This chapter gives a summary of the results contained in this volume by presenting these results under four different perspectives.

The chapter is structured as follows: In the first section we (a) discuss what IMPROVE has contributed to a better understanding of design or development processes. Then, in the following section, we (b) explain our achievements for new tool functionality/integration. Both sections for (a) and (b) give a review from the academic perspective. The third section describes (c) how we have influenced the industrial state-of-the-art in the process industries on the one, and in the tool vendor industry on the other hand. Finally, in the last section (d) we sketch IMPROVE’s success story in academia. These four views are the most characteristic ones for the IMPROVE project.

The summary of our findings (what we have achieved, what is still open) on the formal process/product model is not repeated here. This topic was regarded to be so important that its summary was given in an own chapter (cf. Chap. 6).

The summary perspectives, given in the following chapter, do not coincide with the project structure of Fig. 1.27 and, also, with the chapter structure of this book: For example, our findings on tools come from Chaps. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Our results for process understanding stem from Chaps. 2 and 7 but implicitly also from all other chapters. The same is true for the question, which impact we had on industry. Trivially, the success story in academia relates to the whole book.