3D Technical Data in the DoD Supply Chain

A DLA perspective

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Cataloguing is the method by which the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) creates and maintains a standardized record for products and parts that the Department of Defense (DoD) and other federal civilian agencies distribute, store, and procure on a recurring basis.

- 1. Evaluate the item's **form, fit, and function.**
 - A complete technical data package would allow the cataloguer to determine the spring's form, for example, as it would contain information on physical features such as material, wire size, length, wire type, load, etc.

2.



Provisioning is the process of determining and acquiring the range and quantity of spares and repair parts, and support and test equipment required to operate and maintain an end item of material for an initial period of service.

- Is Technical Data available and complete?
- Critical requirements?
 - Does Technical Data support parts requested for cataloguing?
 - Other considerations?

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Procurement is the act of buying goods and services for the government.

- 1. National Stock Number (NSN) is created and assigned as a "first time buy" in the Enterprise Buyer System (EBS).
- 2. Purchase request (PR) generated.
- 3. Product Specialist (PS) determined adequacy of technical data including tolerances, materials, and QA requirements.
- 4. If NSN is bought in accordance with technical data, the buyer publishes the PR.
 - Inspection using relevant tech data and contract requirements provided in cFolders.

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supports the entire life cycle of the product



- The focus has been on model-based systems engineering, product design, and manufacturing.
- Sustainment can no longer be neglected.
- Was a "nice to have," but with emerging technologies it is becoming a fundamental requirement.
- Extensibility is necessary as data is added through the products life cycle.
- The authoritative source.

The vast majority of the product data required to perform a downstream function probably exists in electronic form. The problem is to find, trust it, translate it, and USE it.

FINDING THE DATA : The case for an Integrated Product Data Environment TRUSTING THE DATA : The case for Accreditation VISUALIZING THE DATA : The case for the 3D Technical Data Package TRANSLATING THE DATA : The case for STEP

We need to make sure that we acquire and manage the product data commensurate with the level of the data rights to which we are entitled.

- Form, fit, and function in the cases where the governments rights are limited.
- All OMIT data (operation, maintenance, installation, training).

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• Detailed manufacturing data in the cases where the government has the appropriate rights.

The data developed to support design and manufacturing is valuable Additional data is required to support the product post delivery



Other acceptable 3D formats

- ISO 14306:2017 Industrial automation systems and integration -- JT file format specification for 3D visualization
- HTML 5.2 World Wide Web: the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
- ISO 10303-242:2014 Industrial automation systems and integration -- Product data representation and exchange -- Part 242: Application protocol: Managed model-based 3D engineering
- ISO/IEC 19775-1:2013 Information technology Computer graphics, image processing and environmental data representation — Extensible 3D (X3D) — Part 1: Architecture and base components

PDF may not be the preferred approach for every program. DLA is looking at other formats.

Neutral is Nice

but native is not nasty





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3D Technical Data Package

where System Engineering meets Product Design



Data Elements and Attributes

requested by DLA as part of a 3D TDP for procurement

Specifications Dimensions Tolerances Welding requirements Materials (ballistics) Temper Heat treatments Finishes Rights in Data License Agreement **Distribution Statement** Document Type Assurance Provision, etc. Security code Tech data availability code Foreign secure Nuclear Subsafe Control code

Legibility Completeness Restrictions Document approval Document title Document number Revision and date Revision type Expiration date Document data code Size of drawing Call outs Sources First Article Test requirements Inspection requirements Higher level contract quality requirements Part number NSN Export control CAGE code

Digital Product Model Data feasibility



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- The source of technical data used to describe a concept and determine the feasibility is often developed by the government.
- Predominantly specifications and requirements, but the government is increasing its use of models and simulations earlier in the program.

Consume

- Commonly shared within the government.
- Visualization, source data for other engineering analyses, and simulations.
- This technical data may be shared with industry and other partners developing the concept.

Archive

• Not uncommon for this technical data and models to be used to synthesize a variant or next generation system.

concept development



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- Government or industry may be principally involved with refining the concept to the point where it becomes a feasible.
- Different organizations may be responsible for refining different sub systems.

Consume

- Commonly shared across the virtual enterprise.
- Visualization, source data for other engineering analyses, and simulations.
- The earliest stage where authoritative source of truth becomes significant.

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- This data is often used to synthesize the detail design and to generate output products to support milestone decisions.
- The first significant source for design intent.

Digital Product Model Data detail design



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- Industry principally involved with preparing the technical data and documentation necessary to deliver the product.
- Different enterprises may be responsible for delivering different sub systems.
- Rights in Technical Data become an issue.

Consume

- Commonly shared across the virtual enterprise.
- Output products may be required for Government review and comment.
- Access to the primary PLM by the government.
- Significant and formal configuration management emerge.

Archive

• The complete virtual definition of the product. Source for many downstream applications.

manufacture, assemble, and deliver



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- Rights in Technical Data for COTS parts becomes an issue.

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- Prime, Subcontractors, OEM, government, and who knows who else.
- Be prepared to provide the government with unlimited rights in technical data.

Consume

- Authors may be consumers
- Massive mix of low end and high technology.
- Configuration management and authoritative source of truth are critical.

Archive

- The complete virtual definition of the product. Source for many downstream applications.
- Consumers may be actively accessing the archive.

Technical Data

the new backbone of the enterprise



Potential R & D Topics

Legacy and Missing data



Potential R & D Topics

Connecting the Model Based Environment



- Most 3D Technical Data Packages convey the non geometric data as text. This is referred to as Visual Product Manufacturing Information.
- A 3D Technical Data Package contains 3D geometric data.
- A Technical Data Package that contains spreadsheets, drawings, images, pages of text, and a single simple part formatted in "3D PDF" without any annotation is a 3D Technical Data Package.
- A Technical Data Package that contains nothing but 3D geometric data with all of the annotation defined semantically is a 3D Technical Data Package.

- Data interoperability and exchange of data between systems
- Legacy data conversion
- Digital rights management techniques
- Modernization of the federal catalog