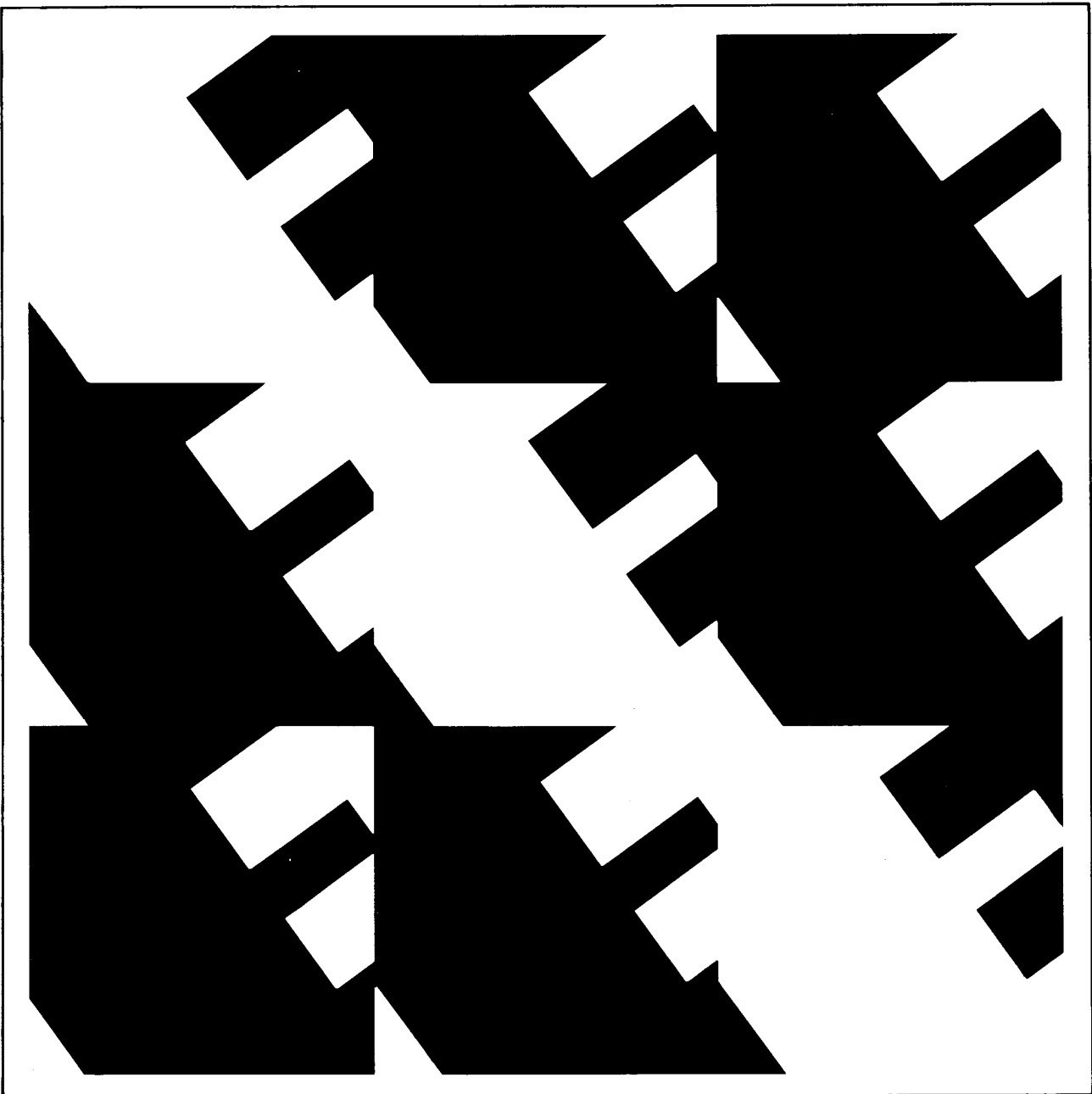


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Software Engineering is an emerging field. As part of that process a set of software engineering standards is being developed. They are used to:

- (1) Improve communications between and among software engineers and others.
- (2) Achieve economy of cost, human effort, and essential materials.
- (3) Institutionalize practical solutions to recurring problems.
- (4) Achieve predictability of cost and quality.
- (5) Establish norms of acceptable professional practice.

To support the development, integration, and use of software engineering standards, a need for a taxonomy is recognized. A project was approved in June 1983 to define a taxonomy as part of a voluntary consensus process. This document is the result of that process.

