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# Practical SE data management at scale

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# The vision

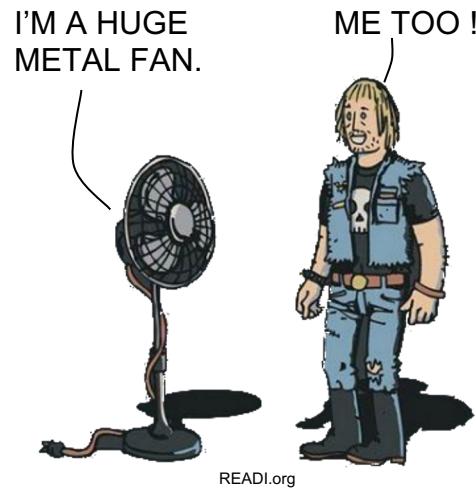
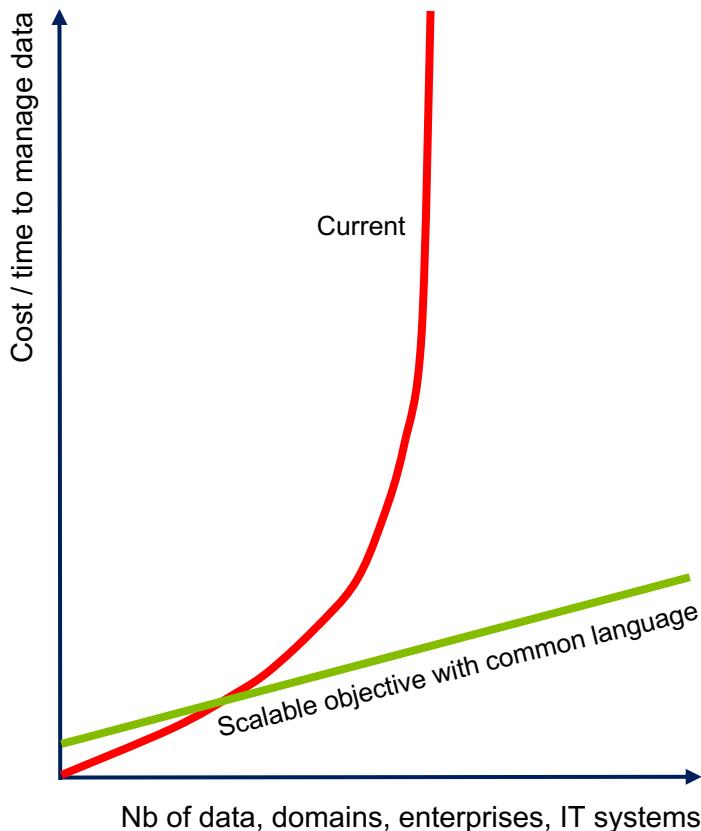
*Data is the new gold.*

*Digital continuity is the key to co-operations & data-based studies*



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# From the pain to the solution



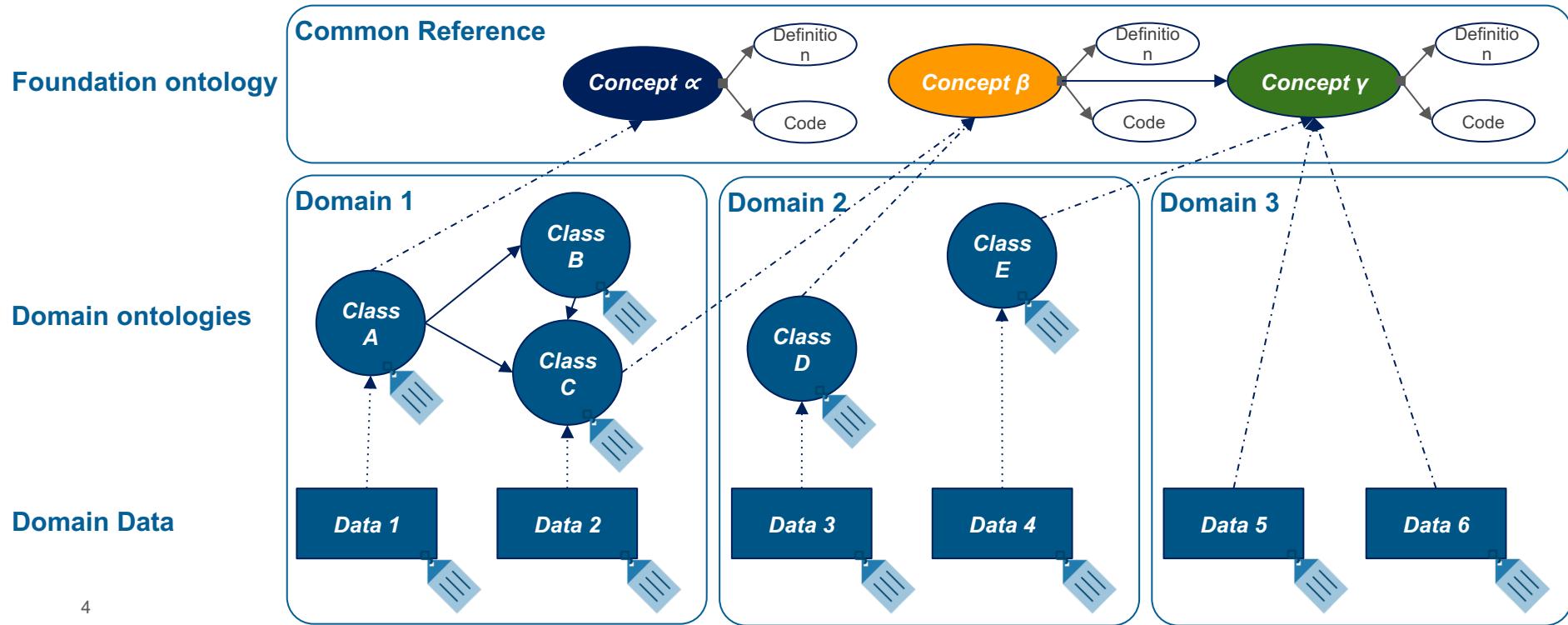
*The ambition of this language  
based on proven international standards  
is to value data by providing practical solutions  
to clarify, federate & query data,  
at marginal cost and time, even at scale*

