

Systems Engineering Modernization (SEMod) Key Enablers Panel Discussion

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Conference Panel: Systems Engineering Modernization (SEMOD) Key Enablers for System Development on DoD Programs



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Short Summary: The OUSD(R&E) Systems Engineering Modernization (SE MOD) initiative focuses on identifying and integrating advances in SE that enable DoD programs to develop systems more quickly, effectively, at lower cost, with reduced risk. In this panel, Service leaders will share approaches and lessons learned.

Abstract: OUSD(R&E) presented systems engineering modernization "Pain Points" at the 2022 NDIA Systems Engineering Division (SED) annual kickoff meeting. The SED Education and Training (E&T) Committee initiated a joint project to address those pain points with DoD programs and organizations, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), Stevens Institute of Technology Systems Engineering Research Center (SERC), Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), MITRE, and many other community collaborators. This panel has identified several programs and organizations as exemplars for their approaches and actions implementing policy and guidance for the SE MOD Focus Areas (Digital Engineering, Mission Engineering, Modular Open Systems Approach, Agile SE) as well as continuous iterative development and modern software acquisition practices.

Effective systems engineering practices and approaches are considered “enablers” in that they enable DoD programs to develop systems and solutions more quickly, effectively, at lower cost, and with reduced risk.

Dr. Robert Raygan of DAU, NDIA SED E&T Committee Chair, will moderate the panel.

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SE Modernization High Level Overview

Problem Statement

“There is a lack of an integrated approach to implementation of SE Focus Areas that is creating a delay in full implementation of the Digital Transformation which is necessary to ensure the relevant guidance, skills, and training are available to deliver a robust, disciplined approach to weapon systems acquisition.”

SE Focus Areas

- Digital Engineering
- Modular Open Systems Approaches (MOSA)
- SW Engineering/Agile
- Mission Engineering

Key Enablers

- Reference Architecture
- Enterprise/SoS Data Strategy
- Model Based Systems Engineering
- Modeling & Simulation
- Engineering Workflow
- Workforce Training/Culture

Strategic Partnerships/Collaborations



FY 21/22 Ongoing Lines of Effort

- Policy Review
- Integration Framework
- Body of Knowledge/Community of Practice
- Ontology Development
- Implementation Roadmaps

ALIGNED TO R&E Goals

- Advance the Engineering Practice (LOE 1)
- Connect & Strengthen the Technical Community (LOE 2)
- Develop the Workforce (LOE 3)

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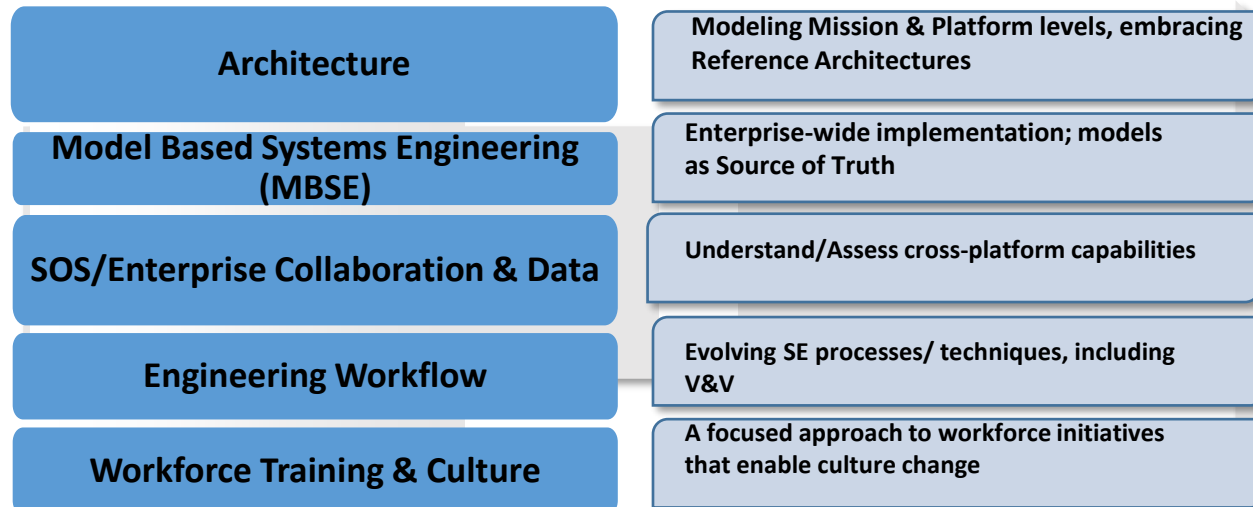


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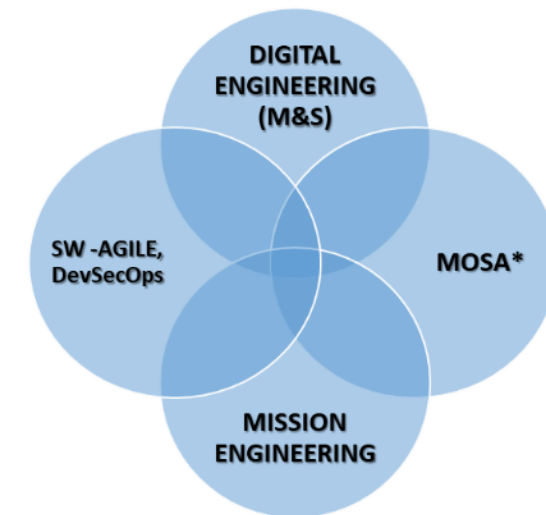
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Cross Cutting Key Enablers



SE Modernization Focus Areas (Initial Scope)



Collaborating with Government, Industry & Academia

ENABLERS RESULTED FROM INITIAL OUTREACH/INFORMATION SESSIONS

Digital Engineering (DE): implement “an integrated digital approach that uses authoritative sources of system data and models as a continuum across disciplines to support lifecycle activities from concept through disposal.” Enabler to manage lifecycle efficiency.

