

# DMSC: One Consortium; Trinity of Standards

Impacting the Digital Thread with Quality

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# Abstract

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- The DMSC is a non-for-profit, cooperative sponsorship, consortium organization. It was conceived & sponsored in 1983 and became a separate legal entity in 2005. Its mission is dedicated to identifying, promoting, fostering, and encouraging the development and interoperability of standards that benefit the digital metrology community. Its membership participants consist of a professional group of manufacturing metrologists, software developers, and innovators worldwide. As an ANSI accredited standards making organization the DMSC is the maintainers of Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS) standard, developers & maintainers of the Quality Information Framework (QIF) standard, and the most recent soon, very soon developers of the Model-Based Characteristics (MBC) standard.
- The speaker will provide a brief on the DMSC and provide updates on its current triad of standards and how they work together to contribute to connecting the digital thread

# What is the DMSC?

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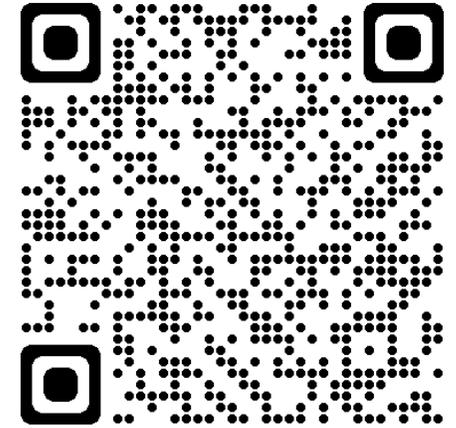
## Digital Metrology Standards Consortium (DMSC)

**Mission:** *We provide a standardized, interoperable, data framework for manufacturing.*

**Vision:** *Quality Standards that impact the digital thread through digital metrology and interoperability.*

**Tagline:** *Impacting the Digital Thread with Quality*

**Goal:** *Publish and maintain industry standards that enable and enhance digital metrology workflows in a model-based extended enterprise.*

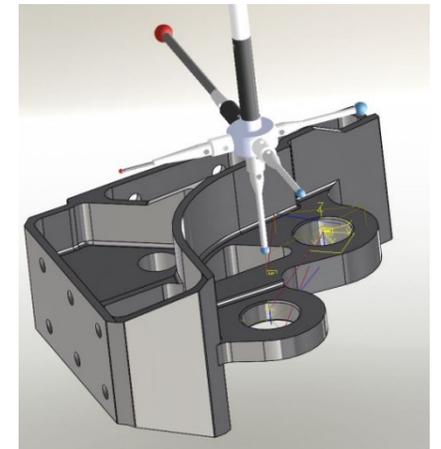
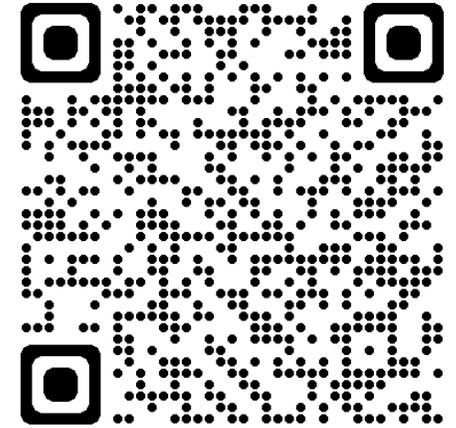


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- Dedicated to identifying, promoting, fostering, and encouraging the **development** and **interoperability** of standards that benefit the digital metrology community.
- Preparing standards that **impact** the digital **model-based quality** enterprise.
- A professional **group** of manufacturing metrologists, software developers, and innovators worldwide.
- **ANSI accredited** standards making organization
- Maintainers of **Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS)** standard.
- Developers & maintainers of **Quality Information Framework (QIF)** standard.
- Developers of **Model-Based Characteristics (MBC)** proposed standard.
- **A-Liaison** member of **ISO / TC184 / SC 4** (The makers of STEP)



# DMSC Objectives . . .

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- To **reduce** the **cost of quality**
- To **develop** and maintain **trusted digital** interoperability standards
- To **interconnect Quality** within the **digital tread**.
- To **enable** digital **metrology** within manufacturing, specifically within Model-Based Enterprise
- To **enable** organizations the **freedom** to choose solutions
  - **Best in class**
  - **Best in value**
  - **Best in connection**

# Bailey H. Squier DMSC Metrology Memorial Scholarship

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With the passing of Bailey Squier on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, the inspiration for the Digital Metrology Standards Consortium (DMSC), its Board of Directors established the Bailey H. Squier DMSC Metrology Memorial Scholarship as a symbol of gratitude and admiration for the life, contribution, and legacy of Mr. Squier.

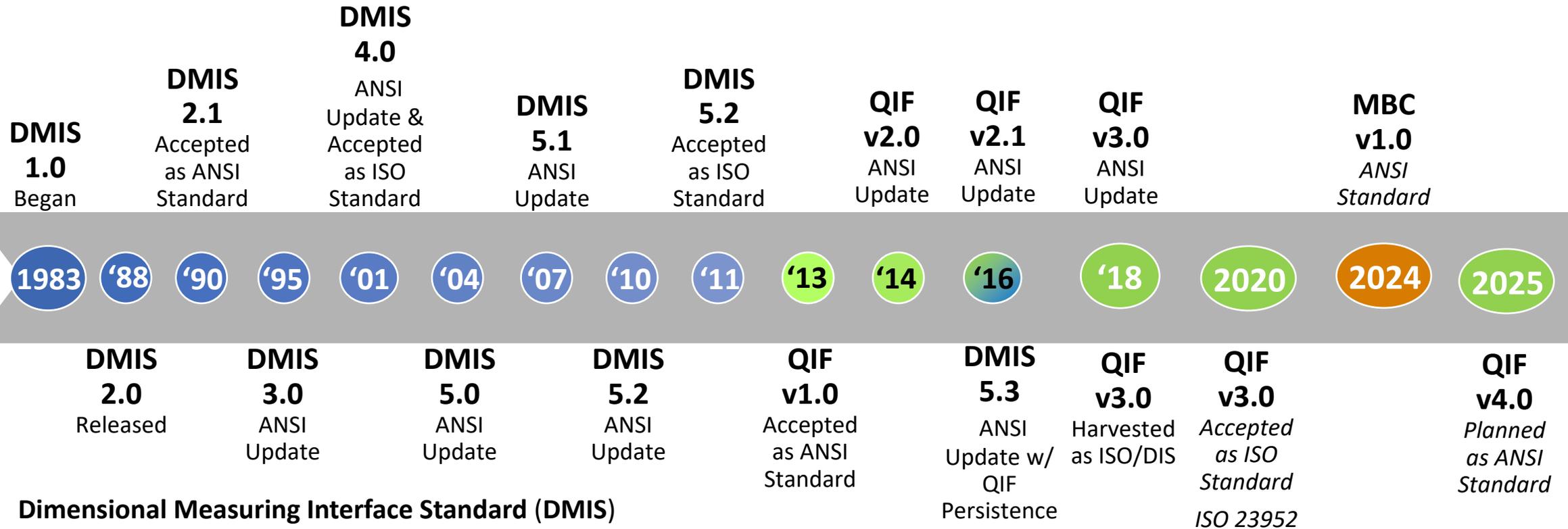
Curtis Brown, DMSC President, and Bailey H. Squier, DMSC Executive Director Emeritus at a recent DMSC MBC meeting, July, 2023, Arlington, TX.

