

How Mazda uses a best-in-class DAM solution to cut content costs and accelerate speed-to-market



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About Mazda

For more than 100 years, Mazda Motor Corporation has been on a mission to enrich people's lives through the "Joy of Driving".

As one of the largest automotive manufacturers in Japan and the world, Mazda has produced award-winning cars that joyfully combine quality Japanese craftsmanship with sleek, modern aesthetics.

Founded: 1920

Headquartered: Fuchū, Hiroshima, Japan

49,000+
employees

71
subsidiaries

130
sales countries and regions

[*Figures as of June, 2023.](#)

Background

Mazda has thrived for decades as a global leader in the automotive space – an impressive feat in such a competitive industry. The ultimate goal for a car brand is to create brand loyalty among customers that will last a lifetime, and Mazda has achieved consistent success with its joyful marketing campaigns and memorable taglines – “Zoom Zoom” arguably its most famous. These efforts are driven by a globally collaborative marketing machine operating across multiple countries and languages, where efficiency, collaboration, and communication are crucial. To achieve that, Mazda sought to create a digital ecosystem that could facilitate its marketing on a global scale.

All quotes featured in this story are attributed to Luke Roberts, Marketing Lead of the Global Virtual Team at Mazda.



“Our ambition is to globalize and integrate the marketing tools we commonly use – Bynder’s DAM is a key cornerstone of that.”



The challenge

As a truly global entity, marketing at Mazda is not without its challenges. From Tokyo to Toronto, the car brand needs to deliver a consistent customer experience that is recognizably “Mazda”, while also remaining adaptable to regional customs, languages, and consumer habits.

And marketing the Mazda brand not only targets the customer. There are partners, suppliers, and dealers – each persona needs to be equipped with the right marketing materials, knowledgeable about the latest [brand guidelines](#), and collaborate with each other efficiently.

“Every market used its own DAM. They weren’t connected either, so it was becoming inefficient and costly. The main driver was to consolidate and integrate with a best-in-class solution. That was Bynder.”

1,300+

Active users

70%

Reduced asset retouching time
with Creative Workflow

6,000

Average monthly logins

50%

Faster content creation
from brief to upload

80,000+

Total assets

The need

With thousands of employees worldwide, implementing new technology isn't something to be taken lightly, and Mazda needed to ensure any new solution they onboard demonstrated clear ROI, with maximum user adoption.

Assessing the need for a new digital asset management solution, Mazda audited the DAM landscape and assessed a shortlist of vendors according to an extensive list of **91 requirements**.

In short, Mazda was looking for a best-in-class solution that could:

1. Maximize global effectiveness and efficiencies through digital transformation
2. Eliminate silos between technologies and teams to save resources and costs
3. Improve ROI through global sharing and collaboration among regions, markets, departments, and external stakeholders
4. Build the foundation for content automation and personalization at scale.

“Bynder delivers on a number of our key requirements: cutting costs, ease of use, operating in multiple languages, and better overall security and control of assets worldwide.”

Building a global brand portal with Bynder

Mazda's tailor-made [digital asset management solution](#) now operates as the single source of truth for accessing and using brand-compliant digital assets worldwide.

Bynder's experts worked closely with Mazda's global and regional teams to create a solution that not only unified our assets, but was also flexible to local use cases – including a country-specific [file taxonomy](#). That way, regional marketers enjoy more autonomy in their work, while HQ has clear visibility and control over how the brand is marketed around the world. Mazda's Bynder portal also includes extra modules [Creative Workflow](#) and [Studio](#), plus integrations with [Salesforce Marketing Cloud](#) and [Optimizely](#).

Speedy onboarding; lasting support

“Implementation went quicker than we expected – our Onboarding Manager offered great support, and still does.”