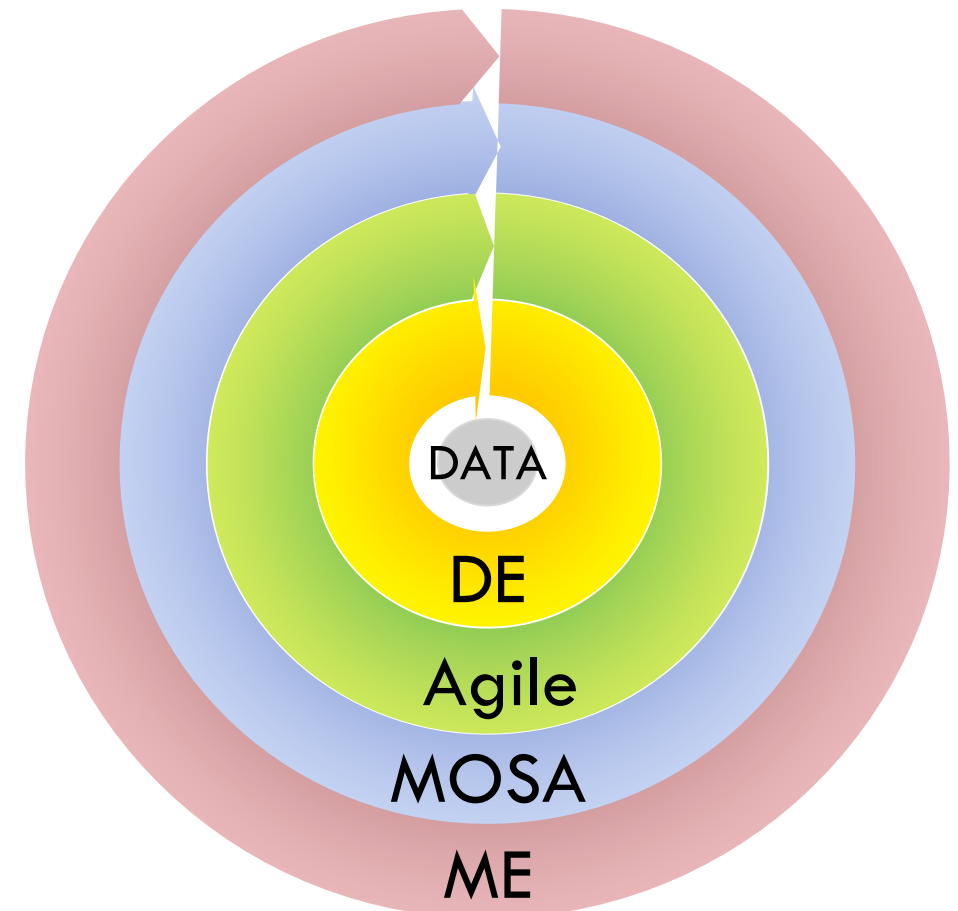
Agile/DevOps: begin with a high-level capture of business/technical needs, continually implement and deploy to define & build value. Enabler to manage risk.

Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA): use modular design, control interfaces, adopt open standards, measure conformance. Enabler to manage adaptability and change.

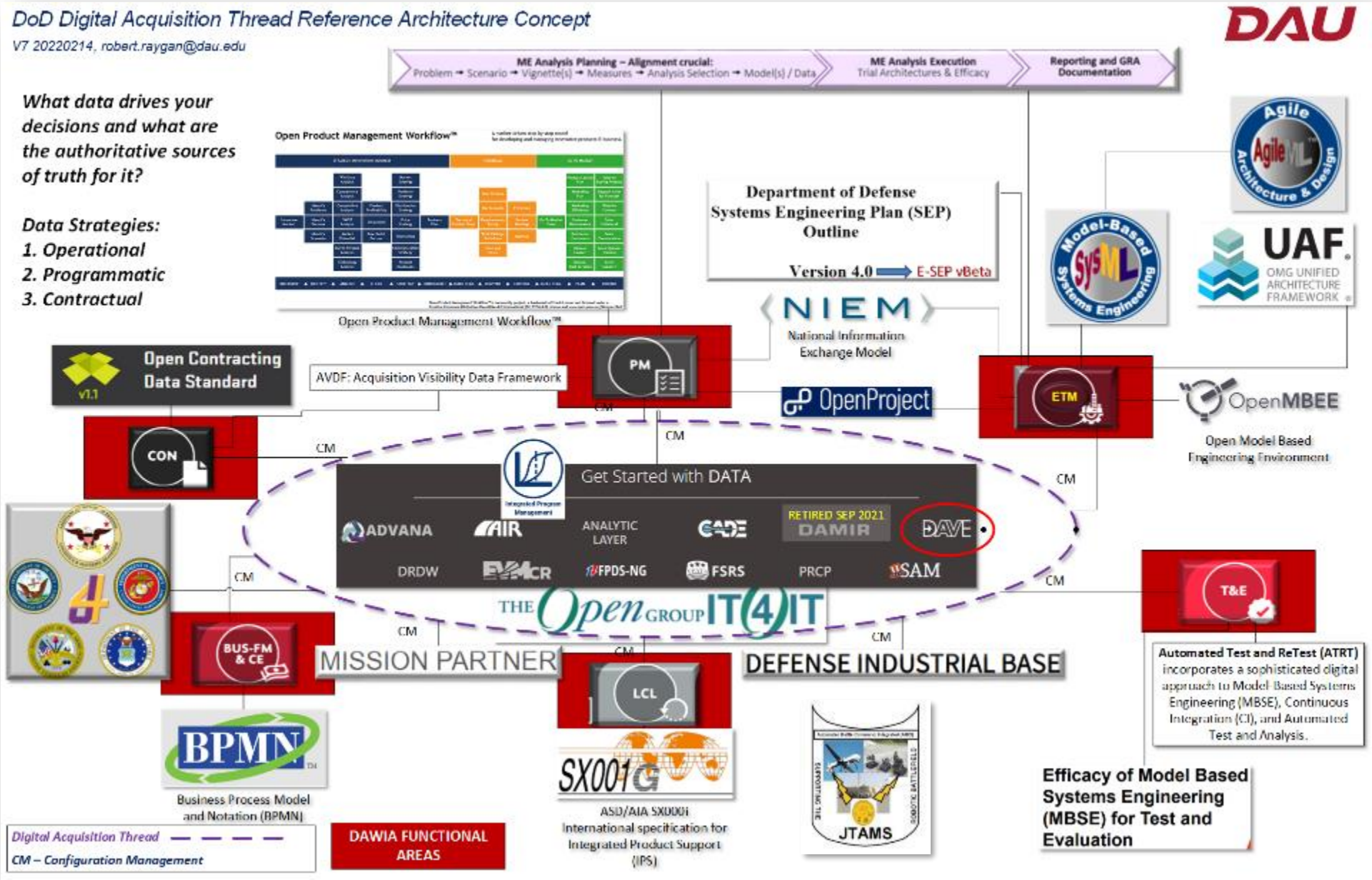
Mission Engineering (ME): continually provide engineered mission-based outputs to inform requirements, prototypes, design, and investment. Enabler to manage portfolios.

