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Multi-Spec Management

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The Problem: Managing Legacy Content on New or Upgraded Products

- Parts Structures are re-used across equipment deliverables
- Early issues of S1000D are being specified alongside new issues
- Old and new systems are supported with MIL-STDs too
- Commercial, structured information is in the mix too
- No matter the standard, all the technical content is valuable to ensure systems are available and mission ready
- How do OEMs and other equipment manufacturers support multiple specifications (Multi-Spec) deliverables for the same equipment?

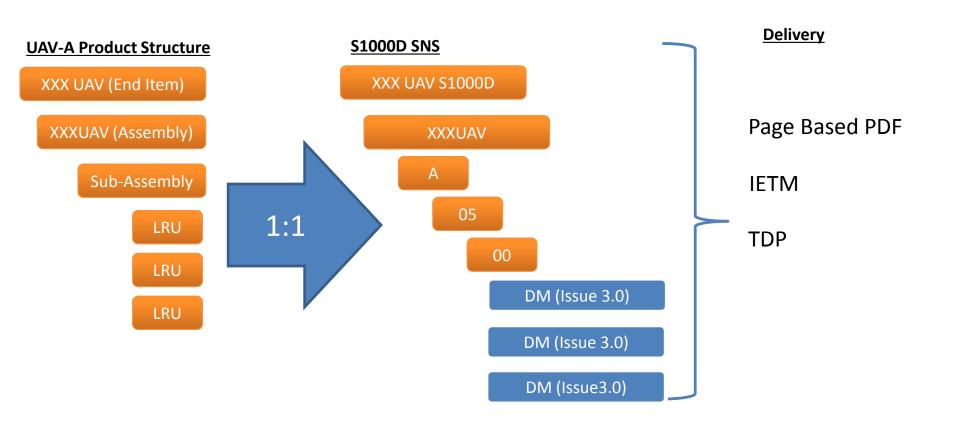








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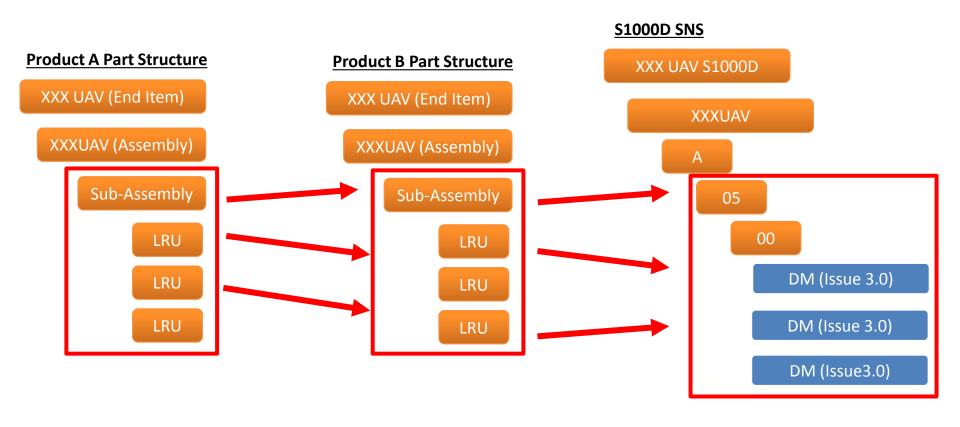