Configured to Mazda's global and local needs

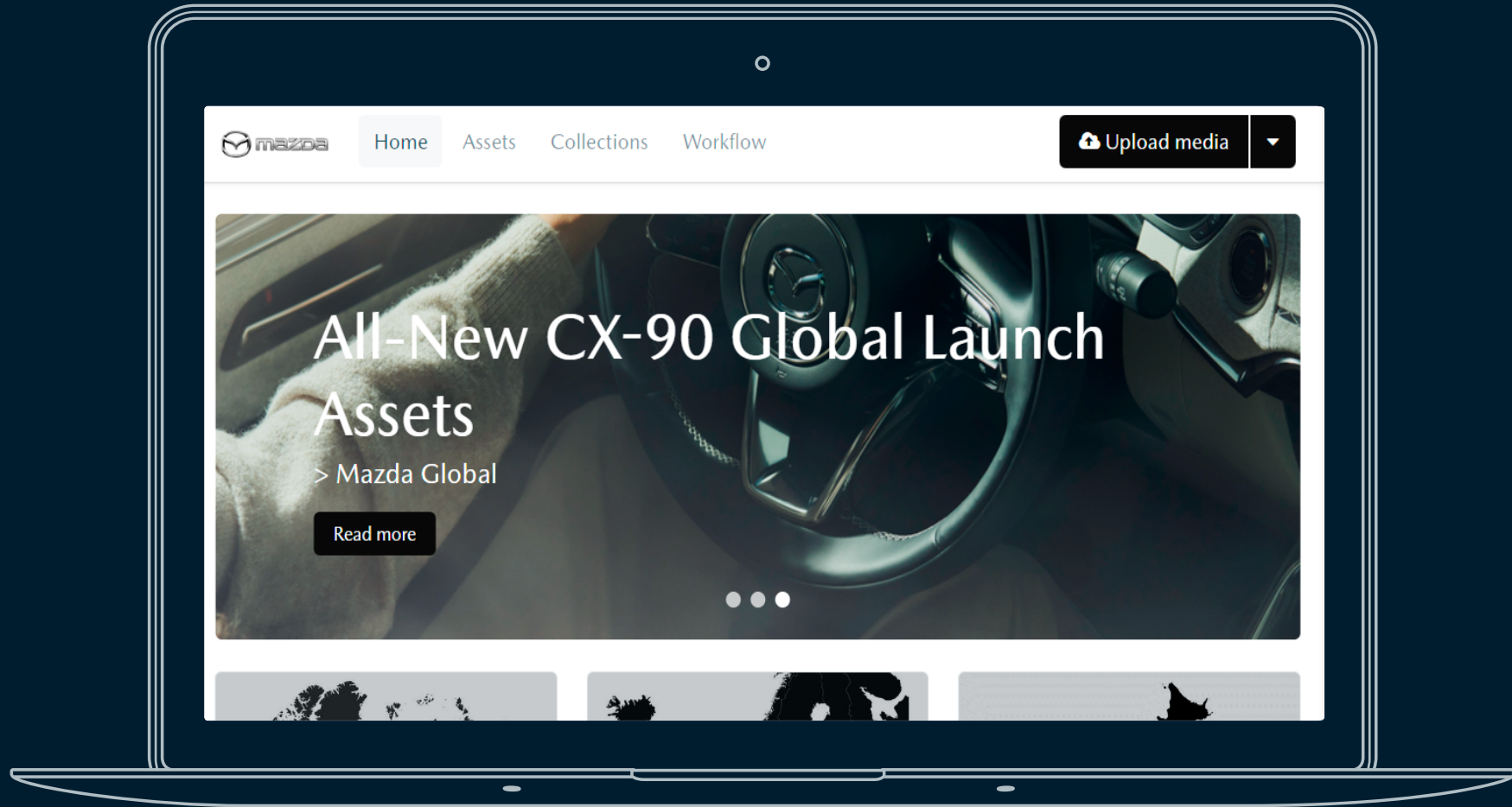
“Our DAM is configured in a way that gives each market complete control over how assets are used and shared across markets. They can share assets globally, or keep them restricted locally – all on one platform.”

