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NATO MTF XML SCHEMA Using

NIEM / NCDF Methodology

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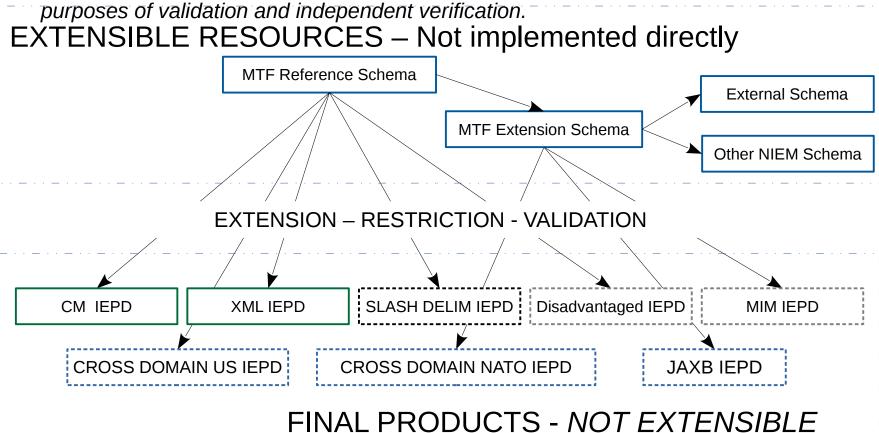
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NATO MTF XML SCHEMA IMPLEMENTATION

NIEM METHODOLOGY

- Employ Uniform XML Schema design principles to maximize extensibility in order to achieve Interoperability between complex data models.
- Data component "Re-Use" is achieved using XML Extension and Restriction for purposes of validation and independent verification.



Project Status



All US and NATO MTF Messages have been refactored to achieve:

- 1. Cumulative NIEM/NCDF Conformant Reference XML Schema for each standard using a single XML Namespace
- 2. Separate Reference XML Schema for each Message
- 3. Cumulative Implementation XML Schema for each standard for which all instances are valid against the Reference Schema
- 4. Separate Implementation XML Schema for each Message for which all instances are valid against the Reference Schema

Implementations



Current Plans include development of IEPDs for:

- 1. XML based information exchange of NATO and USMTF
- 2. Conversion between US and NATO MTF
- 3. Slash Delimited Information Exchange
- 4. Configuration Management Implementation

In Work



Remaining tasks to complete full MTF Representation:

- 1. Generate tests to verify full representation of MTF standards
- Convert existing Structural Relationships to XPath / Schematron notations
- 3. Generate Code and Code Tests
- 4. Complete Collaborative tools to allow adjustments and changes to current products without full regeneration
- 5. Add 4774/4778 extensions

Collaborative Efforts



- All Products are available to Partner Nations for use in Exercises and Demonstrations in order to identify issues and allow recommendations for improvement
- 2. All software used to generate these documents, as well as guidance on how to implement them will be publicly available at:

https://github.com/mil-oss/MTFXML

3. Information Exchange solutions using these products will follow the Information Exchange Product Documentation principles provided in the NIEM methodology which ensures that all necessary resources for a specific implementation are provided with a data model implementation.

NCDF MTF XML Schema



- The entire refactored collection of MTF Schema has been uploaded to the MTF Strategy Document Repository as 3 Archives, NCDF_MTF_A-D.zip, NCDF_MTF_E-M.zip and NCDF_MTF_N-W.zip
- 2. All Schema are valid but there are likely many issues that will be addressed going forward.
- 3. The A-D Archive contains cumulative Reference and Implementation Schema in the _ALL Directory.
- 4. Each Message is produced under a single namespace with Reference and Implementation Schema.
- 5. Reference Schema are for Extension and Validation
- 6. IEPD Schema are for Implementation and Validation
- 7. Any Instances must validate to both

Way Forward



- 1. Provide NCDF MTF XML as "Alpha" for next CWIX 2019 and any ACTDs, JCTDs and partner nations who want to engage
- 2. Incorporate inputs into "Beta" version for CWIX 2020, and update implementers
- 3. Incorporate inputs and propose alternate/upgrade version of NATO NCDF XML MTF in 2021
- 4. Incorporate MTF Objects into MIM (Maritime etc.)

