

Recent progresses of the LOTAR international project to support long term archiving and retrieval of model based design information for the Aerospace and Defence industries

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The project goal is to develop, publish and maintain standards designed to provide the capability to archive and retrieve digital product and technical information, including 3D CAD and PDM data, in a standard neutral form that can be read and reused throughout the product lifecycle, independent of changes in the IT application environment originally used for creation.

The standards are published as EN/NAS<sup>(\*)</sup> 9300 series and cover both the information content as well as the processes required to ingest, store, administer, manage and access the information.

(\*): EN – European Standard (Norm); NAS – National Aerospace Standard





The LOTAR project: To support the **longevity** of Aerospace & Defense 3 D Model based definition

- CAD S/W versions change every 6 to 12 months, CAD generations change every 10 years.
- Aircraft lifecycle of 70+ years
- The Lifecycle of software & hardware is short compared to the lifecycle of an aircraft or a defence system (nuclear missile, ...)





#### **LOTAR Organization – External View**









## **LOTAR Member Companies in 2015**



#### Europe

- Airbus
- Airbus Helicopter
- Airbus Defence & Space
- AFNeT (GIFAS)
- IAI Israel Aerospace Industries
- SAFRAN

#### Americas

- BAE Systems
- Boeing
- Embraer
- GE
- Goodrich
- Gulfstream
- Honeywell
- Lockheed Martin
- Sandia National Labs





#### **Objectives & Benefits of LOTAR**



#### Objectives include:

- Developing a standard for preserving, managing and retrieving product data throughout its lifecycle.
- Providing methods, process modules and data model(s), to enable long term archiving of CAD, PDM and additional technical data
- Developing recommendations for practical introduction of long term archiving of product data, such as 3D CAD and PDM data, in the industry

#### Benefits include:

- Process security achieved through implementation of archival systems compliant to international accepted standards
- Aerospace and Defense authorities accept workflow due to intense collaboration during standards creation
- Applicable archiving workflow supported by STEP interfaces & functionalities
- By solving the challenges of long term data retention, issues of data exchange are addressed





#### **Motivation for LOTAR**



Meeting the legal and business requirements of the aerospace and defense industry:



- EN/NAS 9300 considers requirements coming from:
  - Legal and certification rules
  - Regulations on long term archiving of technical documentation
  - Reuse
  - Support in operation
- Additional to legal demands, there are industry established standards, company specific rules and recommendations.
- The standard defines architecture, processes and data formats to fulfill these requirements.





# Status of use of NAS/EN 9300 by LOTAR members



			NAS / EN 9300 LOTAR parts (CAD)					
A&D company	Area of application	Scope	CAD 3D exact geometry	CAD 3D tessellated geometry	CAD 3D PMI	CAD Assembly structure	ISO formats	Project status
			Part 110	Part 100	Part 120	Part P115	ISO 10303 "STEP"	
Airbus	A350	3D electrical harness installation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 214 ed3 (*) + AP 242 ed1	PROD
EADS		"Full 3D" model based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 242 ed1	PROD
Dassault- Aviation	Falcon 7X	complete definition of the aircraft (airframe, brackets, pipes, harness)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 214 ed3 (*)	PROD
Snecma	New parts of engines	3D definition with PMI of new mechanical part	Yes	No	Yes	No	AP 214 ed3 (*)	PROD
Boeing	787	3D definition with PMI with assemblies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 203 ed2 (*) + U3D PDF	DEV
Gulfstream	G650	3D mBD mechanical, electrical and composite	Yes	No	Yes		AP 203 ed2 (*)	PROD
Lockheed- Martin	F35	3D mBD mechanical, electrical and composite	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 203 ed2 + AP242 ed1	DEV
EMBRAER	Legacy 450 & Legacy 500	complete definition of the aircraft	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 242 ed1	PROD

PLANNED : project planned

DEV : project in development

PROD : project on production

(\*): Plan to migrate to STEP AP 242 ed1 when possible





## LOTAR Standard Foundation ISO 14721:2003 (OAIS)



- "Open Archive Information System" (OAIS) Reference Model is basis for LOTAR processes
- Developed by Aerospace and Defense Industry
- Extended to meet the specific requirements of LOTAR



As neutral data format for the archives, ISO 10303 (STEP) has been chosen since it is the most advanced open format.





