

ECAD/MCAD-Collaboration

General, underlying Use Case
"Moving a mounting hole,"
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ECAD/MCAD-Collaboration: Project Aim

Aim of the ProSTEP iViP Association's "ECAD/MCAD-Collaboration" is to

- facilitate collaboration between the ECAD and MCAD domains in such a way that
- users in one domain have access to all relevant information in the other domain.

Current Project Participants

- Delphi
- Siemens VDO
- :em
- Mentor Graphics
- PDTec
- PROSTEP
- PTC
- UGS
- xPLM
- FU Hagen

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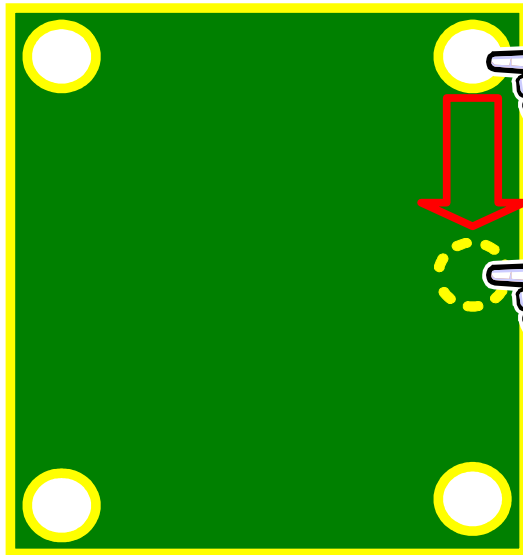


Use Case: Moving a mounting hole

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Engineer Knut



I want to
move this
hole...

... to this
new
position



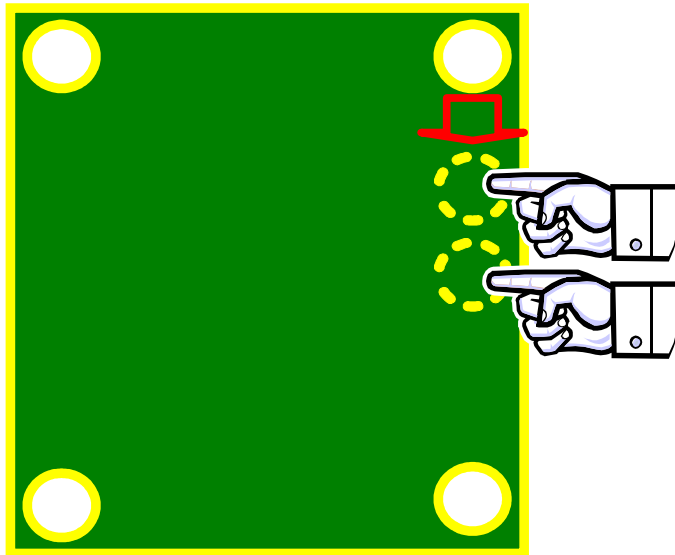
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This new position is not suitable
...

... what is about this one.



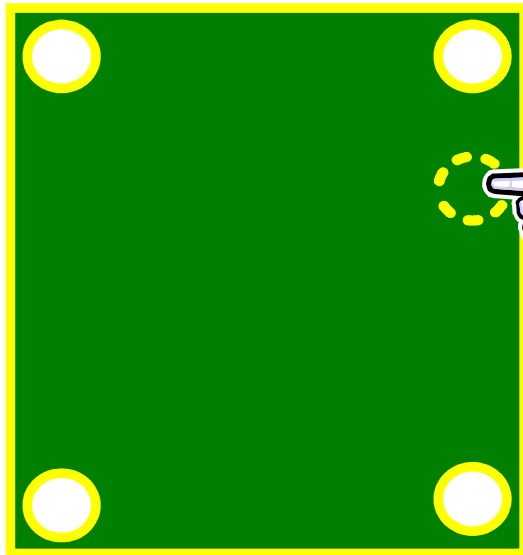
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This new position is suitable for me.

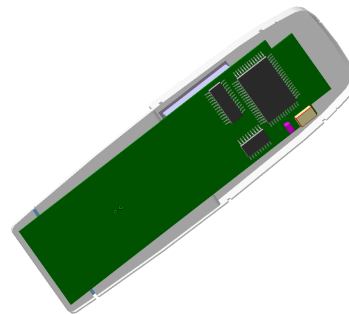
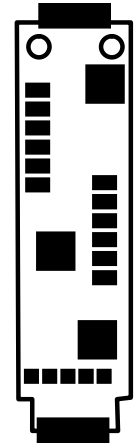
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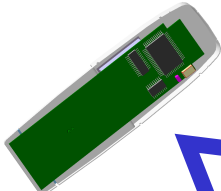
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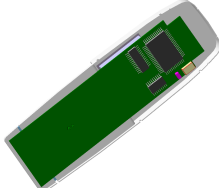
- A design of the mechanical surrounding is available (major mechanical/electrical elements were placed (plugs, connections, LEDs etc.))
- The PCB board outline is defined within the mechanical CAD-system
- The use case can be done in synchronous or asynchronous mode:
 - In synchronous mode the changes are shown while designers communicate through another channel.
 - In asynchronous mode the information is stored and the designers can update the models on demand.
- There are three spaces, where data is stored:
 - **ECAD:** Represents the ECAD-System including the collaboration module
 - **MCAD:** Represents the MCAD-System including the collaboration module
 - **Collaboration Space:** Represents the shared data, where all relevant data is stored.

