



## NDIA 2008 Systems Engineering Conference

*Building net-ready information interoperability  
performance indicator widgets for DoDAF 2.0  
dashboards*

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Case Example: Mission-Architecture IPT

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# HSDII Committee Objective

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***Benefit ITAA/GEIA members, government sponsors, builders, developers, and users of ...***

***Products, Processes and Tools related to ...***

***Information Interoperability by ...***

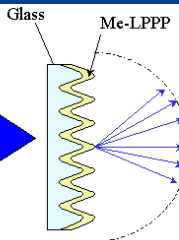
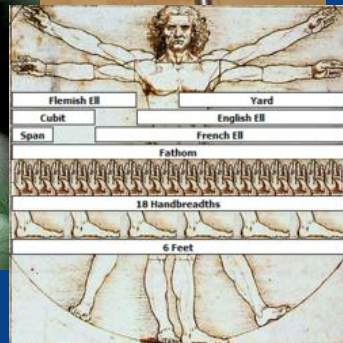
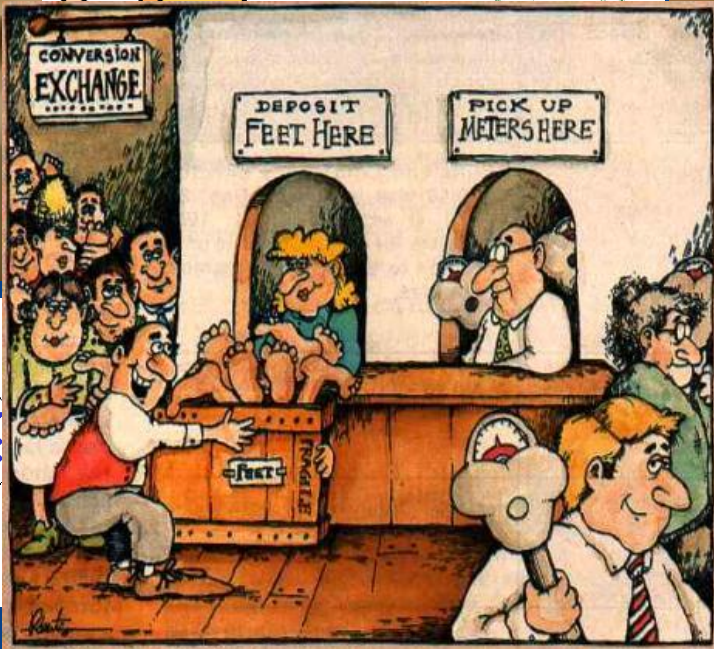
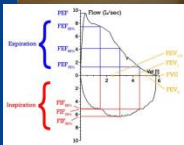
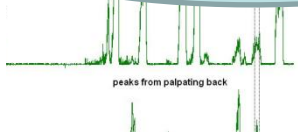
***Filling critical gaps,  
Improving performance, and  
Reducing costs.***

# But How Do We Judge?

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**Measurement!**



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# Goal-Driven Measurement

When using goal-driven measurement,  
the primary question is not:

