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## 36 Foreword

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## 63 Introduction

64 ISO 23247 series defines a framework to support the creation of Digital Twins of observable  
65 manufacturing elements including personnel, equipment, materials, processes, facilities, environment,  
66 products, and supporting documents.

67 The scope of the four parts of this series are defined below:

68 - Part 1: Overview and general principles

69 Provides an overview of Digital Twin for manufacturing, describes general principles, and  
70 provides requirements and guidance for developing a Digital Twin framework for  
71 manufacturing;

72 - Part 2: Reference architecture

73 Provides a reference architecture goals and objectives, reference model, and reference  
74 architectural views for the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing;

75 - Part 3: Digital representation of manufacturing elements

76 Identifies manufacturing elements of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing that shall  
77 be represented in digital models;

78 - Part 4: Information exchange

79 Identifies technical requirements for information synchronization and information exchange  
80 between entities of the reference model of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing.

81 The types of manufacturing that can be supported by an implementation of the framework will depend  
82 on the technologies selected to implement its functional elements.

83 Use cases for the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing will be detailed in technical reports  
84 attached to this series of standards.



# Automation systems and integration — Digital Twin framework for manufacturing — Part 3: Digital representation of manufacturing elements

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 23247 identifies the observable manufacturing elements of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing that shall be represented in digital models.

ISO 23247 series defines a framework to support the creation of Digital Twins of observable manufacturing elements including personnel, equipment, materials, processes, facilities, environment, products, and supporting documents.

The following are within the scope of this part of ISO 23247;

- Digital representations of observable manufacturing elements;
- Information for digital representations of observable manufacturing elements.

The following are described in other parts of ISO 23247;

- overview and general principles (Part 1);
- reference architecture of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing (Part 2);
- Information exchange of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing (Part 4);
- use cases of the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing to be detailed in technical reports.

The following are outside of the scope of ISO 23247;

- selection of the implementation methods and technologies for a Digital Twin for manufacturing;
- selection of the communication protocols for a Digital Twin for manufacturing;
- selection of the manufacturing devices and other resources to be represented by a Digital Twin;
- selection of the manufacturing processes to be represented by a Digital Twin;
- selection of the manufacturing products to be represented by a Digital Twin;
- design and process planning, and other non-manufacturing stages of the product lifecycle.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 23247-1, *Automation systems and integration — Digital Twin framework for manufacturing — Part 1: Overview and general principles*



115 **3 Terms and definitions**

116 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23247-1 apply.

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

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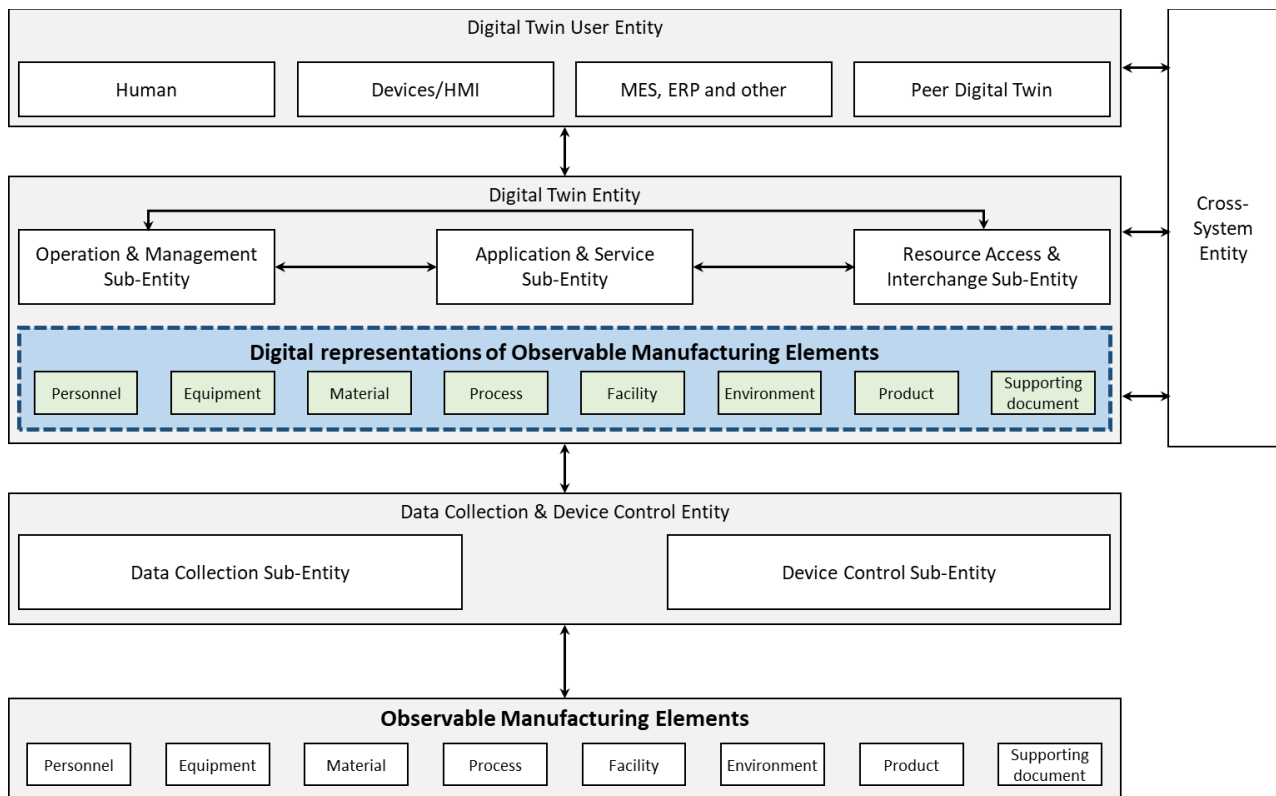
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## 4 Digital representations of observable manufacturing elements