#### Validation of LOTAR STEP Data



- A distinctive feature of the combined use of LOTAR and STEP is the use of Validation Properties
- Validation Properties are key characteristics of a digital model that help to ensure consistency of the data



- They are computed by the exporting system and included as key-value pairs in the STEP file
- Any importing system will compare its import results with these properties and thus determine success of the data transfer.







#### Standards (5) year vision







## **LOTAR International**





## LOTAR WG: 3D Mechanical CAD with PMI (EN/NAS 9300-1xx)



#### Scope:

- Exchange and archiving of 3D Geometry via STEP
- Provision of Validation Properties and User Defined Attributes
- Transfer of PMI (Product & Manufacturing Information) as:
  - Representation (machine-consumable, reusable)
  - Graphic Presentation (human-readable)

#### Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

Parts:

- 100 (Common Concepts)
- 110 (Explicit 3D Geometry),
- 115 (CAD Assembly Structure),
- 120 (PMI Graphic Presentation),
- 121 (PMI Semantic Representation),
- 122 (Machining Features),
- 125 (Assembly PMI Graphic Pres.)

Comprehensive suite of test models

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- Numerous pilot projects in cooperation with the CAx-IF
- Support of STEP AP242 development and associated Recommended Practices

(\*): Accomplished or in work; more planned





# LOTAR WG: PDM (EN/NAS 9300-2xx)



## Scope:

- Archive and retrieve Product Data Management information in a standard neutral form that can be read and reused throughout the product lifecycle
- Preservation of digital PDM information along the product lifecycle: in development, as designed, as planned, as delivered and as maintained.

#### Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Part 200 fundamentals and concepts for LTA of PDM data
- Part 210 as designed (ed. 2 incl. effectivities)
- Part 220 as planned (cancelled)
- Part 230 as built (dependency on Part 210)
- Part 240 Product Management Data In-development (including prelim design review, critical design review, FAI, etc.),
- ): Accomplished or in work, more planned





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LOTAR WG: Advanced Manufacturing (Composite Design, Additive Manufacturing, etc.) (EN/NAS 9300-3xx)



- Scope:
  - Preservation of New information required in STEP data model for Composite design and Additive manufacturing:
    Full shape freedom

#### Organic Shapes and Surface Models

- Design Tools –
- Representation Formats
- Preservation of CAD 3D tessellated solids
- 3D composite structures information such as Sequences, Plies, Cores, Material properties, Rosette, Orientation...
- Preservation of CAD 3D tessellated solids

#### Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 300 (Common Concepts), 310 Ed.1 ("exact implicit" Ply Definition), 310 Ed.2 ("approximate explicit" 3D Tess. Solid)
- Support of STEP AP242 Development and associated Recommended Practices
- Prototype part developed to anticipate future structures in order to demonstrate concepts

Independent tests of CAD tools for the purpose of interoperability (\*): Accomplished or in work; more planned







→ Cost independent from shape





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## LOTAR WG: Electric Harness (EN/NAS 9300-4xx)

# Scope:

- Preservation of digital electrical harness mode
  - Design
  - Certification
  - Manufacturing
  - Support

#### Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Part 400 (Common Concepts),
- Part 410 (Physical harness definition for design & construction)
- Preparation of test cases for physical electrical harness definition
- Preparation of business requirements and use cases for extension of STEP AP 242 ED2 to include Electrical Harness Data
- Coordination with other standardization projects related to electrical harness (STEP AP 210, AP239, VDA VEC specification, ...)

(\*): Accomplished or in work; more planned









# LOTAR WG "Engineering Analysis & Simulation" (EN/NAS 9300-5xx)

- Start of the LOTAR working group for "Engineering Analysis and Simulation" in 2014
  - Scope: Preservation of Simulation and Analysis information
  - Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:
    - Parts 600 (Fund. & Concepts),
    - Part 610 "LTA & R. of "Simulation Data Management"
    - Part 620 "LTA & R. of Structural Analysis information"



- Coordination with other standardization projects related to S & A (ISO STEP AP209)
- Scope of ISO STEP AP 209 ed2 "Multi-Disciplinary Analysis and Design"
  - Structural analysis
  - Computational Fluid Dynamic
- Preparation of the launch of the CAE IF in Q3 2016, part of the CAx Implementer Forum
- Regular coordinations with NAFEMS (USA, Europe)







## LOTAR WG: 3D Visualization (Technical Specification/Rec Practice)



#### Scope:

To define common recommendations for LT Archiving and Retrieval of 3D Visualization information being consistent with LT Archiving and Retrieval of information concerning CAD models and related information, throughout the full product life cycle.