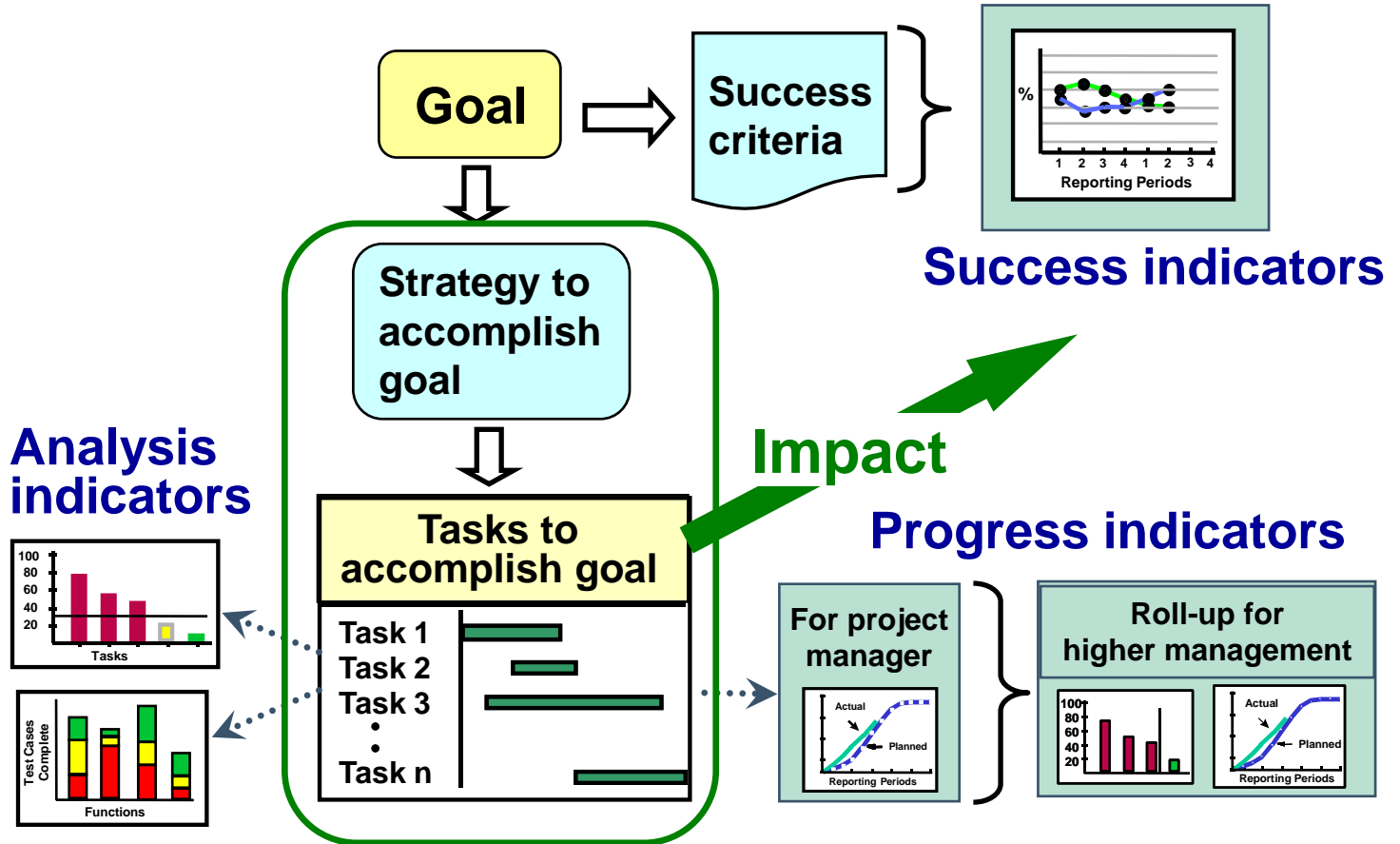
*“What metrics should I use?”*

rather, it is:

*“What do I want to know or learn?”*



# Measuring Goal Achievement






# Workshop Steps

**Indicator Template**

Indicator Template

Goal ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Question: \_\_\_\_\_



Inputs  
Algorithm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assumptions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step ①: Goals**

Components of good goal statements

**Step ②: Clarify Questions to refine the goal**

**Step ③: Decomposing Goals**

Subgoals by perspective

**Step ④: Operationalize Goals**

Operationalize goal statement

**Step ⑤: Success Criteria**

Clear articulation of the criteria you will use to decide if the goal has been met.

**Step ⑥: Success Indicators**

Postulate Success Indicators

**Step ⑦: Strategies & Activities**

**Step ⑧: Identify the data elements**

Data Elements	Avail	Source
Size	+	QA
Defects	0	CM
	-	?
	0	Etc.
	+	.
	--	.

**Step ⑨: Identify the actions needed to implement your measures**

Planning Tasks	Data Elements				
	1	2	3	4	5
Task 1	50	N		Y	
Task 2		Y		Y	Y
Task 3	Y		Y		
Task n		N		Y	

**Step ⑩: Prepare a plan**

Verification and action plans





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# Workshop Outcomes: Top Three Goals

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- Enable precision information sharing among stakeholders
  - Minimal ambiguity
- Measure the “goodness” for information interoperability standards
  - Then standards in general
  - “Goodness” for information interoperability
  - How effectively are users getting & using information exchanges
- Systems and enterprise’s achieve more effective collaboration and/or achieve greater success by enabling inter-enterprise collaboration

# Enable information sharing among stakeholders with minimal ambiguity.

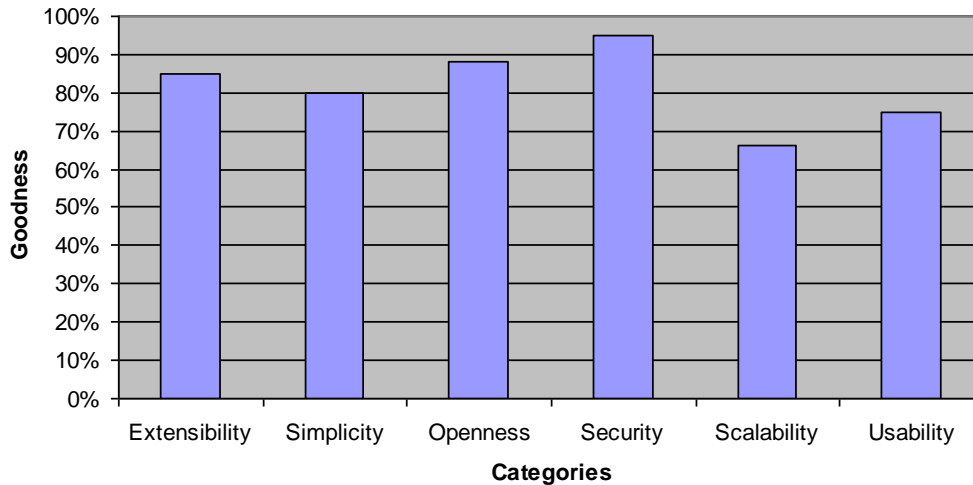
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ID	Theme (Stakeholder, Info, Std)	Type of Indicator (Success, Progress, Analysis)	Questions	Atomic Indicator	Roll-up Indicator	DoDAF Product & Other Sources	CADM Data Elements
	Stakeholder		Who are the stakeholders?			OV-2, OV-3	OperationalNode
	Stakeholder		What information do the stakeholders need?	<b>Completeness</b> Is there an information architecture that defines the stakeholders and context for the information sharing?	<b>Completeness</b> What percentage of information exchanges (IERs) are defined in the information architecture?	OV-2, OV-3	InformationExchangeRequirement/ InformationExchange/ Needline
11	Information	Success	Was the correct information provided where and when needed?	<b>Visibility</b> Did the Info Provider publish availability of the info? Can the Info Consumer discover needed info?	<b>Visibility</b> What percentage of IERs are published?	SV-4a/b, Enterprise Catalog Service (ECS) & Service Registry, Content Discovery and Delivery (CD&D)	InformationExchange/ Information Element
12	Information	Success	Does the info exchange enable traceability back to the original context?	<b>Understandable</b> Is metadata published with the information that defines its source/context/pedigree?	<b>Understandable</b> What percentage Info Providers create and publish metadata for IERs/Services?	AV-2, SV-11, DDMS, Metadata Registry (MDR)	InformationExchange/ Information Element
13	Information	Success	Can we verify information integrity?	<b>Unambiguous</b> Does the Info Provider claim/advertise that the information conforms to a 'verifiable' standard?	<b>Unambiguous</b> What percentage of IERs conformed to adopted Standard(s)?	TV-1, MDR	Information Element, Operational Nodes, Technology Areas, Technical Standards, Performance Parameters
14	Information	Progress	Is the information standardized?	<b>Extensible</b> Does the standard contain normative statements that define conformance to compliance points? <b>Implementable</b> Do normative statements in the standards conflict? <b>Testable</b> Are the normative statement verifiable?			
	Standard	Analysis	Are technical requirements in the standard stated clearly and understandable?			DISR, TV-1	Technology Areas, Technical Standards, Performance Parameters
	Standard	Analysis	Are the requirements in the standard(s) implementable?			DISR, TV-1	Technology Areas, Technical Standards, Performance Parameters
	Standard	Analysis	Does the standard define verification of conformance?			DISR, TV-1	Technology Areas, Technical Standards, Performance Parameters
	Standard		Will the standard support sharing with unanticipated stakeholders?				