One of the Digital Twin functions is digital representations of observable manufacturing elements. Figure 1 shows the observable manufacturing elements managed by the Digital Twin Entity in the Digital Twin framework for manufacturing reference architecture.

Digital representations of observable manufacturing elements shall consider both static and dynamic information. Information that does not change during manufacturing is classified as static information, whereas information that changes during manufacturing is classified as dynamic information. For example, the serial number of a machine is static. However, the amount or the shape of material during manufacturing processes can be dynamic.

For Digital Twin modelling of observable manufacturing elements, the information associated with observable manufacturing elements shall be managed by the Digital Twin Entity.



**Figure 1 – Digital representations of observable manufacturing elements in reference architecture**

## 5 Information attributes of observable manufacturing elements

### 5.1 General

As explained in Clause 4, a digital representation of an observable manufacturing element shall consider both static and dynamic features of information. In this document, these features are defined as information attributes.

The information attributes described in Figure 2 are examples to illustrate the kinds of information that should be represented for a Digital Twin. Many existing standards such as IEC 62264-2 and ISO 10303 contain detailed information models for these attributes. An implementation of the framework should select the information models most appropriate for its use case. Static information attribute includes identification, characteristics, schedule, relationship with other manufacturing elements, and description. Dynamic information attribute includes status, location, report, relationship with other manufacturing elements, and description.

| Information attributes for Observable Manufacturing Element #N |   |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Information attributes for Observable Manufacturing Element #2 |   |                      |
| Information attributes for Observable Manufacturing Element #1 |   |                      |
| <b>Static Information</b>                                      |   |                      |
| Attribute  | Value   | Mandatory / Optional |
| Identification   | A unique identification of the attribute                                  | M                    |
| Characteristics  | Additional information and description of the attribute                   | M                    |
| Schedule   | Manufacturing schedule for the attribute                                  | M                    |
| Relationship   | Static relationship among the OME and other OMEs                          | M                    |
| Description  | Additional static information about the observable manufacturing element  | O                    |
| ...  | ...   | ...                  |
| <b>Dynamic Information</b>                                     |   |                      |
| Attribute  | Value   | Mandatory / Optional |
| Status   | Status of the attribute   | M                    |
| Location   | Geographical or relative location information                             | M                    |
| Report   | Work report related to the dynamic information                            | M                    |
| Relationship   | Dynamic relationship among the OME and other OMEs                         | M                    |
| Description  | Additional dynamic information about the observable manufacturing element | O                    |
| ...  | ...   | ...                  |