### Deliverables(\*):

- To define the characteristics of the Visualization information to be archived.
- To prepare recommended practices for implementing available 3D Visualization standards by the LOTAR community.
- To describe to the recommended processes to ensure the consistency between the archived CAD 3D (authoring) data and the archived 3D Visualization (derived) data



(\*): Accomplished or in work; more planned





# LOTAR WG: Meta-Data for Archiving (Technical Specification/Rec Practice)



#### Scope:

- Define processes, UCs and standard information model to manage meta-data for:
  - Submission Information Package
  - Archival Information Package
  - Dissemination Information Package
  - Define processes, UCs and standard information model to manage meta-data for:



Preservation Planning

 Define the information model and the corresponding STEP AP 239 PLCS subset

## Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 021 (Meta-data for Archiving),
- Processes, use cases and test cases
- STEP AP 239 information model subset
- STEP AP 239 LOTAR DEX / Rec. Practices for meta data for AP
- \*): Accomplished or in work; more planned prototypes of PLM vendors



## LOTAR International public web site : Overview



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- Mission, Objectives & Scope
- Hosting Organizations
- ► Legal & Business Motivation

#### **LOTAR organization**

- ► External View
- ► Internal View
- ► Working together

#### LOTAR Workgroups

- ► 3D CAD with PMI
- ► PDM
- ► Composite
- Electrical Harness
- Engineering Analysis & Simulation
- ► 3D visualization
- ► (Meta data for archive packages)

#### Communication

- Public presentations
- Progress Reports
- Dates

#### **LOTAR standards**

- ► Overview on parts
- Industry use
- ► Next steps

#### News

#### Links

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= Home	LOng Term Archiving and Retrieval - LOTAR	LOTAR Meeting in Darmstadt
= Why LOTAR?	Activities	Ascertainment of the latest project milestones and planning of
= LOTAR Organization	The objective of LOTAR International is to develop standards for long-term archiving (LTA) of digital data, such as 3D CAD and PDM data. These standards will	next year's focus topics were the
= LOTAR Workgroups	define auditable archiving and retrieval processes. Use of the standard series by	more 🕘
= Communication	possible. The results are harmonized with e.g. the Recommendation 4958 for long- term archivite of the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) and	LOTAR International Workshop in Toulouse
LOTAR Standard	are based on the ISO 14721, Open Archival Information System (OAIS) Reference	After passing the important
= News	Model. The documents for the standard are published as the EN3300 series and, in cooperation with the AIA, also as the National Aerospace Standard (NAS).	milestone of releasing several parts of the EN/NAS 9300 series
= Links	LOTAR International is a project being conducted by leading OEMs and suppliers in	note (a)
= Contact	the aerospace and defense industry under the joint auspices of ASD-STAN, AIA, PDES Inc. and the ProSTEP WP Association.	New LOTAR Standard Parts

# http://www.lotar-international.org



# « V cycle » for development and validation of LOTAR standards







# LOTAR Involvement in the development of ISO 10303-242









## LOTAR / CAx Implementor Forum Coordination









#### Any questions?



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## Information Lifecycle Planning Driving Questions









## **LOTAR Timeline**











The life cycle of applications and storage technologies has to be considered by setting up a long term archiving and retrieval standard:



- Continuous development of technical product documentation leads to a change of methods and tools, which are used for design, manufacturing, customer support and archiving.
  - New releases of CAD / CAM / CAE / PDM / ... systems offering new functionalities
  - After each migration, the data shall be checked for consistency and completeness.
  - → A conversion of the native product data into a more stable format is essential.







Proposal to use the LOTAR technical specification TS-9300-200-1 on « Product Structure Validation » using hash code to check consistency of the data between the systems.



- Need at least two versions of the same systems in order to reflect the change of versions over the years
- The control of the test bed itself have to be defined to avoid uncontrolled modification / change during a test period