Tag

link to common reference concept (e.g. using codes)

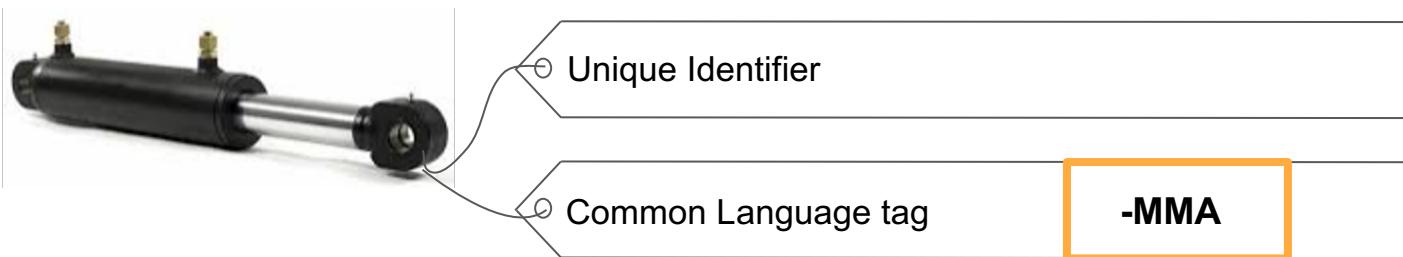
## Value proposal - common reference concept

The innovation is to use a common business language on tags as bridge between data sets: now new & legacy data are understood & operated across silos (domains, enterprise, IT solutions, ...), at marginal cost and time



## Value proposal - Example

*This language is used to provide meaning to data thanks to tag applied on top of unique identifiers*



**MMA** (hydraulic cylinder): system for providing mechanical movement or force, powered by fluid displacement or pressure, providing movement corresponding to a liquid volume.

## Value proposal - The origin



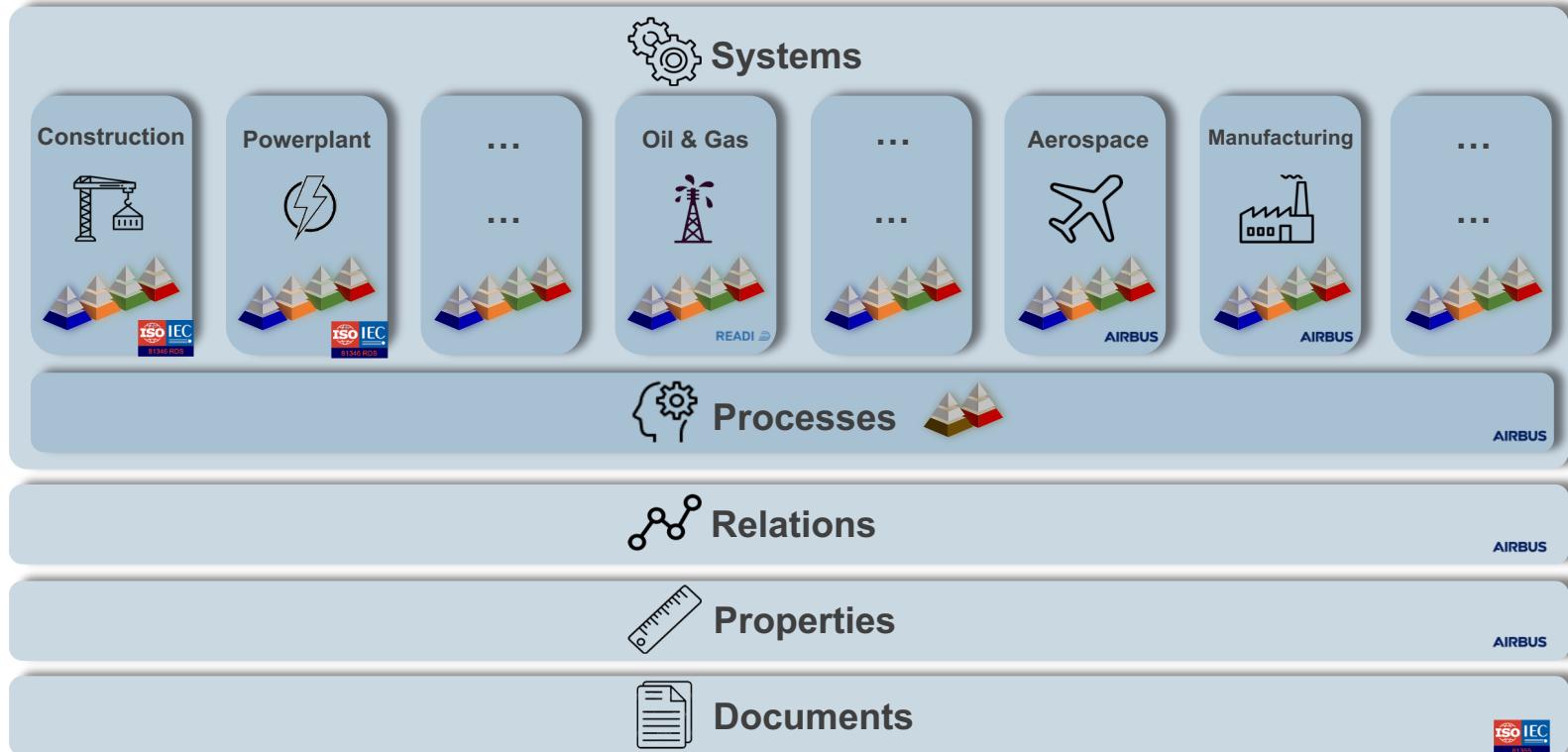
### ISO/IEC 81346 Reference Designation System (RDS)