Figure 2– Information attributes for observable manufacturing elements

## 5.2 Personnel information

Personnel in manufacturing generally include those employees who are engaged directly or indirectly in manufacturing processes as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the personnel shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Static information of personnel**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Identification  | Information to identify personnel  | • employee number  |
| Characteristics | Classification of personnel  | • skill<br>• license<br>• certification level<br>• technician / engineer<br>• senior / principal |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for personnel   | • working schedule   |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for personnel and other manufacturing elements               | • Person #1 is the boss of Person #2   |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of personnel | • general information about an employee  |

The values of dynamic information of personnel are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of personnel shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Dynamic information of personnel**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples  |
|--------------|---|---|
| Status       | Status of personnel   | • working / paused  |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                           | • Person #1: WorkUnit #3 and 50 cm away from Robot #2   |
| Report       | Work report related to personnel  | • May 14 <sup>th</sup> 2019: Some hours of work   |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for personnel and other manufacturing elements               | • Person #1 and Person #2 are working in the WorkUnit #3<br>• Person #1 and Person #2 are 70 cm away from Machine #2. |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of personnel | • dynamic information of personnel changing during manufacturing processes  |

NOTE 1 Some working place must have the required minimum personnel for safety reasons.

NOTE 2 Various kinds of devices are available to detect the identifier, location, motion, and image of observable manufacturing elements.

NOTE 3 Performance may be calculated and represented for manufacturing elements.

### 5.3 Equipment information

Equipment is a physical element that carries out an operation that is directly or indirectly involved in manufacturing processes as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of equipment are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3 –Static information of equipment**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Identification  | Information to identify equipment  | • serial number                                    |
| Characteristics | Classification of equipment  | • milling<br>• turning<br>• grinding<br>• pressing |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for equipment   | • working schedule<br>• maintenance schedule       |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for equipment and other manufacturing elements               | • Machine #1 operates with Material #2.            |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of equipment | • general information about equipment              |

The values of dynamic information of equipment are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of equipment are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4 – Dynamic information of equipment**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples   |
|--------------|---|--|
| Status       | Status of equipment   | • on / off<br>• working / breakdown<br>• performance (energy usage, output)<br>• temperature, pressure, sound / noise                        |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                           | • Machine #2: WorkUnit #2 in Room #3   |
| Report       | Work report related to equipment  | • May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 9 AM to 6 PM: Regular Maintenance<br>• May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 11 AM: Machine #1 reports high temperature. |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for equipment and other manufacturing elements               | • Machine #1 is operated by Person #2 in WorkCenter #5.  |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of equipment | • dynamic information of equipment changing during manufacturing processes   |

## 5.4 Material information

Material is physical matter that becomes a part or the whole of a product i.e., metal block, glass panel, etc., or is used to aid manufacturing processes, i.e., cleaning fluid, coolant, etc. as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of material shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 5.

**Table 5 – Static information of material**

| Attribute       | Description   | Examples   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Identification  | Information to identify material  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bar code</li> <li>• RFID tag</li> </ul>   |
| Characteristics | Classification of material  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• handle with care / fragile</li> <li>• toxic</li> <li>• liquid / solid / gas</li> <li>• plastic / steel / rubber / powder</li> </ul> |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for material   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• input schedule</li> <li>• purchase schedule</li> <li>• inbound / outbound schedule</li> </ul>                                       |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for material and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material #1 shall be managed by person with Skill #2.</li> </ul>  |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general information about material</li> </ul>   |

The values of dynamic information of material are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of material shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 6.

**Table 6 – Dynamic information of material**

| Attribute    | Description  | Examples  |
|--------------|--|---|
| Status       | Status of material   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tested</li> <li>• Availability</li> <li>• liquid / solid / gas</li> </ul>          |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material #1: Shelf #3 in Warehouse #2</li> </ul>                                   |
| Report       | Work report related to material  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 8 kg of Material #2 is used in WorkUnit #2</li> </ul>   |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for material and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material #1 is operated by a person with Skill #2 in WorkCenter #5.</li> </ul>     |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dynamic information of material changing during manufacturing processes</li> </ul> |

## 5.5 Process information

A process is an observable physical operation within manufacturing as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the process shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 7.

