



Introduction

The Unified Architecture Framework® (UAF®) is a generic and commercially orientated architecture framework based on the Unified Profile for DoDAF and MODAF™ (UPDM™). UAF defines ways of representing an enterprise architecture that enables stakeholders to focus on specific areas of interest in the enterprise while retaining sight of the big picture. UAF meets the specific business, operational and systems-of-systems integration needs of commercial and industrial enterprises as well as the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other defense organizations.

The UAF standard is based on the Object Management Group® (OMG®) Unified Modeling Language™ (UML®) 2.0 and the Systems Modeling Language™ (SysML®) standards.

UAF was initially developed as UPDM 3.0 in response to a need from the UML®/SysML and military communities to develop standardized and consistent enterprise architectures based on the U.S. Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF) and the UK Ministry of Defence Architecture Framework (MODAF). Initial requirements were derived from both military frameworks as well as the NAF (NATO Architecture Framework). When these requirements were combined with requirements from the business sector (because 90 percent of the concepts and themes captured in the military frameworks are equally applicable in the commercial domains), UAF, as a commercial framework that supports the needs of the commercial sector as well as the military, was born. Participants included a broad spectrum of interested parties, covering industry, tool vendors, and end users as well as representatives of the DoD and MOD.

Value Proposition

Because of increasing complexity and rising costs, it is important to ensure that systems that are being developed can talk to each other and meet the overarching capability that they were intended to achieve. UAF architecture models provide a means to develop an understanding of the complex relationships that exist between organizations, systems, and systems-of-systems and enable the analysis of these systems to ensure that they meet the expectations of the user community.

- UAF supports current DoDAF/MODAF/NAF requirements and can evolve to meet future needs:
 - produce standard DoDAF/MODAF/NAF products as well as commercial extensions
 - leverage cross-industry, standards-based approaches (e.g., MDA®, UML, SysML) to enhance tool and architecture data interoperability
 - MDA foundation enables UAF to evolve with DoDAF v2 and beyond (i.e. security, human factors)
 - UAF is methodology-agnostic (structured, OO, etc.)
- UAF provides a set of rules to enable users to create consistent enterprise architectures (as models) based on generic enterprise and system concepts with rich semantics. These models then become the repositories from which various views can be extracted.

Unified Architecture Framework Profile

The OMG UAF standard took the principles of UPDM and extended it to reach a wider audience. As well as encompassing DoDAF, MODAF, and NAF, UAF also includes views that can capture human machine interface and human factors concerns, security analysis and systems-of-systems lifecycle concepts. Because of this expansion in scope, it became necessary to change the way views were represented in UPDM. This resulted in the definition of a grid-based approach that separates the metamodel from the view specification and from a specific architecture framework representation.

The UAF 1.0 specification is currently going through the finalization process at OMG. Implementations of it from a variety of tool vendors are expected soon. In the future, the OMG UAF Task Force intends to expand the application of the UAF to the Internet of Things.

	Taxonomy Tx	Structure Sr	Connectivity Cn	Processes Pr	States St	Interaction Scenarios Is	Information If	Parameters Pm	Constraints Ct	Roadmap Rm	Traceability Tr
Metadata Md	Metadata Taxonomy Md-Tx	Architecture Viewpoints * Md-Sr	Metadata Connectivity Md-Cn	Metadata Processes * Md-Pr	-	-	Conceptual Data Model,	Environment Pm-En	Metadata Constraints * Md-Ct	-	Metadata Traceability Md-Tr
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Operational Op	Operational Taxonomy Op-Tx	Operational Structure Op-Sr	Operational Connectivity Op-Cn	Operational Processes Op-Pr	Operational States Op-St	Operational Interaction Scenarios Op-Is			Operational Constraints Op-Ct	-	-
Services Sv	Service Taxonomy Sv-Tx	Service Structure Sv-Sr	Service Connectivity Sv-Cn	Service Processes Sv-Pr	Service States Sv-St	Service Interaction Scenarios Sv-Is			Service Constraints Sv-Ct	Service Roadmap Sv-Rm	Service Traceability Sv-Tr
Personnel Pr	Personnel Taxonomy Pr-Tx	Personnel Structure Pr-Sr	Personnel Connectivity Pr-Cn	Personnel Processes Pr-Pr	Personnel States Pr-St	Personnel Interaction Scenarios Pr-Is	Logical Data Model,	Measurements Pm-Me	Competence, Drivers, Performance Pr-Ct	Personnel Availability, Personnel Evolution, Personnel Forecast Pr-Rm	Personnel Traceability Pr-Tr
Resources Rs	Resource Taxonomy Rs-Tx	Resource Structure Rs-Sr	Resource Connectivity Rs-Cn	Resource Processes Rs-Pr	Resource States Rs-St	Resource Interaction Scenarios Rs-Is			Physical schema, real world results	Resource Constraints Rs-Ct	Resource evolution, Resource forecast Rs-Rm
Security Sc	Security Taxonomy Sc-Tx	Security Structure Sc-Sr	Security Connectivity Sc-Cn	Security Processes Sc-Pr	-	-	-	Security Constraints Sc-Ct	-	-	
Projects Pj	Project Taxonomy Pj-Tx	Project Structure Pj-Sr	Project Connectivity Pj-Cn	Project Activity Pj-Pr	-	-	-	-	Project Roadmap Pj-Rm	Project Traceability Pj-Tr	
Standards Sd	Standard Taxonomy Sd-Tx	Standards Structure Sd-Sr	-	-	-	-	-	-	Standards Roadmap Sr-Rm	Standards Traceability Sr-Tr	
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Summary & Overview SmOv											
Requirements Rq											

The grid genericizes the framework making it more appealing for use by industry while still supporting the needs of the DoD, MOD and NATO.

Next Step

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