*It's all about creating a common language™*

[www.81346.com](http://www.81346.com)

# A common framework

The common reference is a set of structured concepts definitions and its associated designation language  
It is made of 15 000 definitions & relations between them



# The reference model in action



Aircraft

+  
Spatial

=  
Functional

-  
Physical



Process  
#  
Procedural



Manufacturing  
= Functional  
- Physical  
+ Spatial



Building  
+ Spatial  
= Functional  
- Physical

This language is used to designate and federate data (**digital thread**) across silos using the same framework

+DCA  
Space allocation

=BE  
Roll system

-QPC  
Aileron

#CAL  
To rivet

=UQA  
Riveting

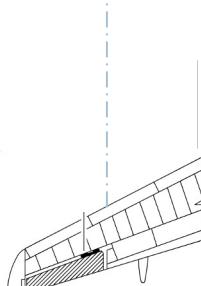
-TPA  
Torquing tool

+DDB  
Station

+GBA  
Hangar

=HG  
Electrical distribution

-XDB  
Socket



Direction system creating roll movement

Equipment operation space providing equipment movement space

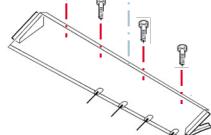
Open flow controlling object for directing a flow by variable means

Object for localising other objects, by static jointing, with rigid and permanent mechanical means

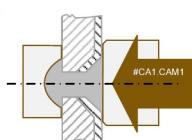
Width of circle, cylinder or sphere

Process of joining objects or materials, shaping by irreversible assembling, by

#CAL  
deformation



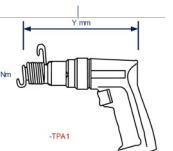
-UQA  
Fastener  
\$AAAAAD  
Diameter



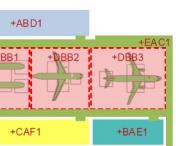
#CAL  
To rivet



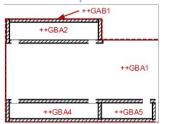
=UQA  
-TPA  
+DDB  
=HG  
-XDB



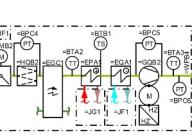
-TPA  
Torquing tool



+DDB  
Station



+GBA  
Hangar



=HG  
Electrical distribution



-XDB  
Socket

Object for localising other objects, by static jointing, with rigid and permanent mechanical means

Object for transforming other objects of matter by shape forging

Space designed for active technical systems which support human activities of fabricating and preparing products

Space defined by physical boundary, designed to host one or more activity spaces

Technical system supplying other systems with electrical energy

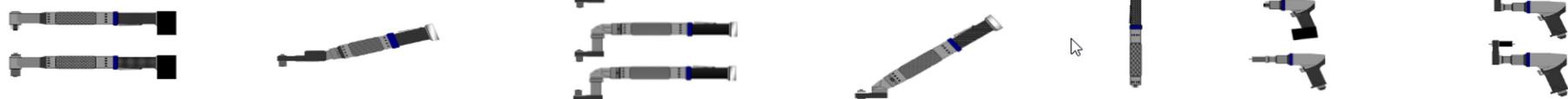
Interfacing object for low voltage electric power, with for pluggable connections

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## The challenge



About **220.000 bolts** types

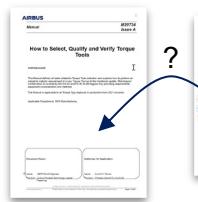


About **500.000 tools** physical types

**How to provide the list of applicable torquing tools per fastener?**

# Torquing Tool Configurator (TTC)

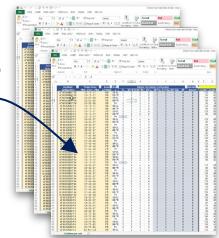
## Examples of data sources



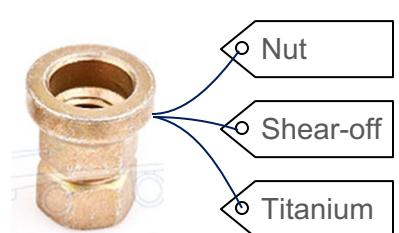
MANUALS



HANDBOOKS



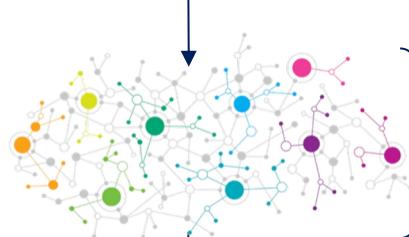
TECHNICAL MATRICES



ASNA2536P



Ordering application



### Common Reference

220.000 bolts & 500.000 tools  
fully described by 61.000.000 tags  
in 2 months by 3 people



Graph Database



User interface to select appropriate tools

# Automatic suggestion of definitions

Type

system

Domain

aircraft

Aspect

physical

AI Method

Convolutionnal Neural Network

How many Epochs for the Train ?

GO !