This is one of an evolving set of integrated IEEE Software Engineering standards, recommended practices, and guides. The set currently includes:

ANSI/IEEE Std 729-1983, IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology
ANSI/IEEE Std 730-1984, IEEE Standard for Software Quality Assurance Plans
ANSI/IEEE Std 828-1983, IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans
ANSI/IEEE Std 829-1983, IEEE Standard for Software Test Documentation
ANSI/IEEE Std 830-1984, IEEE Guide to Software Requirements Specifications
ANSI/IEEE Std 983-1986, IEEE Guide for Software Quality Assurance Planning
ANSI/IEEE Std 1008-1987, IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing

This standard may be used in conjunction with this set of standards or separately.

The taxonomy can be applied, but is not limited to, project, program, organization, industrial, national, and international standards. As a document, this standard should be useful to those who develop, use, manage, and evaluate software engineering standards. The taxonomy provides a:

- (1) Comprehensive scheme for classifying software engineering standards, recommended practices, and guides.
- (2) Framework for identifying the need for new software engineering standards, recommended practices, and guides.
- (3) Comprehensive scheme for analyzing a set of software engineering standards, recommended practices, and guides appropriate for a given industry, company, program, project, or particular work assignment.
- (4) Framework for comparing sets of software engineering standards, recommended practices, and guides to support the selection of the most useful set for a particular software product.

The application of the taxonomy to achieve the above purposes is described in the appendix.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope. This document describes the form and content of a software engineering standards taxonomy. Applicability is not restricted by software application, size, complexity, criticality, or hardware environment. This taxonomy applies to standards (from the related disciplines of engineering management, systems engineering, computer hardware engineering, computer science, and information science) with which a software engineer would be reasonably acquainted. This taxonomy is application independent. For example, an accounting test standard would be placed under test standards, but the qualifier, accounting, has no significance. The document explains the various types of software engineering standards, their functional and external relationships, and the role of various functions participating in the software life cycle. The taxonomy may be used as a method for planning the development or evaluation of standards for an organization. It could also serve as a basis for classifying a set of standards or for organizing a standards manual.

1.2 Terminology. The word *shall* identifies the mandatory material within this standard. The words *should* and *may* identify optional material.

1.3 References. This standard shall be used in conjunction with the following reference:

[1] ANSI/IEEE Std 729-1983, IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology.¹

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2. Definitions

The definitions listed below establish meaning in the context of this standard. Other definitions can be found in ANSI/IEEE Std 729-1983 [1].² See specifically: **audit, certification, configuration management, conversion, debugging, design, design phase, implementation phase, installation and checkout phase, integration, maintenance, operation and maintenance phase, quality assurance, requirements analysis, requirements phase, retirement phase, review, software engineering, software maintenance, test phase, and testing.** For the purpose of this standard, the term "software" includes the computer programs, data, and documentation portions of both software and firmware.

code of ethics standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a set of moral principles dealing with accepted standards of conduct by, within, and among professions.

coding. The transforming of logic and data from design specifications into a programming language.

component standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of data or program components.

concept phase. The period of time in the software life cycle during which the user needs are described and evaluated through documentation (for example, statement of needs, advance planning report, project initiation memo, feasibility studies, system definition documentation, regulations, procedures or policies relevant to the project).

² The numbers in square brackets refer to those of the references listed in 1.3.

curriculum standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a course of study on a body of knowledge that is offered by an educational institution.

description standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of product information or procedures provided to help understand, test, install, operate, or maintain the product.

design standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a design or a design description of data or program components.

job function. A group of engineering processes that is identified as a unit for the purposes of work organization, assignment, or evaluation. Examples are design, testing, or configuration management.

language standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a language used to describe a requirements specification, a design, or test data.

licensing standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of an authorization given by an official or a legal authority to an individual or organization to do or own a specified thing.

manufacturing phase. The period of time in the software life cycle during which the basic version of a software product is adapted to a specified set of operational environments and is distributed to a customer base.

measurement standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of evaluating a process or product.

method standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of the orderly process or procedure used in the engineering of a product or performing a service.

nomenclature standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a system or set of names, or designations, or symbols.

notation standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of formal interchanges within a profession.

occupational title standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of the general area of work or profession.

plan standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a scheme for accomplishing

defined objectives or work within specified resources.

process management. The direction, control, and coordination of work performed to develop a product or perform a service. Example is quality assurance.

