

Optimizing Asset Definition and Structure for Enabling Digital Twins

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Key Concepts



Data Interoperability is a Challenge for Asset Definitions and Structures



Asset Registries, Finding the "LCC", and Open Standards are Methods for Improving Interoperability



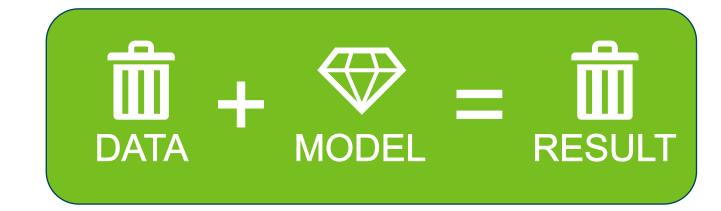
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Data is Destiny

Technology has changed the speed and scale of data-driven decisions.

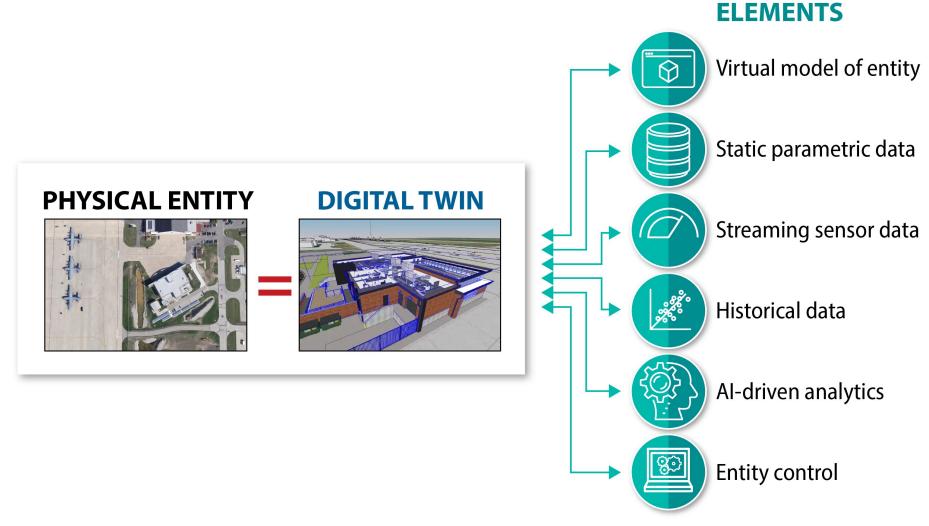
AI/ML models are entirely dependent on the data upon which they are trained.

Good data matters more than ever!



Digital Twin: Exercise in Integration





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Semantic Integration vs. Technical Integration



Technical Integration is how data is physically exchanged.



Semantic Integration is how data is understood and interpreted.



Al's analysis capability can be made more effective with semantic integration and data quality is directly dependent on technical integration.

Data Interoperability Enables the 5 A's of Data Quality



And leads to faster, more confident decisions that increase efficiency and reduce risk, leading to reduction in costs.



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The Six Blind Men and the Elephant (A Parable)



Definition of an Asset





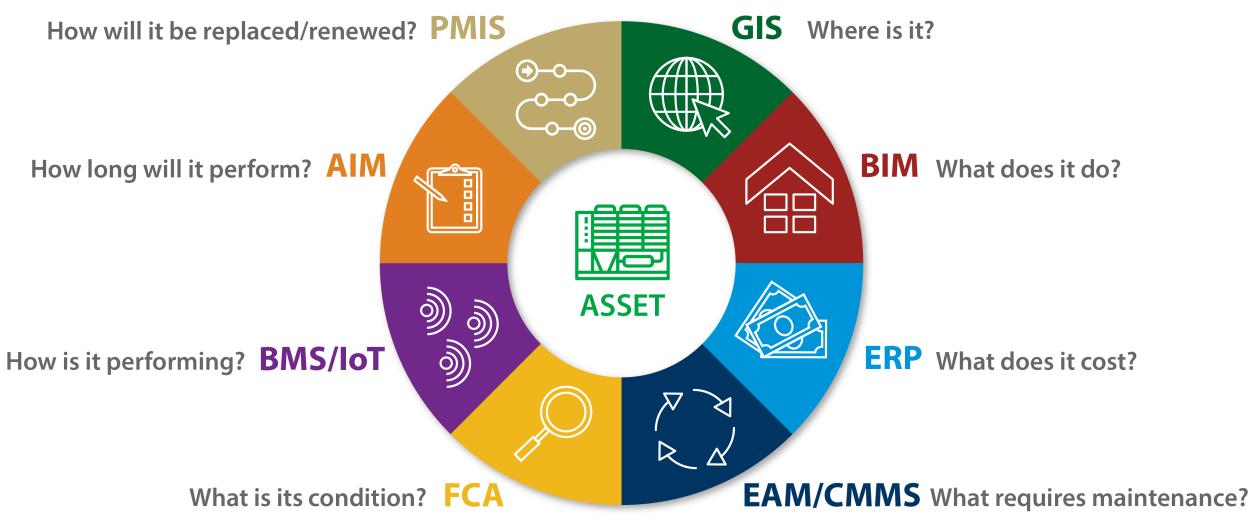
An item, thing, or entity that has potential or actual value to an organization.

