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Foreword

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Introduction

The ISO 16300 series addresses requirements of users and suppliers of manufacturing software regarding the interoperability of software in the area of industrial automation.

User interoperability requirements include:

— integrating an automation application system by combining capabilities of a set of software components provided by various sources;

— integrating the capability of a software unit from one resource system platform to another platform;

— validating and verifying the capability of a software unit to meet the automation application system requirements.

Supplier requirements include:

— representing the set of capabilities provided by a software component used in a software unit;

— verifying software component capability as a part of a required software unit capability;

— cataloguing a software unit in terms of its capability for interoperability in an automation application system to support wide distribution.

The ISO 16300 series also addresses software interoperability services, which include:

— access to the description of a software capability to enable interoperability assessment;

— enabling the search and location of candidate software units and components, preferably automatically, using search engines;

— representing the dependencies between software components for an automation application hosted on a particular system platform.

Software capability is first defined as a set of functions and services with a set of criteria for evaluating the performance of a capability provider. It is then expressed and represented as facts about the software, how and what it can do. The ISO 16100 series, which deals with manufacturing software capability profiling for interoperability, was developed with the aim of providing a standardized method to describe capabilities of manufacturing software in terms of the Manufacturing Software Unit (MSU) capability profile. In the ISO 16100 series, the software component is included in the MSU. The ISO 16100 series also provides a way to exchange an MSU's capability as information by means of a capability profile. Software capability profiling is the basis for providing the above-mentioned software interoperability services. The ISO 16100 series is used and applied as the foundation for the ISO 16300 series.

To establish the ISO 16300 series, a number of steps were required. The initial step shows what interoperability services are enabled by using software capability profiles. The subsequent steps develop concrete methods and mechanisms to provide these interoperability services. The resulting output from ISO 16300 is divided into the following parts.

— ISO 16300-1 specifies a framework for describing an automation solution in terms of a set of capabilities provided by a set of MSUs. The framework also defines a set of capability elements and composition rules to represent the interoperability criteria in terms of the automation system capability requirements of an enterprise application.

— ISO 16300-2 specifies the template definition to describe the capability of a software unit of an automation solution that can be mapped to the functional requirements of a target manufacturing application. This document also specifies mapping rules for composing the contents of a software unit catalogue item in terms of the properties of the capability.

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— ISO 16300-3 specifies the framework for verifying interoperability of capability units associated with application requirements and system solutions.

— This document (ISO 16300-4) specifies the search methodology for acquiring candidate capability units which satisfy the manufacturing application requirements from the software unit catalogues. It also describes the structure of the report.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the search methodology from software unit catalogues for acquiring candidate capability units which satisfy the manufacturing application requirements.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16100-1:2009, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Manufacturing software capability profiling for interoperability — Part 1: Framework*

ISO 16100-3, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Manufacturing software capability profiling for interoperability — Part 3: Interface services, protocols and capability templates*

ISO 16100-5:2009, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Manufacturing software capability profiling for interoperability — Part 5: Methodology for profile matching using multiple capability class structures*

ISO 16100-6:2018, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Manufacturing software capability profiling for interoperability — Part 6: Interface services and protocols for matching profiles based on multiple capability class structures*

ISO 16300-1:2018, *Automation systems and integration — Interoperability of capability units for manufacturing application solutions — Part 1: Interoperability criteria of capability units per application requirements*

ISO 16300-2:2019, *Automation systems and integration — Interoperability of capability units for manufacturing application solutions — Part 2: Capability templates and software unit cataloguing*

ISO 16300-3:2017, *Automation systems and integration — Interoperability of capability units for manufacturing application solutions — Part 3: Verification and validation of interoperability among capability units*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16100-1, ISO 16100-6, ISO 16300-1, ISO 16300-2, ISO 16300-3 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
capability class
element within the *capability profiling* (3.5) method that represents capabilities with regard to the capability unit's role in a manufacturing activity

3.2
capability class structure
CCS
hierarchy of capability classes

Note 1 to entry: This structure is intended for modelling capability aggregation hierarchies in the target domains of ISO 16100-1:2009, Figure 2.

[SOURCE: ISO 16100-6:2018, 3.2, modified — The abbreviated term "CCS" has been added.]

3.3
capability element
element used to indicate that a particular capability is supported by the entity or manufacturing software unit to which the element belongs

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-1:2018, 3.3]

3.4
capability profile
instance of capability template filled with the concrete values corresponding to the target manufacturing software unit

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-1:2018, 3.4]

3.5
capability profiling
selection of a set of offered services defined by a particular interface within a software interoperability framework

[SOURCE: ISO 16100-1:2009, 3.5]

3.6
capability template
template
schema representing a capability class

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-1:2018, 3.6]

3.7
capability unit
unit of a type (i.e. mechanical, electrical, electronic, hardware, and/or software, etc.) intended to support the execution of a particular task.