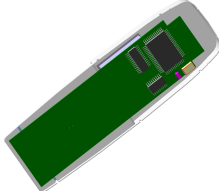


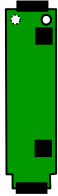
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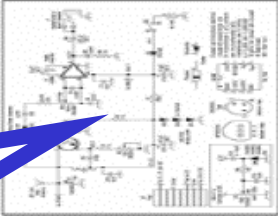
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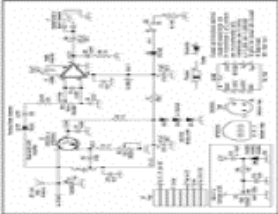
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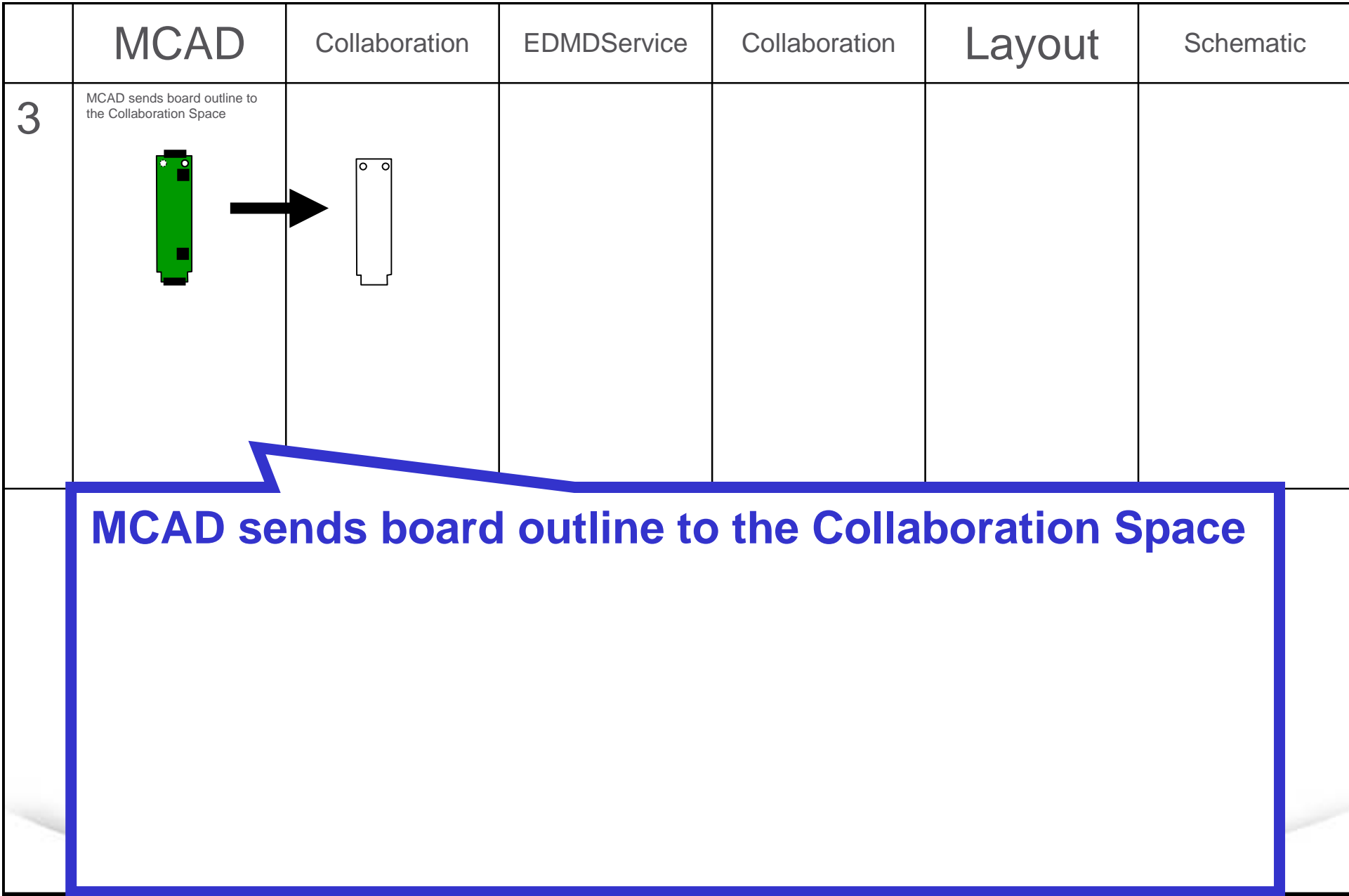
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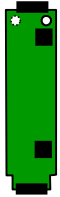