DoD Data Strategy: “data as a strategic asset”

**The 4 focus areas generate a layered,
continual, and data-centered model**



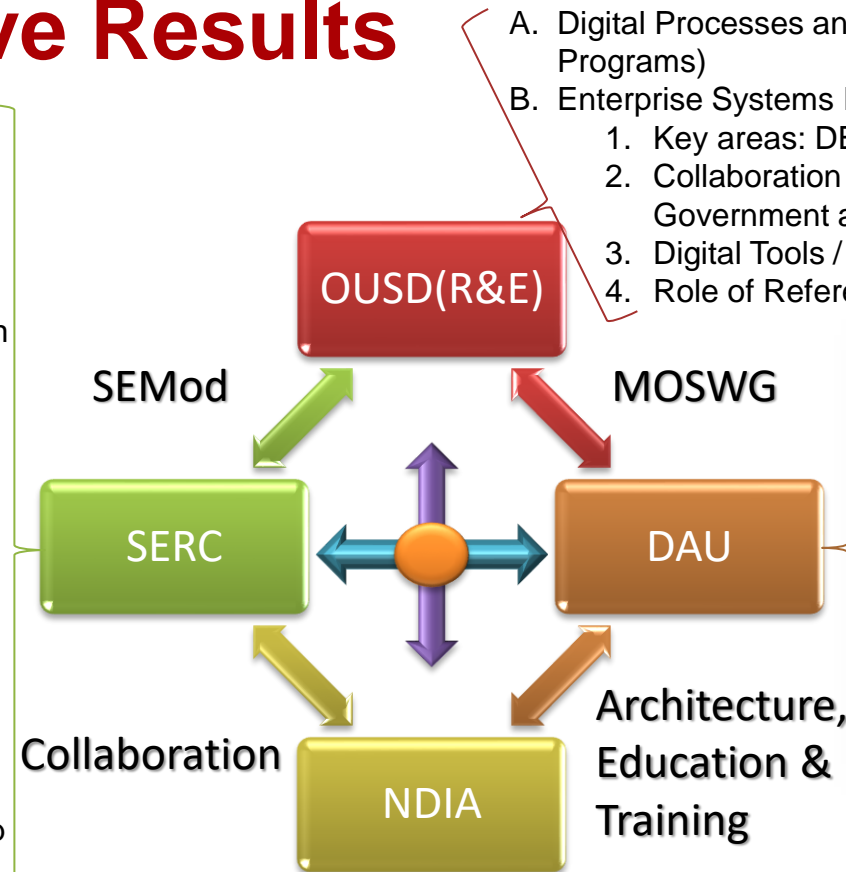
Concept: What are Systems Engineering Modernization focus area dependencies across the Digital Acquisition Thread?



SEMod Collaborative Results

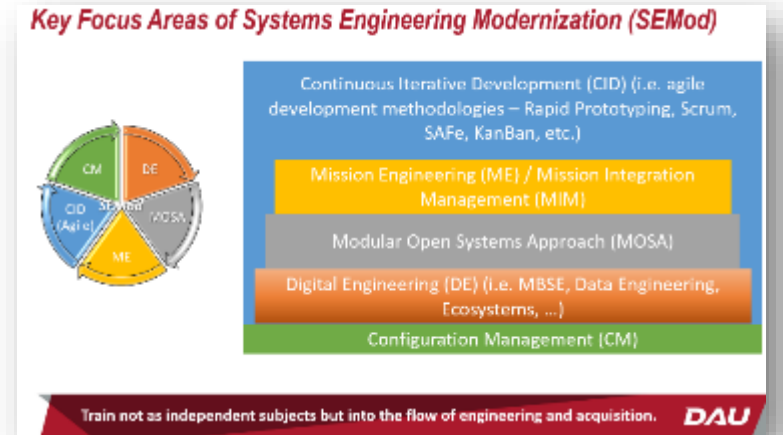


1. Get the integration framework into the flow down of policy and guidance to training.
2. ME, MOSA, and Agile need to be trained not as independent subjects but into the flow of engineering and acquisition.
3. Creating versions of that “bomb cyclone” model with accompanying narratives to describe this flow for different acquisition pathways as well as different functional areas.
4. Compiled a list of ~600 lessons learned from open literature at the detailed process level. This is not ready to be distributed yet but as SERC abstracts them upward they hopefully will provide more detail on the activities across the focus areas that are useful learning in a training setting.
5. Studying a digital ontology that relates military doctrinal language to acquisition language to systems engineering language. These are horribly disconnected right now. Hopefully this can also help with the background. (This includes the DAU definitions and taxonomy now but we are looking more broadly)
6. Collaborate with DAU on training how to define and contract for an appropriate digital infrastructure that looks forward toward the digital transformation.



- Identified many exemplar programs and organizations across the community.
- DoD CIO identified DISA native digital SATCOM RA created to publicly share - stimulating innovation and non-traditional industry contributions.
- Identified DoD policy gap preventing public sharing of digital artifacts like DISA SATCOM RA
- NDIA Cross-committee, cross-community collaborative project led by OMG UAF developing “Model Based Acquisition” digital artifacts and guidance

- A. Digital Processes and Products (Digital Acquisition / E-Programs)
- B. Enterprise Systems Engineering approach integrating:
 1. Key areas: DE/MOSA/SWE-CID/ME/CM
 2. Collaboration and Data Sharing challenges between Government and Industry
 3. Digital Tools / Methods
 4. Role of Reference Architecture (RA)



