WELCOME!

INCOSE Enchantment Chapter Monthly Meeting



We're glad you're here.

We respectfully request:





- Mute your audio when you are not speaking
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Discussion and questions are encouraged!

Put questions in the chat box or unmute yourself to speak up.

Meeting Materials



Slide presentations can be downloaded prior to start of the meeting from the Meeting Materials page of our website:

<u>https://www.incose.org/incose-member-resources/chapters-</u> groups/ChapterSites/enchantment/resources/meeting-materials

If recording is authorized by speaker, the video will be posted at the link above within 24 hours.

SEP Training



CSEP Courses by *Certification Training International:* CTI currently is offering online course offerings, see <u>https://certificationtraining-int.com/incose-sep-exam-prep-course/</u>

Our chapter has two SEP mentors: Ann Hodges <u>alhodge@sandia.gov</u> Heidi Hahn <u>drsquirt@outlook.com</u>

Upcoming meetings



- February 10, 2021: Gan Wang Implementing a Model-Based Digital Engineering Enterprise for a Defense System Integrator
- March 10, 2021: Dr. Ron Carson Perspectives on the Boeing 737MAX Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS)
- April 14, 2021: Raymond Wolfgang INCOSE's Guide to Verification and Validation: Context, Progress, and Content

Introductions

 Please type your name, position, and organization in the Chat window



Survey



The link for the online survey for this meeting is

• www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021_01_MeetingEval

Your feedback is important!

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Schema and Metamodels and Ontologies – Oh My!

Abstract: Over the last five years, there has been a growing fascination with conceptual data models, metamodels, and ontologies in systems engineering. What began as a murmur – something living largely at the fringes of systems engineering and MBSE – has grown as many projects and practitioners delve into these topics.

So what are these concepts? What differentiates them, and more importantly, why should I care? How do I properly leverage these ideas to advance my projects and my enterprise?

As organizations apply model-based systems engineering, managing information in a computer model requires a defined data structure. Combined with the ease of modern ontology editors such as OWL or capabilities embedded in many tools, practitioners have begun to develop their own conceptual data models and ontologies. As systems engineers experiment and leverage these capabilities, they cross into the area of language design, often developing custom languages for their projects without the greater depth or consideration necessary to connect enterprise practices.

There is a fundamental information model that underpins systems engineering. This information model characterizes the knowledge we must elicit, develop, analyze, and manage in order to successfully engineer systems. It lives implicitly in the process standards that guide our practice, the data item descriptions that define our artifacts, and the representations we use.

The challenge is to move from implicit and explicit, not to advance MBSE but to advance the greater practice of systems engineering. To do so means that we must do more than develop independent data models for projects (the trap of "define and use"). We can leverage decades of practical experience to develop a shared systems metamodel that enables us to effectively communicate, analyze, and reason as we address today's systems challenges. Rather than each project or each organization isolated on an island of their own language, we can and must achieve consistency of data and commonality of practice across the enterprise, across the supply chain, and across the profession.



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Speaker Bio

For over 25 years, **David Long** has focused on helping organizations increase their systems engineering proficiency while simultaneously working to advance the state of the art. David is the founder and president of Vitech where he leads the team in delivering innovative, industry-leading methods and software (CORE[™] and GENESYS[™]) to help organizations engineer next-generation systems. He co-authored *A Primer for Model-Based Systems Engineering* and frequently delivers keynotes and tutorials at industry events around the world. An INCOSE Fellow and Expert Systems Engineering Professional (ESEP), David was the 2014/2015 president of INCOSE.

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Enabling Communication, Analysis, Learning, and More







Moving from Ambiguity to Clarity, "One Idea in One Place"









Transforming Engineering: A New Manifesto

A MODEL-BASED ENGINEERING (MBE) MANIFESTO

PURPOSE: To motivate the transformation to Model-Based Engineering.



Faced with increasing system complexity, interdependencies, breakdown of document-based methods, and other challenges, MBE provides the transformation in which we value:



2

Information over artifacts Integration over independence Expressiveness with rigor over flexibility

Model usage over model creation

We value the items on the right, but not at the sacrifice of the items on the left.

THE TEAM:

The team was assembled by invitation, intentionally drawing together different perspectives.

Sandia National Laboratories

Ed Carroll Team lead-Sandia National Laboratories - Engineering Methods Research

Nancy Hayden SNL-Autonomous Systems/ **Engineering Policy**

Sharon Trauth SNL-Systems Engineering/ **MBSE** Practice

Dana Grisham



Ontology, Metamodel, and Schema

Ontology: a set of concepts and categories in a subject area or domain that shows their properties and the relations between them Oxford Languages

Metamodel: a model which is intended to give an all-inclusive picture of a process, system, etc., especially by abstracting from more detailed individual models contained within it

Oxford Languages

Schema: the organization of data as a blueprint of how the database is constructed

Wikipedia



EXPLICIT > IMPLICIT

CLARITY > AMBIGUITY





ACCURACY | PRECISION

Avoiding the Perils of the Extremes



"For every complex problem, there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong"

H.L. Mencken



Towards an Essential Systems Metamodel or Sparse Information Model or Minimal Systems Ontology or ...









kind of

includes



































Developing a Better Metamodel

- Define your scope (engineering > modeling)
- Focus on the language of the domain
- Leverage both domain and language experts (but few heads are better than many)
- Manage the size (100 >> 1000 >> 10000)
- Emphasize interrelationships
 alongside concepts
- Begin with a proven base



DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEMS METAMODEL

50 YEARS OF ADVANCEMENT





Aligning across the Engineering Enterprise Right Data, Right Place, Right Time, Right Presentation



Seeing Many Dimensions: Tools, Concept, **Connection, World View, and People**



Functioning in an interdependent environment requires that every team possess a holistic understanding of the interaction between all the moving parts.

Team of Teams, 2015

RETIRE

Aligning SE, MBSE, and Digital Engineering

Digital Engineering

critical enabler for the modern engineering enterprise

MBSE

connective tissue of the Digital Engineering environment

Systems Engineering

technical connective tissue of the project team

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Stakeholders

- Auditing
 Business Cost
- Estimating Business – Financial Management
- Contracting
- Engineering
- Facilities Engineering
- Industrial Contract Property Management
- Information Technology
- Lifecycle Logistics
- Production, Quality & Manufacturing
- Program Management
- Purchasing Science & Technology Management
- Test & Evaluation







Recognizing Roadblocks and Risks

- Overestimating current implementation
- Underestimating relationships
- Notation vs concept
- Amateur experts
- Emphasizing tools and artifacts
- Standard<u>s</u> (proliferation)
- Reinventing the wheel
- Pursuit of perfection
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Define and use



From Challenges to Successes: Engineering Systems in the Age of Complexity

1

Insight into interactions and dependencies, both direct and indirect . . . equipping the team to respond effectively in the face of complexity and reduce mission risk.

4

Knowledge retention and organizational learning enabled by a proven metamodel ... increasing effectiveness, reuse, and return on investment.

2

Shared understanding of problem and solution across the team . . . resulting in resilient architectures and elegant solutions informed by the wisdom of multiple viewpoints. Coordination between SE and PM from architecting the program to architecting the system . . . informed by dependencies and impacts enabling effective decision making

3

Authoritative source of truth reflecting both design and rationale . . . accelerating programs and reducing costs by effective thru-life knowledge management.





Questions and Discussion