REQUIRES A PERSPECTIVE

UNIQUE TO ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

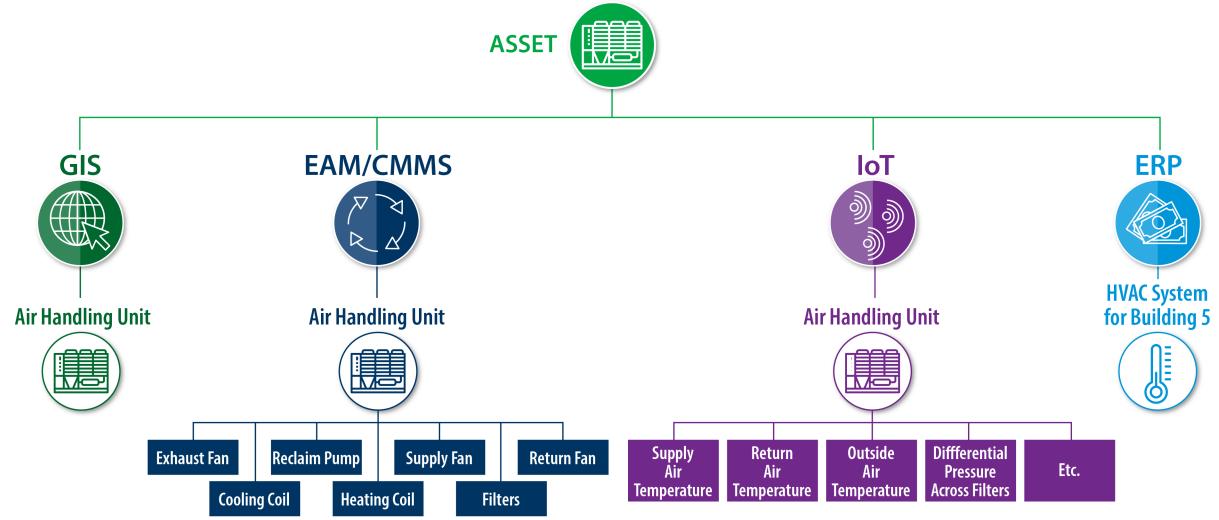
Asset Definition – Information Systems View





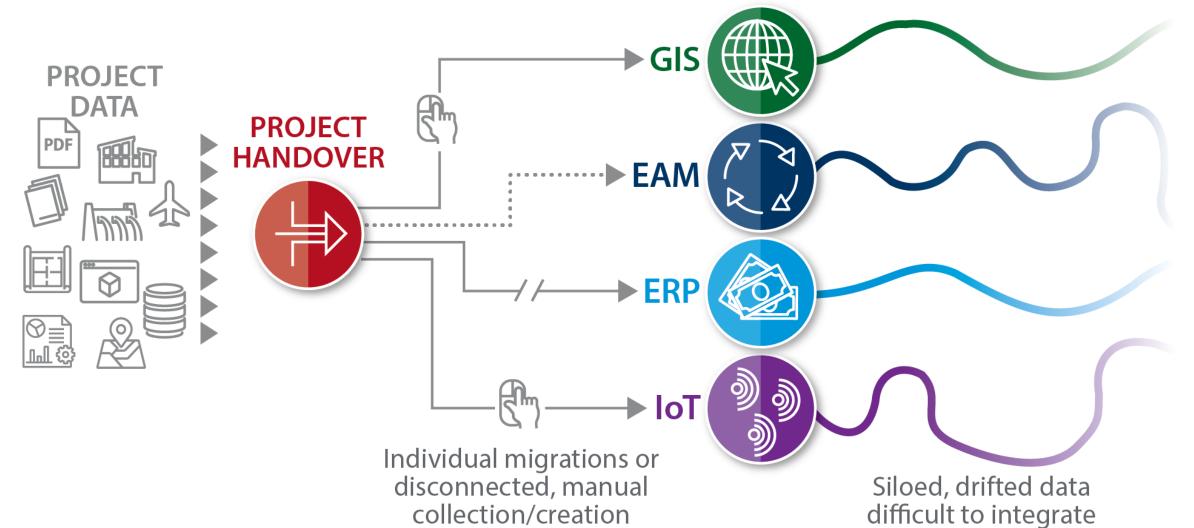
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No Linkage – The Frayed Thread