With great appreciation to Ray & Tanya Admire for their support and friendship to Bailey during his later years!



# DMSC's Quality Standards Pedigree

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**Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS)**

**Quality Information Framework (QIF)**

**Model-Based Characteristics (MBC)**

ISO 22093:2011 – Industrial automation systems and integration – Physical device control – Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS)

ISO 23952:2020 – Automation systems and integration — Quality information framework (QIF) — An integrated model for manufacturing quality information

# What is DMIS?

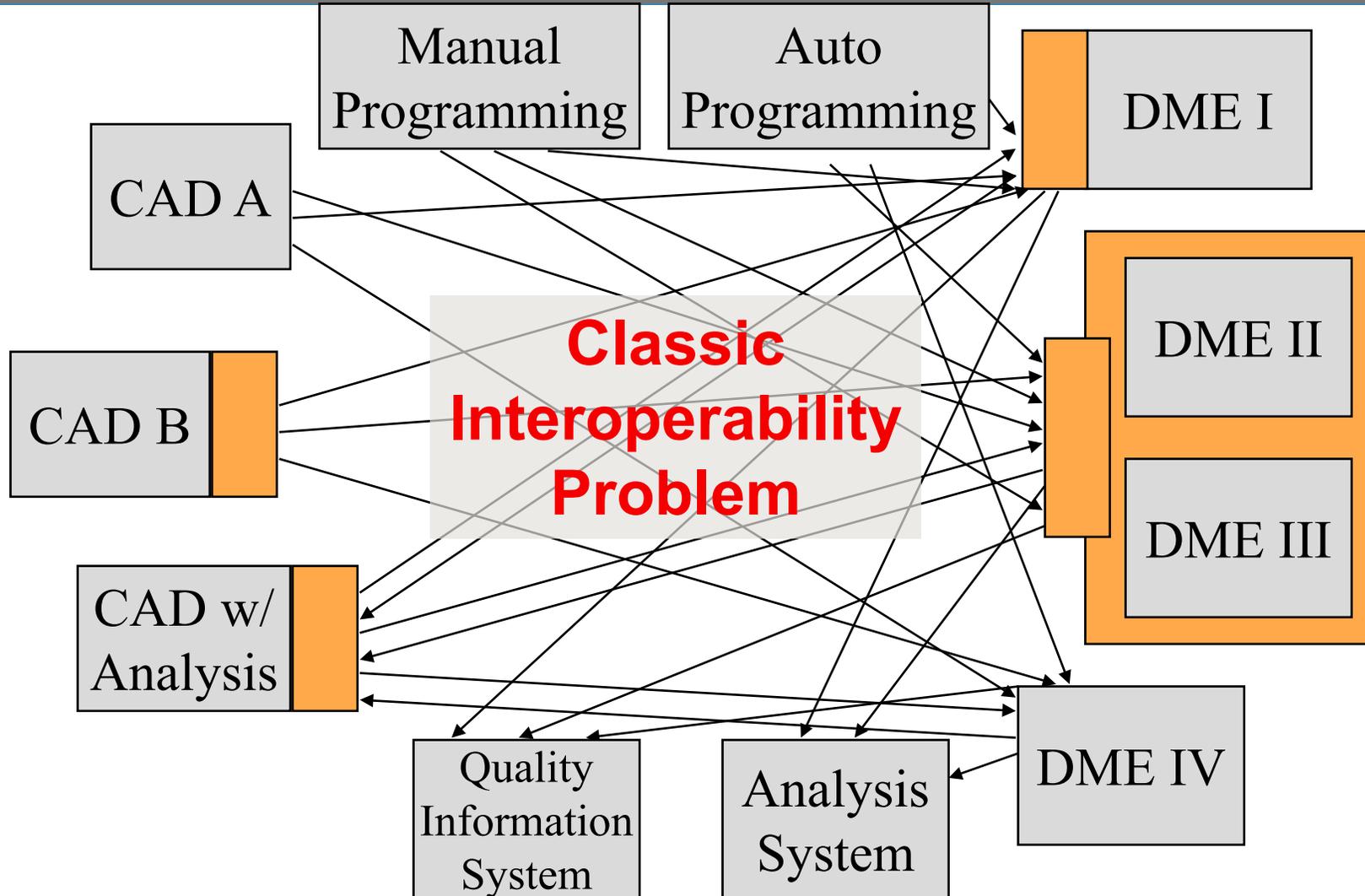
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- **Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS)** is an internationally recognized standard carrying **ISO 22093:2011** status and is one of the most widely used standards related to dimensional metrology in the world. This standard has contributed to significant improvement of interoperability between CMMs, and traceability of measurement processes.
  - Bi-direction communication of information between computer systems and inspection equipment (e.g., CMM)
  - Establish neutral format for inspection programs and inspection results data.
  - Enables machine-readable between computer equipment
  - Allows human-readable and human-writable
    - Inspection Program
    - Inspection Results
  - Contains high-level language extensions
  - Functions as a Dimensional Measuring Equipment (DME) language.
  - Provides Standard vocabulary of terms that support
    - Exchange of Inspection Program to DME Execution systems
    - Exchange of measurement and process data back to an analysis, record, and/or archiving systems.