# Quality Evaluation

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**Standard Quality Evaluation**



**Notes:**

Each category is graded on a scale of 1-5 and weighted to a total of 100%. Data is based on a survey of stakeholders.

Users of the indicator include:

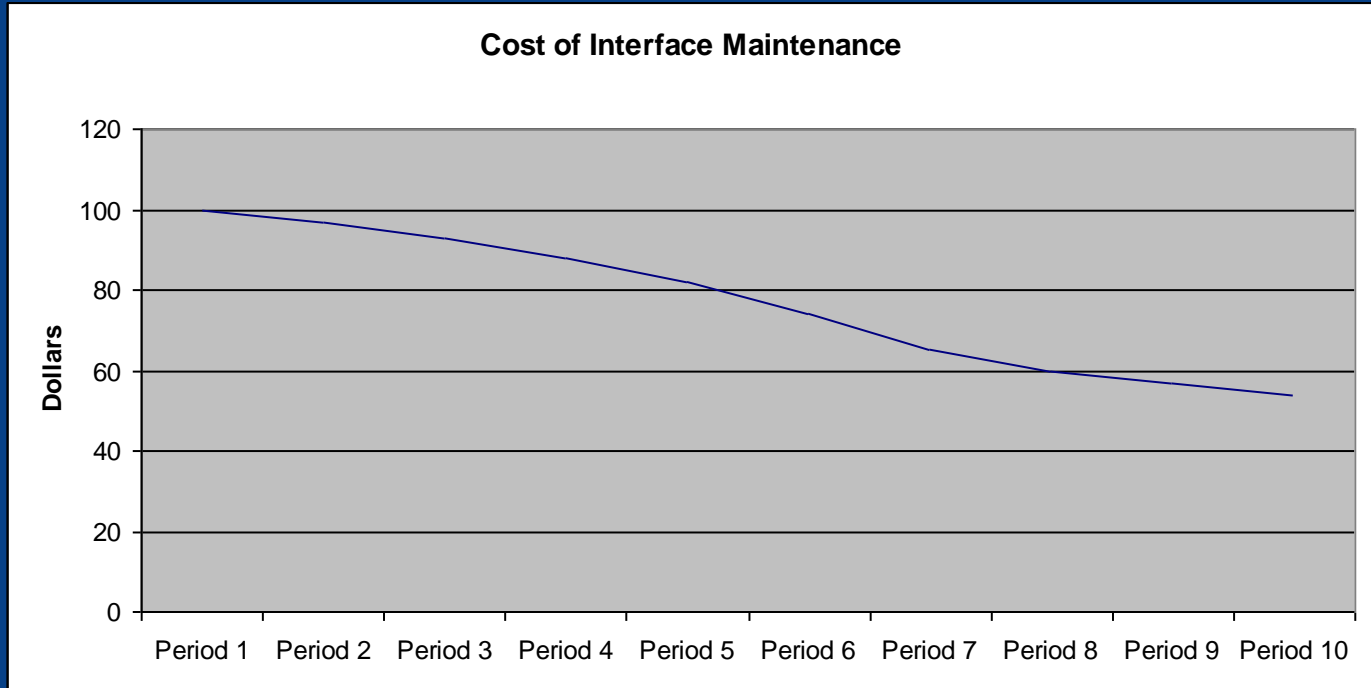
- standard developers and associated marketing
- potential adopters
- actual users

Scalability means across multiple domains

Usability means by multi-functions (non-IT experts)