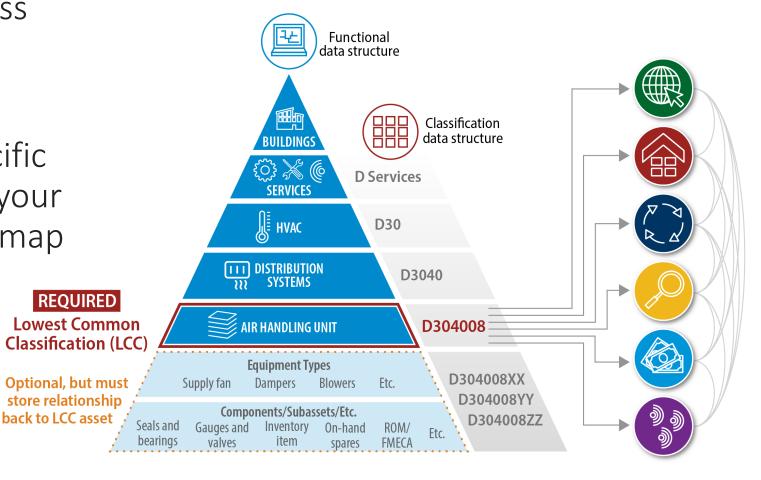
Improving the Interoperability of Asset Definitions and Data Structures

Finding the Missing Link



Objective: Simplify semantic integration of Asset Types across systems.

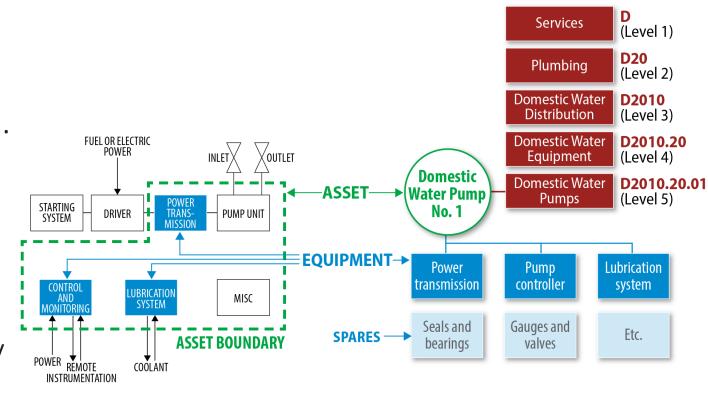
Method: Identify a shared specific list of asset types that each of your asset information systems can map to.



Tips for Finding the LCC



- Utilize an industry standard classification structure as backbone.
- Define "System" vs. "Asset" vs. "Equipment"
- 3. "Assets" can provide a valueadded service on their own.
- Work top-down through your chosen classification hierarchy for each type of asset you manage.



Putting it Together: The Asset Registry



AIR HANDLING UNIT: AHU 5.1.1

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Geographic information system	In GIS: Yes	ID: AHU 5.1.1	Location: 27.916076, -82.502253		
BIM Building information modeling	In BIM: Yes	ID: AHU.1.1	Model: BLDG5_MEP	System: HVAC	Room: MECH 201
EAM Enterprise asset management	In EAM: Yes	ID: AHU5.1.1	Parent: 05-019-01	Children: EF01, PU01, SF01, RF01, CC01, HC01	
FCA Facility condition assessment	In FCA: No	ID: N/A	FCA Parent: BLDG5.D3050		
ERP Enterprise resource planning	In ERP: No	ID: N/A	ERP Parent: P.2003-0568		
BMS Building management system	In BMS: Yes	ID: AH 501			

Allows for different systembased schemas.

