

Fig. 7.1 : Overview of the STEP document architecture (Kemmerer 1999)

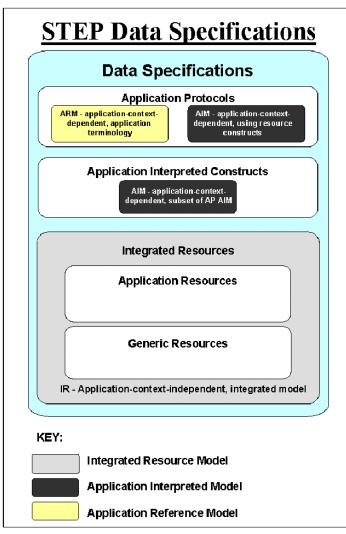


Fig. 7.2 : STEP data specification (Kemmerer 1999)

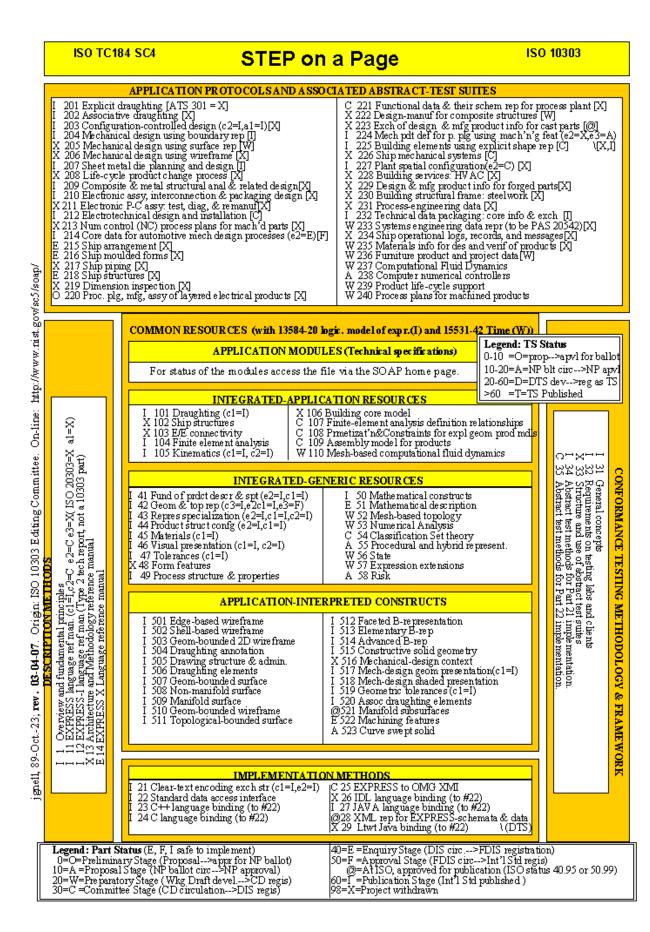


Fig. 7.3 : STEP On A Page : components of the standard (schema) (SOAP)

ISO TC184 SC4

STEP on a Page

STEP on a Page provides a graphic summary of the progress of STEP, Standard for the Exchange of Product Model Data, the familiar name for ISO 10303. ISO TC184 SC4, Industrial-Automation Systems and Integration/Industrial Data develops the STEP standard

Status of STEP Parts

Every part shown in the STEP on a Page has its status shown beside it. The status designators vary from "O" (the ISO preliminary stage) to "I" (International Standard-the stage in which the standard is published). Parts designated as "E, F" (levels of Draft International Standard) and "I" are considered advanced enough to allow software vendors to prepare implementations. The legend at the bottom of the page lists the corresponding ISO-project stage numbers next to the letter code.

Architecture of STEP

STEP on a Page attempts to show the STEP architecture by grouping the STEP parts into five main categories: description methods, implementation and conformance methodology, common resources, abstract-test suites, and application protocols.

Description Methods

From an architectural perspective, the description methods group forms the underpinning of the STEP standard. This includes part 1, Overview, which also contains definitions that are universal to the STEP. Also in that group, part 11, EXPRESS Language Reference Manual, describes the datamodeling language that is employed in STEP. Parts in the descriptivemethods group are numbered from 1 to 19.

Implementation & Conformance

The STEP implementationmethods group, the 20s series, describes the mapping from STEP formal specifications to a representation used to implement STEP. The conformance-testingmethodology-framework group, the 30 s series, provides information on methods to test software-product conformance to the STEP standard, guidance for creating abstract-test suites, and the responsibilities of testing laboratories. The STEP standard is unique in that it places a very high emphasis on testing, and actually includes these methods in the standard itself.

