

# Discovery of Modeling & Simulation Assets to Support Systems Engineering

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## **Bottom Line Up Front**

• The ability to *discover, evaluate, and reuse* relevant M&S assets could potentially improve engineering results and lower overall program costs.

 Tools to increase visibility and accessibility of DoD M&S assets are needed.



## **Presentation Objectives**

Review the role of M&S in SE and Acquisition

 Become familiar with M&S metadata concepts, specifications, and tools

Know where to find additional information

Goal: Increase ROI of M&S Assets Through Improved Discovery and Reuse



- DoD Directive 5134.01
  - USD (AT&L) shall "... develop policies, plans, and programs to coordinate, harmonize, and rationalize DoD M&S ... and ensure that DoD M&S investments support operational needs and the acquisition process."
- DoD Directive 5000.59
  - "M&S tools, data, and services shall be visible and accessible."





- Defense Acquisition Guidebook
  - "Models and simulations are SE tools used ... during all life-cycle phases."
  - "M&S should be developed and documented, to include metadata (MSC-DMS) ..."
  - "The PM and SE should establish and maintain a repository of all relevant M&S data products that describe what the system is and does."



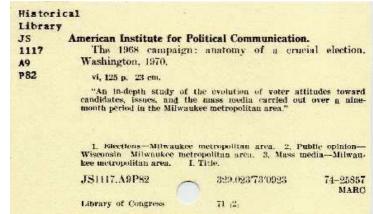


#### Metadata

 Descriptive information about the meaning of other data ("Data about data")

# Discovery Metadata

 Information about M&S assets, such as resources, contacts, taxonomies



#### Structural Metadata

Information about the rules governing metadata
 structure and format, such as schemas and transforms



### Where is Metadata?

Discovery Metadata

→ catalogs

Structural Metadata

→ registries

M&S Assets

→ repositories

You're Already in the Metadata Business.

You Just Don't Think About It.



# M&S Metadata Specification

 MSC-DMS: M&S Community of Interest Discovery Metadata Specification

The metadata specification tailored for the M&S COI that conforms to DDMS

Named in DAG Section 4.3.19.1"Modeling and Simulation"

- On the horizon (2014):
   Trusted Data Format (TDF)
  - Harmonizes DoD and IC metadata specifications

Modeling and Simulation (M&S)
Community of Interest (COI)
Discovery Metadata Specification
(MSC-DMS)

Version 1.5

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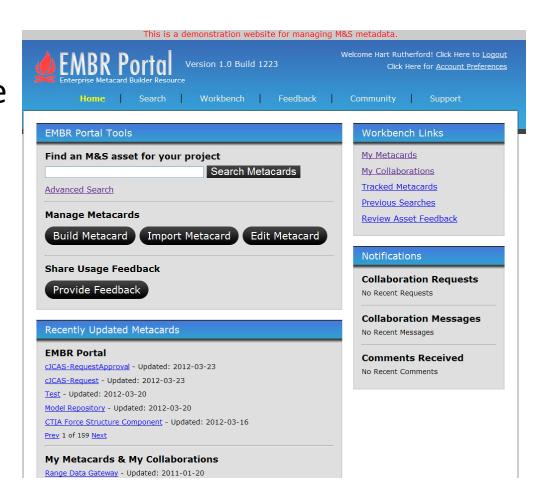
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#### "Enterprise Metacard Builder Resource"

- Create, edit, search, and exchange M&S metadata
  - Web-based, GOTS
     tool built on low-cost
     open source software
  - Real-time dashboard of asset inventory information
  - Moving to ".mil" server this year