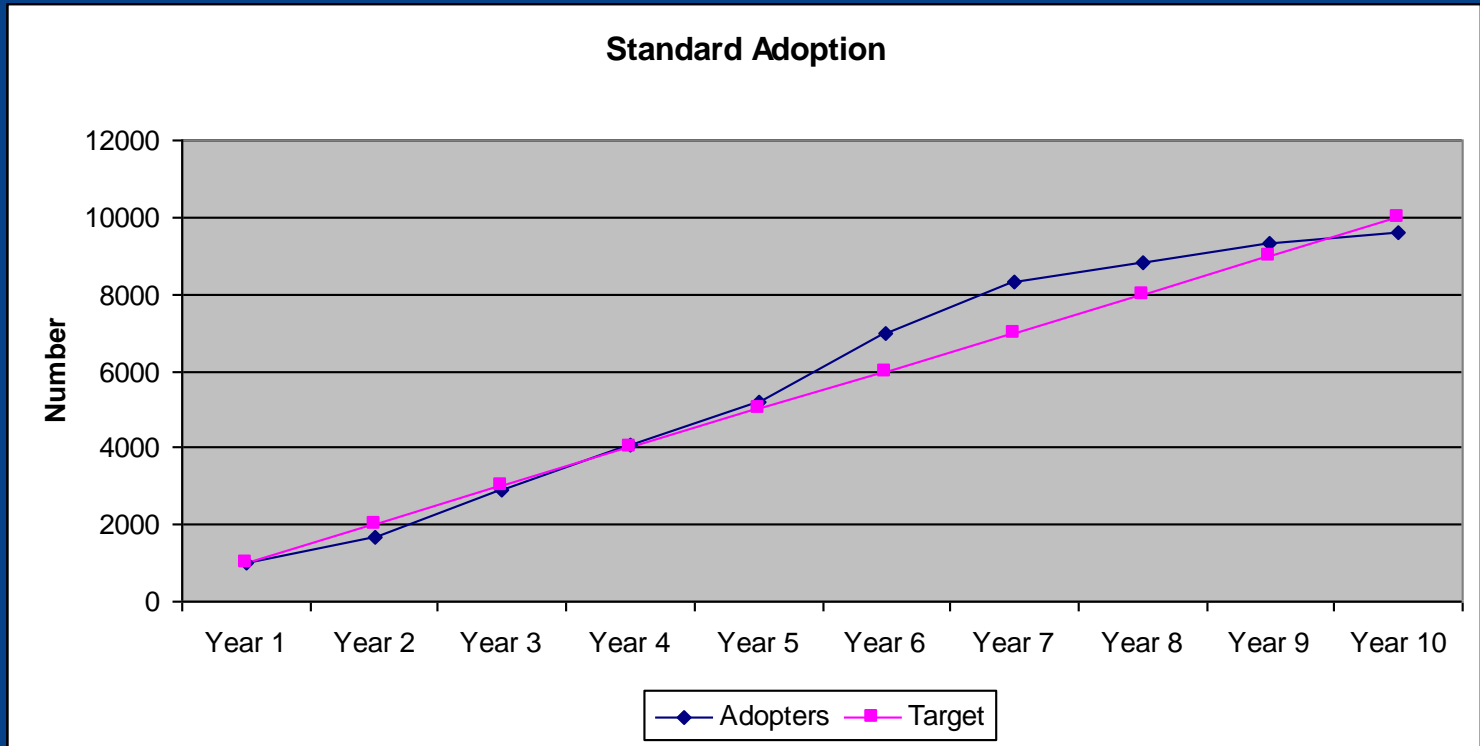
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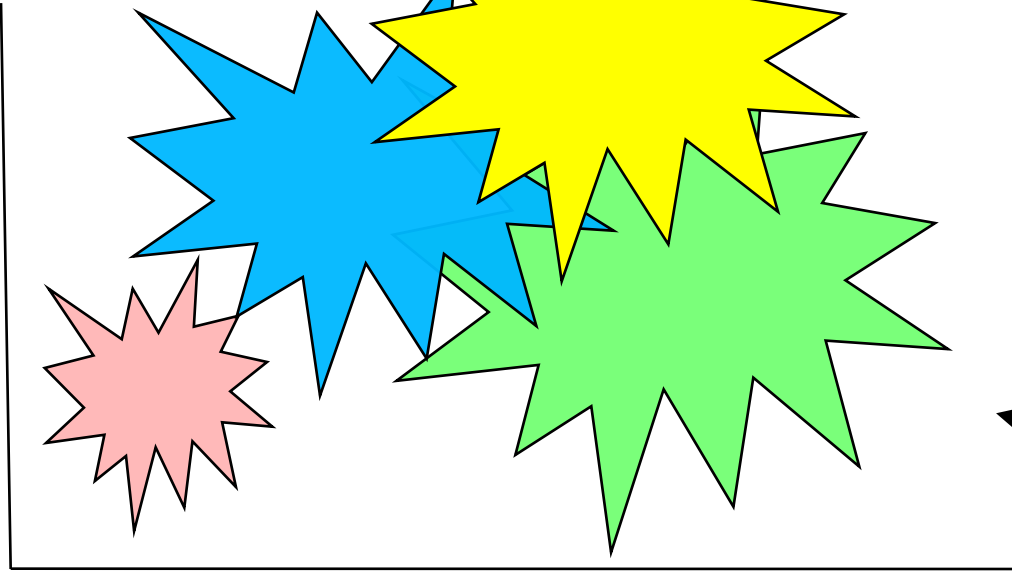
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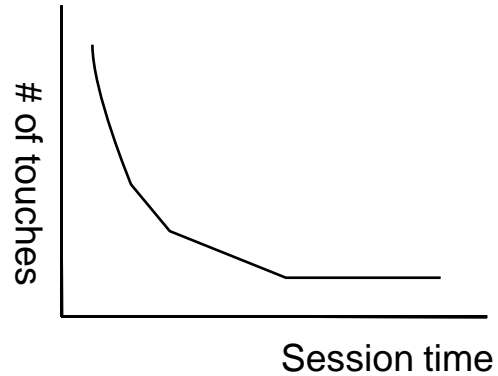
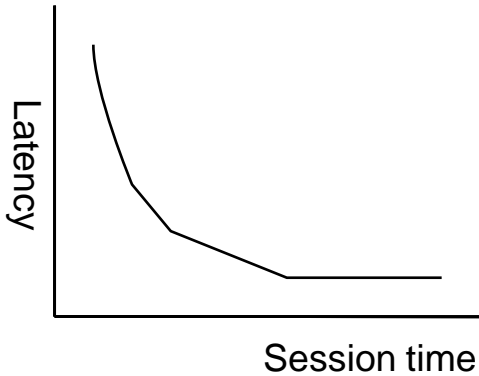
# Adoption