Cutting costs and collaborating better

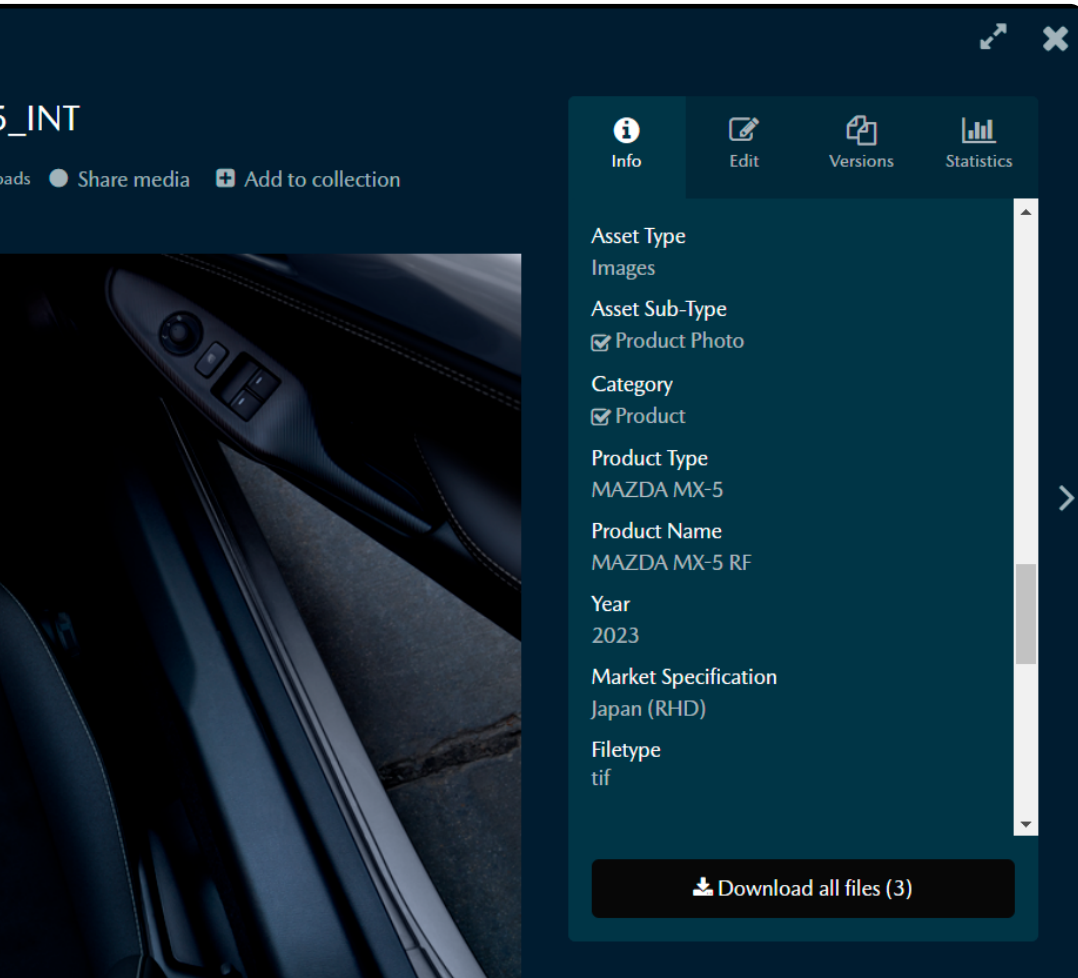
“By having one centralized platform that everyone can access, we're reducing costs by making better use of our assets across markets and reducing duplicate work. We're collaborating better as one brand.”

Enabling a more connected marketing ecosystem

“The goal in adopting DAM was to simplify and make our marketing processes as efficient as possible. It's been the key connector with Mazda's wider marketing ecosystem.”



Mazda's Bynder DAM portal



The benefits

Mazda's ultimate goal with DAM was to ensure its content operations were as efficient as can be – simplifying processes, not overcomplicating them.

By having a single – yet configurable – DAM solution for all markets, duplicate work and manual admin are down; content reuse and cross-market collaboration are up. Whether it's supporting dealerships with the latest showroom brochures, or [integrating with its CMS](#) to fuel on-brand digital experiences, Mazda now benefits from fewer content-related costs, faster time-to-market, and better brand compliance worldwide.

“Bynder has enabled a single source of truth for all digital assets, delivering more value from our digital assets and better brand consistency across the digital ecosystem.”