- Created [“Systems Engineering Modernization,” Webcasts Series](#)
- Created: [WSE027 MOSA](#) and [WSE028 ME Workshops](#), Developing CM and Architecture Workshops
- Delivered SEMod concept to Defense Acquisition Executives, Executive PMs, ACQ1700 Agile, WSA004 Cloud, ETM2020 Mission and Systems Thinking, ETM2070 Digital Literacy, ETM2080 Software Literacy and Army Agile / Software Pathway cross-functional teams.
- Awareness and Sharing: AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND (AFMC) , GUIDEBOOK FOR IMPLEMENTING MODULAR OPEN SYSTEMS APPROACHES IN WEAPON SYSTEMS, 12SEP22



Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA)

PEO Aviation Enterprise MOSA Strategy

Update for NDIA Systems Engineering Conference



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Architecture SME (Contractor Support)

On behalf of Mr. Matt Sipe, Director of MOSA Transformation, PEO Aviation

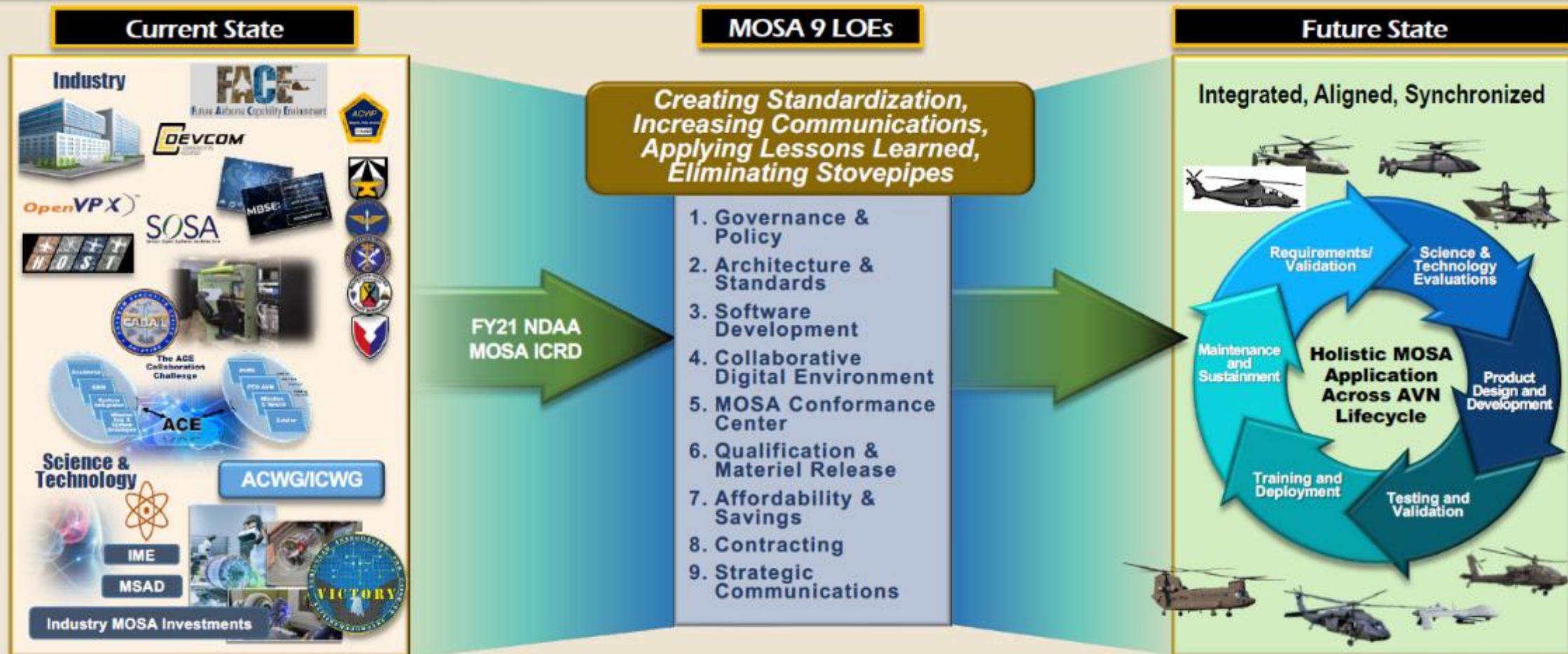
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PEO Driving MOSA Transformation Effort

Aligning People, Tools, Processes for Successful Execution



'Ready to Catch' Modernization Efforts



Results of VLC MOSA Industry Day

- Increasing Open Collaboration with Broad Industry Participation
- CRADA, Tasks, and Demos drive down risk and demonstrate value
- Enterprise-focused Major System Components (MSC) across the entire portfolio
- Use of potential future prototypes to achieve modular procurement
- Enterprise Governance and use of a common Enterprise Architecture Framework (EAF) for Component Specification Models (CSM)

VLC & ACWG

VLC Membership

Future Scope

Collaboration Efforts

Under Construction

- Membership
 - Moving Vendor Membership Processes to VLC
 - Gov't Memberships with MOSA TO
 - VLC Members can elect to be a part of ACWG
- Scope/Collaboration
 - Developing scope in key areas that industry desires to
 - CRADA
 - ACWI
 - MOSA

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Upcoming Demos

- FACE TIM; Dayton, 27 Sep
 - Implementing COP on an RTOS following the desired OS patterns
 - SW Reuse: Modify an Enduring Fleet Link 16 Parser and utilize it in a different SW environment
 - Integrating multiple TSOs within single executables
 - Connecting with USAT CMOSS device and conducting OMS to FACE transition
- AAAA Cribbins; Huntsville, 15-17 Nov
 - Implementing COP with a different RTOS
 - Reuse and Modification of UH-60V SW on AMCS
 - UH-60V TSO replacement
 - APART headset showing Link 16 symbols, air state, and map
 - Demonstration of TSO on AMCS
- AAAA Summit; Nashville, 26-28 Apr
 - Integrating SW based Enterprise MSC solutions
 - Use of a Reusable Software Operating Environment

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Major System Components (MSC)

What are MSCs and how do we prioritize them?

- Per the NDAA, a MSC is a high-level subsystem or assembly, including hardware, software, or an integrated assembly of both that can be mounted or installed on an MSP (Major System Platform) through well-defined interfaces (i.e., Key Interfaces, Major System Interfaces).
- MSCs may or may not be common across all or multiple platforms. MSCs result from tailored MOSAs.
- MOSA TO identified PEO AVN Enterprise priority MSCs which are common to multiple enduring and future platforms
- PEO Aviation prioritized MSCs are defined to meet the MOSA objectives through methods such as facilitating a reuse strategy.
- MSCs will evolve and be prioritized according to PEO AVN investment priorities. These may be driven by Army modernization strategies, obsolescence updates, or other software and hardware updates made to Army Aviation platforms.

