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## Introduction

There is a confirmed opportunity for industries to have a structured approach on 3D product visualization and to enable integration of product data in visualization applications across the life cycle of the product in all areas of a company.

The integrated standard for the exchange of product model data (STEP) in the enterprise processes has great value to contribute to this goal.

Business scenarios exist related to the visualization of product data other than geometry (e.g. metadata, production data, financial data).

The ability to trustfully share, distribute, collect, store, maintain, transfer, process and present product data associated with its geometry to support business processes distributed in enterprise networks is a key component of the digital transformation of our industries.

As long as data sets are managed by a single management system, we can ensure quality and traceability of the data set. However, when data is shared with partners in a supply chain, the data sets are usually copied and extracted from their initial management system and they lose all the traceability and links with the other product data. This document provides a solution to this problem.

This document is the first of a series of documents to provide an integrated framework using the ISO 10303 series to allow the consumption of product data in supply-chains and in companies using geometries as human-computer interface to access these product data through visualization applications. This is realized by using metadata to support the audit trail of the transformation of a geometry definition, and web services based on the utilisation of these metadata. This framework can also be used for automated product data consumption by software.

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