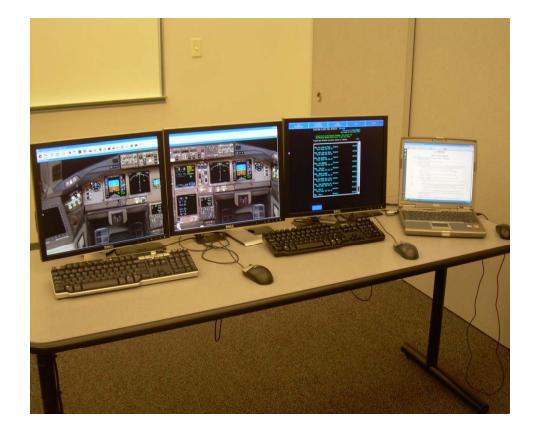
### Challenge: New Skills Mix

- New Skills Mix
  - Avionics / Airframe combination
  - System integration has blurred the line to define each discipline

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#### Challenge: New Training Methodology

- New high fidelity synthetic training devices are required.
- Training time on the real airplane is becoming more difficult and more expensive
- No one is going to take apart an operational aircraft in the name of training.
- Need to have regulatory acknowledgement that the airplane is not the best device on which to conduct a greater amount of training.



#### Challenge: New Assessment Techniques

 The shift in emphasis is away from systems knowledge and much more toward system operation, integration and troubleshooting.

 Synthetic Based Training (SBT) exams hold great promise as regulations allow



#### Challenge: Regulatory requirements

- Harmonized globally for new technology
  - New fundamentals must be taught and tested
  - Establish the basis for follow-on training
  - Acceptance that simulation devices are becoming a necessity.
    - Simulating modern system troubleshooting in aircraft
    - Acceptance that portions of OJT may be on a desktop simulator
- Update knowledge and practical assessment criteria to include modern technologies
- Balance next generation and mature technologies in regulatory oversight

#### Embedded solutions: existing fleets

- Do more maintenance with less personnel
- Operate and maintain mixed (old and new) fleets
  - Existing fleets of "non computer, non-glass, non-highbypass fan" aircraft are still flying in commercial aviation
- Aging aircraft issues



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#### **Embedded solutions: previous learning**

 "Recognition of Previous Learning (RPL)"

- Acknowledge similar training to meet certification standards
- Recognition for experience/competency
- Most regulators have some form of this for military technicians
- Offshore technicians <u>may</u> get credit toward certification
- Entry criteria for technicians from other technology trades



## Next Steps: Fundamental Questions

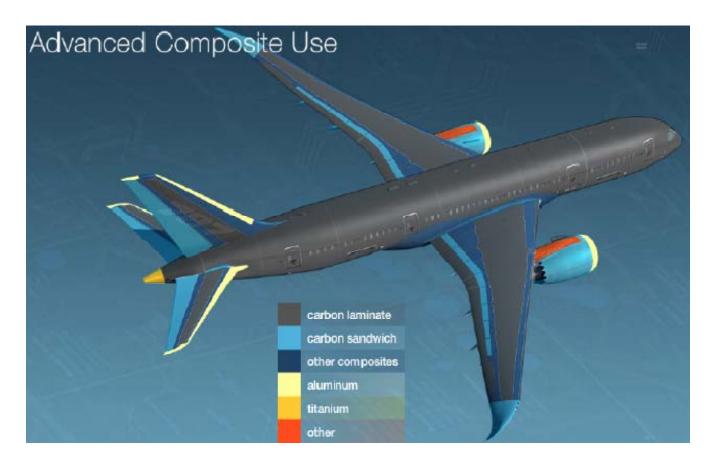
- What will we need from our future employees?
- What do they want from us?
- How can regulatory bodies help this situation in a global environment?
- Should there be separate specialized training or included as part of the basic license?
- Do we need to re-examine the privileges for each license?
- How will we regulate training and qualifications for the wide range of aircraft ages and technologies?
- How do we incorporate the new technologies with mature technologies in the license training?

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#### Next Steps: Specialty Training

- Advanced
  Composite
  repair
- Fiber Optic Training
- Aviation IT/Database Infrastructure



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## Next steps: Suggested Actions

- Future Maintenance License
- Highly integrated training programs
- New assessment techniques using simulation
- Collaborative involvement in program development (OEM, Customer, Regulatory Agencies)
- Fleet maintenance and integrated training programs across all generations of aircraft

**Global Initiatives** 

- ITQI IATA Training and Qualification Initiative
- ICAO NGAP Next Generation of Aviation Professionals
- ATA 104 Update
- EASA NPA 2009/01 (21.039) Operational Suitability Data



# **Thank You!**

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