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-1:2018, 3.7]

3.8
manufacturing domain data
MDD
information about manufacturing resources, manufacturing activities, or items exchanged among manufacturing resources within a particular manufacturing domain

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-2:2019, 3.9]

3.9
manufacturing domain model
MDM
particular view of a manufacturing domain, consisting of manufacturing domain data and relationships among them, corresponding to the domain's applications

[SOURCE: ISO 16100-5:2009, 3.5]

3.10
manufacturing software unit
MSU
class of software resource, consisting of one or more manufacturing software components, performing a definite function or role within a manufacturing activity while supporting a common information exchange mechanism with other units

Note 1 to entry: A software unit can be modelled using UML as a software object.

Note 2 to entry: In this document, "capability unit" stands for "manufacturing software unit (MSU)".

[SOURCE: ISO 16100-1:2009, 3.18, modified — The abbreviated term "MSU" has been added and Note 2 to entry has been added.]

3.11
matched MSU capability profile
MSU capability profile which fulfils the capabilities defined in the required capability profile

3.12
software capability description dictionary
collection of manufacturing domain data in capability elements to describe the capability of software, where all manufacturing domain data are uniquely identified

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-2:2019, 3.12]

3.13
software unit catalogue
collection of capability profiles using the same capability template representing one or more manufacturing software units for the same manufacturing activity in the activity tree

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-2:2019, 3.13]

3.14
MSU provider
entity that provides the *manufacturing software units* (3.10) which are registered in the *software unit catalogue* (3.13)

[SOURCE: ISO 16300-2:2019, 3.15]

3.15
MSU user
entity that uses the *manufacturing software units* (3.10) which are registered in the *software unit catalogue* (3.13)

4 Overview of capability unit assessment

4.1 Brief of software unit catalogue

The software capability description dictionary is used to understand the semantics of capability profiles in the software unit catalogue. The software capability description dictionary defines the capability elements to describe the capabilities of the software.

Figure 1 shows the software unit catalogue defined in ISO 16300-2. The software unit catalogue refers to the software capability description dictionary to translate the semantics of the capability template and the capability profiles. Each MSU has one capability profile which belongs to one capability template in the software unit catalogue. An example of a capability template is shown in Annex A.
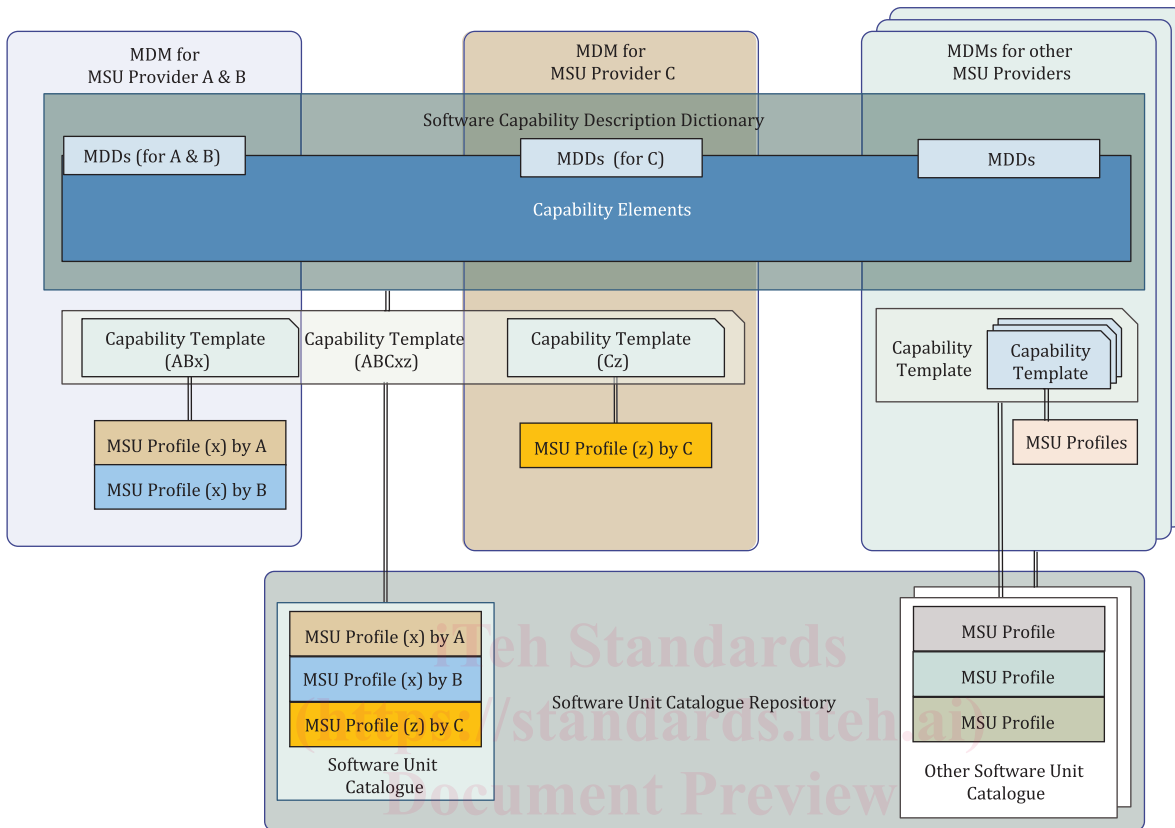

Figure 1 — Software unit catalogue

The software unit catalogues enable MSUs to be reused when developing a new manufacturing application. MSU users can retrieve appropriate MSUs through capability profiles in the software unit catalogues.