**Table 7 – Static information of process**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples  |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Identification  | Information to identify process  | • process identifier  |
| Characteristics | Classification of process  | • production / maintenance / quality test / inventory<br>• milling / drilling<br>• additive |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for process   | • periodic, one time, limit, duration   |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for process and other manufacturing elements               | • ManufacturingProcess #1 is managed by a person with Skill #3.                             |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of process | • general information about process   |

The values of dynamic information of process are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of process shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8 – Dynamic information of process**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples   |
|--------------|---|--|
| Status       | Status of process   | • planned<br>• in-process<br>• finished / incomplete                           |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                         | • Process #1: Machine #2 in Room #3  |
| Report       | Work report related to the process  | • May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019: Machine #2 completed MillingOperation #5.       |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for process and other manufacturing elements               | • MillingOperation #1 is operated by Person #3 with Skill #2 in WorkCenter #3. |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of process | • dynamic information of process changing during manufacturing processes       |

## 5.6 Facility information

Facility is infrastructure that is related to or affects manufacturing as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the facility shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 9.

**Table 9 – Static information of facility**

| Attribute       | Description   | Examples   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Identification  | Information to identify facility including environment, energy, etc.            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serial number</li> <li>• asset number</li> </ul>  |
| Characteristics | Classification of facility  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• air-conditioning / ventilating</li> </ul>   |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for facility   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• periodic, one time, limit, duration</li> </ul>  |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for facility and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility #1 is controlled by a person with Skill #3 when the temperature exceeds the limits.</li> </ul> |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general information about facility</li> </ul>   |

NOTE Some facilities do not have identification, such as doors.

The values of dynamic information of facility are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of facility shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 10.

**Table 10 – Dynamic information of facility**

| Attribute    | Description  | Examples   |
|--------------|--|--|
| Status       | Status of facility   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal / abnormal</li> </ul>  |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility #2: Room #3</li> </ul>   |
| Report       | Work report related to facility  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 14th, 2019 9 AM: Facility #2 reports alarm of high temperature.</li> <li>• May 14th, 2019 10 AM: Person #3 turned on the #Facility 3(air conditioner).</li> </ul> |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for facility and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machine #3 is using Facility (air conditioner) #2 for MillingOperation #3 in Room #2 to be kept at 20 °C.</li> </ul>  |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dynamic information of facility changing during manufacturing processes</li> </ul>  |



## 5.7 Environment information

Environment is necessary condition that shall be supplied by facilities for the correct execution of a manufacturing process as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the environment shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 11.

**Table 11 – Static information of environment**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples  |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Identification  | Information to identify environment including time and location.                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combination of time, sensor ID and sensor value</li> <li>Combination of time and energy consumption (kWh)</li> </ul> |
| Characteristics | Classification of environment  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>temperature / humidity / illuminance</li> </ul>  |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for environment   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>periodic, one time, limit, duration</li> </ul>   |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for environment and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room #2 should be kept at 20 °C while manufacturing is being performed.</li> </ul>                                   |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>general information about environment</li> </ul>   |

NOTE Some environment does not have identification, such as temperature, humidity, and illumination. Environment data has the meaning associated with the time and location.

The values of dynamic information of environment are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of environment shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 12.

**Table 12 – Dynamic information of environment**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples   |
|--------------|---|--|
| Status       | Status of environment   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal / abnormal</li> </ul>  |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 14th, 2019 10 AM: temperature #2 is 25 °C in Room #3.</li> </ul>  |
| Report       | Report related to environment   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 14th, 2019 9 AM: Room #2 reports alarm of high temperature that the temperature #2 is 30 °C.</li> </ul>             |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for environment and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 14th, 2019 10 AM: Person #3 turned on the Facility #3(air conditioner) to lower Temperature #2 to 20 °C.</li> </ul> |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dynamic information of environment changing during manufacturing processes</li> </ul>                                   |

## 5.8 Product information

Product is a desired output or by-product of manufacturing process as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the product shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 13.

**Table 13 – Static information of product**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples  |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Identification  | Information to identify product  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>product model</li> <li>serial number</li> </ul>  |
| Characteristics | Classification of product  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dimensions</li> <li>colour</li> </ul>            |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for product   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>periodic, one time, limit, duration</li> </ul>   |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for product and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product #1 is produced by Machine #3.</li> </ul> |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of product | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>general information about product</li> </ul>     |

The values of dynamic information of product are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of product shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 14.