Common Resources (IR, AIC, and AM)

At the next level is the commonresources group, the parts that contain the generic-STEP-data models. The common resources were formerly called integratedinformation resources. These data models can be considered the building blocks of STEP, and they can help AP integration and interoperability because entities in the common-resources group are shareable across the application protocols that need them.

Categories of common resources are generic resources, application resources, and applicationinterpreted constructs, application modules, plus the Logical model of ISO 13584-20 and the Time model of ISO 15531-42. Integratedgeneric resources are generic entities that are used as needed by application protocols (AP below). Parts within generic resources have numbers between 40 and 60, and are used across the entire spectrum of STEP APs. The integratedapplication resources contain entities that have slightly more context than the generic entities. The parts in the integratedapplication resources are numbered in the 100 s.

The 500 series are applicationinterpreted constructs, AICs. These are reusable groups of informationresource entities that make it easier to express identical semantics in more than one AP.

Application Modules are reusable groups of functional information requirements of applications that extend the AIC capability. The functional groups, defined in enterprise-application terms, are aligned with groups of integratedgeneric resources. The application modules comprise the 1000 series of parts, which are technical specifications that achieve consensus at the Committee stage. AMs offer an opportunity to represent functional capability in multiple APs with a lower standards-development cost.

Abstract-Test Suites (ATS)

The 300 series of parts, abstracttest suites, consists of test data and criteria that are used to assess the conformance of a STEP software product to the associated AP. SC4 requires that every AP contain or be associated with an abstract-test suite. The numbers assigned to ATSs exceed the AP numbers by exactly 100. Therefore, ATS 303 applies to AP203. On the graphic, the ATS status is shown in brackets, [], following the AP name.

Application Protocols (AP)

At the top level of the STEP hierarchy are the more complex data models used to describe specific product-data applications. These parts are known as application protocols and describe not only what data is to be used in describing a product, but also how the data is to be used in the model. The APs use the integratedinformation resources in welldefined combinations and configurations to represent a particular data model of some phase of product life. APs are numbered in the 200s. APs currently in use are the Explicit Draughting AP 201 and the Configuration Controlled Design AP 203.

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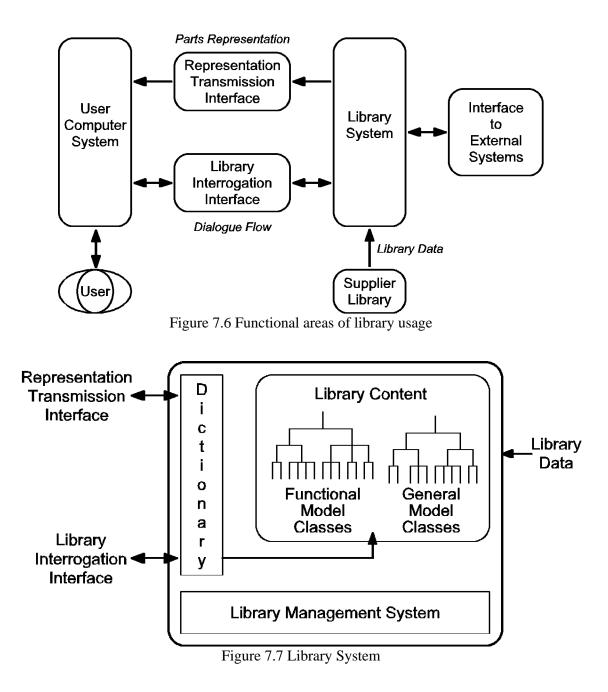
Fig. 7.4 : STEP On A Page : components of the standard (details) (SOAP)

