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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to facilitate the joint usage of the process content of the latest revisions of both ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207, by providing unified and consolidated guidance on life cycle management of systems and software. This is to help ensure consistency in system concepts and life cycle concepts, models, stages, processes, process application, key points of view, adaptation and use in various domains as the two International Standards are used in combination. That will in turn help a project team design a life cycle model for managing the progress of their project. Hence, ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207 are the documents that apply the concepts found in this document to specific processes.

NOTE   ISO/IEC/IEEE 16326 also applies the concepts found in this document, in the process context for project management.

This document will also aid in identifying and planning use of life cycle processes described in ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207 that will enable the project to be completed successfully, meeting its objectives/requirements for each stage and for the overall project.

Besides the above, there is also increasing recognition of the importance of helping to ensure that all life cycle stages and all aspects within each stage are supported with thorough guidance to enable alignment with any process documents that might subsequently be created that focus on areas besides systems and software, including hardware, humans, data, processes (e.g. review process), procedures (e.g. operator instructions), facilities and naturally occurring entities (e.g. water, organisms, minerals).

By addressing these needs specifically in this document, the users of the process-focused ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 will not only benefit from having one document complementarily addressing the aspect of product or service life cycle: they will also benefit from a framework that links life cycle management aspects to more than just the systems or software aspects of products or services.

ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207 also have published guidelines (ISO/IEC/IEEE 24748-2 and ISO/IEC TR 24748-3), respectively, to support use of the two revised International Standards individually.

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1 Scope

This document provides guidelines for the life cycle management of systems and software, complementing the processes described in ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207. This document:

— addresses systems concepts and life cycle concepts, models, stages, processes, process application, key points of view, adaptation and use in various domains and by various disciplines;

— establishes a common framework for describing life cycles, including their individual stages, for the management of projects to provide, or acquire either products or services;

— defines the concept and terminology of a life cycle;

— supports the use of the life cycle processes within an organization or a project. Organizations and projects can use these life cycle concepts when acquiring and supplying either products or services;

— provides guidance on adapting a life cycle model and the content associated with a life cycle or a part of a life cycle;

— describes the relationship between life cycles and their use in applying the processes in ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 (systems aspects) and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207 (software aspects);

— shows the relationships of life cycle concepts to the hardware, human, services, process, procedure, facility and naturally occurring entity aspects of projects; and

— describes how its concepts relate to detailed process standards, for example, in the areas of measurement, project management and risk management.

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.

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

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