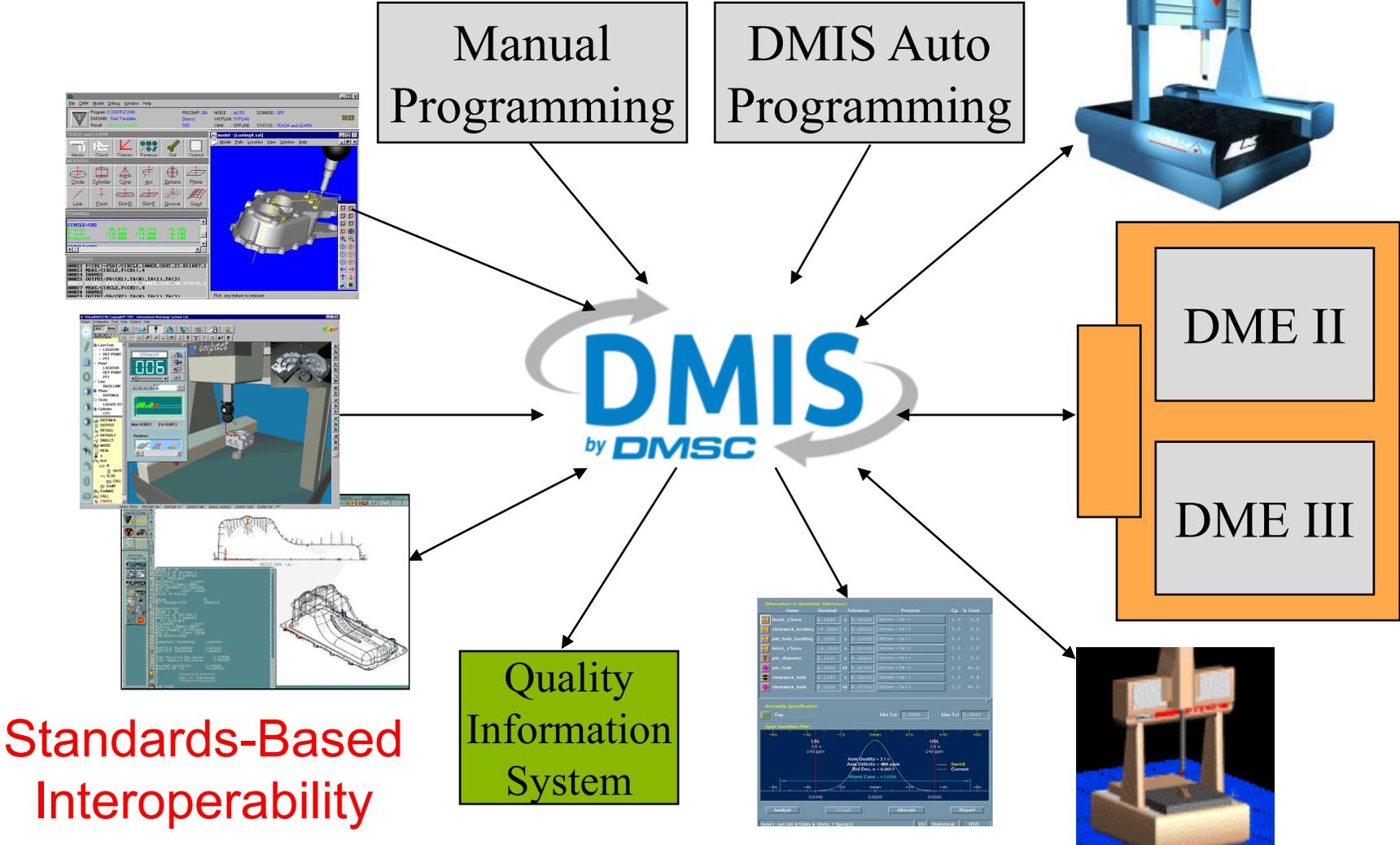
# Pre-DMIS Environment

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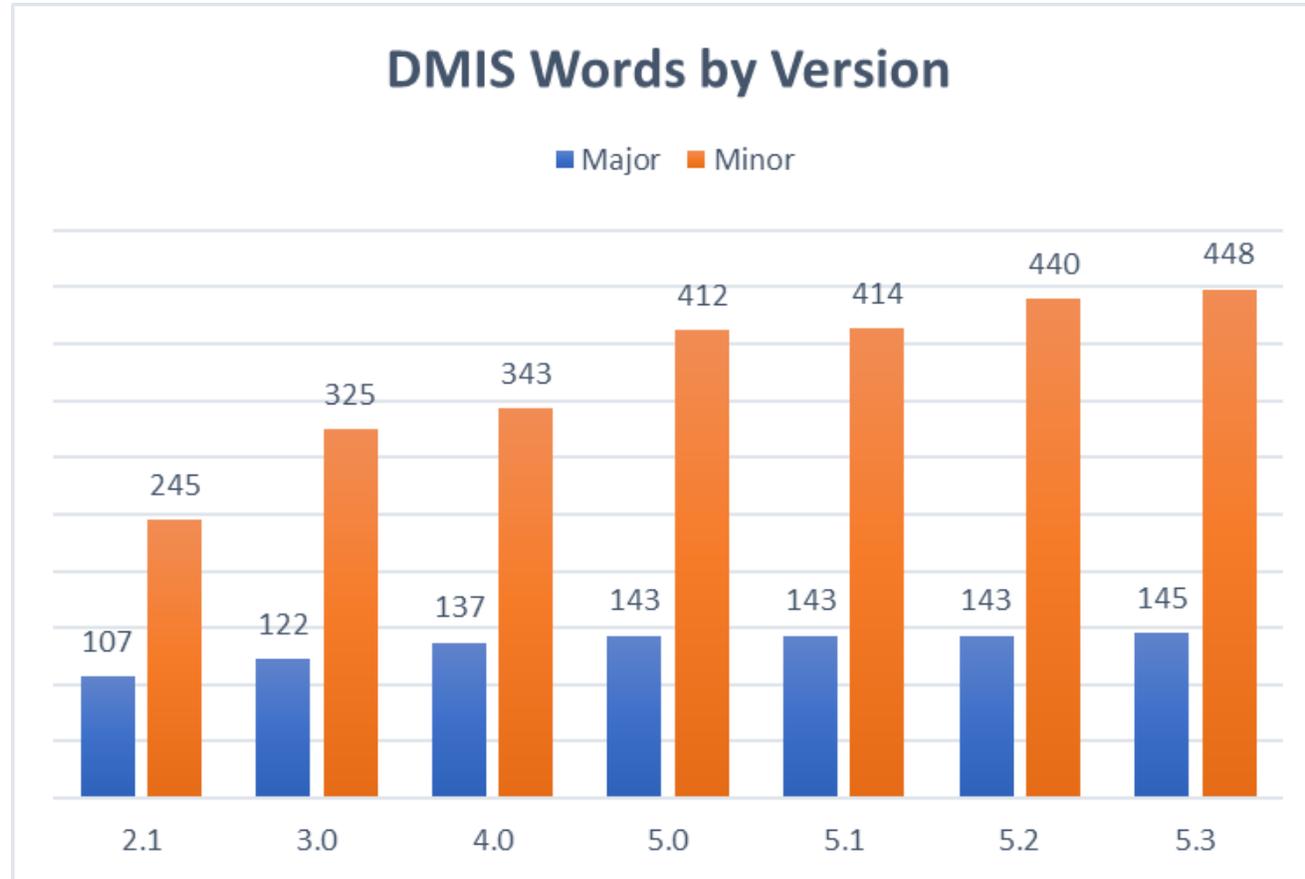
# DMIS Environment

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# DMIS Word Count by Version

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DMIS Standard Version

# What is DMIS?

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- **Fulfillment of a Technology Void**
- **Standard for Bi-directional Communication for Dimensional Measurement Data**
- **Specifies a Vocabulary of Terms**
  - **Metrology Measurement (e.g., CMM) Programs**
  - **Dimensional Measurement Results Data**
- **Neutral Information Exchange Format**
- **Human Readable and Writeable**
- **Functions as a CMM Inspection Program Language**
- **American & ISO Standard**