**Table 14 – Dynamic information of product**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples  |
|--------------|---|---|
| Status       | Status of product   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in-process</li> <li>300 of 312 fasteners presently installed</li> <li>finished</li> <li>inventory</li> </ul>                               |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product #2 is in Warehouse #3</li> </ul>   |
| Report       | Work report related to product  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 14th, 2019 9 AM: Product #2 has passed QualityTest #5.</li> <li>May 14th, 2019 10 AM: Product #2 has moved to Warehouse #3.</li> </ul> |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for product and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product #3 is in process by Machine #2 for MillingOperation #3.</li> </ul>   |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation about the dynamic information of product | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dynamic information of product changing during manufacturing processes</li> </ul>  |

## 5.9 Supporting document information

A supporting document is any form of artefact that helps the applications of Digital Twin for manufacturing as described in ISO 23247-1. Static information of the supporting document shall include identification, characteristics, schedule and relationship as shown in Table 15.

**Table 15 – Static information of supporting document**

| Attribute       | Description  | Examples   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Identification  | Information to identify supporting document  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>document type</li> <li>document number</li> </ul>   |
| Characteristics | Classification of supporting document  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>requirement</li> <li>plan</li> <li>model</li> <li>specification</li> <li>configuration</li> </ul> |
| Schedule        | Working schedule for supporting document   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>periodic, one time, limit, duration</li> </ul>  |
| Relationship    | Static relationship for supporting document and other manufacturing elements               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 12th, 2019 10 AM: Person #3 produced Document #2.</li> </ul>                                  |
| Description     | Additional information and explanation about the static information of supporting document | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>general information about supporting document</li> </ul>  |

The values of dynamic information of supporting document are changed during manufacturing processes. Dynamic information of supporting document shall include status, location, report and relationship as shown in Table 16.

**Table 16 – Dynamic information of supporting document**

| Attribute    | Description   | Examples   |
|--------------|---|--|
| Status       | Status of supporting document   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>planned</li> <li>in-process</li> <li>finished / incomplete</li> </ul>   |
| Location     | Location information (geographical / relative location)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document #2 is stored in Directory #3</li> </ul>  |
| Report       | Work report related to supporting document                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 14th, 2019 9 AM: Person #2 has stored Document #2 in the Directory #5.</li> <li>May 14th, 2019 10 AM: Person #3 has moved Document #2 to Directory #3.</li> </ul> |
| Relationship | Dynamic relationship for supporting document and other manufacturing elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person #3 is planning to produce Document #3 for DrillingOperation #5 by May 31th, 2019.</li> </ul>   |
| Description  | Additional information and explanation  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dynamic information of</li> </ul>   |

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|  | about the dynamic information of<br>supporting document | supporting document<br>changing during<br>manufacturing processes |
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## Annex A (informative)

### Existing technologies for representing manufacturing elements

Existing standards and specifications, including ISO 10303 series, IEC 62264 series, IEC 62714 series, ISO 13399 series, eCl@ss, asset administration shell, IEC 62541 (OPC UA), MTConnect, QIF, and RDF can be used to represent manufacturing elements.

ISO 10303, known as Standard for the Exchange of Product Model Data (STEP), series define the computer-interpretable representation of product information and the exchange of product and process data [2]. The objective of ISO 10303 series is to provide a neutral mechanism capable of describing products and their manufacturing processes throughout their life cycle. This mechanism is appropriate not only for neutral file exchange, but also as a basis for implementing and sharing product databases, and as a basis for archiving. STEP series are used for data exchange among CAD/CAM systems and among CAD/CAM and manufacturing systems. The information models for ISO 10303 series are described using EXPRESS schemas.

ISO 10303-238 specifies an application protocol (AP) for numerically controlled machining and associated processes [2]. ISO 10303-238 includes the information requirements defined by the ISO 14649 series data model for numerical controllers, augmented with product geometry, geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, and product data management information.