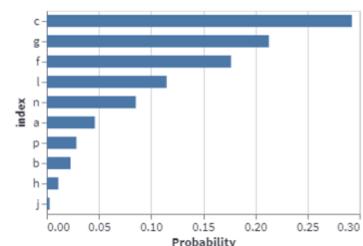
Please enter some words to be defined

motor

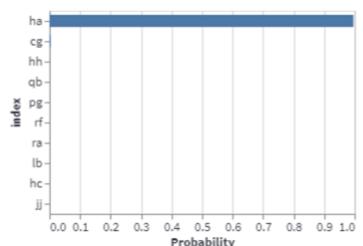
Here is my best guess :

Probability	Class Code	Class Name	Class Definition
0.996	HA	Engine system	supply system for thrust

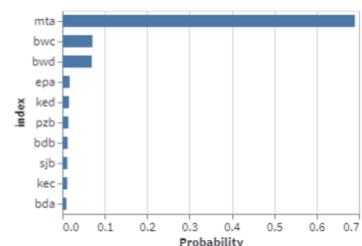
Higher Abstraction Level



Intermediate Abstraction Level



Elementary Abstraction Level



Automatic suggestion of definitions thanks to machine learning: the quickest way to select your tag

# From table to graph

## From a Human Operable Table to Human & Machine Operable Graph



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Limit 200MB per file

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# From table to graph

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	skywise_aircraft	title	aircraft_msn	delivery_date	total_flight_hour	owner_code_ica	aircraft_model	engine	engine_option	engine_variant	final_assembly	customer_handc	customer_handover_time	
2	A220-50015	A220 HB-JBF (5 MSN50015		3/8/2017	9722.27	86L	A220-100	A220-50015CEC CEO	PW1524G			HDV-A220-50015		
3	A220-50016	A220 HB-JBG (5 MSN50016		4/3/2017	9674.91	86L	A220-100	A220-50016CEC CEO	PW1524G			HDV-A220-50016		
4	A220-50023	A220 N104DU (5 MSN50023		12/31/2018	8913.52	DAL	A220-100	A220-50023CEC CEO	PW1519G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50023		
5	A220-50030	A220 N111NG (5 MSN50030		6/6/2019	6338.08	DAL	A220-100	A220-50030CEC CEO	PW1519G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50030		
6	A220-50032	A220 N113DQ (5 MSN50032		5/20/2019	6722.18	DAL	A220-100	A220-50032CEC CEO	PW1519G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50032		
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13	A220-50079	A220 (50079)	MSN50079	12/15/2023		AIB	A220-171	A220-50079CEC CEO	PW1500G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50079		
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15	A220-50081	A220 (50081)	MSN50081	2/8/2024		AIB	A220-171	A220-50081CEC CEO	PW1500G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50081		
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23	A220-50107	A220 (50107)	MSN50107	4/1/2025		AIB	A220-171	A220-50107CEC CEO	PW1500G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50107		
24	A220-50108	A220 (50108)	MSN50108	4/9/2025		AIB	A220-171	A220-50108CEC CEO	PW1500G	Mirabel		HDV-A220-50108		

# From table to graph

The **AIRBUS** Common Language

test

**Save Project**

Navigation

- Source Designation
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- Relationships Designation
- Serialize & Export Project

**Delete Project**

## From a Human Operable Table to Human & Machine Operable Graph

### Entities Designation

Describe Relative RDB Entities

Choose Concept: **engine\_id**

	engine_id
0	A220-5001CEO
1	A220-50016CEO
2	A220-50023CEO
3	A220-50030CEO
4	A220-50032CEO

Choose Nature: **System**

Do Systems in the column have the Same Class ?

Yes  No

according: **engine**

Choose Domain: **Aircraft**

Choose Aspect: **Physical**

Choose Level: **Library-Level-2**

What is the Class of the Systems ?

**HA - Engine system**

**Create Entity**

**Delete Entity**

Here is displayed the graph data model:

-Y: aircraft

-HA: engine

**Mapping View**

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## From a Human Operable Table to Human & Machine Operable Graph

### Relationships Designation

Describe Relative RDB Relations between Entities

What is the Start Node of the Relation ?

engine

What is the Class of the Relation ?

BAA - System composes

What is the End Node of the Relation ?