ISO TC184 SC4

STEP on a Page

COMMON RESOURCES (with 13584-20 Logical model of expressions(I) and 15531-42 Time model (W))	
APPLICATION MODULES (Technic al specifications)	
T 1001 Appearance assignment T 1002 Colour T 1003 Curve appearance T 1004 Elemental shape T 1005 Elemental topological shape T 1006 Foundation representation T 1007 General surface appearance T 1008 Layer assignment T 1009 Shape appearance and layers D 1010 Date time	D 1041 Product vie w definition structure D 1042 Work request D 1043 Work order D 1044 Certification D 1045 Solid model D 1045 Product replacement D 1047 Activity D 1049 Activity D 1049 Activity method D 1054 Value with unit D 1055 Part definition releationship D 1055 End item identification
D 1011 Person organisation D 1012 Approval D 1013 Person organisation assignment D 1014 Date time assignment D 1015 Security classification D 1016 Product categorisation D 1016 Product ide nuffication D 1017 Product ide nuffication D 1018 Product version D 1019 Product version structure	D 1057 Effectivity D 1058 Configuration effectivity D 1059 Effectivity application D 1060 Product concept identification D 1061 Project D 1062 Contract D 1064 Event D 1065 Time Interval D 1066 Constructive solid geometry
D 1021 Identification assignment D 1022 Part and version identification D 1023 Part view definition D 1024 Product structure D 1025 Alias identification D 1026 Part structure D 1027 Part occurrence D 1028 Geometric shape and topology D 1029 Boundary representation model D 1030 Property assignment D 1031 Property representation	D 1068 Constructive solid geometry 3D D 1069 Faceted boundary representation model D 1118 Measure representation D 1121 Document and version D 1122 Document assignment D 1122 Document definition D 1124 Document structure D 1125 File properties D 1126 File properties D 1126 Document properties D 1127 File identification D 1128 External item identification assignment
D 1032 Shape property assignment D 1033 Shape property representation D 1033 Shape property representation D 1034 Product vie w definition properties D 1035 Product vie w definition structure properties D 1036 Inde pendent property D 1037 Inde pendent property usage D 1038 Inde pendent property representation D 1039 Geometric validation property representation D 1040 Process property assignment	D 1501 Edge based wireframe D 1502 Shell based wireframe D 1502 Shell based wireframe D 1507 Geometrically bounded surface D 1509 Manifold surface D 1510 Geometrically bounded wireframe D 1511 Topologically bounded surface D 1512 Faceted boundary representation D 1514 Advanced boundary representation
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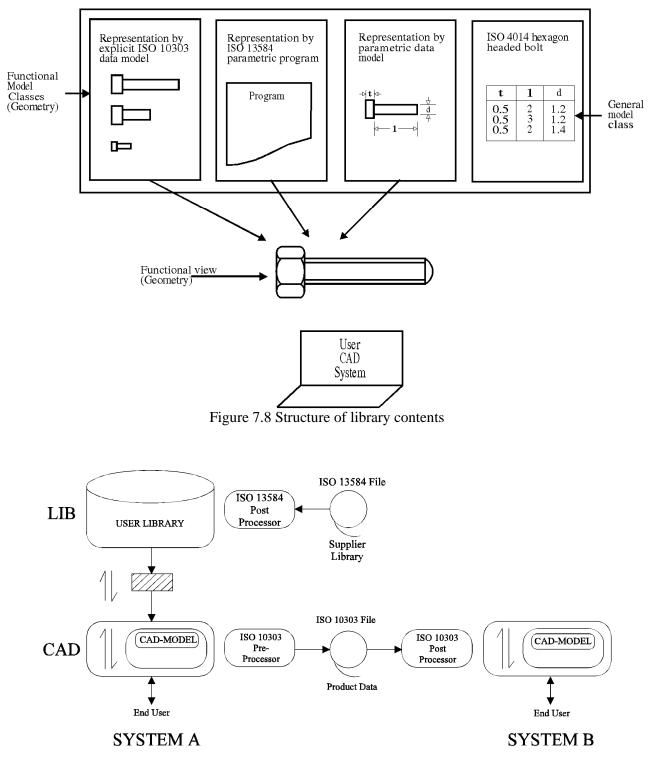


Figure 7.9 Libraries and product data exchange (level 1)

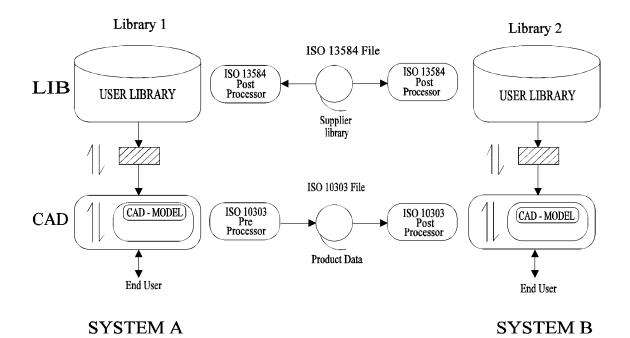


Figure 7.10 Libraries and product data exchange (level 2)