ISO 10303-239 specifies the application protocol for product life cycle support. The scope of ISO 10303-239 includes information for defining and maintaining a complex product, and information required for life configuration change management of a product and its support solution [3]. Also, it includes representation of product assemblies, product through life, specification and planning of activities for a product, the representations of the activity history of a product and product history.

ISO 10303-242 specifies the application protocol for managed model-based 3D engineering [4]. The scope of ISO 10303-242 includes products of automotive, aerospace and other mechanical manufacturers and of their suppliers, engineering and product data, product data management, process planning, mechanical design, kinematics, geometric definition and tolerancing and composite design. The ISO 10303 series can be used to define information models and 3D engineering for manufacturing elements.

IEC 62264 series are based on ISA-95 [5] [6]. IEC 62264 series and provide consistent terminology that is a foundation for supplier and manufacturer communications. IEC 62264 series also provide consistent information models and object models to integrate control systems with enterprise systems that improve communications among all manufacturing elements involved. B2MML is an XML implementation of the IEC 62264 series, Enterprise-Control System Integration [7]. B2MML consists of a set of XML schemas written using the World Wide Web Consortium's XML Schema language (XSD) that implement the data models in the IEC 62264 series.

IEC 62714 series, known as Automation Markup Language (AML), describe the data exchange format using XML schema [8]. AML has been developed to support the data exchange and interconnect in heterogeneous engineering tools in their different disciplines. IEC 62714 series can be used to represent data exchange format among manufacturing elements.

ISO 13399 series describe the computer-interpretable representation and exchange of industrial product data about cutting tools and tool holders [9]. ISO 13399 series defines the reference dictionary for cutting items, tool items, adaptive items, etc. ISO 13399 series can be used to represent and exchange data for cutting tools.

285 The eCl@ss (classification and production description) defines tens of thousands of product classes and  
 286 unique properties including procurement, storage, production and distribution activities [10]. The  
 287 eCl@ss can be used to define classes and properties for manufacturing elements conformant to IEC  
 288 61360 and ISO 13854-42.

289 The asset administration shell is part of the I4.0 component as introduced in IEC PAS 63088 [11]. It  
 290 provides a technology neutral information model and several serializations and mapping. The asset  
 291 administration shell is one possible concept and specification that can be used to implement twins.  
 292 Serializations and mappings are provided for XML, JSON, RDF, AutomationML and OPC UA. One of its  
 293 key features is the separation of the digital representation into a set of sub models. Each sub model  
 294 represents a specific aspect of the asset that the twin is representing.

295 IEC 62541 (OPC UA) represents the international standard of OPC UA, which is for vertical and  
 296 horizontal communication in manufacturing and automation, providing semantic interoperability for  
 297 the world of connected systems [12]. It has been designed for scalability and supports a wide range of  
 298 application domains, ranging from field level (e.g. devices for measurement or identification, PLCs), to  
 299 enterprise management support.

300 New information models, based on the OPC UA data model, can be created and eventually derived from  
 301 OPC UA base information models [12]. The specifications of such Information Models, called Companion  
 302 Specifications, are regarded as "Industry standard models" because they typically address a dedicated  
 303 industry problem. The synergy of the OPC UA infrastructure to exchange such industry information  
 304 models enables interoperability at the semantic level.

305 The MTConnect standard provides a semantic vocabulary for manufacturing equipment to provide  
 306 structured, contextualized data with no proprietary format [13]. With uniform data by MTConnect  
 307 standard, developers and integrators can focus on useful, productive manufacturing applications rather  
 308 than translation. MTConnect data offer more efficient operations, improved production optimization,  
 309 and increased productivity.

310 QIF (Quality Information Framework) is standardized as an American National Standard supporting  
 311 Digital Thread concepts in engineering applications ranging from product design through  
 312 manufacturing to quality inspection [14]. The XML-based QIF standard contains a library of XML  
 313 schema ensuring both data integrity and data interoperability in Model Based Enterprise  
 314 implementation.