# ANSI/DMSC QIF 3.0 - 2018

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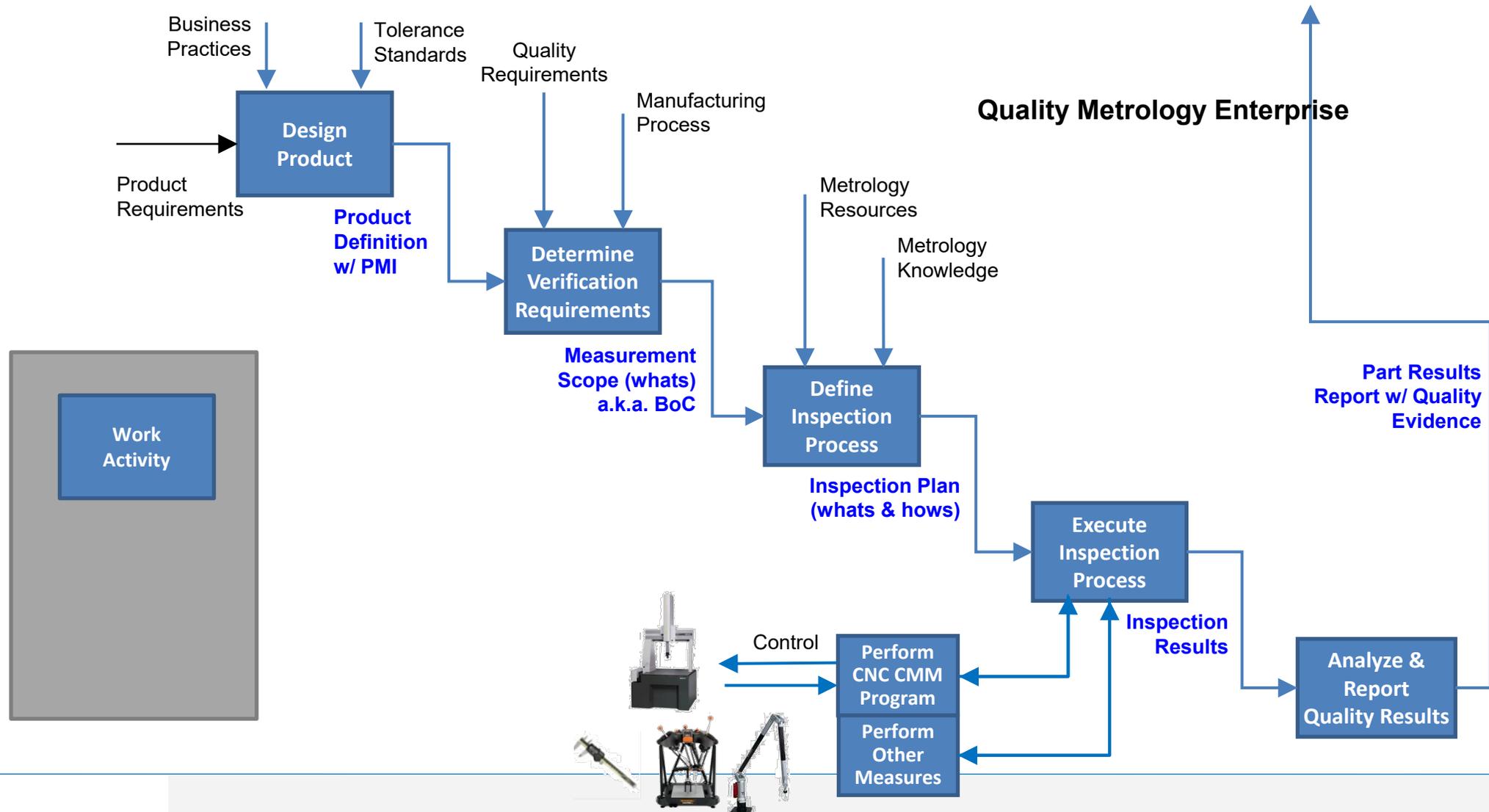


- ANSI Approved: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Information Model: Schema: XSD/XSLT
  - QIF Document: 1
  - QIF Applications: 6
  - QIF Libraries: 15
- Normative Document: PDF
  - Pages: 537
  - Definitions: 143
  - References: ASME, ISO Standards
  - Sections: 12
  - Figures: 239
  - Tables: 11
  - Annex: 4



# Product Inspection / Acceptance Activity Workflow

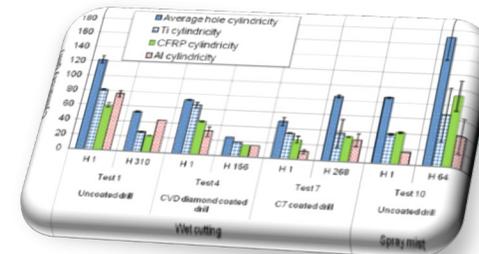
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# The QIF Standard

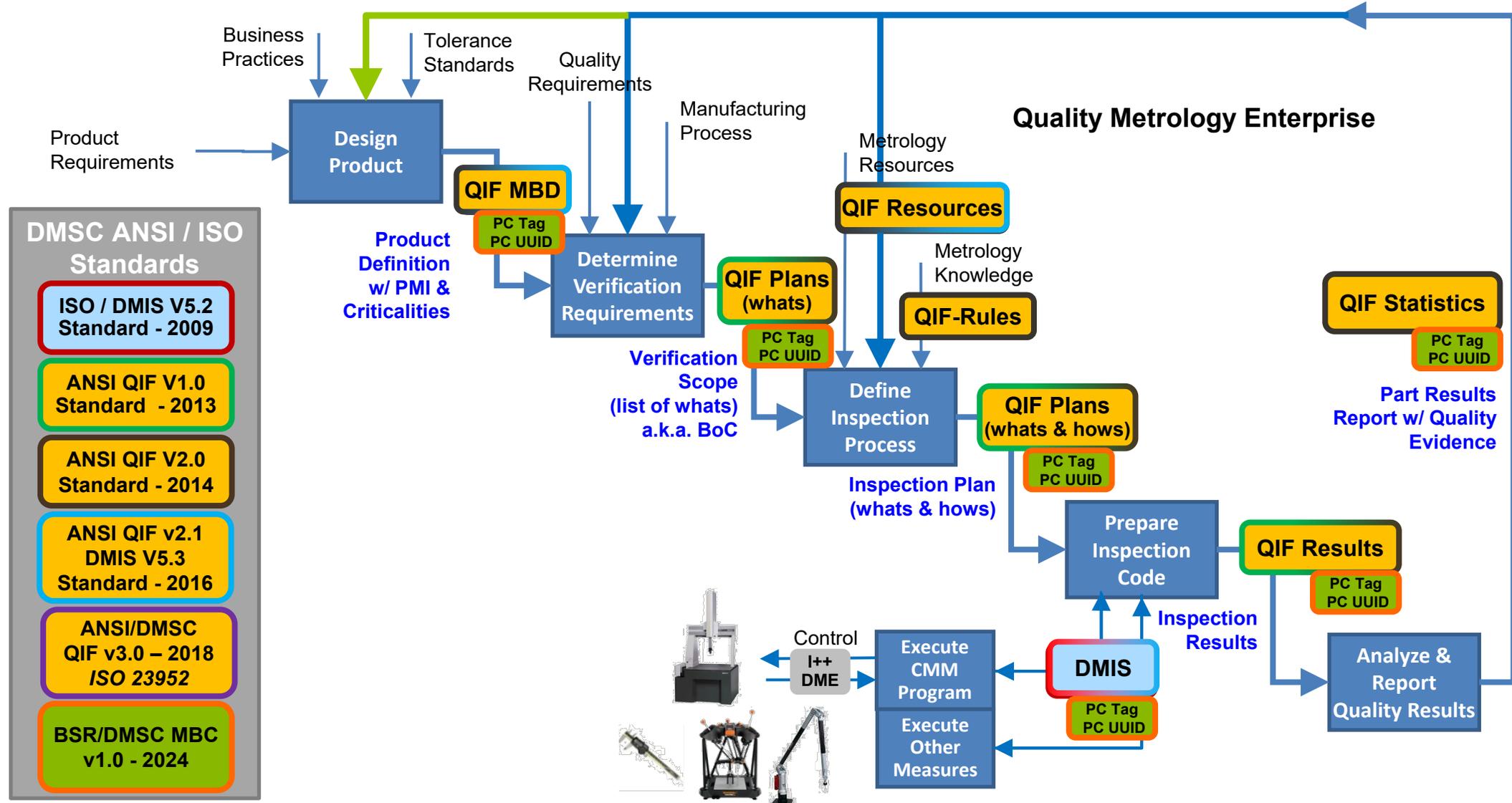
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- *Quality Information Framework (QIF) – ANSI/DMSC QIF v3.0 - 2018*
- *An Integrated Model for Manufacturing Quality Information*
- *Defines, Constrains, and Exchanges:*
  - *Model-Based Definition*
    - *Feature-Based (Metrology/Measurement)*
    - *Semantic PMI (Characteristics)*
  - *Quality Planning*
    - *Whats: Bill of Characteristics (BoC)*
    - *Hows: Inspection Plan (Methods)*
  - *Measurement Execution*
    - *DMIS 5.3 w/QPIDs*
  - *Measurement Results*
    - *Part*
    - *Statistical*
  - *Enterprise Connectivity for Quality Feedback*
    - *Quality Persistent ID (QPId) (i.e., Universal Unique ID (UUID))*
    - *651aded1-ff04-498a-968e-044147a2506d*