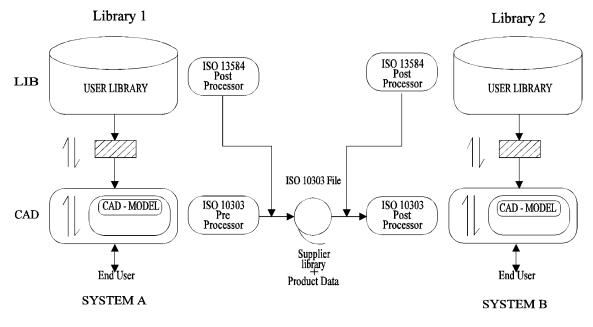


Figure 7.11 Libraries and product data exchange (level 3)

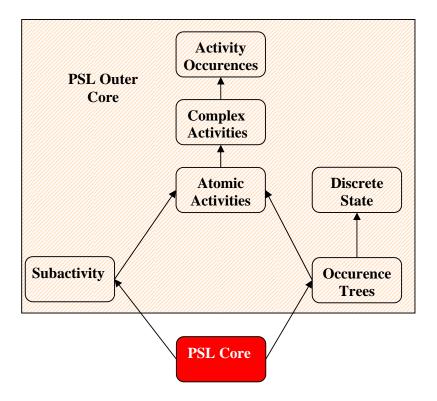


Figure 7.12 : PSL Outer Core definitions and their dependencies (ISO IS 18629-12)

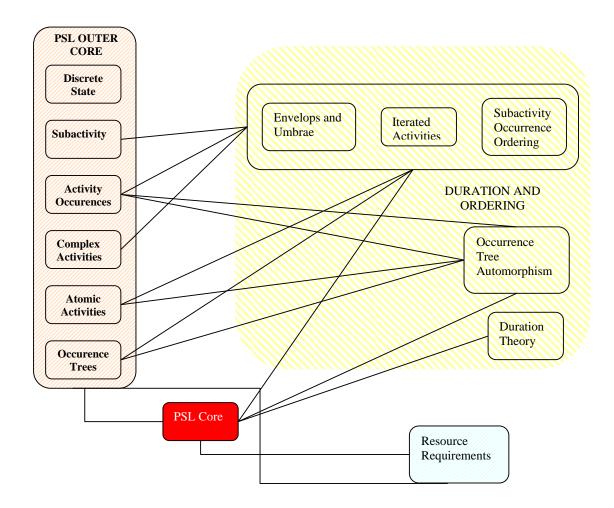


Figure 7.13 : Core and Outer Core Dependencies for Duration and Ordering, and Resource Requirements theories (ISO CD 18629-13), (ISO CD 18629-14)