process standard. A standard that deals with the series of actions or operations used in making or achieving a product.

product analysis. The process of evaluating a product by manual or automated means to determine if the product has certain characteristics.

product engineering. The technical processes to define, design, and construct or assemble a product.

product management. The definition, coordination, and control of the characteristics of a product during its development cycle. Example is configuration management.

product standard. A standard that defines what constitutes completeness and acceptability of items that are used or produced, formally or informally, during the software engineering process.

product support. The providing of information, assistance, and training to install and make software operational in its intended environment and to distribute improved capabilities to users.

professional standard. A standard that identifies a profession as a discipline and distinguishes it from other professions.

report standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of describing results of engineering and management activities.

representation standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of portraying aspects of an engineering or management product.

requirement standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of a requirements specification.

resource management. The identification, estimation, allocation, and monitoring of the means used to develop a product or perform a service. Example is estimating.

software life cycle. The period of time that starts when a software product is conceived and

ends when the product is no longer available for use. The software life cycle typically includes a concept phase, requirements phase, design phase, implementation phase, test phase, manufacturing phase, installation and checkout phase, operation and maintenance phase, and sometimes, retirement phase.

taxonomy. A scheme that partitions a body of knowledge and defines the relationships among the pieces. It is used for classifying and understanding the body of knowledge.

technical management. The application of technical and administrative resources to plan, organize, and control engineering functions.

technique standard. A standard that describes the characteristics of applying accumulated technical or management skills and methods in the creation of a product or performing a service.

verification and validation. The process of determining whether the requirements for a system or component are complete and correct, the products of each development phase fulfill the requirements or conditions imposed by the previous phase, and the final system or component complies with specified requirements.

3. Taxonomy of Software Engineering Standards

The taxonomy shall consist of a standards partition, software engineering partition, and a framework that relates the two partitions. Each partition results in the definition of a set of categories wherein each category has a name and a membership rule. The standards partition characterizes the roles of standards. The software engineering partition characterizes the aspects of software engineering with which a standard can be associated. The framework combines the two partitions into a two-dimensional scheme, which describes the set of possible software engineering standards. The taxonomy framework also describes how the categories are organized for classification purposes. Section 3.1 describes the standards partition, Section 3.2 describes the software engineering partition, and Section 3.3 describes the taxonomy framework and its relationships.

3.1 Standards Partition. The standards partition shall be organized by type of standard. The

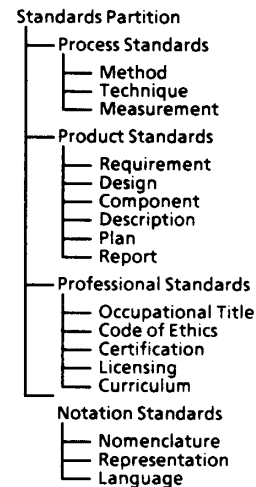


Fig 1
Partition of Standards by Type

four types are process, product, professional, and notation standards. See Fig 1 for the complete partition.

Process standards deal with the series of actions or operations used in engineering a product or delivering a service. The actions or operations make use of methods, tools, and techniques. They give the "whos," "whats," "hows," "wheres," "whens," and levels of the work done in software engineering. Product standards are concerned with the format and content of things. The products are the documented results of the software development and maintenance activities and provide a baseline for future activities. Professional standards deal with all aspects of software engineering that identify it as a profession. An example is a curriculum for a Master of Software Engineering degree. Notation standards deal with the communication of common items among the software engineering professionals in a uniform manner. An example is a glossary. The output of a process is a product; the process is performed by people using tools and techniques within the profession.

3.2 Software Engineering Partition. The software engineering partition shall consist of two parts: job functions and software life cycle. These two parts or perspectives are used in order to compare, judge, evaluate, and determine the scope and content of software engineering standards. See Fig 2 for the software engineering