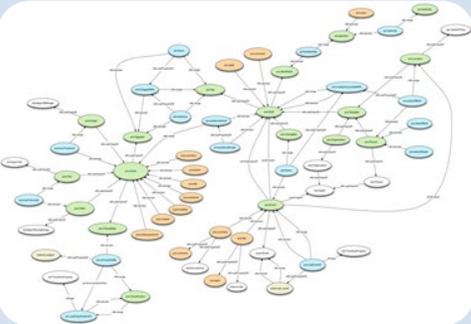
# DMSC QIF Activity Workflow

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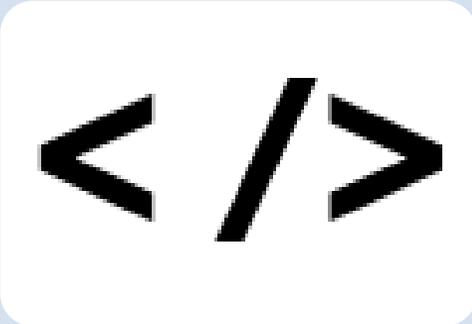
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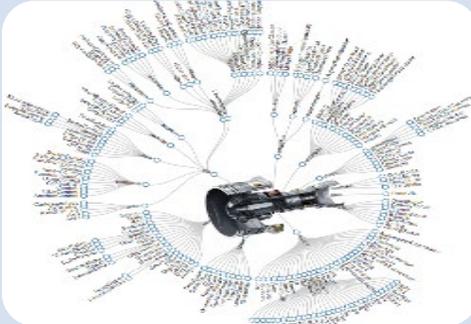
Characteristic-Centric,  
Feature-Based  
Ontology of  
Manufacturing  
Quality  
Metadata

(Structured Data)



XML  
Technology:  
Simple, Modern  
Implementation  
with Built-In  
Code Validation

(Modern Approach)



Information  
Semantically  
Linked to the  
Model-Based  
Definition for  
Full Information  
Traceability

(Connected Data)



Approved ANSI  
Interoperability  
Standard  
  
Harvested by  
ISO/TC 184/SC 4  
as ISO/QIF 23952

(Standard Artifacts)

# QPIDs – Persistent UUID within the QIF

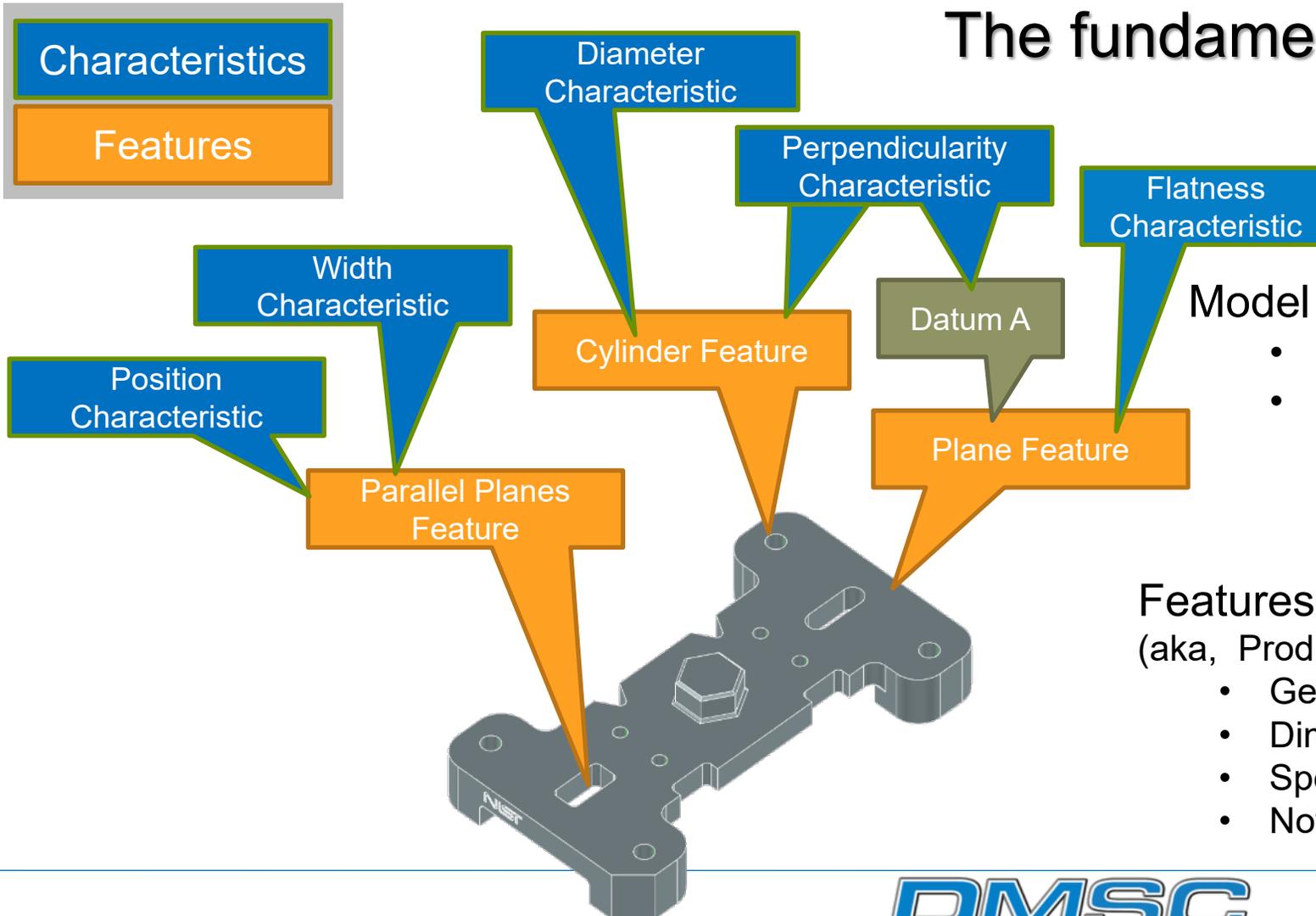
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## QIF Persistent Identifier (QPId) *noun* Cu·pid \ˈkyü-pəd\

- Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) (adopted by Microsoft as GUID)
  - ISO/IEC 9834-8
  - 550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000
- Chances of generating two that are the same within the universe are practically nil.
  - 3400 (3.4x10<sup>38</sup>) possible UUIDs
- **Allows information to be combined later without resolving identifier conflicts**
- Many software development libraries generate UUIDs
- QPIDs uniquely identify
  - QIF Document
  - QIF Plan
  - QIF Result
  - QIF Rule Set
  - Feature Item
  - Characteristic Item 
  - Product Item
  - Resource Item