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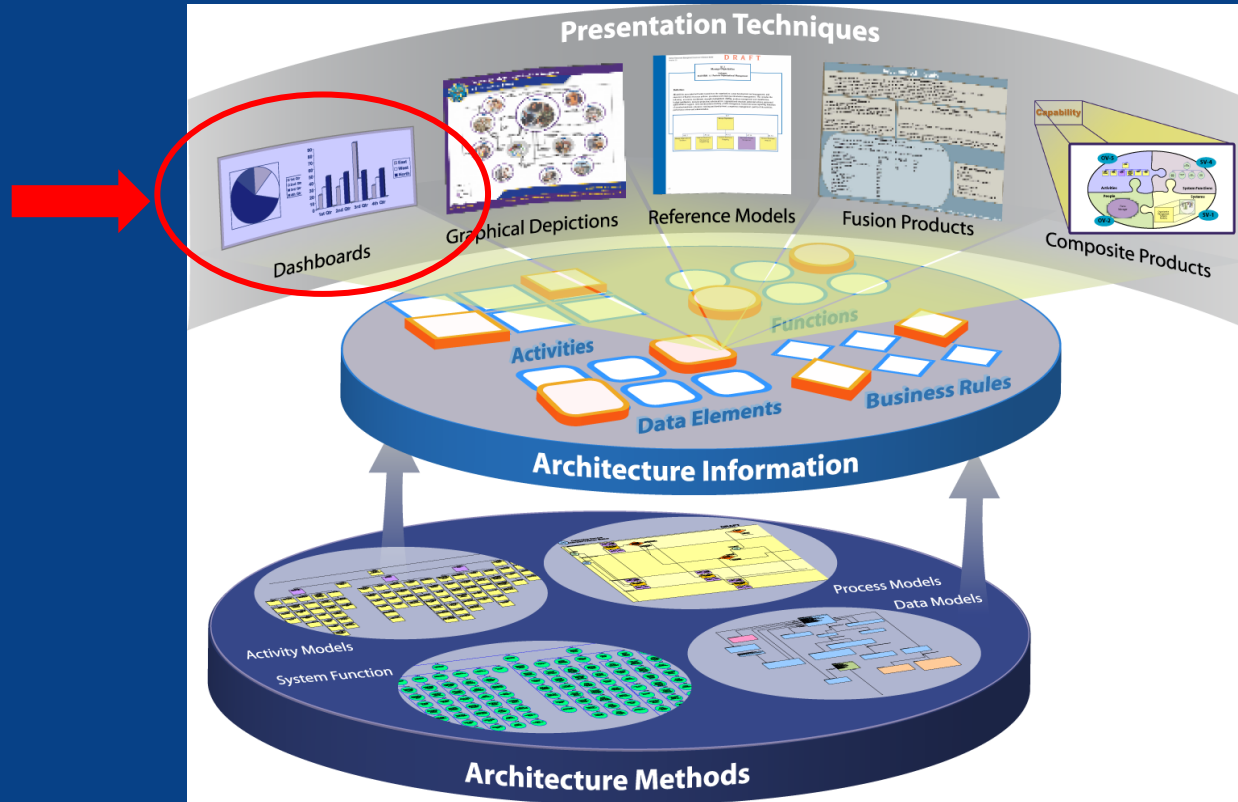


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# DoDAF 2.0 “Dashboards”

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**Defining indicator widgets for dashboards**



# Workshop Outcomes: Conclusions

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- The SEI GQ(I)M provides a viable methodology to develop information interoperability indicators
- We identified a preliminary set of indicators for measuring the “goodness” of information exchange standards relative to business goals
- We concluded
  - Enterprise architecture frameworks with an explicit focus on services (transactions) provide a means of implementing and improving Information Interoperability
  - Indicators provide a means for establishing a standardized set of reusable dashboard elements (‘indicator widgets’) in these frameworks

# Workshop Outcomes: Observations

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- The DoDAF 2.0 presentation technology working group has set forth dashboards as a category of presentation views
- Baseline indicators for information interoperability need to be developed (similar to baseline KPI's for enterprise architecture frameworks)
- Existing work from assessment, performance, and other model based efforts provide valuable resources for developing information interoperability (as well as other) indicator widgets



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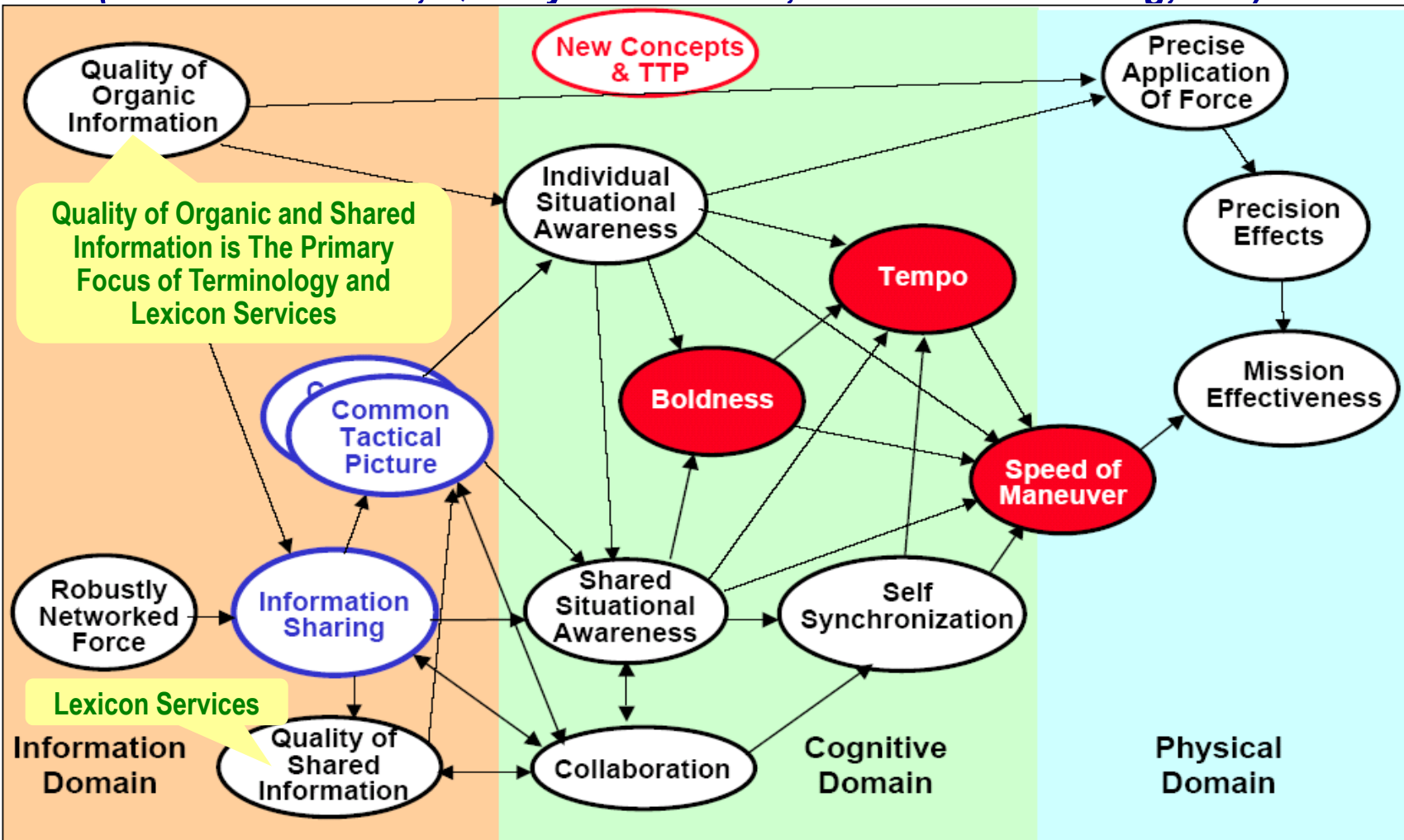
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# Architecture Models: Background Tenets of Network Centric Warfare (NCW)

