UCS Architecture Overview

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UCS Architecture



Emerging as DoD information architecture for controlling Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS) in all domains

- OUSD(AT&L) ADM for DoD UAS Groups 2-5, February 2009
 - Army PEO Aviation ADM mandate
 - SEC Air Force "Unmanned Aircraft Systems Flight Plan 2009-2047"
 - Air Force Global Hawk ADM
 - PEO U&W ADM mandate
- Extended by Navy for Surface & Subsurface PoR systems(UCS-M)
- NAMC extension for small UAS, ground vehicles, and unattended sensors (soldier/marine common controller program)

Developed under open government/industry partnership

- Initial OUSD(AT&L) funded development (over \$100m & 85k hrs) under National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) and OMB Circular A-119.
- Currently managed by Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) Airspace 4 (AS-4). This portfolio architecture includes:
 - Army and Navy Joint Architecture for Unmanned Systems (JAUS) started in 1998,
 - NATO Standardization Agreement 4586,
 - ASTM F2541-06 for Unmanned Undersea Vehicles (UUV) Autonomy & Control,
 - and OSD's UCS Architecture





Open Reference Architecture 54



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Open GCS Architecture for UAS

RFP Language for UAS GCS



DoD Open App Store Marketplace 50+ PoR ready Apps & Demos PoR: TCS, Block 50, and Global Hawk PoR: OSRVT



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UCS Alignment



The structure of the UCS Architecture supports content alignment with adjacent architectures

Open Group - FACE

 FACE plans to reference a common data architecture framework based on UCS data model content (structure will be developed by UCS/FACE Atherton Group)

Joint Staff J6 – National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)

- UCS and NIEM MilOps in discussion about alignment options for RAS based on UCS data model content
- SAE JAUS
 - SAE AS-4UCS will be adding JAUS extension to UCS Architecture to support UCS-M and NAMC CCA long term

NATO JCGUAS

 NIAG SG205 is basing NATO Robotic Autonomous Systems (RAS) data model on UCS Architecture R3.4. The UCS Architecture CDM includes STANAG 4586 content.

Air Force - UCI/ Navy CSI - NIOP

 Ability to map UCI/NIOP message schema to UCS Data Model (DM) has been demonstrated





UCS in Acquisition



The UCS Architecture is based on OA/Open Business Model (OBM) principles and Better Buying Power (BBP 3.0)

- Supports OSD GCS OBM 3.0
 - Target affordability and control cost growth
 - Incentivize productivity in industry
 - Promotes real competition
- In practice the UCS Architecture:
 - As shown to:
 - reduces vendor lock and dependence on vertical integrators
 - promotes component reuse across RAS
 - greatly reduce cost of the system (100s of millions in savings)
 - reduce time to integrate
 - Supports capability management across RAS portfolio
 - Enables access to technologies incubated in small business, academia, and adjacent markets





Programs/Projects



UCS Architecture is being incorporated into multiple DoD programs

Navy

- Common Control Station (CCS) PMA 281
- Multi-Operator Control Unit (MOCU) SPAWAR
- Littoral Combat Ship (LCS-MCM)
- PEO IWS Product Line Architecture (PLA)
- Fire Scout Tactical Control Station (TCS) PMA 266
- Triton Control Station PMA 262
- Unmanned Surface Vehicle PoR (JAUS/UCS-M) PMS 406
- Slated Large Diameter UUV PoR
- Based off: Mission Package Common Software Architecture (CSA) PMS 420

Army

- Universal Ground Control Station (UGCS) PM-UAS
- Bi-directional Remote Video Terminal (RBRVT) PM-UAS
- Joint Multi-Role Rotorcraft (JMR) AMRDEC

Air Force

- Block 50 Ground Control Station (GCS)
- ADM Global Hawk GCS upgrade (ADM only)

Programs seeded by successful technology demonstrations





Technology Demonstrations

In addition to POR, recent/ongoing DoD-funded technology demonstrations show opportunities for additional capabilities

- CMCC/UCI to CCS/UCS mission plan interoperability
 - Supported by mappings between UCS data model and UCI/NIOP
- LCS Mine Counter Measures (MCM) Mission Package
 - Mission Package Common Software Architecture (CSA) PMA-420/SPAWAR
 - Unmanned Maritime System Reference Architecture (UMS RA) PEO LCS/NUWC
 - Single Sortie Detect to Engage (SS-DTE) ONR/NSWC
- CASEVAC with KMAX UAS and Ground Systems
 - Extends UCS Architecture with CASEVAC data model, HMI
 - Air Force CMCC to Navy CCS CGS control of UAS and UGV
- NAMC Common Controller Architecture for dismounted control of heterogeneous RAS using MOCU 4 – multiple Army programs
 - Small UAS
 - UGV
- ONR and OSD Cross Domain interoperability
 - ONR Limited Technology Experiment (LTE) 2012 Cross Ship platforms, UAS, UUV, and common gateway router
 - CCS LD UUV China Lake risk reduction demo 2015



UCS Architecture ReUSE/USE Examples





Navy's Common Control Station (CCS) Reusing UCS-Software Services



PEO (U&W) CCS ADM - 1 July 2011

- Funding will come from new and existing UAS PoRs
- Existing programs will transition to CCS as funding / schedule permit
- Large amount of savings can be achieved across Navy's PoRs

		Modified/	
		Added	
Component	Total SLOC	SLOC	Reuse Rate ²
STANAG-4586 Service	484,317	722	99.9%
EO/IR Service *	12,000	732	93.9%
Navy Weather Service *	1,500	-	100.0%
Air Force Weather Service *	1,501	-	100.0%
GCCS-M Service *	1,701	-	100.0%
Blue Force Tracker Service *	12,500	-	100.0%
Cusor On Target Service *	1,700	-	100.0%
Stream Catalog Service *	2,300	-	100.0%
Payload C2 Service *	1,700	-	100.0%
Vehicle Flight Status Service ¹	526	-	100.0%
Sensor Product Archive Service *	2,700	-	100.0%
Air Field Management Service *	1,700	-	100.0%
Ballista*	72,000	400	99.4%
DDS-Mule ESB Bridge Generator	10,060	5,013	0.0%
Total Reuse	606,205	6,867	98.9%
* Estimates of total lines of code (source code not provided)			
¹ Consists of a DDS configuration file			
² Numbers contain some rounding error			

