

# Eclipse Arrohead Naming Convention

## Abstract

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## 1 Overview

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The rest of this document is organized as follows. In Section 1.1, we reference major prior art on microsystem and microservice naming within the Eclipse Arrowhead project.

In Section 1.2, we detail the underlying thinking and principles for the naming convention.

In Section 1.3, we provide a set of example.

## 1.1 Significant Prior Art

A previous proposal by Paniagua et.al [1] has not gained attention. Thus we here propose a significantly simpler naming convention approach for Eclipse Arrowhead microsystems, microservice and associated metadata and attributes.

## 1.2 Foundational naming principles

The ambition with this naming conventions is to provide names being:

- Names shall only be composed of ASCII characters.
- Names shall reflect the intended functionality and usage in an SOA architecture
- Microsystem and Microservice name shall not be identical
- Microsystems name shall start with a Capital letter
- Microservices name shall start with a lowercase letter
- Metadata and attribute naming should be descriptive enabling easy human understanding of context
- Microservice interfaces should be all lowercase with - as the separator between word to enable readability
- Naming of instances of microsystems microservices, metadata and attributes shall follow the naming convention of the applied standard
- The choice of industry standards to be applied should preferably be possible to connected to the Industrial Data Ontology (IDO), ISO 23726-3

## 1.3 Naming example

Please find below a set of examples for the most important naming situations in the Eclipse Arrowhead architecture

- Microsystems name always start with a Capital letter: examples
  - ServiceRegistry
  - DynamicServiceOrchestration
  - SimpleServiceOrchestration
  - FlexibleServiceOrchestration
  - ComputeOrchestrationSystem
  - DeploymentOrchestrationSystem
  - ConsumerAuthorizationSystem
  - Authentication
- Microservices name always start with a lowercase letter: examples
  - serviceDiscovery
  - serviceOrchestration
  - computeOrchestration
  - simpleOrchestrationStoreManagement
  - flexibleOrchestrationStoreManagement
  - deploymentOrchestration
  - consumerAuthorization

- Metadata and attribute naming which in combination to the related Microsystem or Microservice shall be meaningful
  - Metadata/attribute: Timestamp (of what should be possible to infer from the naming of the microsystem or microservice instance to which the metadata/attribute is connected)
  - Metadata/attribute: SWversion (version reference of the deployed software)
  - Metadata/attribute: SWcompiler (which compiler was used)
  - Metadata/attribute: CompilerSwitches (used compiler switches and value)
- Microservice interface naming which in combination to the related Microsystem or Microservice shall be meaningful: examples
  - general-management
  - device-discovery
- Instance naming shall follow the naming convention of the applied standard e.g. ISO 15296, ISO 10303, S5000.

## 2 References

- [1] C. Paniagua, J. Eliasson, C. Hegedus, and J. Delsing, "System of systems integration via a structured naming convention," in *2019 IEEE 17th International Conference on Industrial Informatics (INDIN)*, vol. 1, 2019, pp. 132–139.

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