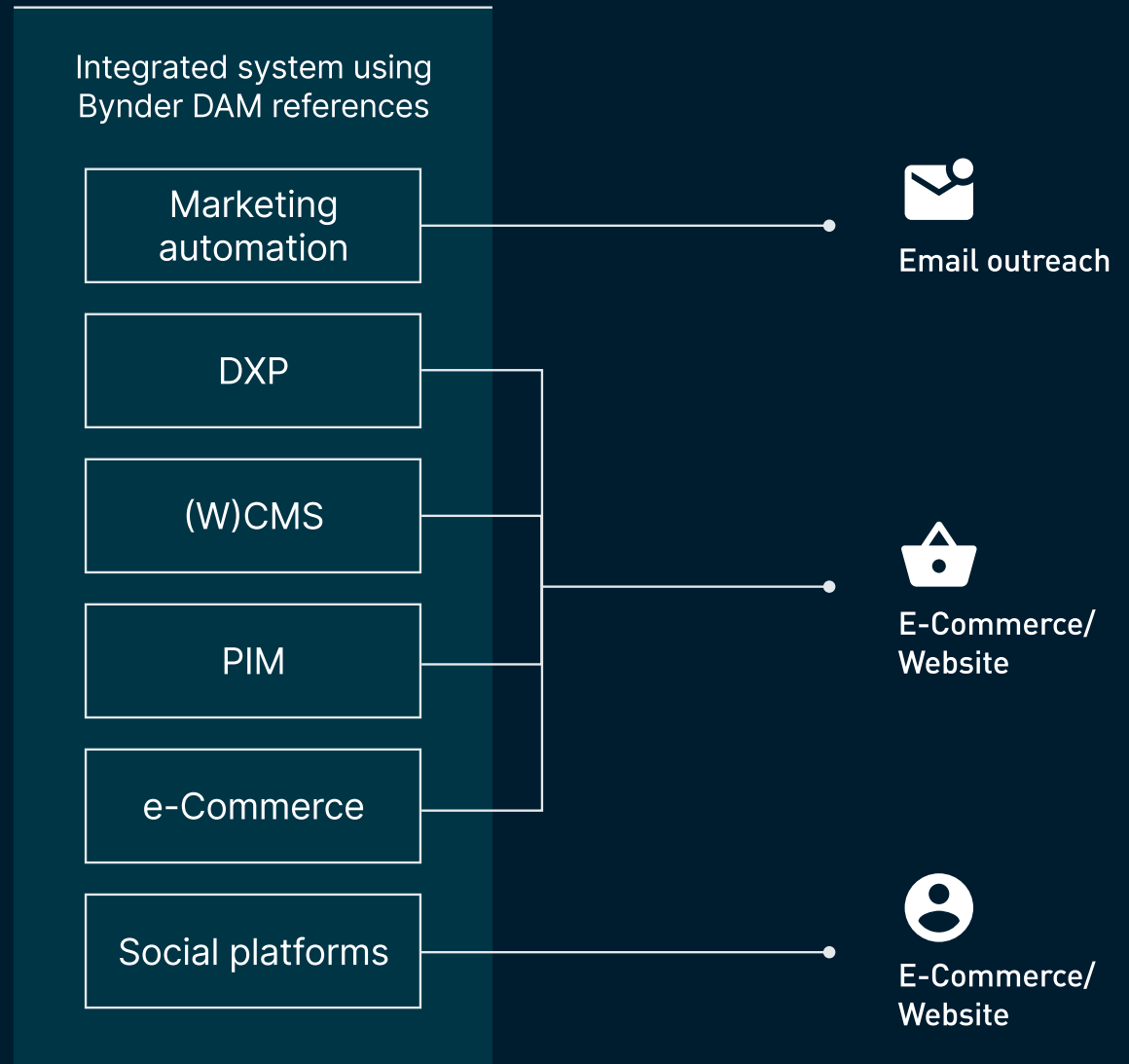


Bynder DAM
System of record
for visual content

Request optimized content
based on visitor



Deliver (cropped)
optimized assets



Beyond digital asset management

Bynder's [Creative Workflow](#) is used to ensure Mazda's HQ, local regions and agencies can review, edit, and approve digital assets in record time – in some cases, **shortening the process by 70%** compared to before.

Marketing teams are now able to create and share globally adaptable, multilingual marketing assets directly from Bynder, ready for dealers to quickly access and use.

A critical use case for Mazda's local markets, Bynder now allows them to better enable dealers with the latest and greatest marketing materials.

What's next for Mazda?

Still expanding the Bynder solution to more markets and teams, Mazda has big plans for DAM and its wider digital ecosystem.

Mazda is starting to use the [Salesforce Marketing Cloud](#) integration to boost the speed-to-market of its brand campaigns. Likewise, Mazda believes [Dynamic Asset Transformation](#) will play a big role in automating the delivery of on-brand assets to its CMS, and subsequently its website:

“DAT has real potential to improve the performance of our websites, speed to market, and cut down on content-related costs.”

“Across 6 major global regions, we’ve received very positive feedback about Bynder’s capability and ease of use.”



About Bynder

Bynder goes far beyond managing digital assets. The digital asset management platform enables teams to conquer the chaos of proliferating content, touchpoints, and relationships in order to thrive. Bynder enables more than 1.7M users across 3,700 organizations, including Spotify, Puma, Five Guys, and Icelandair. Founded in 2013, Bynder has eight offices around the globe, including the Netherlands, the United States, Spain, UK, Australia, and UAE.

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