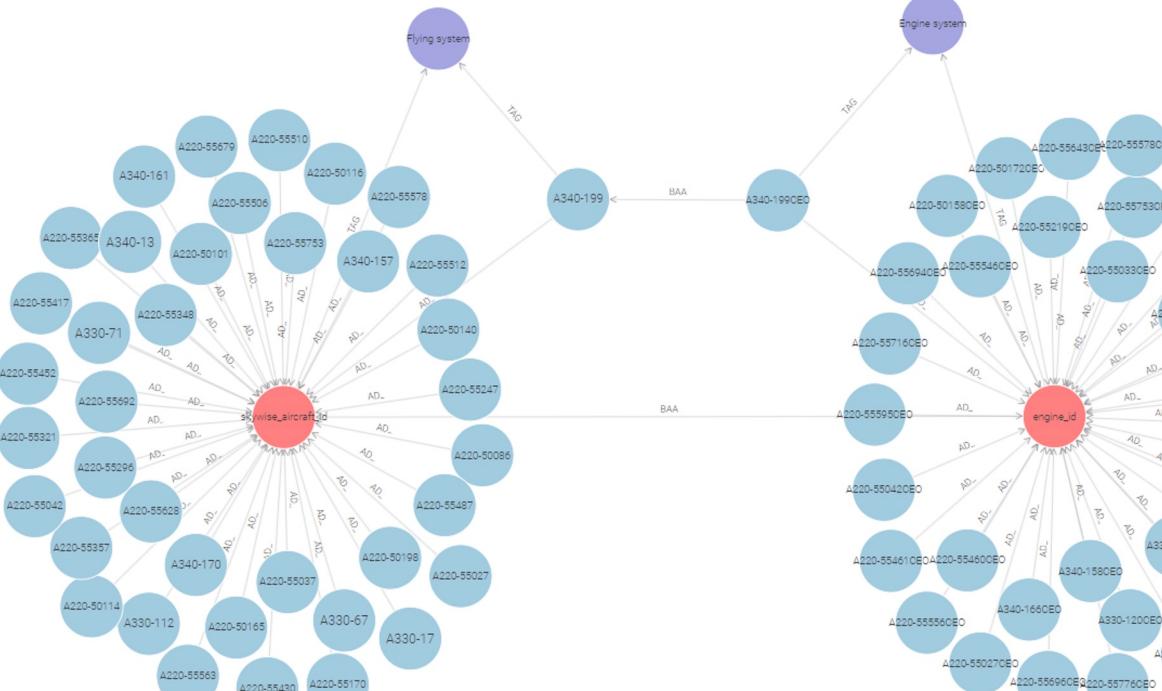
skywise\_aircraft,

Here is displayed the graph data model:

```
graph LR; A(( -HA: engine)) -- "BAA: is composed of" --> B(( -Y: aircraft))
```

Mapping View

# From table to graph



## Engine system

## Engine system<sup>er</sup>

## Types:

## ACL:Physical\_Component

OWL:NamedIndividual

RDF Rank:

1

 Search instance properties

## 2 SKOS:example

Engine (including nacelle), motor, powerplant, jet, jetengine, turbofan [en](#)

SKOS:prefLabel

SKOS:definition

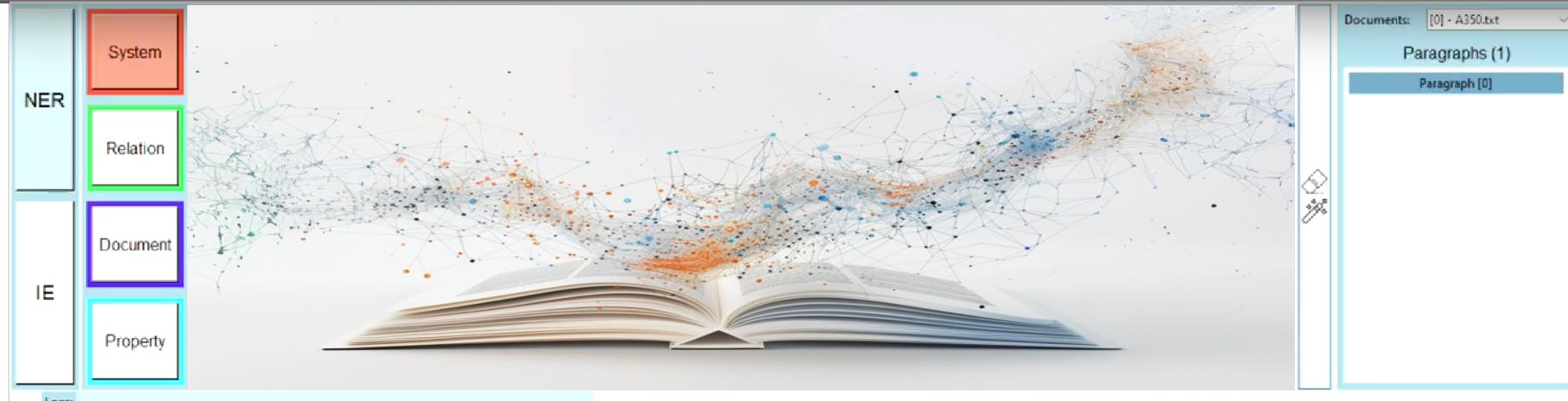
2 ACL:hasCo

HA

SKOS:notation  
HA

**Without modeling expertise, by answering to basic questions, tables are converted into graphs with explicit definitions**

# From text to graph



# From text to graph

The A350 has 2 variants : A350-900 and A350-1000 . Those aircrafts can be characterised by many properties as MTOW , size , weight , etc .

**NER**

- System
- Relation

**IE**

- Document
- Property

Logs: [View logs](#)

Documents: [0] - A350.txt

Paragraphs (1)

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Classes (0)

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Triples (0)

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# From text to graph

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same as

The A350 has 2 variants : A3-900 and A350-1000. Those aircrafts can be characterised by many properties as MTOW, size, weight, etc.

Documents: (0) - A350.txt

Paragraphs (1)

Paragraph [0]

Selection1: A350-1000 + [1] Selection2: None Logs: Classes (7) +

A350	Flying system
A350-900	Flying system
A350-1000	Flying system
Aircraft	Flying system
MTOW	Mass
size	Product geometry, shape and size
weight	Weight

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Triples (0)