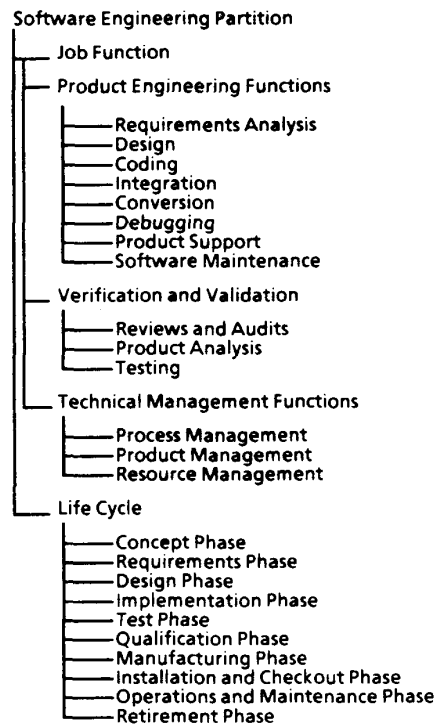


Fig 2
Partition of Software Engineering by
Function and Life Cycle

partition. Job functions are the identifiable processes of software engineering. Job functions often occur in parallel. For example, designs are updated as software elements are developed. No strict temporal sequence exists among the job functions since planning, execution, or follow-up within a function will certainly overlap other job functions.

Job functions are divided into three parts: product engineering functions, verification and validation functions, and technical management functions. The three parts contain the major ongoing, parallel activities of producing, checking, and controlling that are not concentrated in a single life cycle phase. The product engineering functions includes those processes that are necessary to define, produce, and support the final software product. Verification and validation functions are the technical activities that check the quality of the product. Technical management functions are those processes that structure and control the engineering functions. Project management is viewed as being related

to technical management in the following way: Typically, project management is the use, by one or more organizations, of the technical management functions of process management, product management, and resource management to develop a product within specified resources.

3.3 Taxonomy Framework. The taxonomy framework shall consist of:

(1) Names of the categories in the standards partition and the relationships among the names

(2) Names of the categories in the software engineering partition and the relationships among the names

(3) Rules for composing the framework

(4) Presentation format for the framework

The taxonomy may be presented in different ways, depending on how it can be used most effectively. The rows and columns may be reversed, higher or lower levels of classification can be shown, or only part of the table may be used.

This standard presents three versions of the taxonomy framework for use. The three versions are titled:

(a) Basic Taxonomy Framework (Version A)

(b) Basic Taxonomy Framework (Version B)

(c) Comprehensive Taxonomy Framework

The two Basic Taxonomy Frameworks have the same column labels with the row labels being somewhat different. The row labels for Version A are a selection from the job function portion of the software engineering partition that generally are present in all software life phases and the software life cycle phases. The column labels are the major categories of the standards partition. The row labels for Version B are the complete job function portion of the software engineering partition.

The two Basic Taxonomy Frameworks are illustrated in Figs 3 and 4. The frameworks are presented in the form of a two-dimensional table. An entry in one of the tables is defined by the names from the respective row label and column label of the entry. For example, in Fig 4, the most upper left table entry would be process standards for requirements analysis.

The Comprehensive Taxonomy Framework (see Fig 5) uses the full depth of both the standards partition and the software engineering partition. For presentation purposes, the framework is organized into two parts with the row labels from the standards partition and the col-

umn labels from the software engineering partition. For this framework, the entry name is defined by the names of the respective column label and row label of the entry.

The framework composition rules define the layout for the framework and how the entries in the table are composed. The rules are:

(1) The framework is displayed as a two-dimensional table with a set of labels for the rows and a set of labels for the columns.

(2) The names from either the standards partition or the software engineering partition are assigned as the source for the row labels. The

remaining partition is the source for the column labels.

(3) A suitable set of names for the row and column labels is selected from the lists shown in Figs 1 and 2, starting at the left and proceeding to the desired level of detail.

(4) The scope of the framework is defined by eliminating those row-column pairs that are not feasible.

(5) An entry in the table is defined by names from the respective row and column of the entry.

Examples of how to classify standards using this taxonomy are contained in Appendix A.

| | | | Type of Standard | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Process Standard | Product Standard | Professional Standard | Notation Standard |
| Job Function | Ver & Val | Reviews & Audits | | | | |
| | | Product Analysis | | | | |
| | | Testing | | | | |
| | Tech Mgmt | Process Management | | | | |
| | | Product Management | | | | |
| | | Resource Management | | | | |
| Software Lifecycle | S/W Life Cycle | Concept | | | | |
| | | Requirement | | | | |
| | | Design | | | | |
| | | Implementation | | | | |
| | | Test | | | | |
| | | Manufacturing | | | | |
| | | Operation and Maintenance | | | | |
| | | Retirement | | | | |

