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INTRODUCTION

0.1 General

The production system life cycle focuses on the design, deployment, commissioning, operation and decommissioning of an entire production facility. Product life cycle management is the process of managing the entire life cycle of a product with the information flows and controls from inception, through engineering design and manufacture, to service and end of life treatment of manufactured products. The supply chain management is the management of the flow of products and services and includes processes that transform raw materials and parts components into final products, and it involves the streamlining of business activities to maximize customer value and gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Each of these dimensions intersects at the vertical integration of machines, plants, and enterprise systems in the equipment hierarchy of an enterprise pyramid. The integration of manufacturing software applications along each dimension and across dimensions helps to enable advanced controls at the shop floor and optimal decision-making at the enterprise. Details of existing manufacturing standards for each of the three life cycle dimensions are provided in [1][1].

Several integration technologies have been individually put into practical use (e.g. CAD/CAM) aiming to accelerate product innovation cycles, streamline supply chains, and increase production system flexibility through information exchange between the dimensions. Details of the integration technologies and capabilities supported by them are provided in [1].

The Asset Administration Shell (AAS) is seen as one interoperable manifestation of a digital twin in manufacturing that facilitates tighter integration within and across the three dimensions mentioned above.

This document is the first part of the series "Asset Administration Shell for industrial applications". The multiple parts of the series will detail structure, information models, definition of services and online interfaces, required security aspects and communication languages including mapping contents of OPC UA and AutomationML models to the Asset Administration Shell.

0.2 Overview on parts of the series

The current planning foresees parts covering the following topics:

- Asset Administration Shell structure (this document)
- information meta model (to allow to access standardized information)
- security provisions for Asset Administration Shells
- online interfaces to Asset Administration Shells
- communication language among sets of Asset Administration Shells
- specification of content of Asset Administration Shells for various domains

This part of IEC 63278 describes requirements towards the general structure, that each possible Asset Administration Shell should comply with. In a following part of the series, this structure will be developed further towards a meta-model of the Asset Administration Shell. Based on these specifications, individual Asset Administration Shells can be created. These individual Asset Administration Shells will be the actual containers of information and will provide information and services with respect to the described asset.

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

0.3 Interoperability

The Asset Administration Shell pursues the overall purpose to support interoperability of software applications. According to ISO/IEC 21823-1, different facets for interoperability can be considered (see Figure 1).

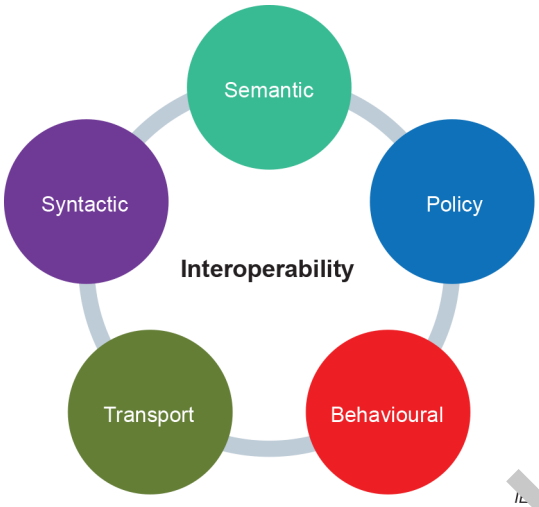

Figure 1 – Facets of interoperability according to ISO/IEC 21823-1

Semantic interoperability considers the meaning of the data model within the context of a subject area so that it is understood by the participating software applications. The Asset Administration Shell addresses semantic interoperability by associating well-known concepts to the data, which is exchanged between the software applications.

Policy interoperability considers the compliance with the legal, organizational, and policy frameworks applicable to the participating software systems. The Asset Administration Shell addresses policy interoperability in the following way:

- The Asset Administration Shell provides uniform identity and access control management including usage restriction for information and services of assets.
- The Asset Administration Shell enables uniform structuring of information and services of assets. This allows the Asset Administration Shell to define and maintain the structure of information and services of an asset and not the individual software applications. This simplifies information management in manufacturing industries by both reducing the effort and increasing the quality of information.

Transport interoperability considers the data transfer between software applications based on an established communication infrastructure between the participating software applications. This facet is not addressed in this part of the series but will be considered in further parts of the series.

Syntactic interoperability considers the data format by which the exchanged information can be understood by the participating software applications. This facet is not addressed in this part of the series but will be considered in further parts of the series.

Behavioural interoperability considers the expected outcomes to interface operations. This facet is addressed by the Asset Administration Shell in the sense that the Asset Administration Shell provides a standardized interface to software applications. The concrete behaviour of this standardized interface will be considered in further parts of the series.

0.4 Key objectives of the Asset Administration Shell

The following statements summarize these discussions and formulate some aims for the Asset Administration Shell, helping to keep the focus:

- Asset Administration Shell aims at establishing cross-company interoperability. Assets within manufacturing are provided by many different enterprises. In order to fulfil the scenarios of today and tomorrow, information and services on assets should be interoperable.
- Asset Administration Shell is intended for non-intelligent and intelligent products. The concept of asset comprises many different entities, with or without the ability to communicate actively or being intelligent. To leverage benefits in engineering, maintenance or operation throughout all hierarchy levels, the idea of the Asset Administration Shell is suitable to be applied by all assets.
- Asset Administration Shell aims at covering the complete life cycle of products, devices, machines and facilities.
  Much useful information on assets is formed in the early phase of their life cycle, such as design, engineering and marketing. To maintain economic efficiency, digitized information from these early phases should be preserved and used in later phases, such as engineering higher level structures and operating and maintaining these structures.
- Asset Administration Shell aims at enabling integrated value chains.
  Assets for manufacturing lines and products are provided by many different value chain partners. To maintain economic efficiency, digitized information should be exchanged among value chain partners. This will also enable advanced production modes (see 0.1).
- Asset Administration Shell is intended to be a base for autonomous systems and artificial intelligence.
  In the future, many benefits are expected from approaches such as autonomous systems and artificial intelligence. These approaches require a sound basis of information and identifiers of elements. The Asset Administration Shell provides both.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 63278 defines the structure of a standardized digital representation of an asset, called Asset Administration Shell (AAS). The Asset Administration Shell gives uniform access to information and services.

The purpose of the Asset Administration Shell is to enable two or more software applications to exchange information and to mutually use the information that has been exchanged in a trusted and secure way.

This document focuses on Asset Administration Shells representing assets of manufacturing enterprises including products produced by those enterprises and the full hierarchy of industrial equipment. It defines the related structures, information, and services.

The Asset Administration Shell applies to:

– any type of industrial process (discrete manufacturing, continuous process, batch process, hybrid production);
– any industrial sector applying industrial-process measurement, control and automation;
– the entire life cycle of assets from idea to end of life treatment;
– assets which are physical, digital, or intangible entities.

2 Normative references

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IEC 62443 (all parts), *Security for industrial automation and control systems*

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3.1 Terms and definitions

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