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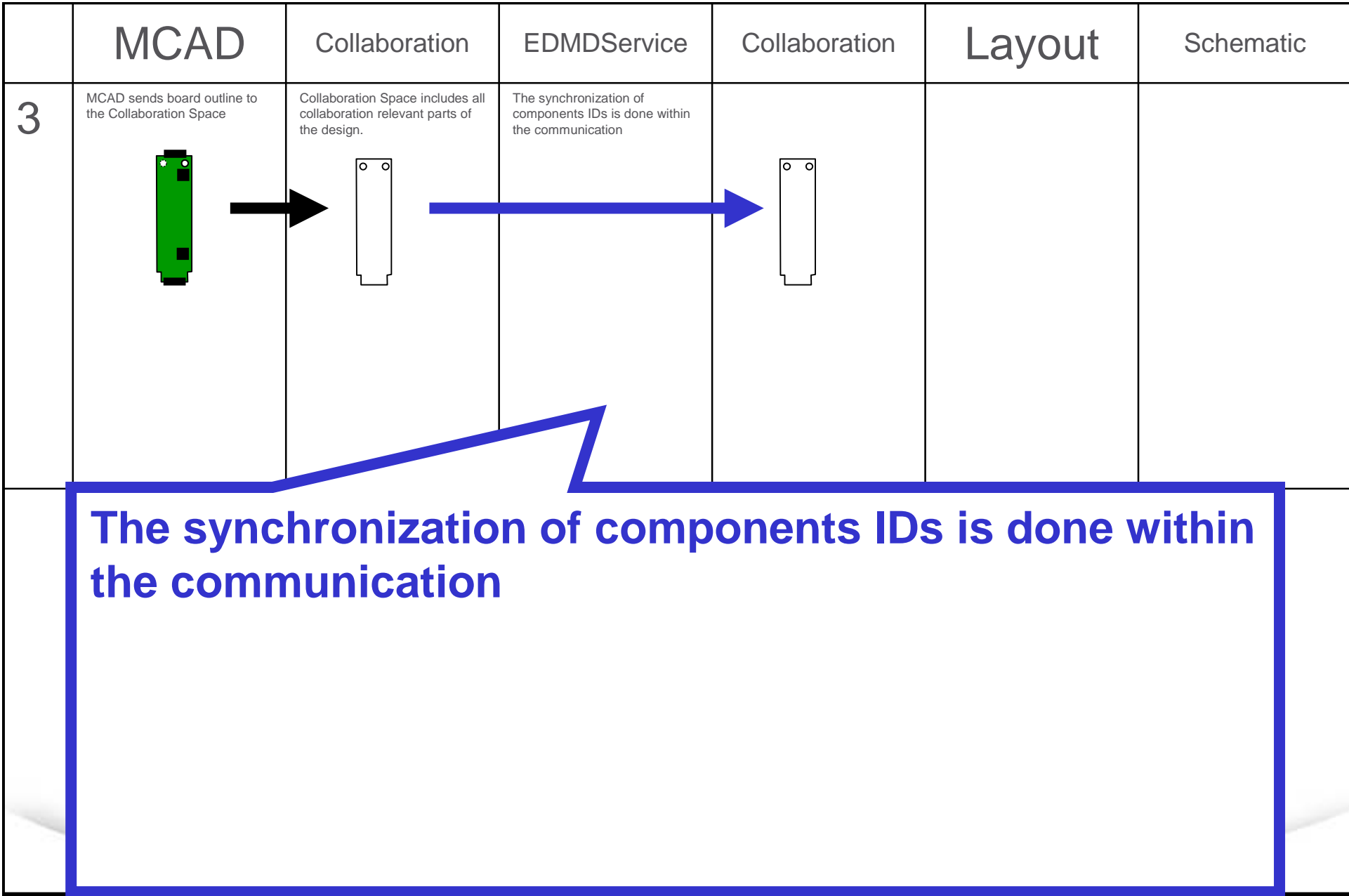
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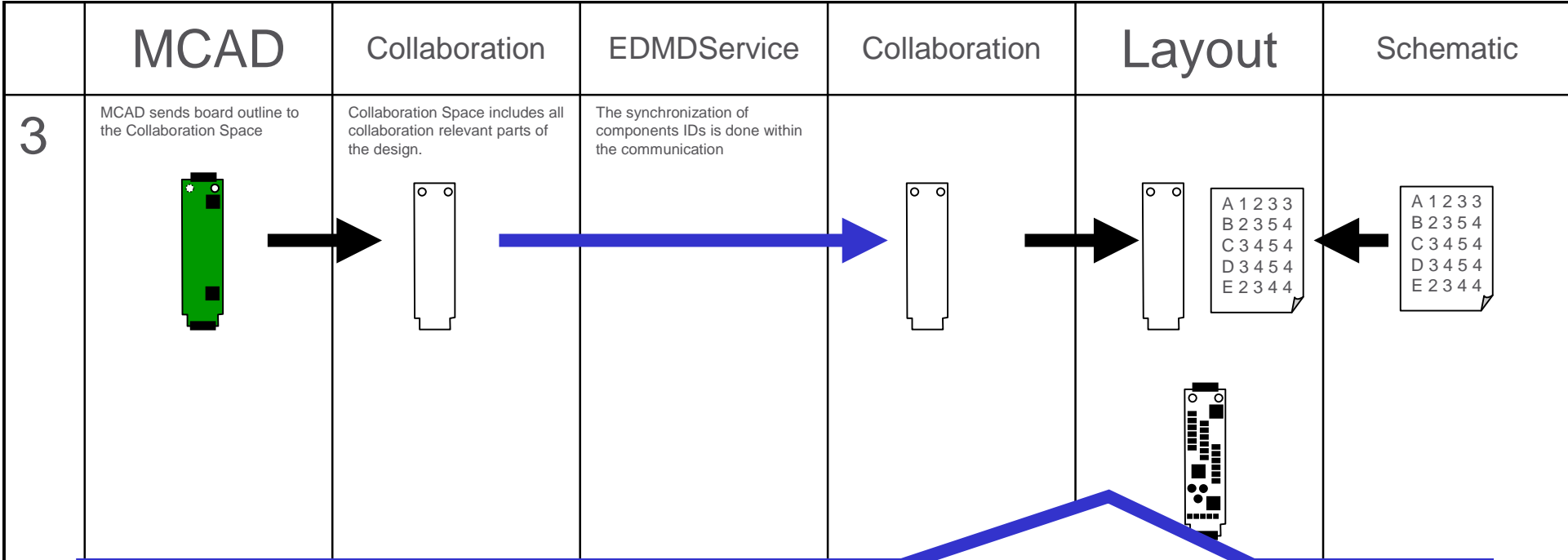
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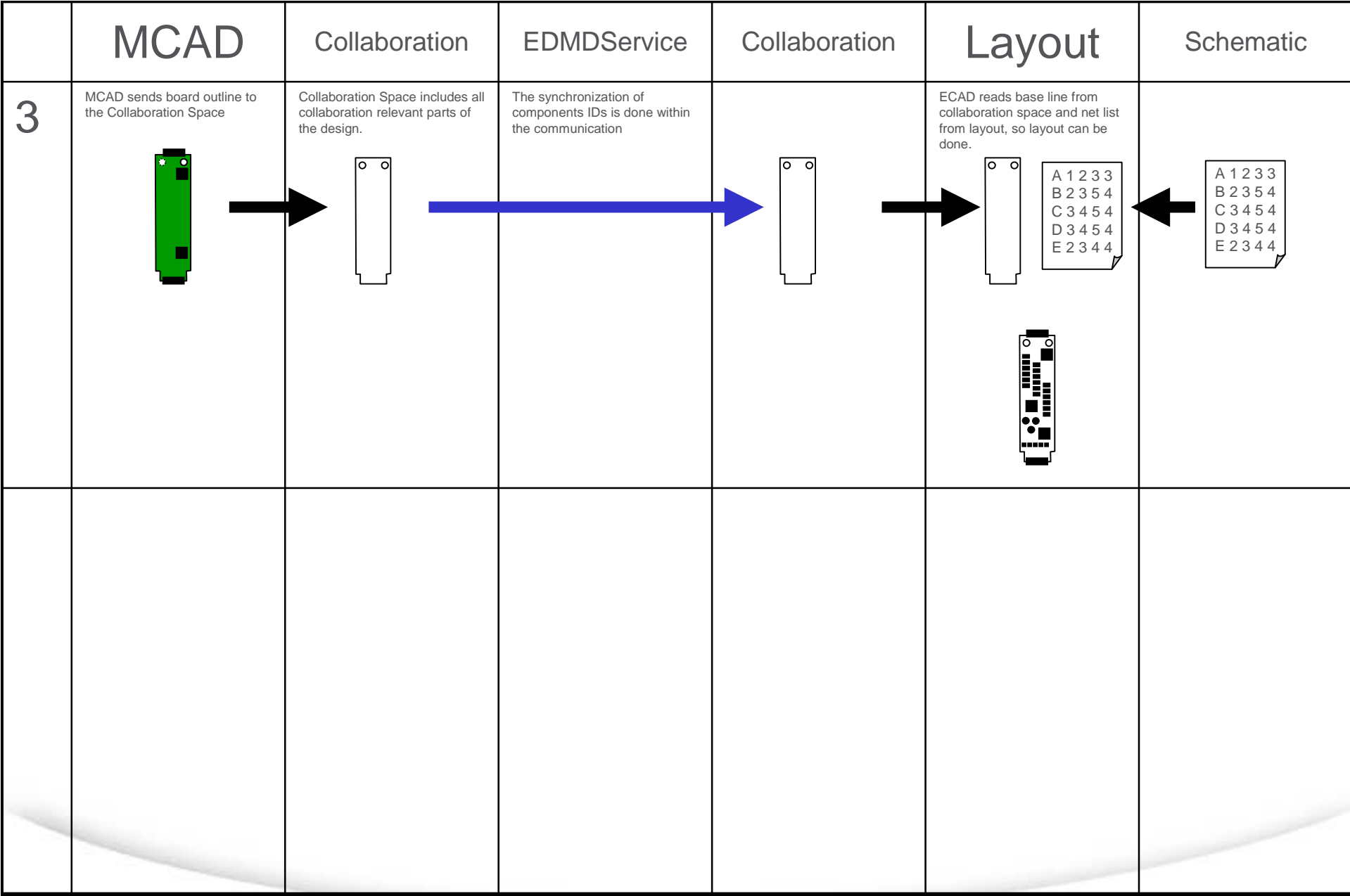