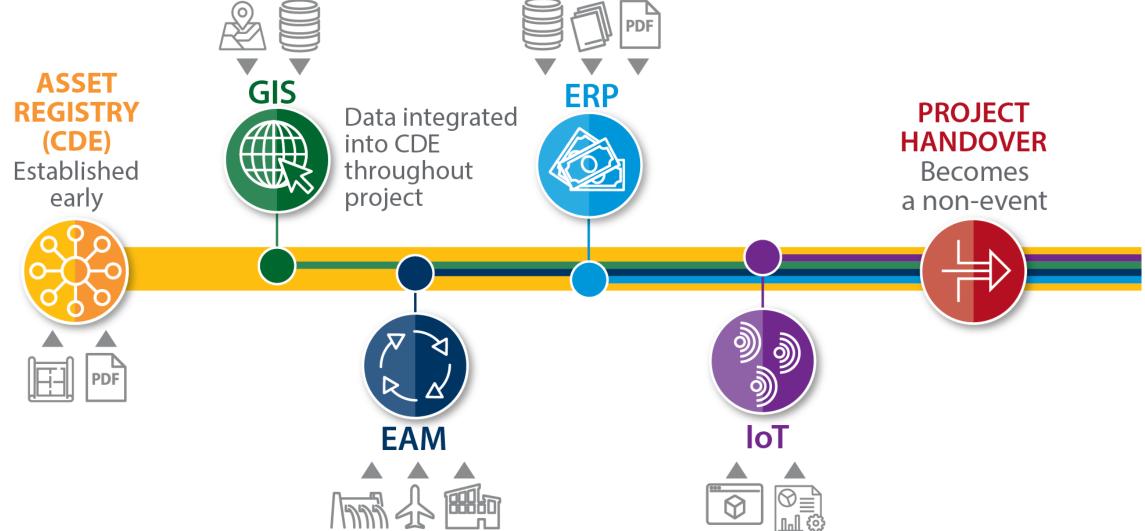
Provides the data interoperability "decoder ring."

Stores anything considered to be an asset.

Does not own asset data, only stores relationship to records in enterprise systems.

Asset Registry Binds the Golden Thread





Open Standards

Publicly available specifications that provide a common framework for designing and implementing interoperable systems.

Transparent

Collaborative

Consensusdriven

Freely Adopted Freely Implemented Freely Extended

Benefits of Open Standards



Interoperability



Innovation

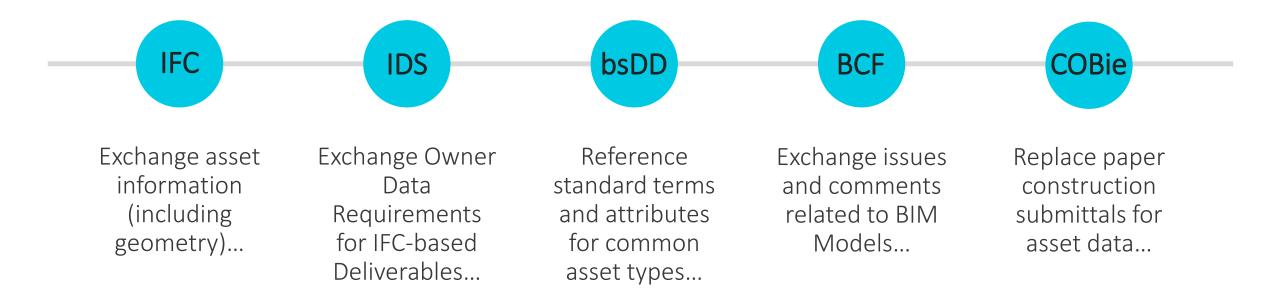


Reduced Vendor Lock-In



Collaboration

Example of Open Standards for Asset Data



... regardless of software!

Final Thoughts

Digital Twins thrive on INTEROPERABLE DATA!

Most Owners' data is NOT INTEROPERABLE!

Asset registries, LCC's, and open standards improve INTEROPERABILITY!

Thank You!

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