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(Networked Force, Quality Information, Information Sharing, etc.)

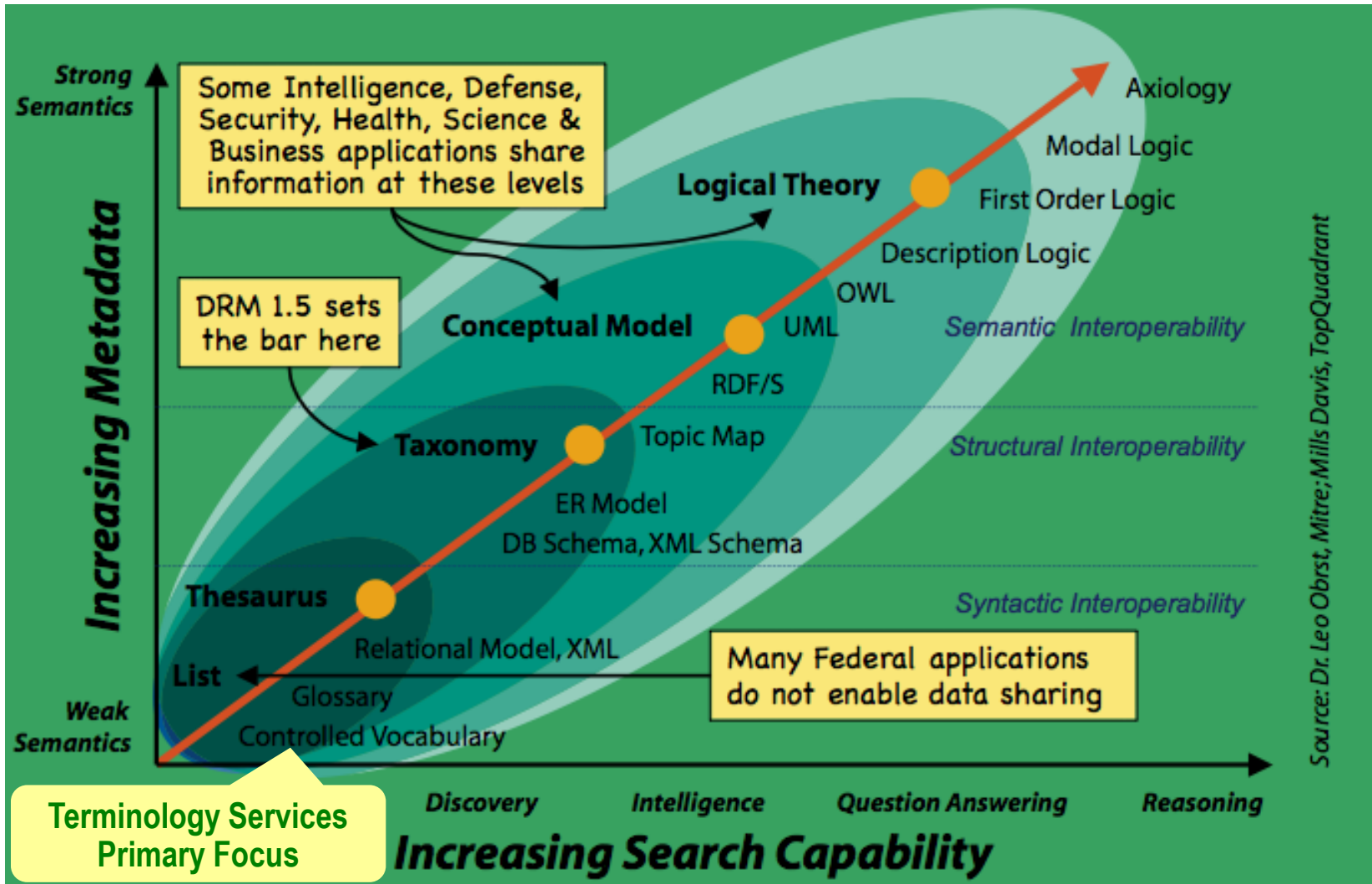




# Terminology Services: Challenge

## Semantic Interoperability Scoping

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Source: Dr. Leo Obrst, Mitre; Mills Davis, TopQuadrant