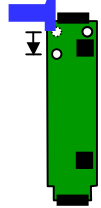
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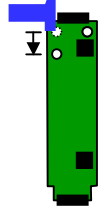


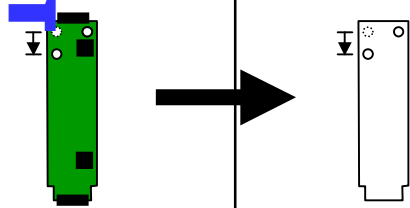


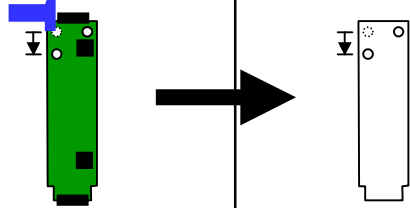
ECAD reads base line from collaboration space and net list from Schematic, so layout can be done.



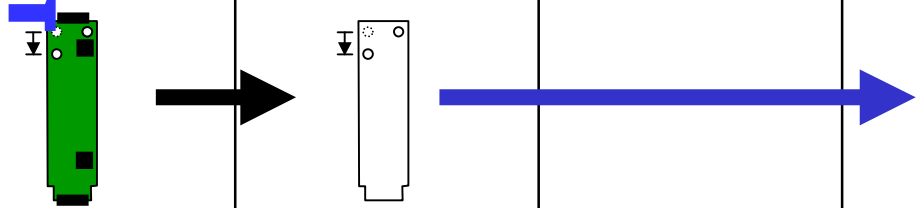
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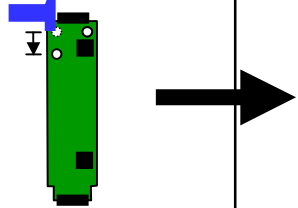
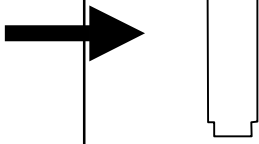

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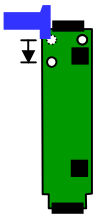


