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INTRODUCTION

System evaluation is a method used to review and select newly developed or rebuilt systems through systematic analysis, considering aspects such as technology, economy, society, and ecology. The system evaluation is carried out according to predetermined system objectives. The purpose is to evaluate the most suitable solution for the application or use case.

An IoT system evaluation usually includes the following steps:

- defining the system of interest and the associated environment,
- reviewing existing relevant standards to set appropriate minimum requirements,
- determining the evaluation items and the resulting list of indicators,
- determining the observable items and collecting relevant information,
- determining the methods and criteria for evaluation, and
- conducting the evaluation.

The conclusion of the evaluation indicator scheme is the basis of the system evaluation process, which can provide evaluation criteria for the objective IoT systems.

IoT systems are being widely used in energy, agriculture, manufacturing, finance, environmental protection and other industries. To identify the advantages and disadvantages among IoT systems, it is important to develop a standard to help users to select appropriate indicators when evaluating the performance of targeted systems.

The set of evaluation indicators described in this document can be considered as a profile, which can be used for the evaluation of IoT systems in the planning phase, the real-time monitoring phase, or the phase after deployment. The specification of other profiles depends on the system that is evaluated. For instance, if an IoT system includes artificial intelligence or digital twin capabilities, additional indicators can be added. Likewise, if an IoT system corresponds to a vertical domain (e.g. health, manufacturing, energy), additional indicators can be added.

1 Scope

This document specifies the evaluation indicators for IoT systems.

This document is applicable to the compilation of the evaluation indicators for IoT systems in specific industries.

NOTE The indicators identified in this document are typical indicators but are not a comprehensive list; and conversely, not every indicator listed applies to every IoT system.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1 IoT system

system providing functionalities of IoT

Note 1 to entry: An IoT system can include, but not be limited to, IoT devices, IoT gateways, sensors, and actuators.
[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 20924:2024 [1], 3.2.15]

3.2 indicator

measure that provides an estimate or evaluation of specified attributes derived from a model with respect to defined information needs

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC/IEEE 15939:2017 [2], 3.10]

3.3 indicator scheme

collection including catalogued indicator defined by common features

Note 1 to entry: The indicator scheme is a systematic and coherent set of indicators that reflects the entire evaluation object.

3.4 criteria

rules on which a judgment or decision can be based, or by which a product, service, result, or process can be evaluated

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC/IEEE 15289:2019 [3], 3.1.6]

4 Framework of indicator scheme

4.1 Indicator scheme classification

Indicators are grouped according to the following categories:

- system architecture indicators;
- system functional indicators;
- system quality indicators.

Each category is further structured into subcategories.

EXAMPLE System management is a subcategory of system architecture.

The following referencing scheme is used.

- Categories are identified as follows: A<x>.
- Subcategories are identified as follows: A<x>-B<y>.
- Indicators are identified as follows: A<x>-B<y>-C<z>.

<x>, <y>, and <z> indicate serial numbers to identify themselves. This referencing scheme is applied consistently in Table 1 to Table 14.

4.2 System architecture indicators

The system architecture indicators category includes two subcategories: system management (with three indicators), and compatibility and interoperability (with four indicators). These subcategories encompass a total of seven indicators, as shown in Figure 1.