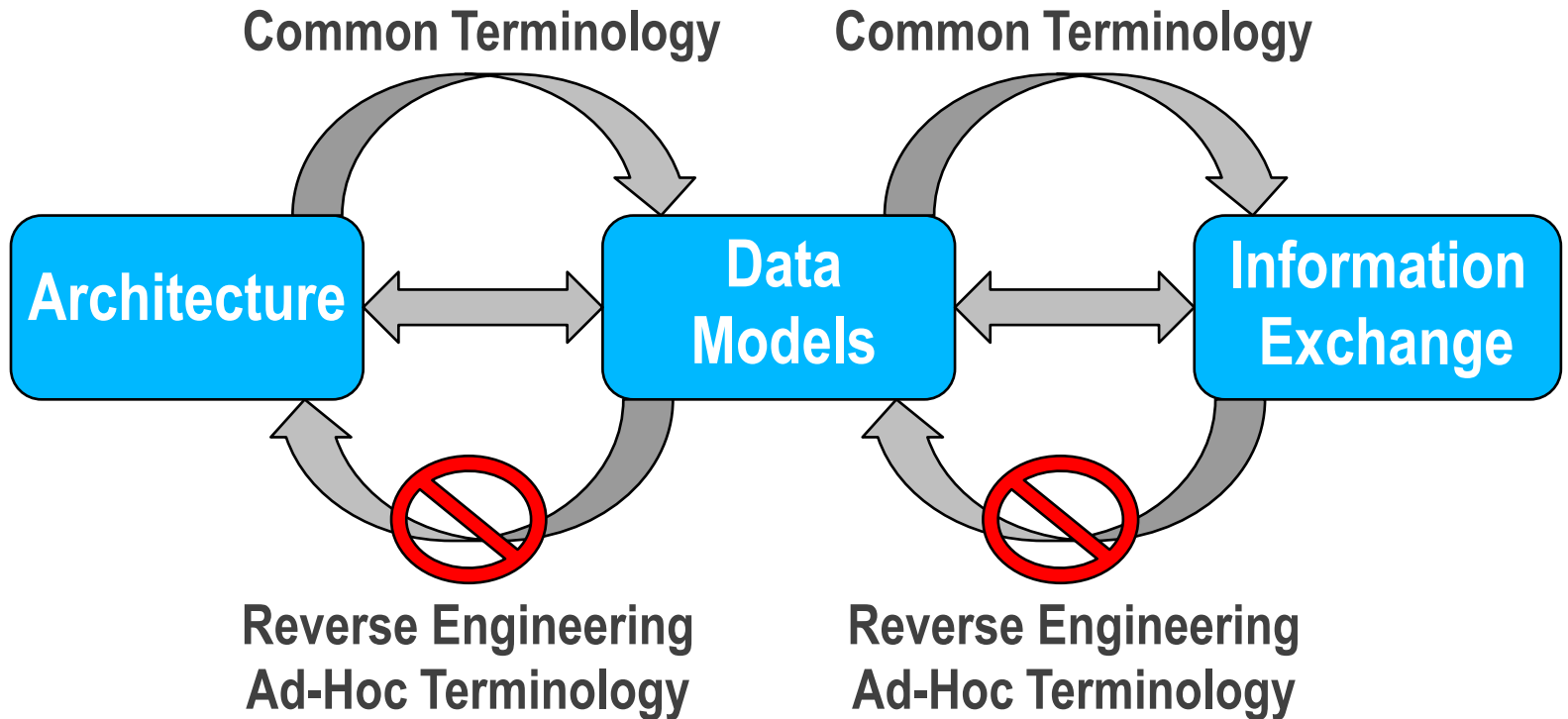


# Terminology Services: Challenge Information Interoperability

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## Common Lexicon vs Ad-Hoc Reverse Engineering

Common Terminology Makes Information Interoperability Possible



Reverse Engineering is Expensive, Difficult, and Often Not Feasible



# Terminology Services: Related Work

## Capability-Based Systems-of-Systems Engineering (SOSE)



### NCEE

### NAERG

#### Naval Collaborative Engineering Environment (NCEE)

**NAERG Link at CHSENG NCEE Home Page**

The screenshot shows the NCEE website with a yellow callout box highlighting a link to the NAERG Reference Guide. The link is titled "The Naval Architecture Elements Reference Guide" and is circled in green. The website content includes sections for "About the ASN RDA CHENG", "Portal Information", "Links of Interest", "Engineering Tools", and "Items of Interest".

#### Naval Architecture Element Reference Guide (NAERG)

The screenshot shows the NAERG website with a cross-reference table of architecture elements. The table lists various elements and their relationships across different views.

ARCHITECTURE ELEMENTS	Operational View (OV)						System View (SV)						TV						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Operational Nodes	●	●	●	●	●	●	(b)												
Operational Tasks																			
Operational Activities																			
Information Elements																			
System Nodes																			
Systems																			(b,c)
System Functions																			(b,c)
Triggers/Events																			(b,c)
Performance Parameters																			
Technical Standards																			●

### Common Access Card (CAC) Enabled Websites

<https://ncee.navy.mil/Pages/default.aspx>

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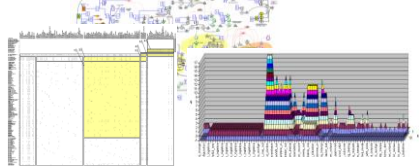


# Architecture Frameworks: Current Work

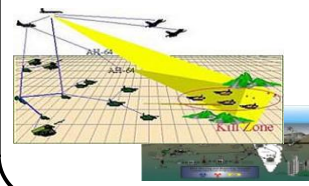
## Mission Architecture Dashboard

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Capability Tracing, Assessment, Validation, and Gap Analysis



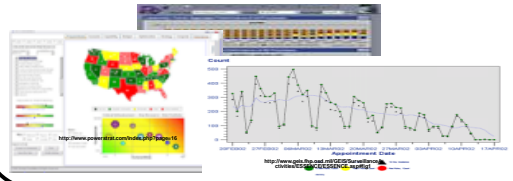
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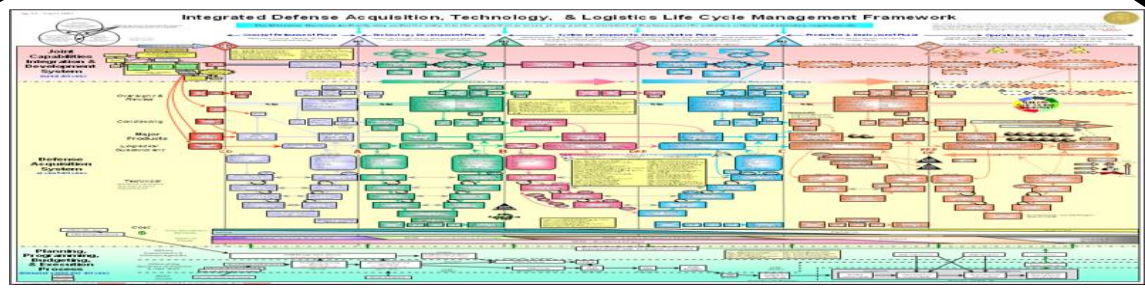
Inter-Agency Cross-Domain Information-Sharing Supply-Chain



### Mission Architecture Dashboard



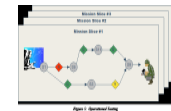
*Integrated AT&L Life Cycle Management Framework*



Operational Mission-Threads



Operational Plans (OPlans)



Mission Operations

Systems

Devices

Enterprise Framework - Policies, Rules, Metrics Processes, Architectures, ...