Initial MSC priorities are based on existing common components and/or functions

Future MSCs will be prioritized based on PEO investment strategy

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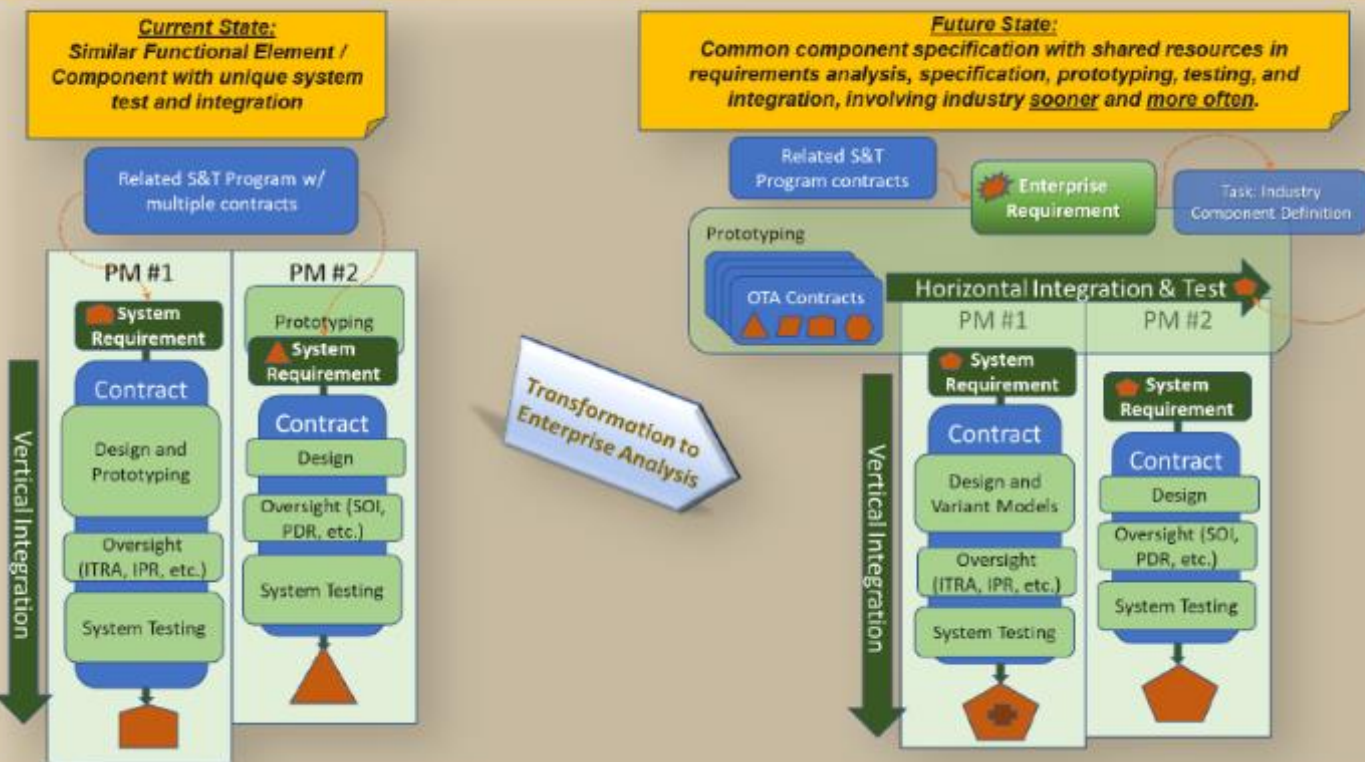
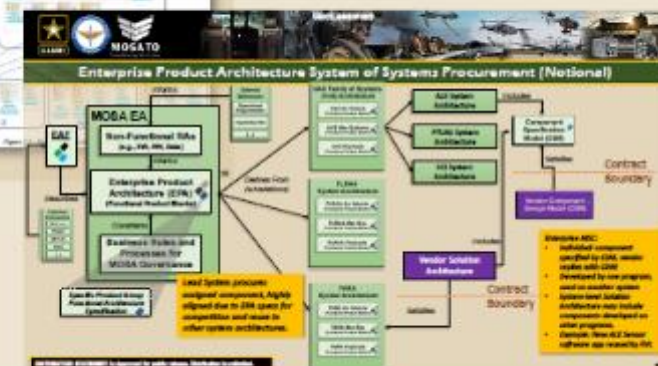
OPEN CALL:

- Come demonstrate your capabilities
- Show the modularity and portability
- Show that your components are open enough for 3rd Parties to easily integrate
- Highly interested in components aligned to Enterprise MSCs



Transforming To Meet The New Paradigm In Modular Acquisition

- Emerging requirements are multi-domain rather than platform focused
- EAF allows trace and consistent model management across the Enterprise





Competency-Based Technical Continuing Education using AFIT'S AVOLVE Application

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~2017 – DAF push for new “CoL”



Revolutionize AF learning to develop
the most effective, innovative, and
agile multi-domain warfighters in
Air Force history