Fig 3
Basic Taxonomy Framework (Version A)

| Type of Standard | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | Process Standard | Product Standard | Professional Standard | Notation Standard |
| J o b F u n c t i o n | Requirements Analysis | | | |
| | Design | | | |
| | Coding | | | |
| | Integration | | | |
| | Conversion | | | |
| | Debugging | | | |
| | Product Support | | | |
| | Software Maintenance | | | |
| | Reviews and Audits | | | |
| | Product Analysis | | | |
| P r o d u c t E n g i n e e r i n g | Testing | | | |
| V e r & V a l | Process Management | | | |
| | Product Management | | | |
| | Resource Management | | | |
| T e c h M g m t | | | | |

Fig 4
Basic Taxonomy Framework (Version B)

| Job Function | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Product Engineering | | | | | | | Verification & Validation | | | | Technical Management | | |
| Requirements Analysis | Design | Coding | Integration | Conversion | Debugging | Product Support | Software Maintenance | Reviews and Audits | Product Analysis | Testing | Process Management | Product Management | Resource Management |
| Method | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technique | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measurement | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Requirements | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Design | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Occupational Title | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Code of Ethics | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Certification | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Curriculum | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nomenclature | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Representation | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Language | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Fig 5
Comprehensive Taxonomy Framework
(Part 1)

| Software Life Cycle | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|----------------|------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--|
| | Concept | Requirements | Design | Implementation | Test | Manufacturing | Installation & Check-out | Operation & Maintenance | Retirement | |
| Process | Method | | | | | | | | | |
| | Technique | | | | | | | | | |
| | Measurement | | | | | | | | | |
| Product | Requirements | | | | | | | | | |
| | Design | | | | | | | | | |
| | Component | | | | | | | | | |
| | Description | | | | | | | | | |
| | Plan | | | | | | | | | |
| | Report | | | | | | | | | |
| Profession | Occupational Title | | | | | | | | | |
| | Code of Ethics | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Licensing | | | | | | | | | |
| | Curriculum | | | | | | | | | |
| Notation | Nomenclature | | | | | | | | | |
| | Representation | | | | | | | | | |
| | Language | | | | | | | | | |
| Type Of Standard | | | | | | | | | | |

Fig 5 (Cont'd)
Comprehensive Taxonomy Framework
(Part 2)

Appendix Taxonomy Usage Examples

(This Appendix is not a part of ANSI/IEEE Std 1002-1987, IEEE Standard Taxonomy for Software Engineering Standards, but is included for information only.)

This Appendix illustrates how the taxonomy can be used to:

- (1) Classify a set of software engineering standards
- (2) Annotate software engineering standards with keywords
- (3) Characterize a software engineering standards program
- (4) Correlate functions and software life cycle viewpoints

A1. Classification of Selected Standards

This section presents a selection of references on software engineering standards. The key for

selection was that the reference is publicly available through a trade association, government agency, or national society other than IEEE. The references are listed below with their identifier. The identifiers are placed in the two tables (Figs A1 and A2). The selected standards were classified using the job function table of the Comprehensive Taxonomy Framework organized by software life cycle phase. In a complete example, there would be a job function table for each software life cycle phase. The example presented contains two tables. The first table (see Fig A1) depicts those standards that essentially have equal applicability over most software life cycle phases. The second table (see Fig A2) depicts those standards that are of special importance for the design phase of the software life cycle.

| <i>Identifier</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|-------------------|--|
| ICAM | Air Force Materials Laboratory, ICAM Documentation Standards, IDS 150120000A, December 28, 1981. |
| 480 | Department of Defense, Configuration Control-Engineering Changes, Deviations, and Waivers, DOD-STD-480A, 1978. ³ |
| 483 | Department of Defense, Configuration Management Practices for Systems, Equipment, Munitions, and Computer Programs, MIL-STD-483A, June 4, 1985. ⁴ |
| 499 | Department of Defense, Engineering Management, MIL-STD-499, May 1, 1974. |
| 52779 | Department of Defense, Software Quality Assurance Program Requirements, MIL-S-52779A, August 1, 1979. |
| 490 | Department of Defense, Specification Practices, MIL-STD-490, June 4, 1985. |
| RADC | Rome Air Development Center, RADC Computer Software Development Specification, CP 0787796100E, May 1979. |
| TADSTAD9 | Department of Defense, Tactical Digital System Standard, Software Quality Assurance Testing Criteria, TADSTAD 9, 1978. ⁵ |
| 1521 | Department of Defense, Technical Reviews and Audits for Systems, Equipment, and Computer Software, MIL-STD-1521B, June 4, 1985. |
| 2167 | Department of Defense, Defense System Software Department, DOD-STD-2167, June 4, 1985. |

³ DOD and MIL publications are available from the Director, US Navy Publications and Printing Service, Eastern Division, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

⁴ See footnote 3.