# From text to graph

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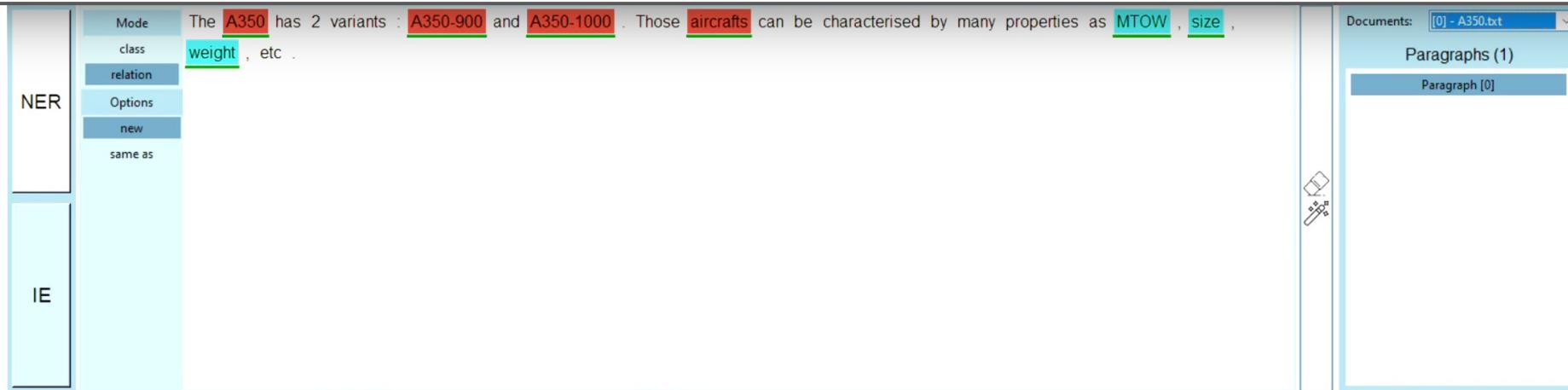
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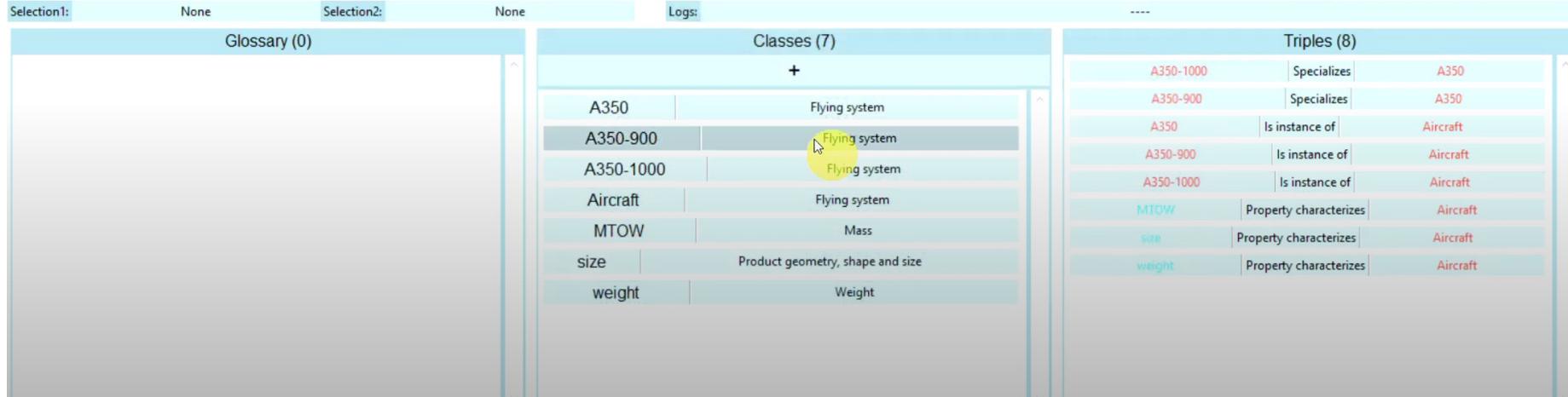


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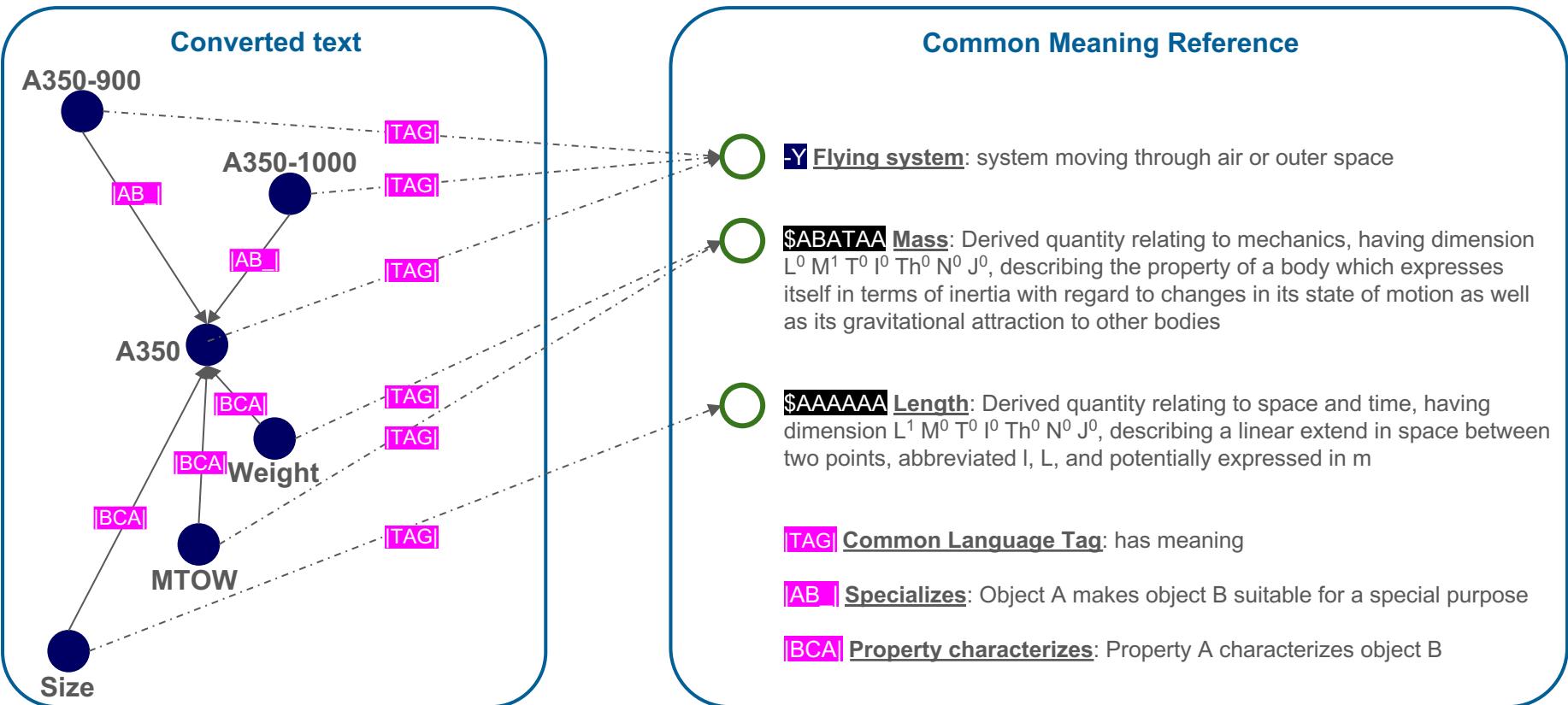
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Classes (7)		
+		
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A350-900		Flying system
A350-1000		Flying system
Aircraft		Flying system
MTOW		Mass
size		Product geometry, shape and size
weight		Weight