CoL 2.0 Five interlinking initiatives

On-Demand and On-Command

Modular learning

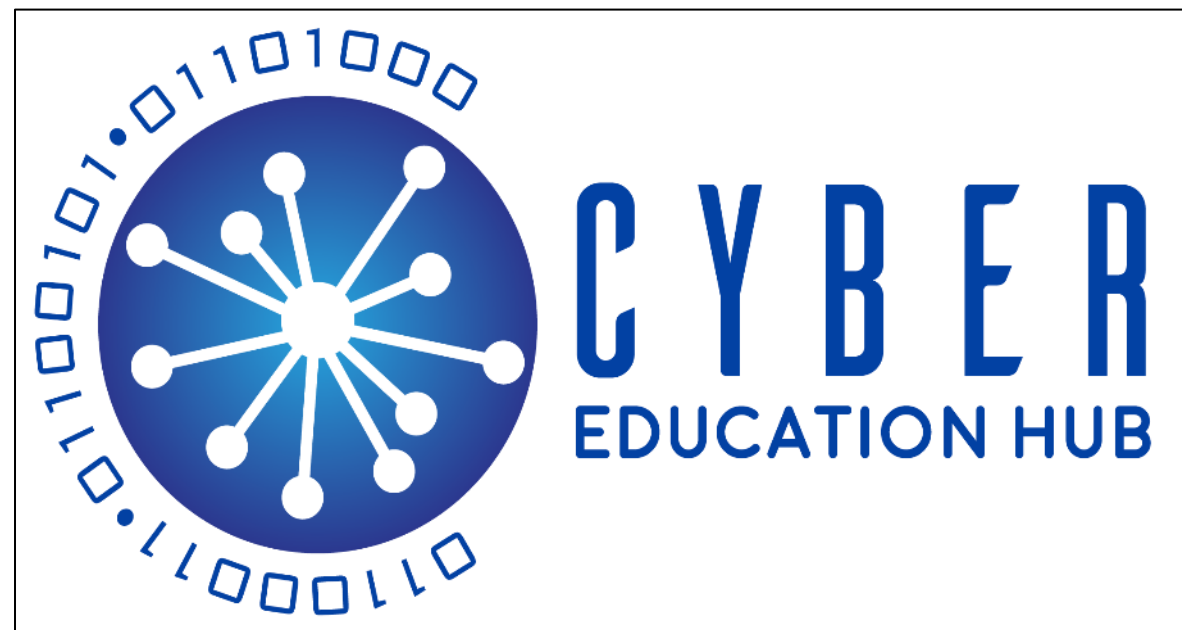
Blended Learning

Competency Based learning

Airman Learning Record



Also ~2017 – “Cyber Edu Hub”

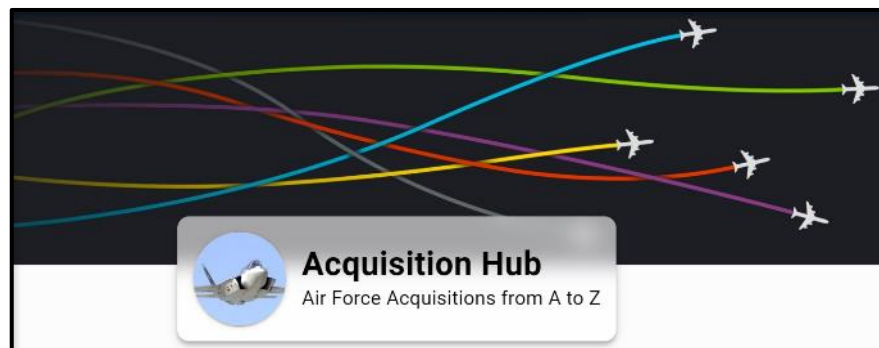
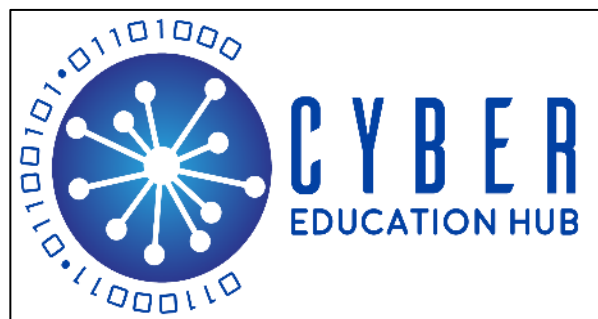




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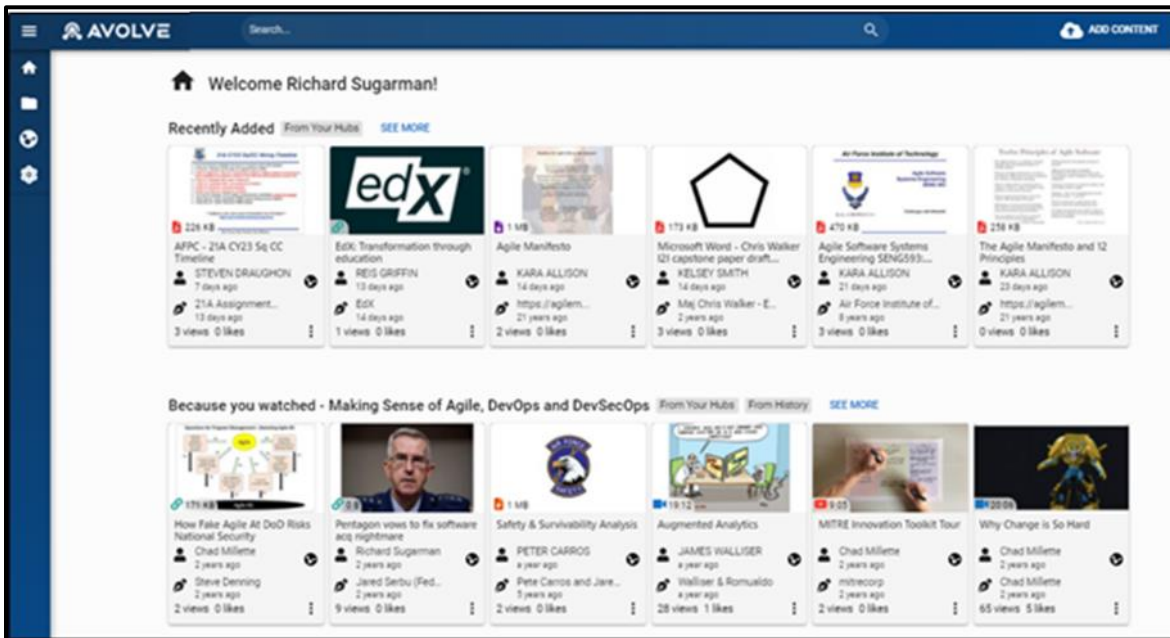