An Important Mechanism that facilitates Lifecycle Connectivity w/ Traceability

# QIF: Features & Characteristics



## The fundamental constructs behind QIF:

- Metrology Features &
- Characteristics

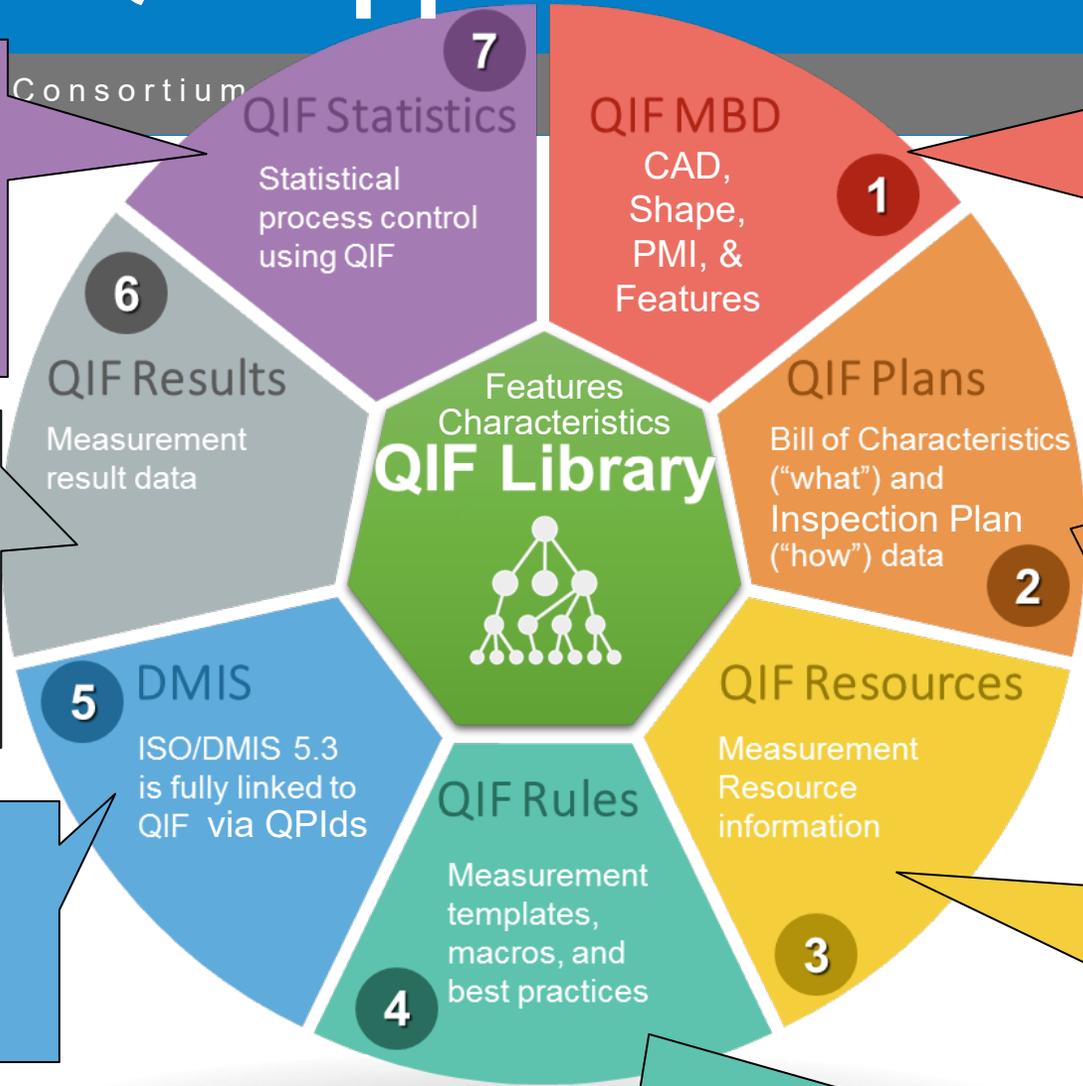
Model geometry is wrapped by **Features**

- Different concept than CAD features!
- Sometimes referred to as:
  - Tolerance Features
  - Metrology Features
  - Measurement Features

Features are referenced by **Characteristics**  
(aka, Product Characteristics, Verification Requirements)

- Geometric Tolerances
- Dimensional Tolerances
- Specifications
- Notes

# QIF Application Areas



Reference a bundle of QIF Results sets and specify a statistical analysis method to be carried out. Can optionally include the results of the statistical analysis as well

Measurement results data, associated with the MBD! This can be just tolerance evaluation results and can even include all the point cloud data from the features.

DMIS is not part of QIF, ISO 22093, however the latest ANSI DMIS 5.3 has been updated to harmonize with the data traceability mechanisms in QIF.

QIF MBD (Model-Based Definition) is the basis for providing traceability to authority CAD data. It is not required for basic QIF use cases. Considered to be the strongest semantic CAD+PMI standard available.

Wide range of optional levels of detail for measurement plans:

- What to Measure: Bill of Characteristics
- How to Measure: Inspection Plan
- Assign measurement resources
- Specify sampling point locations

Specify basic or highly detailed information about available measurement equipment (e.g., CMMs, probes, calipers, gages). As always, this data is contextual and semantic.

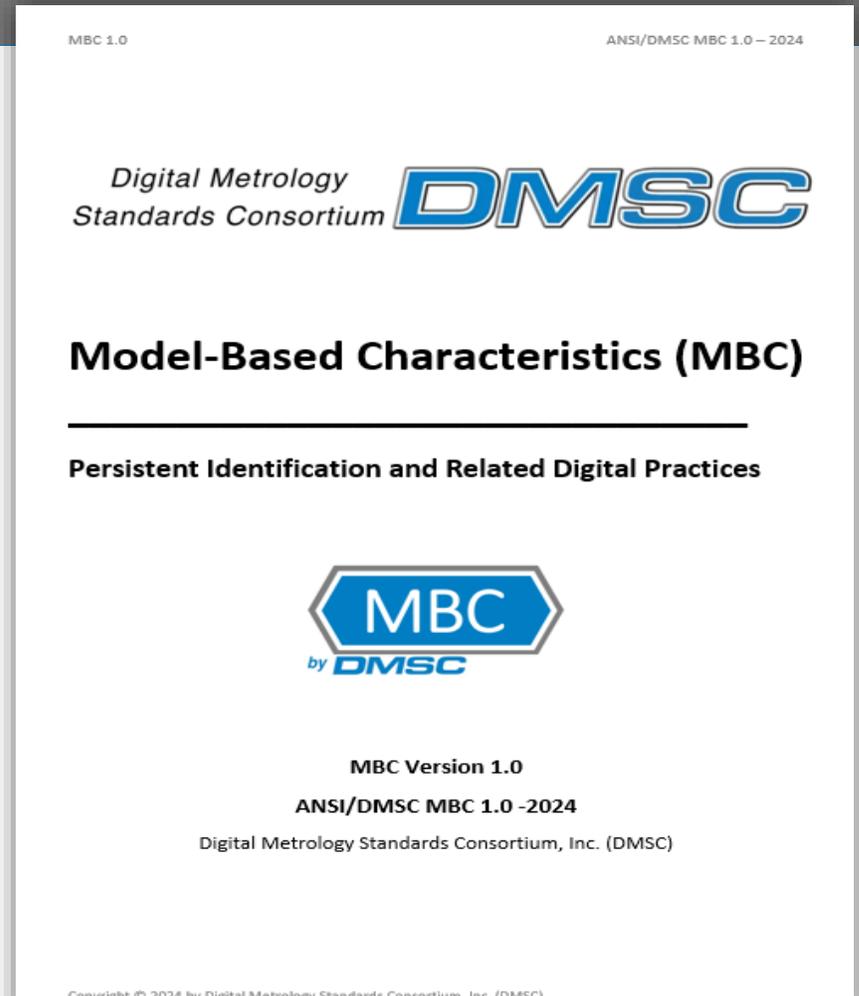
Rule templates for creating measurement rule instances. (e.g., *If a Surface Profile tolerance value is less than x, then use a CMM method with at least y number of point/sq.in.*)