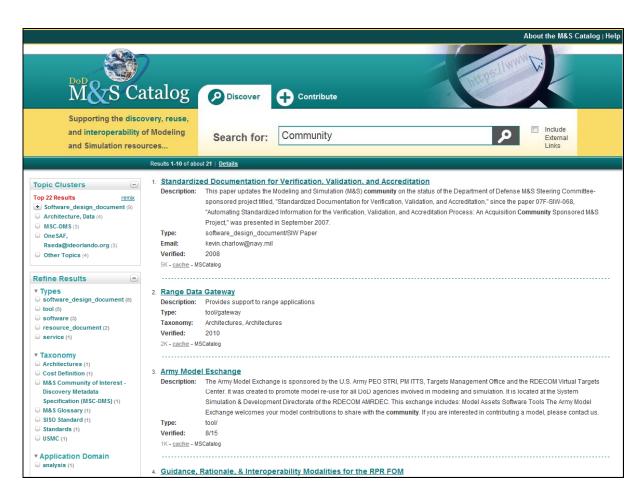






- A web-enabled card catalog for M&S assets
  - Access to anyone with Common Access Card (CAC)

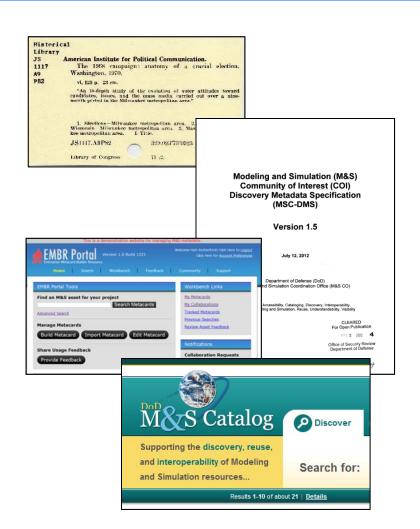
- New user interface concept design
  - Still in development





## Starting to Wrap Up ...

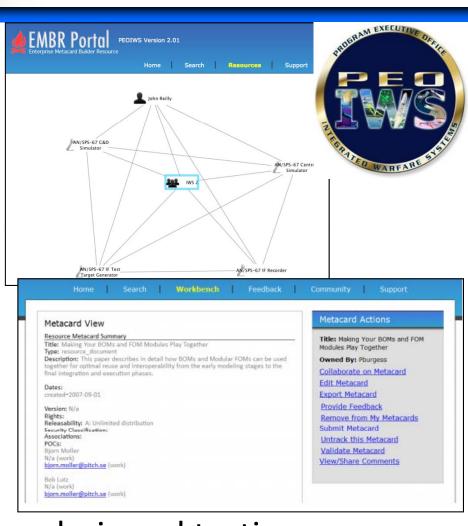
- Highlights
  - Metadata
  - Metadata Specification
  - Metadata Tool
  - Metadata Catalog





# PEO IWS Case Study

- M&S IPT established to foster organizational collaboration
  - Metadata tools and specs are key enablers
- Initial analysis revealed previously unknown dependencies
  - Several teams were using the same data source for analysis and testing
- PEO IWS better understands its investments





### **Desired Outcomes**

Efficient discovery and reuse of M&S assets

 Effective management and analysis of current and planned M&S investments

 Improved collaboration within M&S COI and among COIs





## Other Opportunities

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- M&S Standards Profile to support Acquisition
  - Help us " ... provide guidance on the selection and use of modeling and simulation standards and recommended practices to support the acquisition lifecycle."
     Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization
- I/ITSEC
  - Visit M&SCO at Booth 1981 for demonstrations and technical information







- Defense Acquisition Guidebook 16 Sept 2013 (https://acc.dau.mil/docs/dag\_pdf/dag\_complete.pdf)
- DoD Acquisition Modeling and Simulation Working Group "Systems Engineering Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis Fundamentals" – version 2.5, July 2013 (http://www.acq.osd.mil/se/docs/SE-MSA-Fundamentals.pdf)
- M&S Journal Fall 2011 "Asset Discovery"
   (http://msco.mil/documents/MSJournal2011Fall.pdf)





- Continue engagement with M&S practitioners
  - Gather additional use cases and future needs
- Refine enterprise metadata architecture
  - Improve M&S tools and data exchange
  - Improve the usefulness of Catalog metadata

## • Questions? Comments?

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- DoD Net-Centric Data Strategy (NCDS)
  - Describes DoD enterprise data visibility goals and DDMS
  - Establishes COIs and "COI-specific metadata structures"
- DoD Directive 8320.02 establishes data sharing policy
  - Data shall be visible through discovery metadata
  - Data shall be accessible in shared spaces
  - Data shall be understandable via structural metadata