⁵ Information on this publication can be obtained by writing to TAD, Chief of Materiel Command Headquarters, Washington, DC 20360.

| <i>Identifier</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|-------------------|---|
| 2167.1 | Section 5.1 Requirements Analysis |
| 2167.2 | Sections 5.2, 5.3 Design |
| 2167.3 | Section 5.4 Coding |
| 2167.4 | Sections 5.5, 5.6 Integration and Testing |
| 2167.5 | Section 5.7 Configuration Management |
| 2167.6 | Section 5.8 Quality Evaluation |
| 2167.7 | Section 5.8.1.5 Installation and Checkout |
| 2167.8 | Sections 4.1, 4.2, 5.9 Project Management |
| FIPS 38 | National Bureau of Standards, Guidelines for Documentation of Computer Programs and Automated Data Systems, Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication (PUB) 38, February 15, 1976. ⁶ |
| FIPS 64 | National Bureau of Standards, Guidelines for Documentation of Computer Programs and Automated Data Systems for the Initiation Phase, FIPS PUB 64, August 1, 1979. |
| FIPS 99 | National Bureau of Standards, Guideline: A Framework for the Evaluation and Comparison of Software Development Tools, FIPS PUB 99, March 1983. |
| FIPS 101 | National Bureau of Standards, Guideline for Lifecycle Validation, Verification, and Testing of Computer Software, FIPS PUB 101, June 1983. |
| FIPS 105 | National Bureau of Standards, Guideline for Software Documentation Management, FIPS PUB 105, June 1984. |
| FIPS 106 | National Bureau of Standards, Guideline on Software Maintenance, FIPS PUB 106, July 1984. |
| NSAC-39 | Nuclear Safety Analysis Center, Verification and Validation for Safety Parameter Display Systems, NSAC-39, December 1981. |
| 178 | Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics, Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification, RTCA/DO-178A, March 22, 1985. ⁷ |
| 178.1 | Section 6 Development Verification and Validation |
| 178.2 | Sections 7.1, 7.2 Configuration Management |
| 178.3 | Sections 7.1, 7.3 Software Quality Assurance |
| 9650 | MITRE, Software Reporting Metrics, ESD-TR-85-145, MTR 9650, Revision 2, November 1985. |

⁶ FIPS publications are available from the Standards Processing Coordinator, Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

⁷ RTCA publications are available from the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA), 1425 K Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.

| Type of Standard | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | Process Standard | Product Standard | Professional Standard | Notation Standard |
| P r o d u c t E n g i n e e r i n g | Requirement Analysis | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Design | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Coding | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Integration | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Conversion | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Debugging | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Product Support | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Software Maintenance | FIPS 99 | | |
| | Reviews and Audits | 1521, 178.1, FIPS 101 NSAC-39 | | |
| V & V | Product Analysis | 178.1, FIPS 101 NSAC-39 | | |
| | Testing | TADSTAD 9, 178.1, FIPS 101, NSAC-39 | | |
| | Process Management | 52779, 2167.6, 1521, FIPS 105, RADC, 2167.8, 178.3 | 2167 | |
| T e c h n i c a n s | Product Management | 480, 483, 178.2, 2167.5 | 483, 2167 | |
| | Resource Management | 2167.8, 9650 | | |

Fig A1
Example of General Standard Classification (Phase Independent)

| Type of Standard | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Process Standard | Product Standard | Professional Standard | Notation Standard |
| J O B F U N C T I O N S | Requirement Analysis | 499*, 2167.1* | 2167.1*, FIPS 64*, ICAM* | |
| | Design | 2167.2, RADC | 2167.2, FIPS 38, ICAM, 490 | |
| | Coding | 2167.3*, RADC* | 2167.3*, ICAM* | |
| | Integration | 2167.4 | 2167.4 | |
| | Conversion | | | |
| | Debugging | | | |
| | Product Support | | | |
| | Software Maintenance | FIPS 106* | | |
| | Reviews and Audits | 1521, 178.1, FIPS 101, NSAC-39 | | |
| | Product Analysis | 178.1, FIPS 101 NSAC-39 | | |
| T E C H N I C A L F U N C T I O N S | Testing | TADSTAD 9, 178.1, FIPS 101, NSAC-39 | | |
| | Process Management | 52779, 2167.6, 1521, FIPS 105, RADC, 2167.8, 178.3 | 2167 | |
| | Product Management | 480, 483, 178.2, 2167.5 | 483, 2167 | |
| | Resource Management | 2167.8, 9650 | | |

Legend *Examine for planning purposes

Fig A2
Example of General Standard Classification (Design Phase)

A2. An Approach to Annotating Software Engineering Standards with Keywords

The process of analysis, selection, and comparing of standards will benefit from a systematic means of keyword identification, which may then be incorporated into an organization's classification and retrieval procedures. An example set of keyword formation rules follows:

(1) Software engineering standards shall be classified with keywords. This shall be accomplished as part of a standard's development.

