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52 INTRODUCTION

53 **0.1 General**

54 Production system life cycle focuses on the design, deployment, commissioning, operation and decommissioning
55 of an entire production facility. Product life cycle management is the process of managing the entire life cycle of a
56 product with the information flows and controls from inception, through engineering design and manufacture, to
57 service and end of life treatment of manufactured products. The supply chain management is the management of
58 the flow of products and services and includes processes that transform raw materials, and parts components into
59 final products, and it involves the streamlining of business activities to maximize customer value and gain a
60 competitive advantage in the marketplace. Each of these dimensions intersects at the vertical integration of
61 machines, plants, and enterprise systems in the equipment hierarchy of an enterprise pyramid. The integration of
62 manufacturing software applications along each dimension and across dimensions helps to enable advanced
63 controls at the shop floor and optimal decision-making at the enterprise. Details of existing manufacturing standards
64 for each of the three life cycle dimensions are provided in [5].

65 Several integration technologies have been individually put into practical use (e.g. CAD/CAM) aiming to accelerate
66 product innovation cycles, streamline supply chains, and increase production system flexibility through information
67 exchange between the dimensions. Details of the integration technologies and capabilities supported by them are
68 provided in [5].

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

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

75 **0.2 Overview on parts of the series**

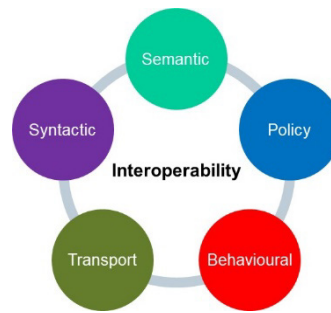
76 The current planning foresees parts covering the following topics:

- 77 • Asset Administration Shell structure (this document)
- 78 • Information meta model (to allow to access standardized information)
- 79 • Security provisions for Asset Administration Shells
- 80 • Online interfaces to Asset Administration Shells
- 81 • Communication language among sets of Asset Administration Shells
- 82 • Specification of content of Asset Administration Shells for various domains

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

88 **0.3 Interoperability**

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



92
93 **Figure 1 – Facets of interoperability according to ISO/IEC 21823-1**

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

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

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

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

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

- 111 • The Asset Administration Shell provides uniform identity and access control management including
112 usage restriction for information and services of assets.
- 113 • The Asset Administration Shell enables uniform structuring of information and services of assets. This
114 allows that the structure of information and services of an asset is defined and maintained by the Asset
115 Administration Shell and not by the individual software applications. This simplifies information
116 management in manufacturing industries by both reducing the effort and increasing the quality of
117 information.

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119 **0.4 Key objectives of the Asset Administration Shell**

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

- 122 • **Asset Administration Shell aims at establishing cross-company interoperability.**
123 Assets within manufacturing are provided by many different enterprises. In order to fulfil the scenarios of today
124 and tomorrow, information and services on assets need to be interoperable.
- 125 • **Asset Administration Shell is intended for non-intelligent and intelligent products.**
126 The perception of asset comprises many different entities, with or without the ability to communicate actively or
127 being intelligent. To leverage benefits in engineering, maintenance or operation throughout all hierarchy levels,
128 the idea of the Asset Administration Shell is suitable to be applied by all assets.
- 129 • **Asset Administration Shell aims at covering the complete life cycle of products, devices, machines
130 and facilities.**
131 Much useful information on assets is formed in the early phase of their life cycle, such as design,
132 engineering and marketing. To maintain economic efficiency, digitized information from these early phases
133 needs to be preserved and used in later phases, such as engineering higher level structures and operating and
134 maintaining these structures.

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- **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 needs to 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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Asset Administration Shell for industrial applications

Part 1: Asset Administration Shell structure

1 Scope

This document defines the structure of a standardized digital representation of an asset, called Asset Administration Shell. 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 focusses 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

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 62832-1:2020, *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation – Digital Factory framework – Part 1: General principles*.

IEC 62832-2:2020, *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation – Digital Factory framework – Part 2: Model elements*.

IEC 62890:2020, *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation – Life-cycle-management for systems and components*.

IEC TR 63283-1: *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation – Smart Manufacturing – Part 1: Terms and definitions*.

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms, and conventions

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1.1

asset

physical, digital, or intangible entity that has value to an individual or an organization

[SOURCE: IEC 741-01-04 (modified)]

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Note 1 to entry: An asset can be single entity, a collection of entities, an assembly of entities or a composition of entities.