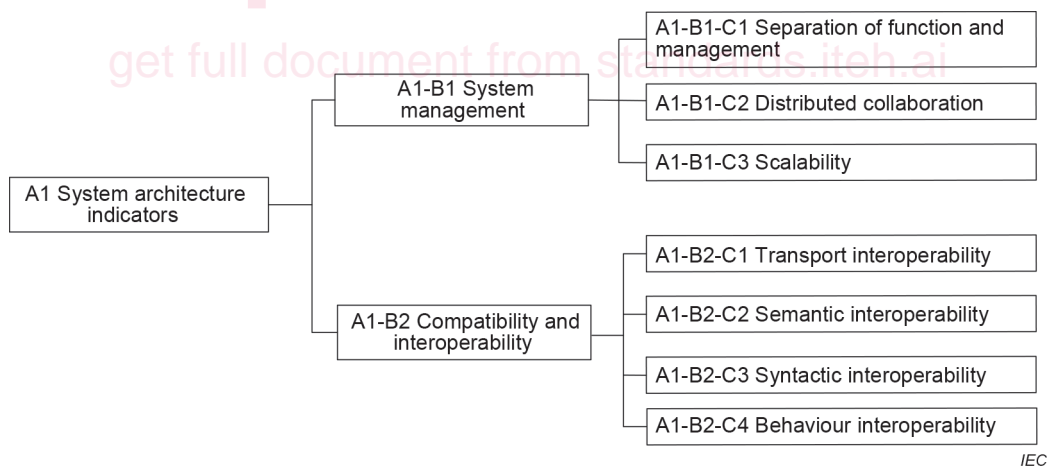
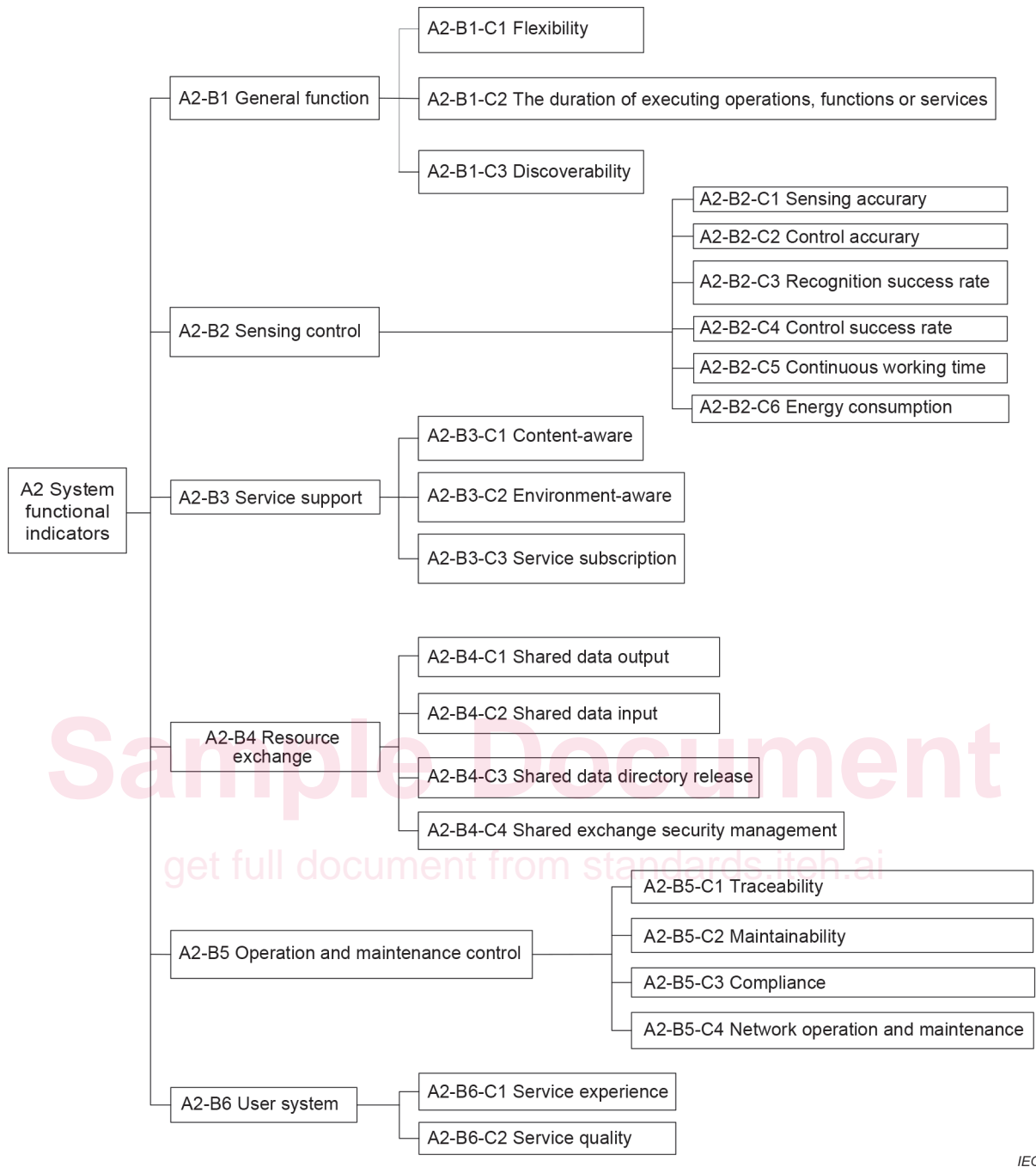


Figure 1 – System architecture indicators

4.3 System functional indicators

The system functional indicators category includes six subcategories: general function (with three indicators), sensing control (with six indicators), service support (with three indicators), resource exchange (with four indicators), operation and maintenance control (with four indicators), and user system (with two indicators). These subcategories encompass a total of 22 indicators, as shown in Figure 2.



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Figure 2 – System functional indicators

4.4 System quality indicators

The system quality indicators category includes six subcategories: trustworthiness (with three indicators), information security (with eight indicators), privacy protection (with two indicators), reliability (with four indicators), resilience (with three indicators), and physical security (with four indicators). These subcategories encompass a total of 24 indicators, as shown in Figure 3.