(2) Keywords shall be included in a standard's introduction. Keyword inclusion shall use the following format: "Keywords applicable to this standard are: Keyword 1, Keyword 2, . . . , Keyword n."

(3) Keywords shall be limited to words or phrases as contained in IEEE Std 1002-1987.

(4) Multiple keywords may be used in classifying a standard.

(5) Commas shall be used to separate keywords. The keyword shall will be terminated with a period.

(6) A standard shall be assigned at least one keyword from both the standards partition and software engineering partition. Within the categories of function and life cycle, multiple primary keywords may be selected.

The application of the keyword rules to some of the IEEE software engineering standards is illustrated in the following list:

Example #1. ANSI/IEEE Std 729-1983, IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology. Keywords applicable to this standard are: nomenclature standard, notation standard, software engineering.

Example #2. ANSI/IEEE Std 730-1984, IEEE Standard for Software Quality Assurance Plans. Keywords applicable to this standard are: process management, product standard, software engineering, technical management.

Example #3. ANSI/IEEE Std 828-1983, IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans. Keywords applicable to this standard are: product management, product standard, technical management, software engineering.

Example #4. ANSI/IEEE Std 829-1983, IEEE Standard for Software Test Documentation. Keywords applicable to this standard are: product standard, software engineering, testing, verification and validation.

Example #5. ANSI/IEEE Std 830-1984, IEEE Guide to Software Requirements Specifications. Keywords applicable to this standard are: product engineering, product standard, requirements analysis, software engineering.

Example #6. ANSI/IEEE Std 983-1986, IEEE Guide to Software Quality Assurance Planning. Keywords applicable to this standard are: process standard, process management, technical management, software engineering.

Example #7. ANSI/IEEE Std 1008-1987, IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing. Keywords applicable to this standard are: process standard, testing, verification and validation, software engineering.

A3. Application of Taxonomy to IEEE Software Engineering Standards (SES) Program

The IEEE Technical Committee on Software Engineering has an active program for software engineering standards. Listed below are the standards that are complete and those that are still in progress. The list of standards has been categorized by the taxonomy. To do that, three tables were created. The first table (see Fig A3) consists of the job function portion of the software engineering partition down the side and standards partition across the top. This orientation was chosen for presentation purposes.

Each entry on the standards list below was placed in the appropriate table entry. The S, R, and G refer to standard, recommended practice, and guide, respectively. The empty entries indicate possible areas for future standards.

The second and third tables use the standards partition down the side and functions across the top. The next lower level of detail was added for the standards partition. See Figs A4 and A5.

Approved Software Engineering Standards

| <i>Ref</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|------------|--|
| 729 | IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology |
| 730 | IEEE Standard for Software Quality Assurance Plans |
| 828 | IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans |

| <i>Ref</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|------------|--|
| 829 | IEEE Standard for Software Test Documentation |
| 830 | IEEE Guide to Software Requirements Specifications |
| 983 | IEEE Guide for Software Quality Assurance Planning |
| 990 | IEEE Guide for the Use of Ada* As a PDL |
| 1002 | IEEE Standard Taxonomy for Software Engineering Standards |
| 1008 | IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing |
| 1012 | IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation Plans |
| 1016 | IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Design Descriptions |

Approved Software Engineering Standards Projects

| <i>Ref</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|------------|--|
| P982 | Standard for Software Reliability Measurement |
| P1028 | Standard for Software Reviews and Audits |
| P1042 | Guide for Software Configuration Management |
| P1044 | Standard Classification of Software Errors, Faults, and Failures |
| P1045 | Standard for Software Productivity Metrics |
| P1058 | Standard for the Software Project Management Plan |
| P1059 | Guide for Software Verification and Validation |

| <i>Ref</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|------------|--|
| P1060 | Standard for Software Maintenance |
| P1061 | Standard for Software Quality Metrics |
| P1062 | Guide for Third Party Software Acquisition |
| P1063 | Standard for User Documentation |
| P1074 | Standard for the Software Life Cycle Processes |

A4. Job Function to Software Life Cycle Correlation

In some sense, job functions and phases can be correlated to each other. The purpose of this section is to illustrate that relationship. See Fig A6.