For the capability unit assessment procedure using the software unit catalogue, the following are required:

— capability profiles shall be described according to ISO 16100-3 and ISO 16100-5;

— capability profiles shall use the registered capability templates in the capability template repository;

— capability templates shall be described according to ISO 16300-2.

4.2   Overall procedure of capability unit assessment

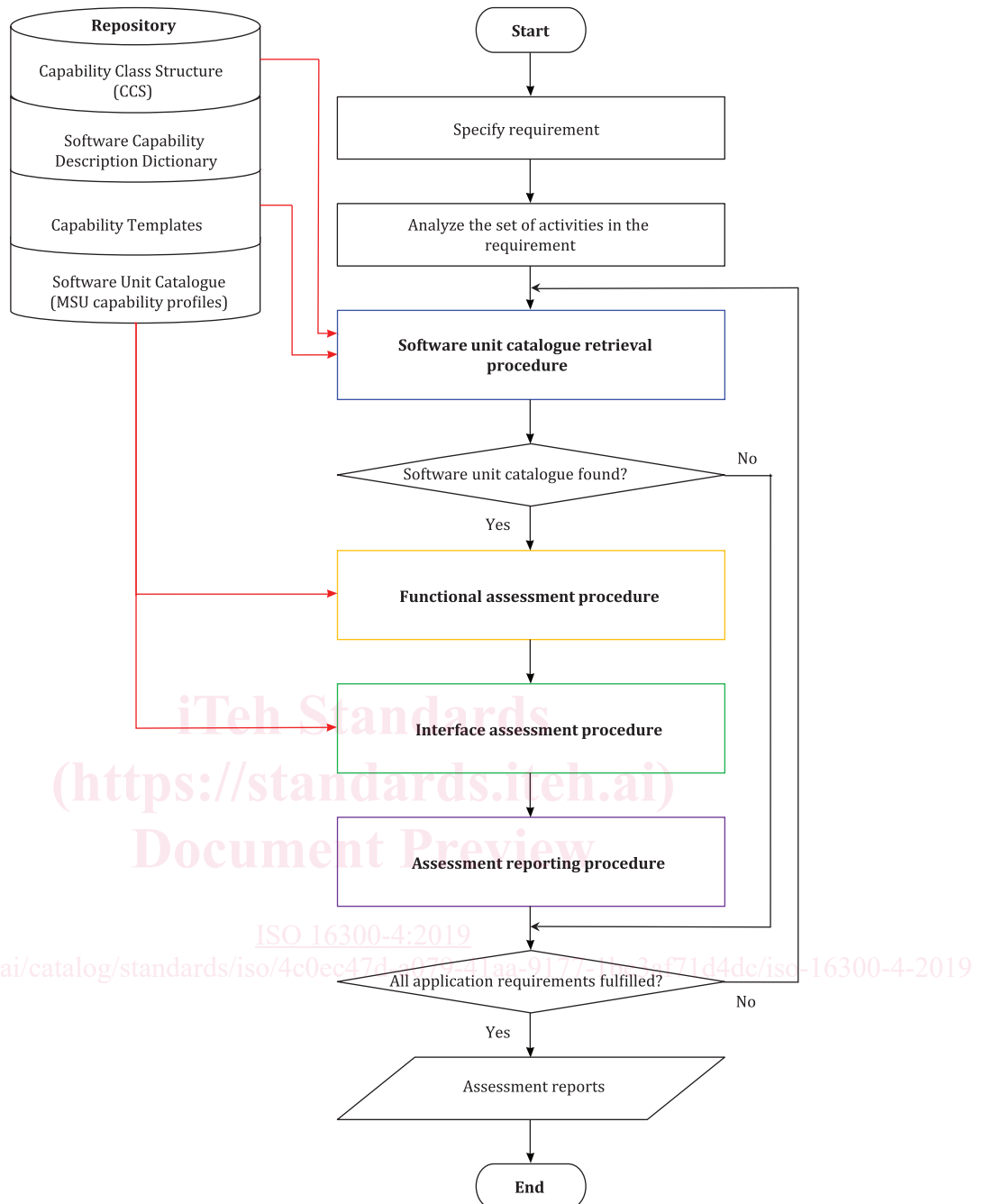Figure 2 shows the overall procedure of the capability unit assessment.

Figure 2 — Overall procedure of capability unit assessment

Before performing the assessment procedure, MSU users shall do the following:

a) a manufacturing application requirement should be specified;

b) the requirement shall be decomposed as a set of activities.

For each required capability profile, the MSU capability profiles in the software unit catalogue shall be assessed by the following four procedures:

a) Software unit catalogue retrieval procedure

This procedure supports the syntax matching and the semantic matching to recognize the appropriate software unit catalogue through the capability template.