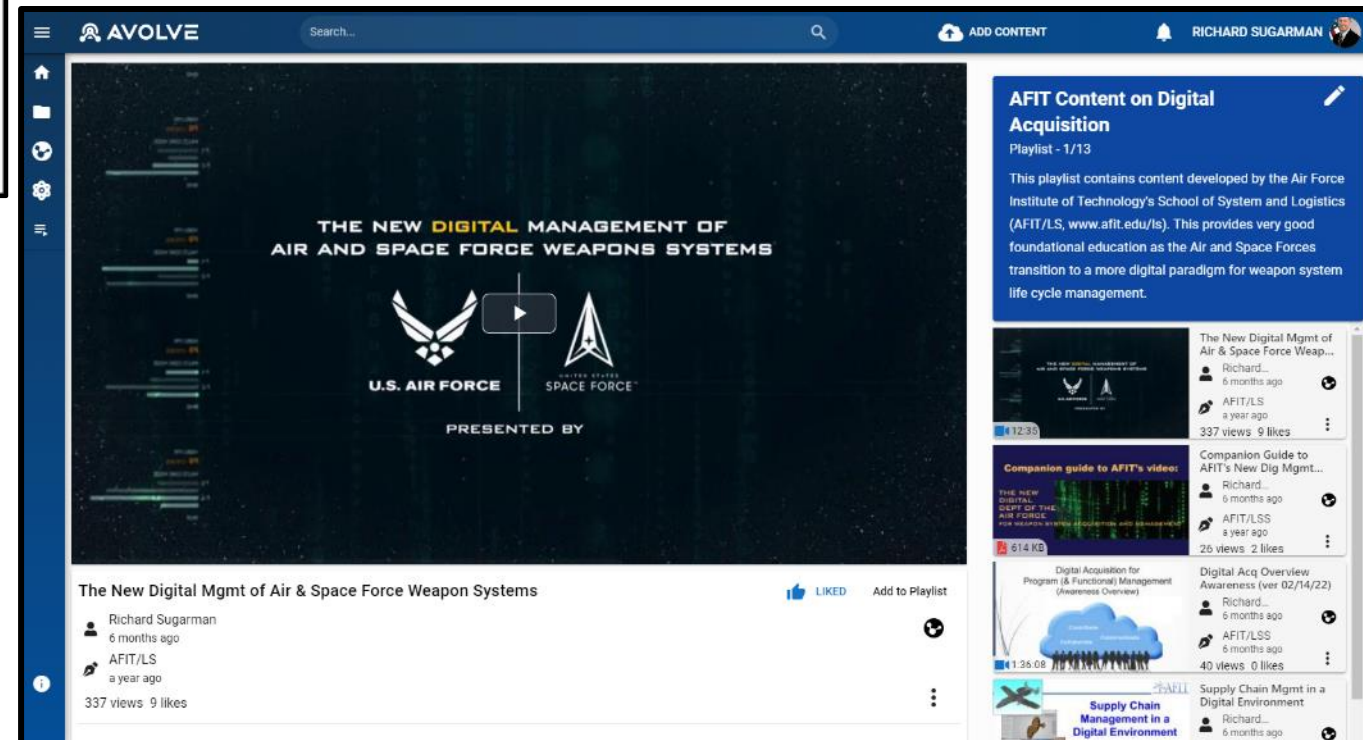
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- Content sharing application with look & feel of popular streaming services
- User-generated, crowd-sourced content + user-created "Playlists"



- Content organized into domain "Hubs" & tag-searchable
- CAC accessed – IL-4 certified





Learning Paths

Guided Educational Resources

<https://avolve.apps.dso.mil>



Curated paths of content designed to support *Agile Airman & Guardians*

- Learner-centric
- Competency-based
- Accessible anywhere/anytime

The screenshot shows the AVOLVE learning path interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AVOLVE logo, a search bar, and an 'ADD CONTENT' button. Below the navigation bar, the main header area displays the title 'Configuration Management for Beginners' with a subtitle '2 hours 15 minutes'. A circular progress indicator shows '12%' completion. There are 'START' and 'REPORT' buttons. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains the 'Path Description' and 'Learning Objectives'. The right column contains the 'Learning Path Steps'.

Path Description

This learning path guides learners who are new to Configuration Management of DoD systems and software. It is based on MIL-HDBK-61B and SAE-EIA-649C. It starts with understanding why time, money, and effort put into managing configurations is necessary and walks through the CM activities in -61B and -649C

Learning Objectives

- Understand why CM is important - the benefits of good CM and the problems that arise from poor CM;
- Know the five top-level activities in CM and the things that feed into, constrain, result from, and enable each activity;
- Possess a reference for a high-level perspective on the overall process flow to help to see connections among the five activities;
- Understand basic considerations of Data Management;