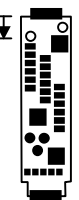
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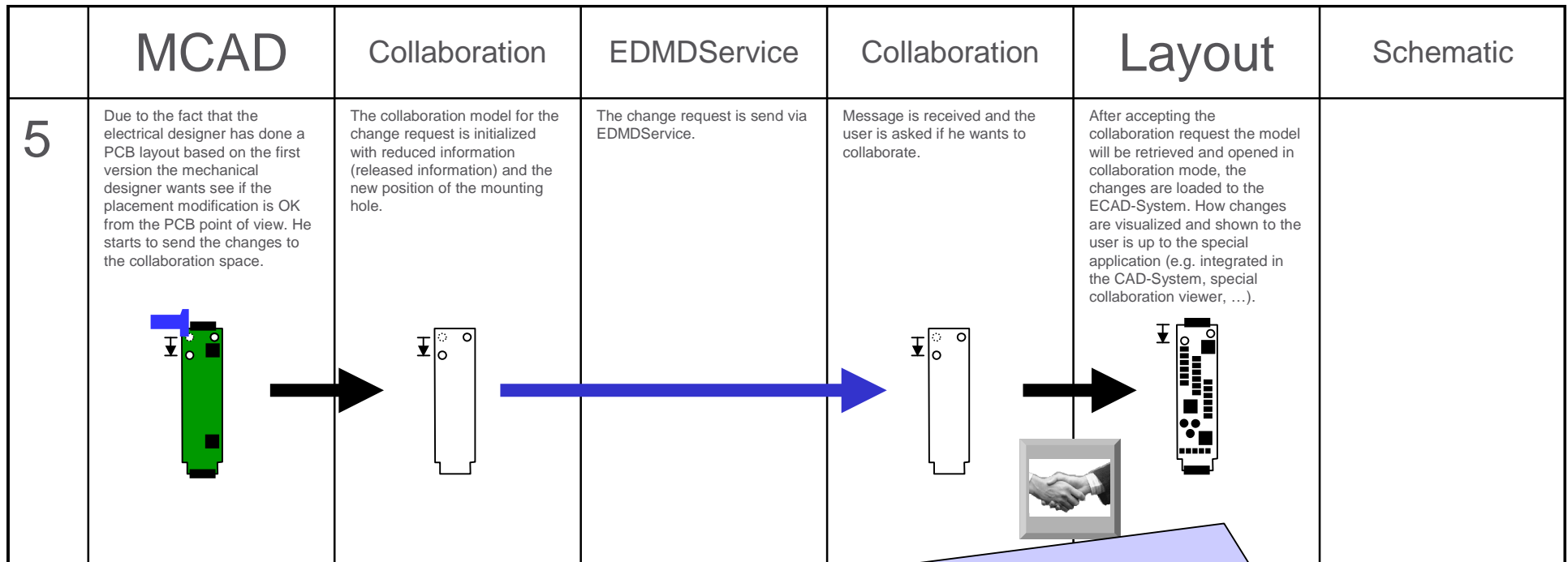
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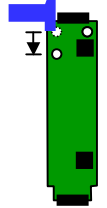



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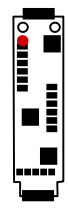
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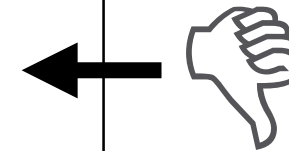
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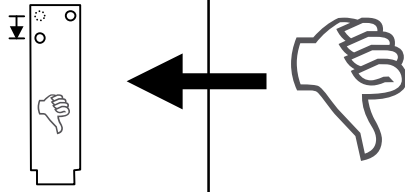
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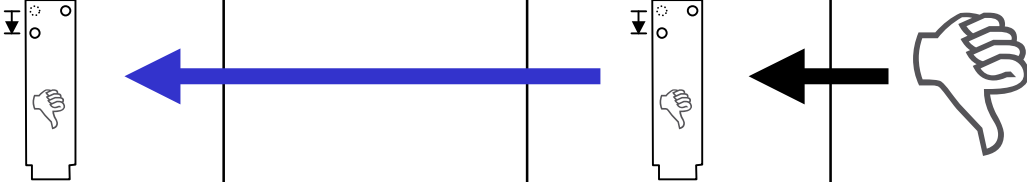
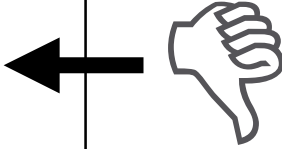
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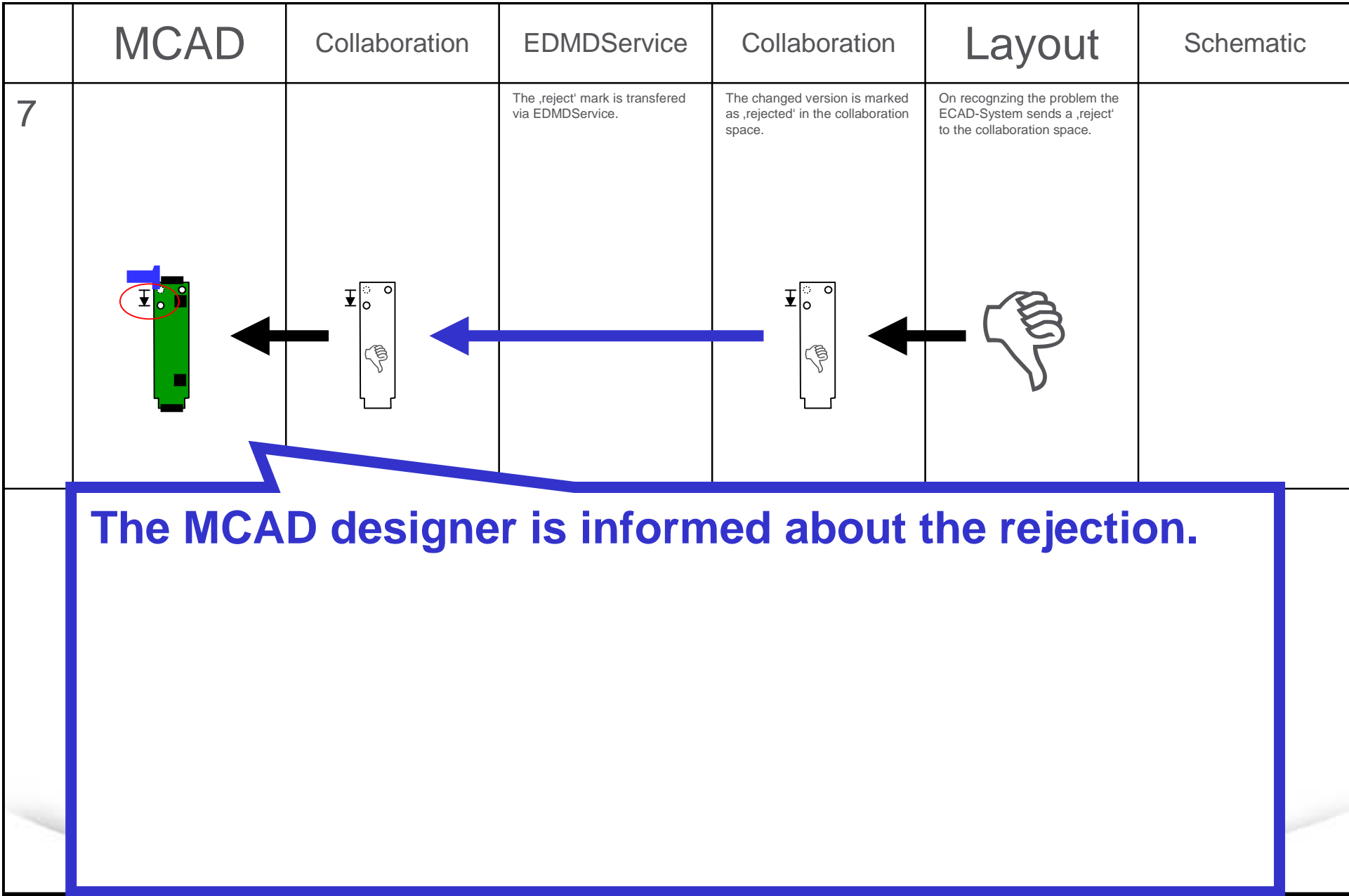