Note that in the product engineering and verification and validation categories each row is filled in to indicate where

(1) the planning or monitoring activity takes place (empty square)

(2) the focus of the phase and job function partially coincide (shaded square)

(3) the focus of the phase and job function directly coincide (dark square)

For product engineering and verification and validation activities, this indicates the respective phases for which these activities build, reach and stay at peak effort, and then taper off. The maintenance phase is typically a repeat of the basic software life cycle, and this is denoted in the respective column by an asterisk.

Note that for the technical management functions, activities generally happen across all phases. This is indicated by dark squares for all phases for these job functions.

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| Type of Standard | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Process Standard | Product Standard | Professional Standard | Notation Standard |
| P r o d u c t E n g i n e e r i n g | Requirement Analysis | 1074(S) | 830(G) | 729, 1002(S) |
| | Design | 1074(S) | 1016(R) | 729(S), 990(R), 1002(S), 1016(R) |
| | Coding | 1074(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Integration | 1074(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Conversion | 1074(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Debugging | 1074(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Product Support | 1074(S) | 1063(S) | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Software Maintenance | 1060(S), 1074(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Review and Audits | 1028(S), 1074(S) | 1012(S) | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Product Analysis | 1059(G) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| V & V | Testing | 829(S), 1008(S), 1012(S), 1074(S), 1059(G) | 829(S), 1012(S) | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Process Management | 1028(S), 1062(S), 1074(S), 983(G), 1061(S) | 730(S), 1058(S) | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| T e c h | Product Management | 982(S), 1028(S), 1042(G), 1044(S), 1074(S) | 828(S), 1063(S) | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| | Resource Management | 1045(S) | | 729(S), 1002(S) |
| J o b F u n c t i o n s | | | | |

Fig A3
Classification of IEEE Software Engineering Standards (Gross Level)

| Job Function | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|------|
| Product Engineering | | | | | | | | | |
| | Requirements Analysis | Design | Coding | Integration | Conversion | Debugging | Software Maintenance | Product Support | |
| Process | Method | 1074 | 1074 | 1074 | 1074 | 1074 | 1060, 1074 | 1074 | |
| | Technique | | | | | | | | |
| | Measurement | | | | | | | | |
| Product | Requirement | 830 | | | | | | | |
| | Design | 1016 | | | | | | | |
| | Component | | | | | | | | 1063 |
| | Description | | | | | | | | |
| | Plan | | | | | | | | |
| Profession | Report | | | | | | | | |
| | Occupational Title | | | | | | | | |
| | Code of Ethics | | | | | | | | |
| | Certification | | | | | | | | |
| | Licensing | | | | | | | | |
| Not a | Curriculum | | | | | | | | |
| | Nomenclature | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | |
| | Representation | 1016 | | | | | | | |
| | Language | 990 | | | | | | | |
| Type of Standard | | | | | | | | | |

Fig A4
Classification of IEEE Software Engineering Standards (Refined Level—Part I)

| Job Function | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Technical Management Functions | | | | | Verification & Validation | | | | |
| Process Management | | Product Management | | Resource Management | Review and Audits | Product Analysis | Testing | | |
| 983,1028,1062,1074 | | 1028,1042,1074 | | 1074 | 1028, 1074 | 1074 | 829, 1008, 1074 | | |
| Technique | | | | | | | | | |
| Measurement | | 982, 1044 | | 1045 | | | | | |
| Requirement | | | | | | | | | |
| Design | | | | | | | | | |
| Component | | | | | | | | | |
| Description | | 1063 | | | | | 829 | | |
| Plan | | 828 | | | 1012 | 1012 | 829, 1012 | | |
| Report | | | | | | | 829 | | |
| Occupational | | | | | | | | | |
| Code of Ethics | | | | | | | | | |
| Certification | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensing | | | | | | | | | |
| Curriculum | | | | | | | | | |
| Nomenclature | | 729,1002 | | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | 729,1002 | | |
| Representation | | | | | | | | | |
| Language | | | | | | | | | |

Fig A5
Classification of IEEE Software Engineering Standards (Refined Level—Part II)

Fig A6
Job Function-Software Life Cycle Correlation

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