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Learning Path Steps

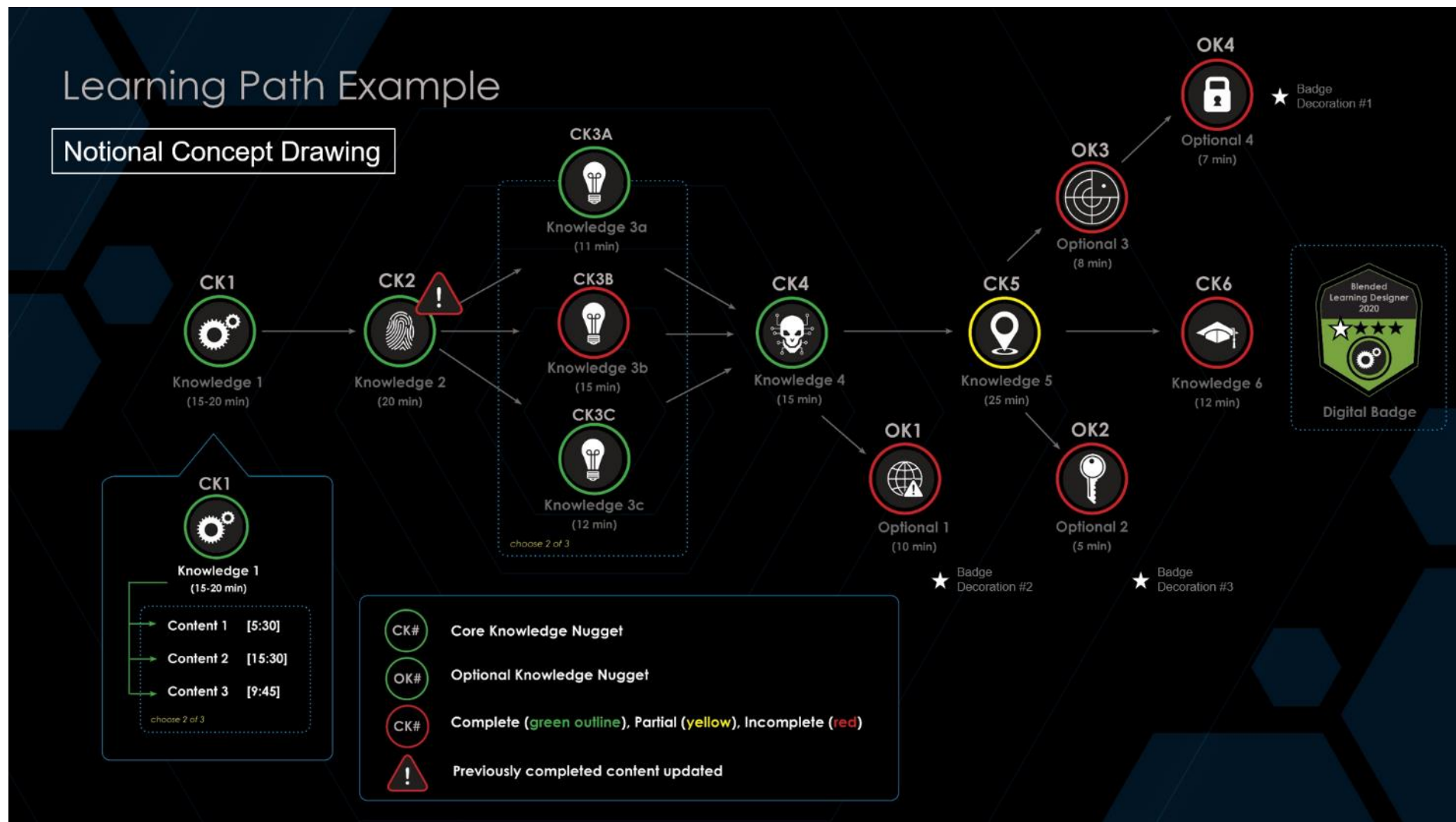
Select a step to navigate to content

- 1. Why Manage Configurations?** [HIDE DETAILS](#)
Understand that the reason we spend time and money managing configurations is to enable future users (testers, operators, modifiers, logisticians) to successfully accomplish their missions by ensuring that items match operation instructions match documentation.
[Watch the Video](#)
[Optional - Download Annotated PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- 2. DoD Configuration Management Guidance** [SHOW DETAILS](#)
- 3. Top-level CM Activity Flows** [SHOW DETAILS](#)
- 4. CM Activities Examined Individually** [SHOW DETAILS](#)



Future Capabilities

- Gamification
- Adaptive scenarios
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Badging





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<https://avolve.apps.dso.mil>

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up a Platform One account)

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Current Practices:

- Leverage Partnerships (Larger programs are able to contract the support needed for MBSE (e.g., the [MC-130 Amphibious Capability -- MAC](#)) --AFRL/DARPA)
- Local Standards and Processes (to support SysML in DoDAF; HAD on contract-- offline for 3 months)
- "Normal DoDAF use" for formal requirements (e.g., in our "A-5 Shop" + trying to integrate MBSE considerations)

Lessons Learned:

1. Tools (speak to: needs to be funded, easy to use, "industry accepted" --no homebrew)
2. Training (speak to: Keep-it-stupid-simple + asynchronous)
3. Expertise (speak to: on staff -- for when the training fails)
4. Time (speak to: dedicated time needs to be made by leadership)
5. Overlaid to all: MONEY

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The Israel Air Force SE-Mod approach

By Maj. Tzvika K



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- **Small “market” – external customers act as a major stakeholder**
- **Ever changing personnel – planning forward and maintaining req. is a challenge**



- **Successful:**

- **The Island approach**

- clear and independent growth process

- **Modular systems**

- additional capacity as needed

- **Agile**

- meeting requirement changes



× **Less Successful:**

× **MOSA/Standards**

Delivery of HW compatibility

× **MBSE**

Changing a “state of mind”

Discussion



Driving questions from the DoD:

- What is working well?
- What could use some work?
- What are your best demonstrated practices?
- What are your biggest lessons learned or challenges (overcome or being worked)?

What are your questions for the panel?

Deeper Learning

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

- [Defense Acquisition University](#)
- [Tools Catalog](#)
- [SE Brainbook](#)
- [Configuration Management](#)

[LOG 2040 Configuration Management](#)

[MIL-HDBK-61 07APR2020](#)

DIGITAL ENGINEERING

[CLE 084 Models, Simulations, and Digital Engineering](#)

[ETM 1070 Digital Literacy Fundamentals](#)

[ETM 2070V Digital Literacy for Practitioners](#)

[Digital Engineering \(DE\)
Measurement Framework](#)

MODULAR OPEN SYSTEMS APPROACH

DEFENSE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM
MAKING SYSTEMS WORK TOGETHER

[CLE 019 Modular Open Systems Approach](#)

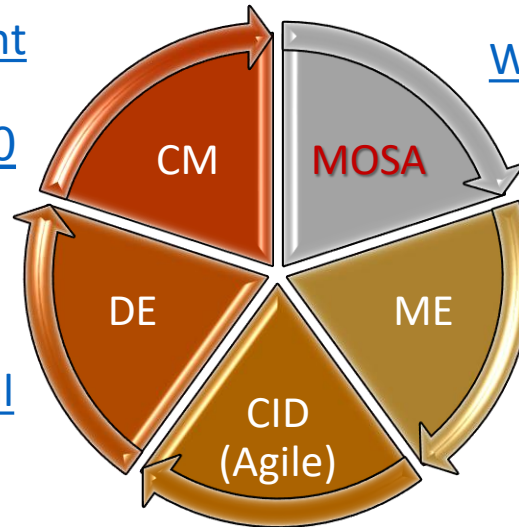
[WSE 027 Modular Open Systems Approach \(MOSA\)
Awareness and Planning Workshop](#)

MISSION ENGINEERING

[ETM 1020 Mission and Systems Thinking
Fundamentals](#)

[ETM 2020V Mission and Systems Thinking
for Practitioners](#)

[WSE 028 Mission Engineering
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DAU Agile skills

[Continuous Iterative Development \(Agile\)
Measurement Framework](#)

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