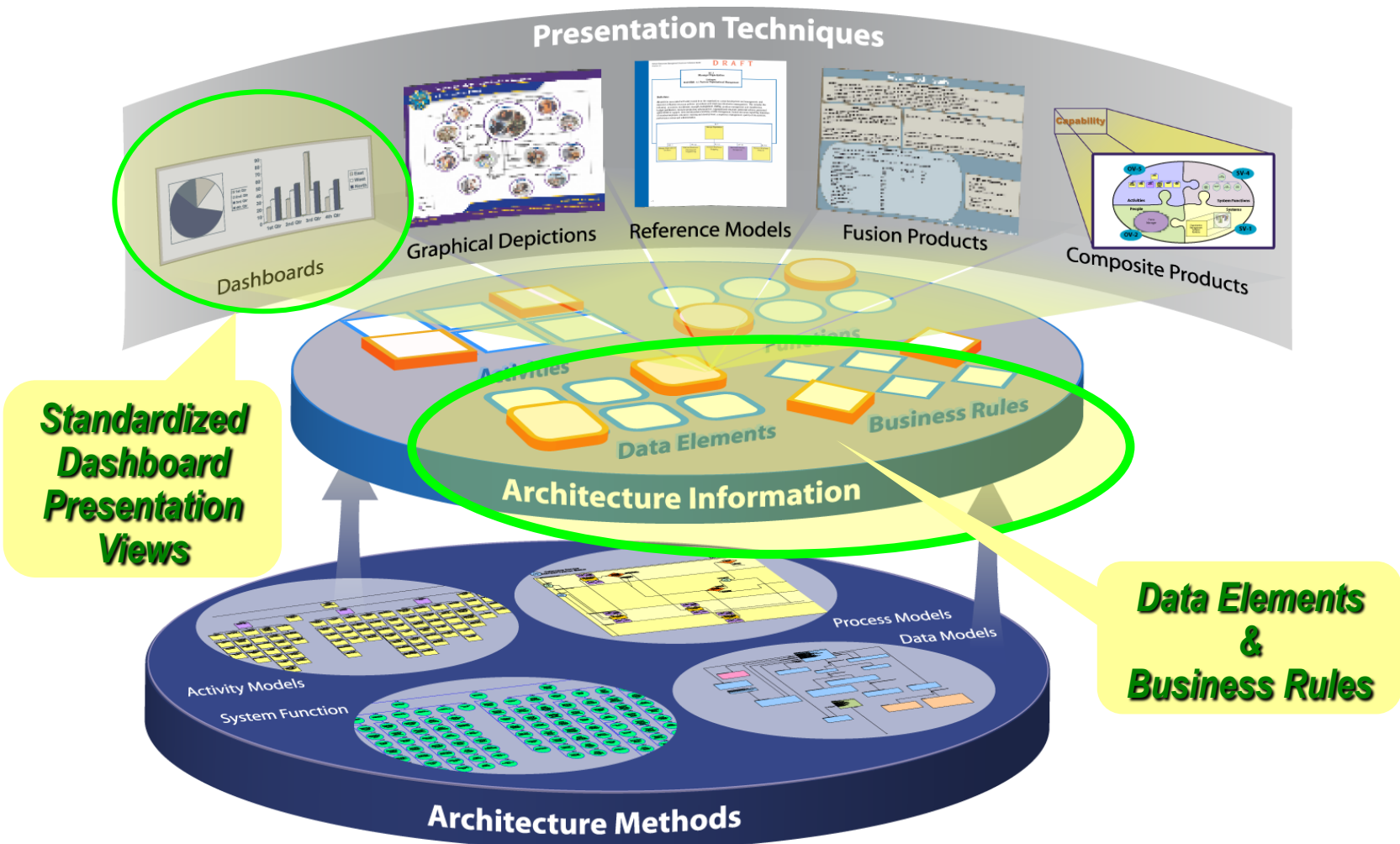




# Architecture Models: Emerging Standards DoD Architecture Framework 2.0 Example

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*Standardized Dashboard Views, Data Elements, Business Rules, etc.*







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# Way Ahead

- Further explore leveraging DoDAF 2.0 to help define an open standard for indicator widgets
- Produce an exemplar reference implementation for a set of indicator widgets
- Produce guidance on how to go from existing standards to the indicator widget paradigm



# Questions?

- DOD Net-Centric Checklist, Version 2.1.4, July 30, 2004
  - Assists program managers in understanding the net-centric attributes that their programs need to implement to move into the net-centric environment as part of a service-oriented architecture in the Global Information Grid.
- NCIOC Network Centric Analysis Tool (NCAT) & SCOPE model
  - NCAT is a metric measurement tool developed by the NCOIC for use in evaluating the ability of a system/subsystem/component to operate in a network centric environment. Designed to leverage complementary tools developed by DISA and others, the NCAT is highly flexible, easily adaptable, and can be tailored for specific requirements.
- DOD's Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) Program Assessment and Rating Tool (PART)
  - An analytical tool to aid DoD Program Managers assess their approach to open systems throughout the acquisition life cycle.
- Navy Open Architecture Assessment Tool (OAAT)
  - A Navy tool to assess the openness of a systems or program.
- DOD's Data and Service Exposure Verification Tracking Sheets
  - Used to measure net-centricity in support of the DOD's Net-Centric Data Strategy.

**A catalog of reusable indicators can be readily derived**

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