Triples (8)		
A350-1000	Specializes	A350
A350-900	Specializes	A350
A350	Is instance of	Aircraft
A350-900	Is instance of	Aircraft
A350-1000	Is instance of	Aircraft
MTOW	Property characterizes	Aircraft
size	Property characterizes	Aircraft
weight	Property characterizes	Aircraft

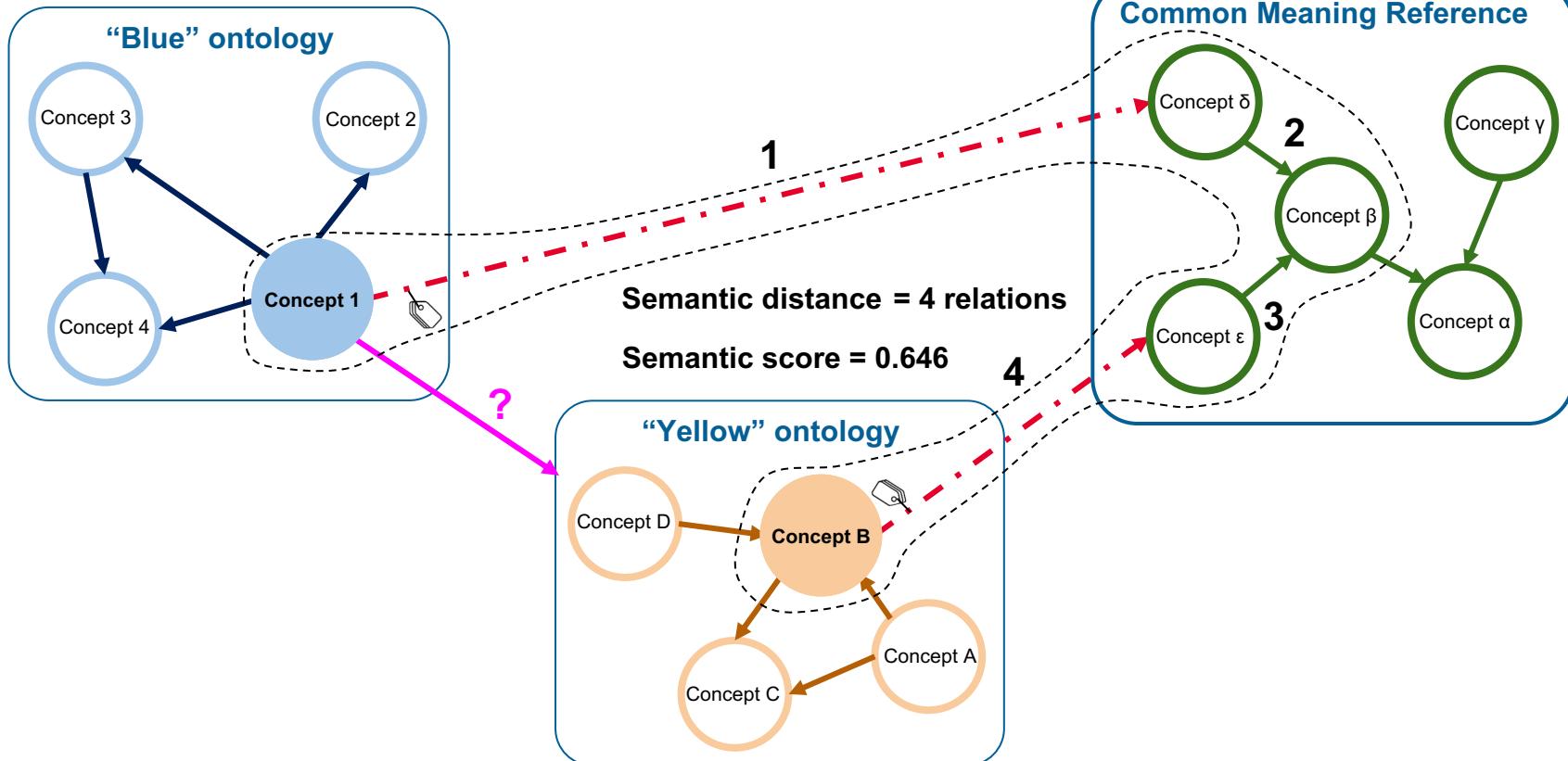


# From text to graph



Even without modeling expertise, create operable graph with explicit definitions

# Semantic distance through Common Reference



# Calculate similarities matrix between ontologies' concepts

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data.airbus.corp/cnd	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
cnd/AR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858
cnd/Aircraft	0.0	0.0	0.858	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
cnd/Area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858
cnd/MLW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.0
cnd/MRW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.0
cnd/MTOW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.0
cnd/MZFW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.858	0.0
cnd/TR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858
cnd/Total_AR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858
cnd/Total_Area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858
cnd/Total_Span	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.646	0.646	0.858	0.646	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.142	0.0
cnd/Wing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.858

potential similarity between concepts (score from 0 to 1)