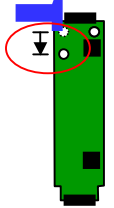
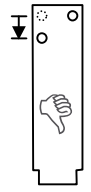
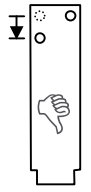

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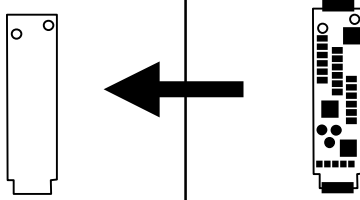
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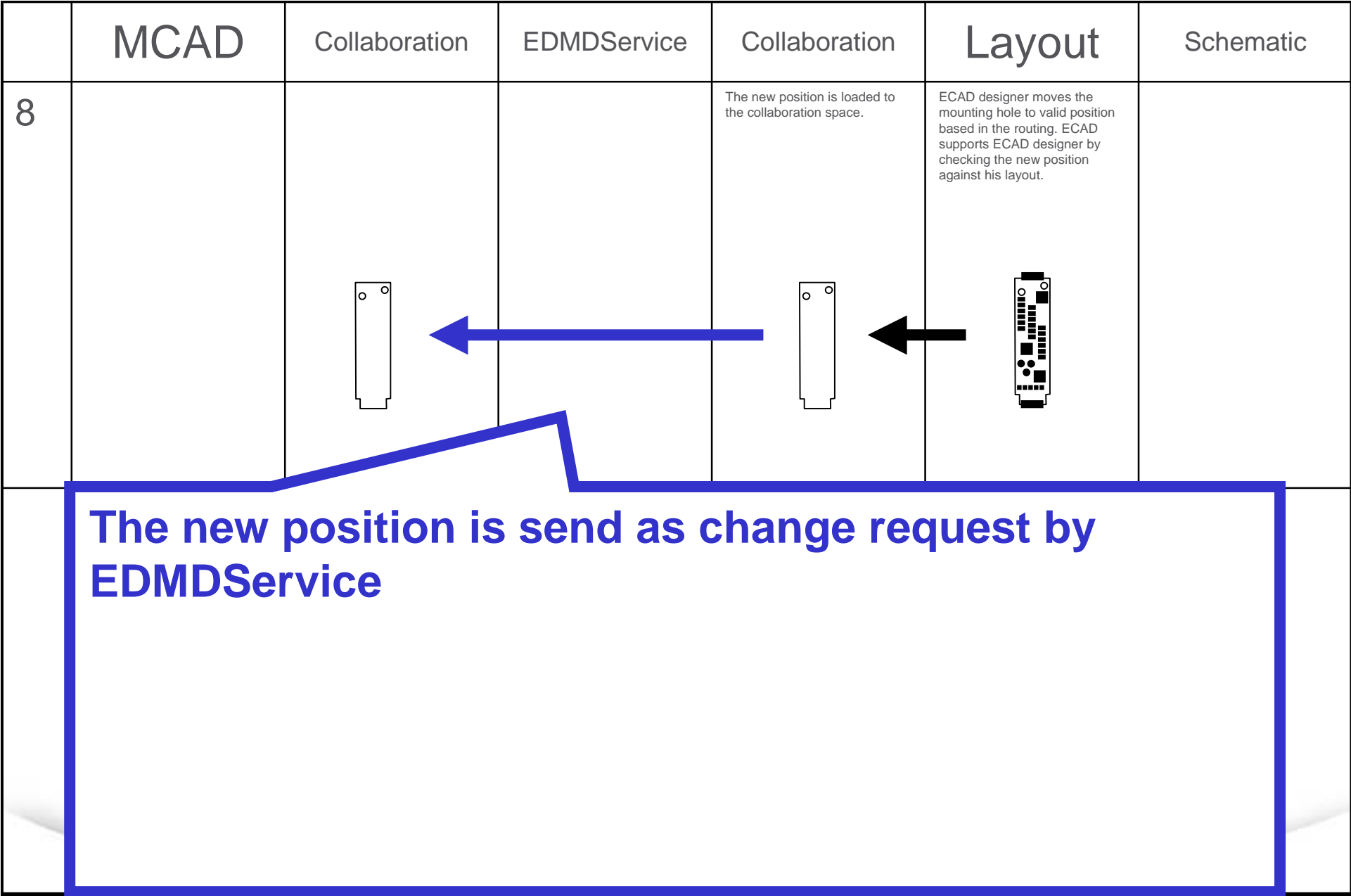
The ,reject' mark is transfered via EDMDSERVICE.