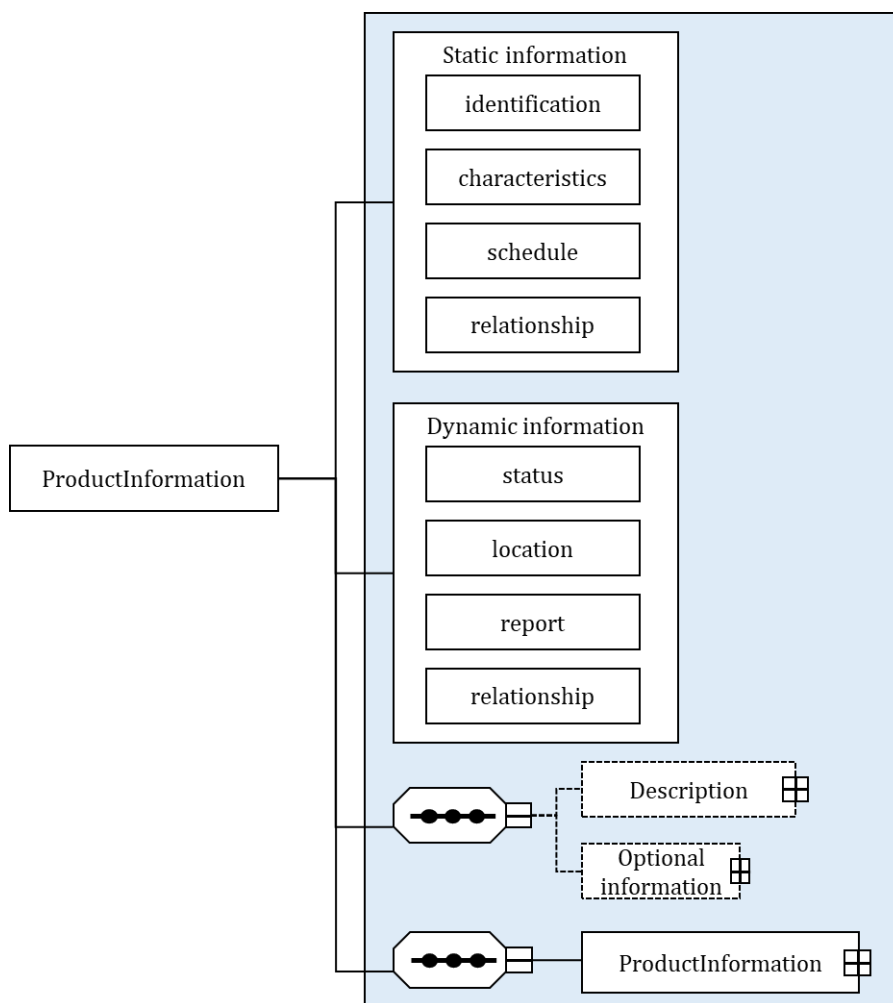
315 RDF is a standard model for data interchange on the Web [15]. RDF has features that facilitate data  
 316 merging even if the underlying schemas differ, and it specifically supports the evolution of schemas  
 317 over time without requiring all the data consumers to be changed.

318 Each technology has its characteristics for digital representation of manufacturing elements. Digital  
 319 Twin developers should carefully consider which should be used for the target applications.

## Annex B (informative)

### Example of information attribute

Figure B.1 shows a product information attribute.



**Figure B.1 Product information attribute**

327 An example of the product information attribute for Figure B.1 is as follows:

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328 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
329 <ProductInformation>
330   <StaticInformation>
331     <ProductID>DTM-Product-0001</ProductID>
332     <ProductCharacteristics>
333       <color>white</color>
334     </ProductCharacteristics>
335     <ProductSchedule>2019-12-03</ProductSchedule>
336     <ProductStaticRelationship>
337       <value>Product #1 is produced by Machine #3</value>
338     </ProductStaticRelationship>
339   </StaticInformation>
340   <DynamicInformation>
341     <ProductStatus>
342       <name>status</name>
343       <value>in-process</value>
344     </ProductStatus>
345     <ProductLocation>
346       <name>relative</name>
347       <value>Warehouse#3</value>
348     </ProductLocation>
349     <ProductReport>
350       <name>WorkReport</name>
351       <value>05/14/2019 9AM: Product #2 has passed QualityTest #5.</value>
352     </ProductReport>
353     <ProductDynamicRelationship>
354       <name>equipment</name>
355       <value>Product #3 is in process by Machine #2 for MillingOperation
356 #3.</value>
357     </ProductDynamicRelationship>
358   </DynamicInformation>
359 </ProductInformation>

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