# BSR/DMSC Model-Based Characteristics v1.0

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## New ANSI. Standard:

- **defines** common nomenclature, definitions, symbols, data structures
- **practices** for identifying, communicating, and exchanging model-based characteristics with various optional augmentations
- **behaviors** within a model-based system
- **through** both a logical data model and supporting documentation.

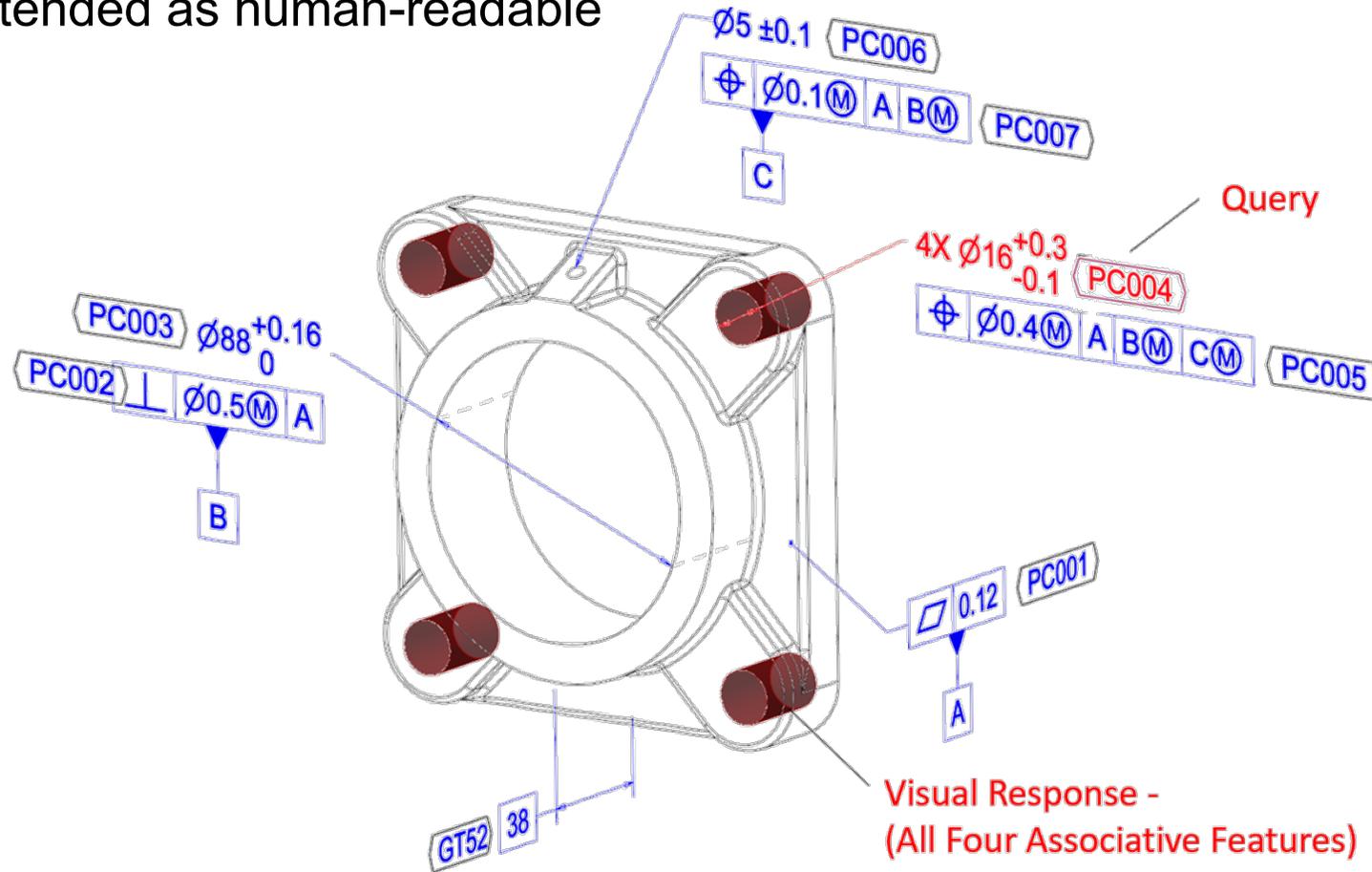


Enables connection points that establishes a **digital thread** at the PC definition level

# Product Characteristic (PC) Tag w/Annotation

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Electronic – Intended as human-readable