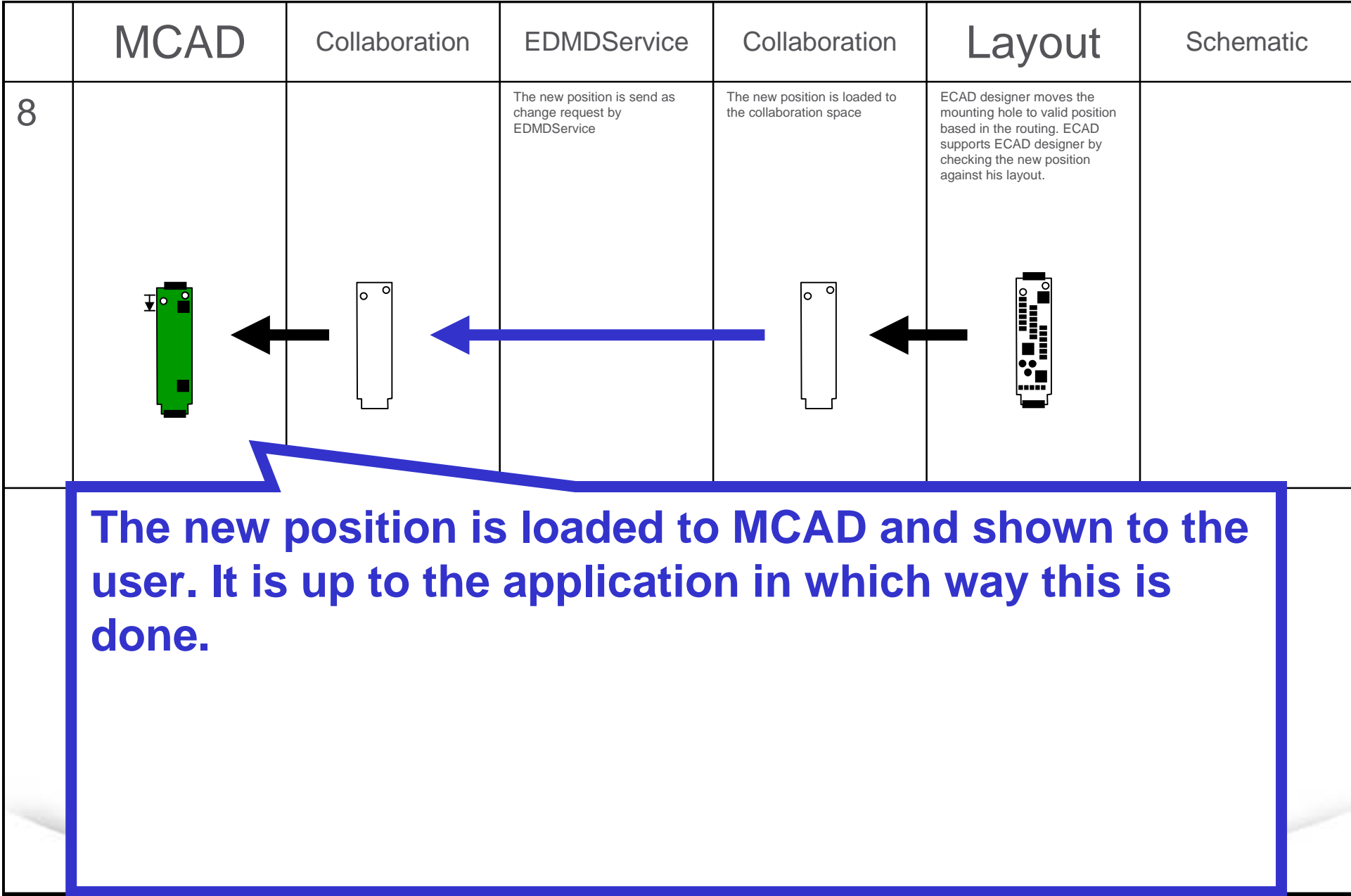
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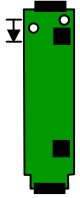


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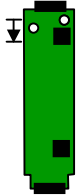
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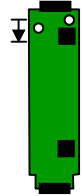