# Easy data query through common language definitions



## Filter *It*

*Retrieve your data through their semantics*

Mass of the fuselage of the aircraft that was built in this factory



Property

System

System

Process

System

Relation

Relation

Relation

Relation

To retrieve all (and only) the relevant informations, search by meaning instead of words

Translate in common language  $\Leftrightarrow$  Just select key elements, their definitions & relationships

With no query language expertise any user can perform advanced searches by meaning



# Executive Summary



*Data assets management at scale is a must*



*A common language is a key enabler:*



*Explicit data operable by humans & machines*



*Robust & proven  
Scalable (distributed mode, incremental deployment)  
Low footprint on IT for new & legacy data*

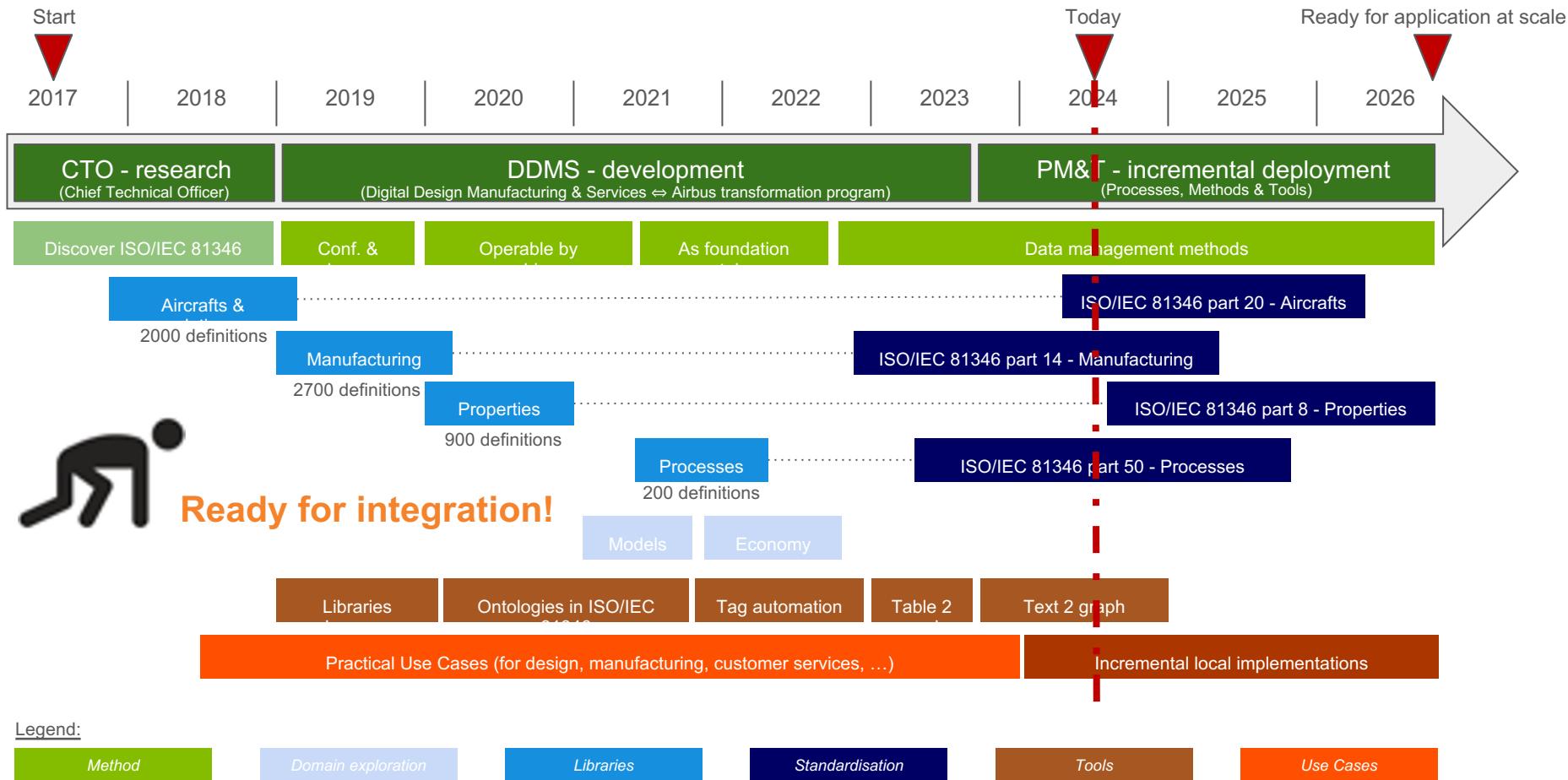


*Interoperability enabler across silos  
Compatible with any IT language & software*



*Easy to learn & to apply*

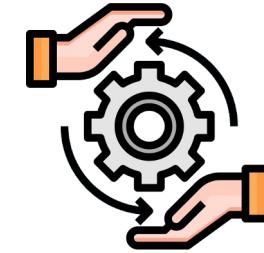
# The Common Language project



# Join us for at scale applications!



Test



Develop

Want to try? Any question? => [common.language@airbus.com](mailto:common.language@airbus.com)

# Thank you!

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