- 187 EXAMPLE 1 Examples for physical entities are equipment, raw material, parts components and pieces, supplies, consumables,
188 physical products and waste.
- 189 EXAMPLE 2 Software is an example of a digital asset.
- 190 EXAMPLE 3 A software license is an example of an intangible asset.
- 191 **3.1.2**
- 192 **Asset Administration Shell**
- 193 **AAS**
- 194 standardized digital representation of an asset
- 195 **3.1.3**
- 196 **AAS interface**
- 197 interface of an AAS giving uniform access to information and services
- 198 EXAMPLE Examples for services are exploration services, asset services, and asset related services.
- 199 **3.1.4**
- 200 **AAS responsible**
- 201 Individual or organization having interest in an asset and governing an Asset Administration Shell
- 202 **3.1.5**
- 203 **AAS user application**
- 204 software application which accesses an AAS via its AAS interface(s) for use by humans or for automatic processing
- 205 **3.1.6**
- 206 **asset integration**
- 207 software and/or computing infrastructure needed to access asset services
- 208 **3.1.7**
- 209 **asset service**
- 210 service that is provided by the considered asset
- 211 **3.1.8**
- 212 **asset related service**
- 213 service that is not provided by the considered asset, but by software and/or by computing infrastructure outside of
214 the considered asset
- 215 **3.1.9**
- 216 **component**
- 217 product used as a constituent in an assembled product, system or plant
- 218 [SOURCE: IEC 61666:2010, 3.6]
- 219 **3.1.10**
- 220 **concept**
- 221 unit of knowledge created by a unique combination of characteristics
- 222 [SOURCE: IEC 61360-1:2016, 3.1.8] 3D/265/CDV
- 223 **3.1.11**
- 224 **concept repository**
- 225 collection of entries that allows lookup by concept identifier and where relationships between entries can
226 be described
- 227 [SOURCE: IEC 62832-1:2020, 3.1.5, modified – "concept dictionary" deleted]
- 228 **3.1.12**
- 229 **concept repository entry**
- 230 description of a concept containing, at a minimum, an unambiguous concept identifier, a preferred name,
231 and a description
- 232 [SOURCE: IEC 62832-1:2020, 3.1.6]
- 233 **3.1.13**
- 234 **dereferencing**
- 235 act of retrieving a digital representation based on an identifier of the entity

- 236 **3.1.14**
237 **digital representation**
238 information and services representing an entity from a given viewpoint
- 239 EXAMPLE 1 Examples of information are properties (e.g. maximum temperature), actual parameters (e.g. actual velocity), events
240 (e.g. notification of status change), schematics (electrical) and visualization information (2D drawings, 3D drawing).
- 241 EXAMPLE 2 Examples of services are providing the history of the configuration data, providing the actual velocity, and providing a simulation.
- 242 EXAMPLE 3 Examples of viewpoints are mechanical, electrical, or commercial characteristics.
- 243 **3.1.15**
244 **end of life treatment**
245 operation after a waste has been handed over to a facility for product and product part reuse, material
246 recycling, energy recovery and residue disposal
- 247 Note 1 to entry: This includes dismantling, material separation and disposal.
- 248 SOURCE: IEC TR 62635:2012, 3.3, modified – Hyphens in term deleted, insertion of Note 1 to entry
- 249 **3.1.16**
250 **entity**
251 thing (physical or non-physical) having a distinct existence
- 252 [SOURCE: ISO/IEC FDIS 20924, 3.1.18]
- 253 **3.1.17**
254 **industrial sector**
255 grouping based on similar production processes, similar products, similar activities or similar behaviour in financial
256 markets
- 257 [SOURCE: Alliance pour l'Industrie du Futur - Smart Manufacturing Standards Landscape]
- 258 Examples: Health care technology, Environment-Health protection-Safety, Metrology and measurement-Physical phenomena, Testing,
259 Mechanical systems and components for general use, Fluid systems and components for general use, Manufacturing engineering, Energy and
260 heat transfer engineering, Electrical engineering, Electronics, Telecommunications-Audio and video engineering, Information technology, Image
261 technology, Precision mechanics-Jewellery, Road vehicles engineering, Railway engineering, Shipbuilding and marine structures, Aircraft and
262 space vehicle engineering, Materials handling equipment, Packaging and distribution of goods, Textile and leather technology, Clothing industry,
263 Agriculture, Food technology, Chemical technology, Mining and minerals, Petroleum and related technologies, Metallurgy, Wood technology,
264 Glass and ceramics industries, Rubber and plastic industries, Paper technology, Paint and colour industries, Construction materials and building,
265 Civil engineering, Military affairs-Military engineering-Weapons, Domestic and commercial equipment-Entertainment-Sports.
- 266 **3.1.18**
267 **interface**
268 shared boundary between two entities defined by functional characteristics, signal characteristics, or other
269 characteristics as appropriate
- 270 **3.1.19**
271 **interoperability**
272 capability of two or more entities to exchange items in accordance with a set of rules and mechanisms
273 implemented by an interface in each entity, in order to perform their respective tasks
- 274 Note 1 to entry: Examples of entities include devices, equipment, machines, people, processes, applications, software units,
275 systems and enterprises.
- 276 Note 2 to entry: Examples of items include information, material, energy, control, assets and ideas.
- 277 **3.1.20**
278 **instance asset**
279 specific asset that is uniquely identifiable
- 280 EXAMPLE Examples of instance assets are material, a product, a part, a device, a machine, software, a control system, or a
281 production system.
- 282 **3.1.21**
283 **property instance**
284 information consisting at least of the identifier of a property type and a property value
- 285 Note 1 to entry: The concept of type and instance applies to properties. If omitted, the term property refers to property types.
- 286 Note 2 to entry: The property instances have a value which might be provided by the manufacturer or another partner in the value chain.
287 Sometimes, a property instance exists without a specific value, e.g. giving an existential statement.
- 288 Note 3 to entry: A property instance is also called property-value pair in certain standards. A property instance is also called data element in
289 some standards.