The new position is send as change request by EDMDSERVICE



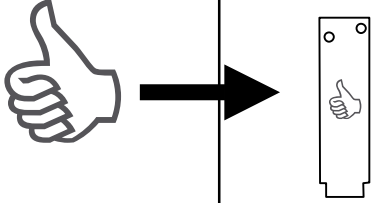
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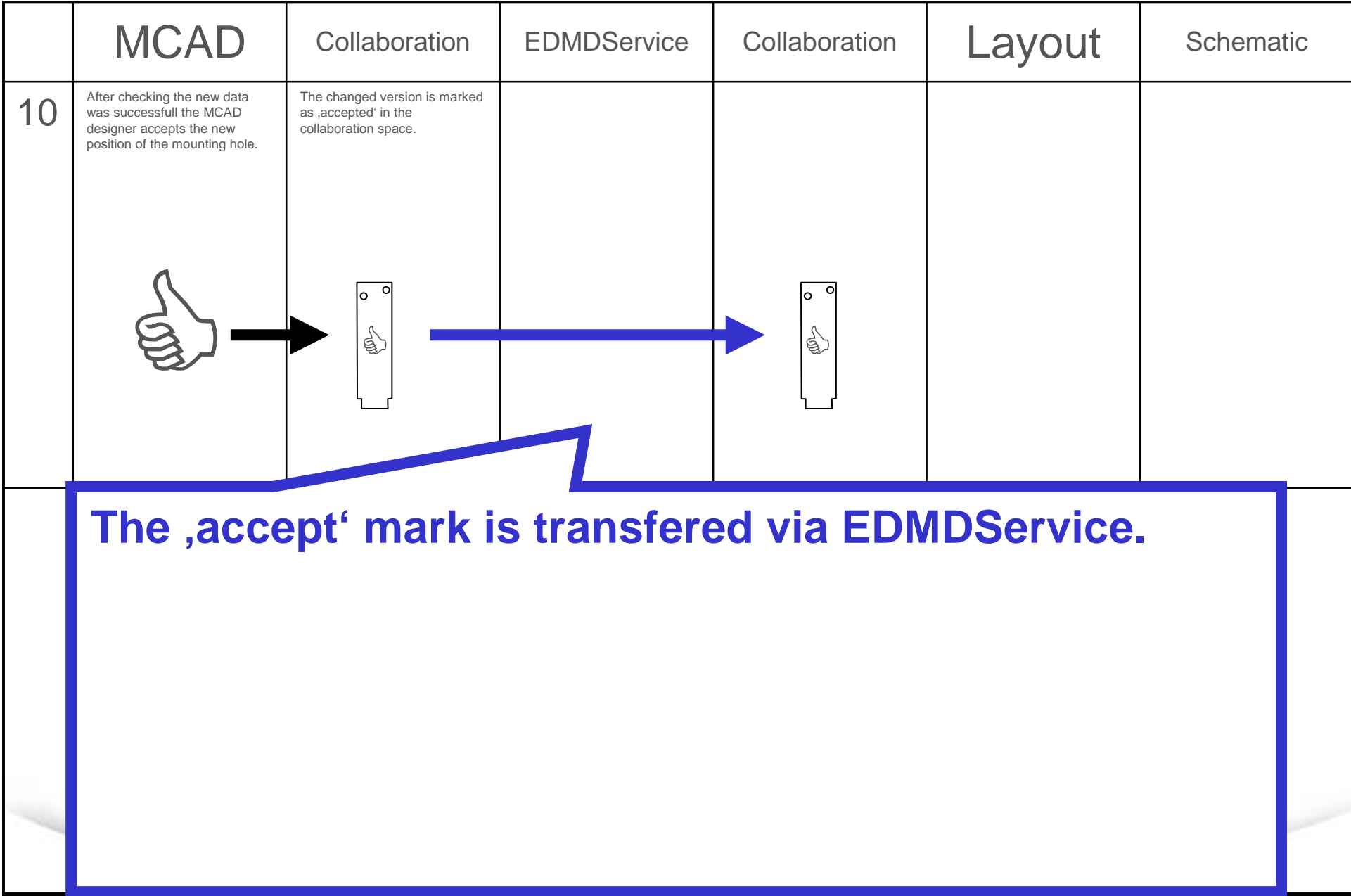
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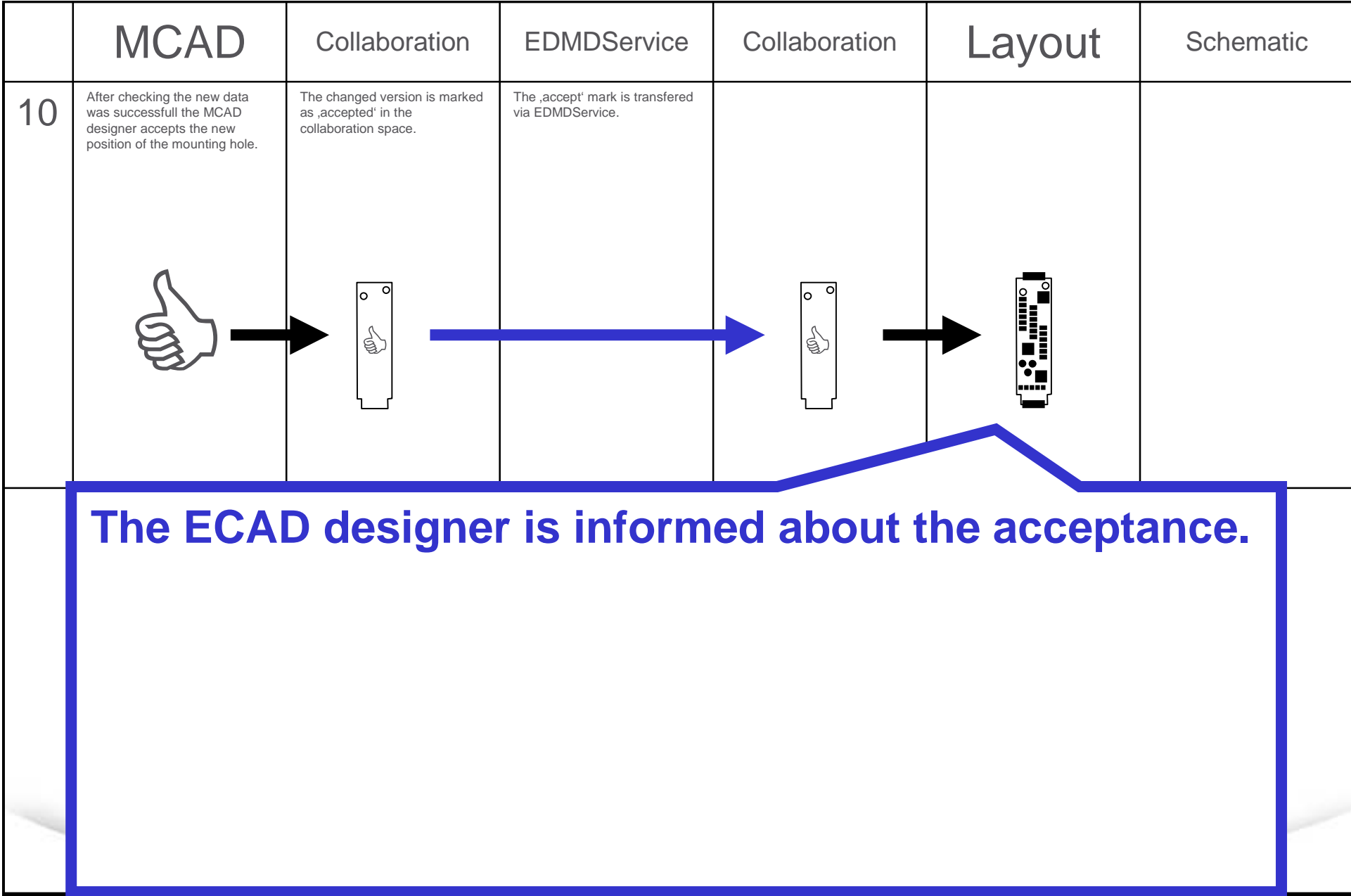
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