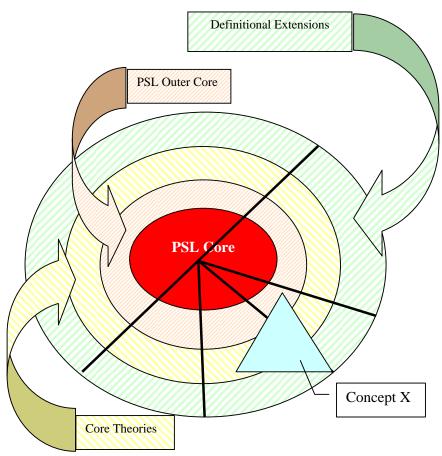


Figure 7.14 : Architecture of the PSL ontology

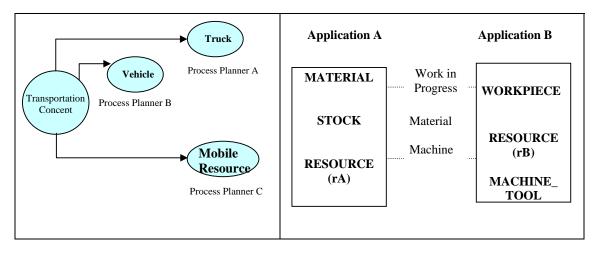


Figure 7.15 : Incompatible Content Representation

Figure 7.16 : Semantic conflict for resource

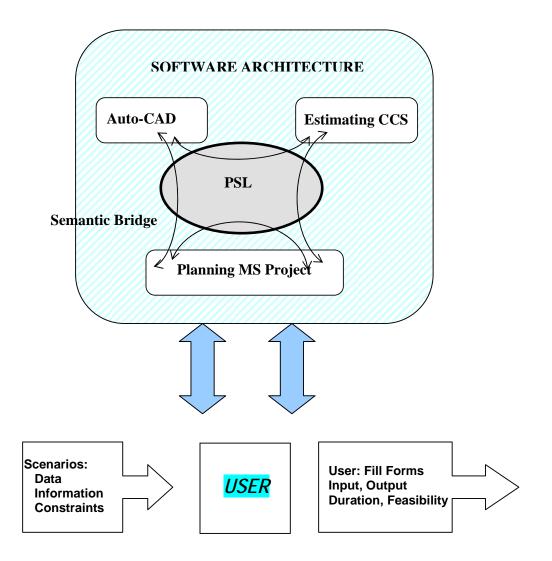


Figure 7.17 : Data and Information Exchange Scenario (Tesfagaber 2004)

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(forall (?a)
(iff(doorframe+assembly ?a)
  (and (activity ?a)
      (constrained ?a)
      (markov_precond ?a)
      (rigid_time ?a)
      (rigid_mixed ?a)
      (context_free ?a)
      (markov_effects ?a)
      (nontemporal ?a)
      (rigid_mixed_effects ?a))))
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Figure 7.18 : Door-assembly process described with PSL.

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(forall (?a)
(iff(task ?a)
    (and (activity ?a)
       (constrained ?a)
       (markov_precond ?a)
       (time_precond ?a)
       (mixed_precond ?a)
       (context_free ?a)
       (rigid_state_effects ?a)
       (rigid_time_effects ?a)
       (rigid_mixed_effects ?a))))
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Figure 7.19 : The MS-task described by PSL.

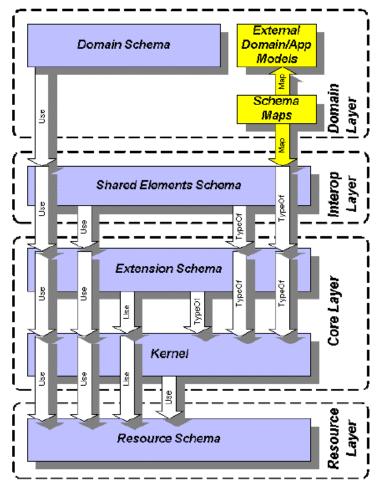


Fig. 7.20 : layering concepts of IFC architecture (IAI 2000)

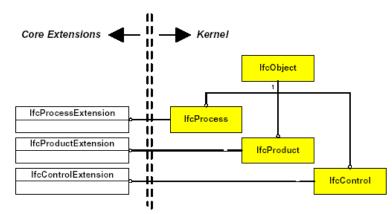


Fig. 7.21 : Core extensions from kernel classes (IAI 2000)

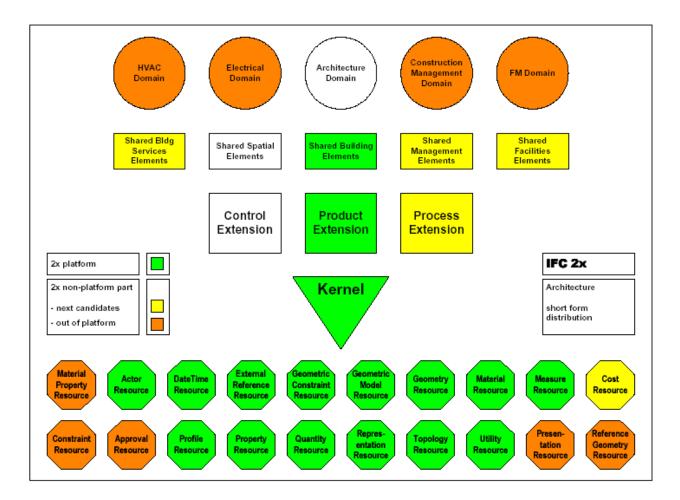


Fig. 7.22 : IFC 2x overall architecture (IAI 2000)

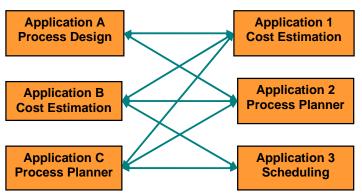


Figure 7.23 : Information exchange without PSL.

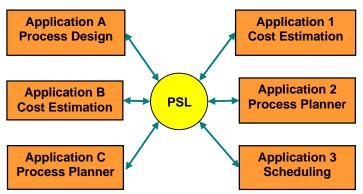


Figure 7.24 : Information exchange with PSL.