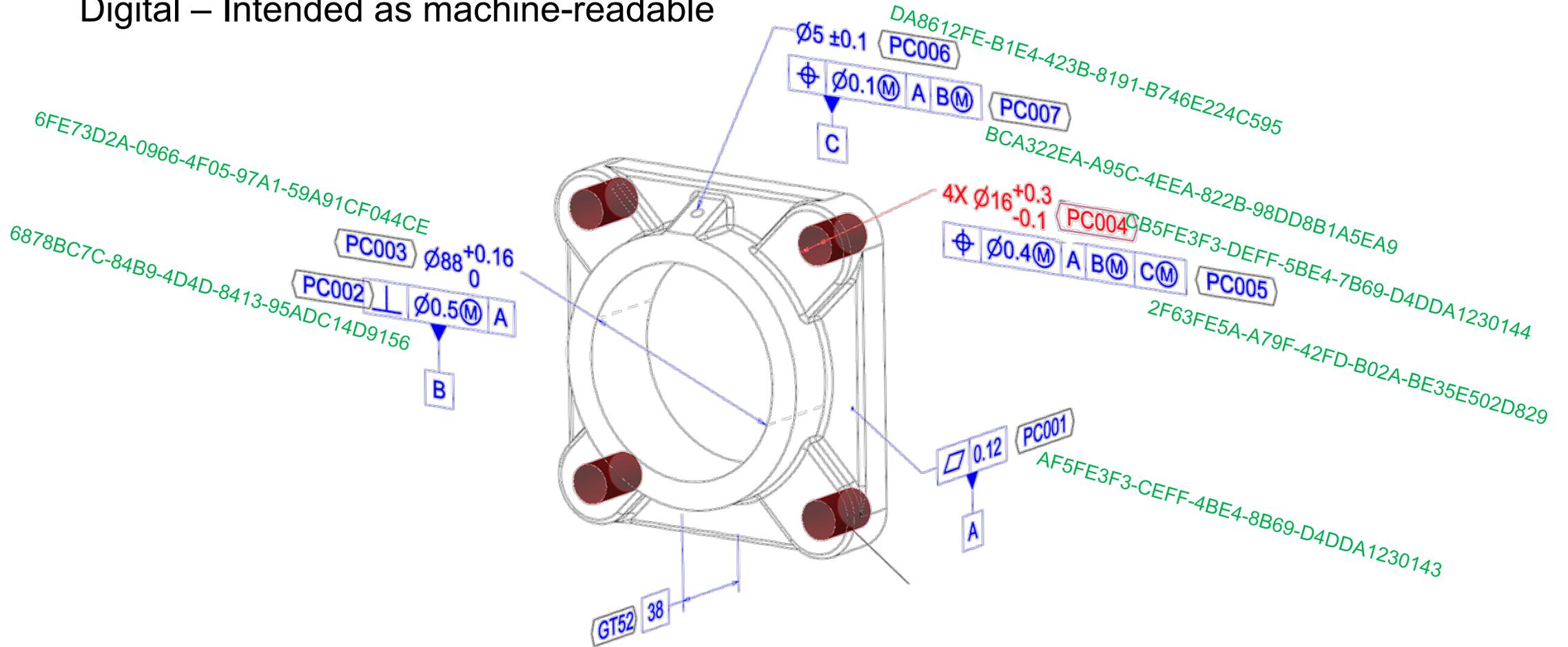


Visualization of a Product Characteristic Reference Tags on at Model-Based Definition

# Product Characteristic (PC) UUID Attributes

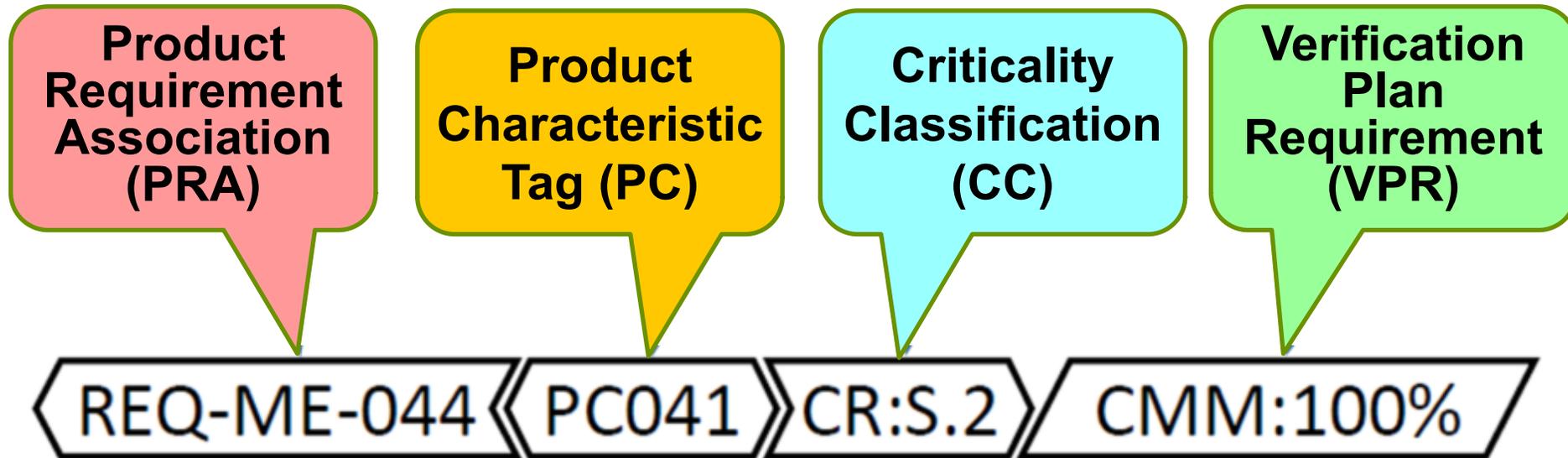
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Digital – Intended as machine-readable



Representation of Product Characteristic Reference Tags & UUIDs within a Model-Based Definition

# Product Characteristics Designations with all optional Augmentations Example



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Presenting Primer at QIF Summit, Apr. 2024 @ MxD

Example: PC Reference Tag with Every Augmentations

- Who is the DMSC?

- A professional **group** of manufacturing **metrologists**, **software** engineers, and **digital** innovators worldwide.

- What is the DMSC currently doing?

- Defining & maintaining quality **information exchange standards** like:
  - Dimensional Measuring Interface Standard (DMIS),
  - Quality Information Framework,
  - Model-Based Characteristics
- QIF Training and Certification
- QIF 4.0 Enhancements
- Roadmap Planning

- How will DMSC membership benefit your company?

- Next Slide

- How do I join the DMSC?

- Final Slide

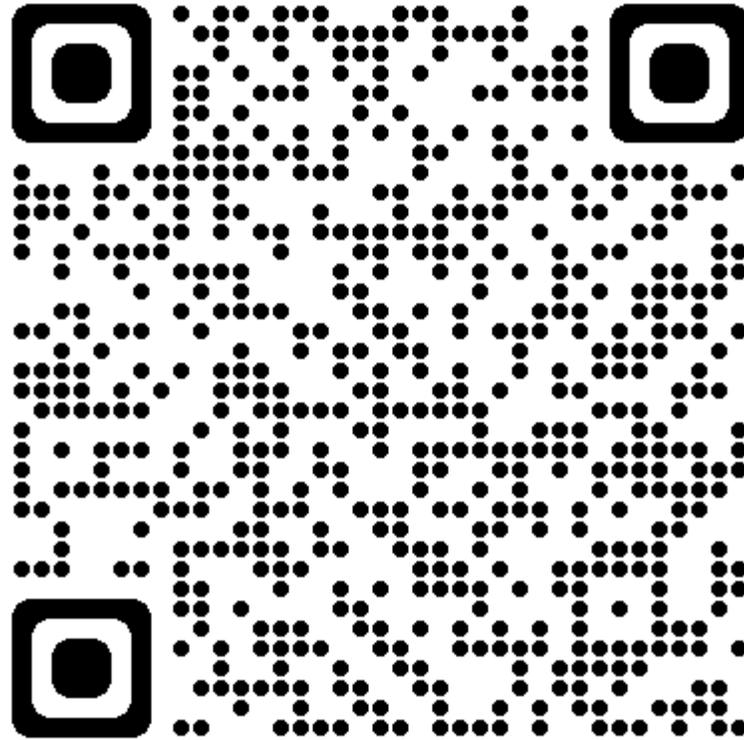
# Benefits of DMSC Membership

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- **Participate** in the development of new / enhancing standards through DMSC's active Working Groups
- **Have a direct influence** on the direction and development of the worldwide QIF (and ISO) standard
- **Have access to Subject Matter Experts** (SMEs) already doing QIF production implementations
- **Share Best Practices** through educational Webinars, Technical Workshops and Round Tables
- **Engage major OEMs** that have adopted QIF as part of their Model-Based-Enterprise (MBE) Strategy
- **Solve mutual metrology industry issues** through collaboration with other DMSC members
- **Build relationships** with key vendors that have proven technology products and services
- **Advance national and international standards** for product quality data exchange
- **Gain an understanding** of how QIF relates to other accepted standards (e.g., STEP, MTConnect)
- **Establish yourself and your company** as an industry thought leader
- **Promotional opportunities** (no-cost webinars for Solution Providers) to reach scores of potential new customer
- **Early access** to innovative specifications and thinking.

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