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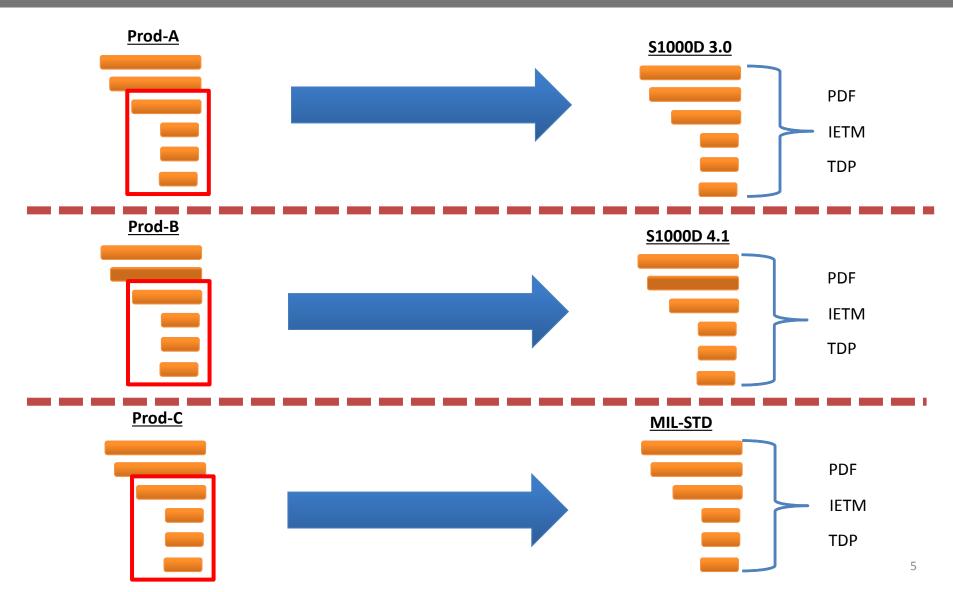








Chapter 2: Reality – Documentation Silos











Chapter 2: Documentation Silos

- New programs specify new equipment, but existing Parts could satisfy
- Parts, Assemblies, Sub-assemblies may be re-used across programs,
- **BUT** New programs include unique contract deliverables for documentation causing:
 - Re-authoring documentation per program
 - Documentation may or may not be associated to the upstream parts
 - Rinse and Repeat!

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Chapter 2: Effects of Documentation Silos

- Increased logistics costs
- Duplication of documentation (and possibly parts)
- Inaccurate maintenance procedures
- Complicated MTA processes
- Complicated planned service processes
- Less than optimal quality control
- Potential safety issues
- Inadequate training
- How do OEMs and other equipment manufacturers support multiple specifications (Multi-Spec) deliverables for the same equipment?!









The Story We Know (or Should!)

Structured Delivery

S1000D

MIL-STD

PDF

Word









New Chapter to the Story: Digital Thread



- Starts with engineering drawings
- Establishes associativity with parts via EBOM to SBOM
- Allows illustrations created from drawings
- Connects content to parts in LBOM/SBOM

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Structuring Multi Spec content for Workflows

- A **product-centric** information structure like an S1000D SNS (System, Sub System, Sub, sub system, Unit or assembly) provides a framework for organizing:
 - Source Content from multiple specifications
 - Parts Lists
 - Support Documents
 - Graphics
 - Multimedia

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Attributes of a Multi Spec Environment

- A **product-centric** approach to organizing and creating documentation **promotes content re-use** by allowing content to flow along with the re-used of parts, assemblies, and sub-assemblies.
- The approach uses a **Publication BOM** to organize content from various specifications into a single publication for delivery.
- Normalizing the multiple specifications into 1 delivery is done through intelligent publishing processes using
 - Content Pipelines
 - Intelligent Stylesheets
- It is a publishing solution to a content management problem.

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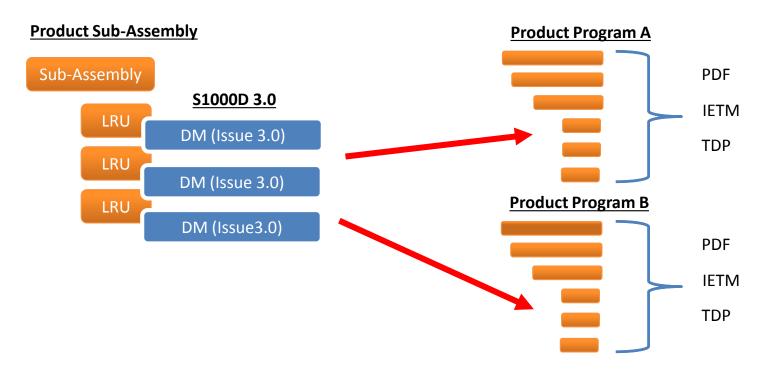








Product-Centric Approach



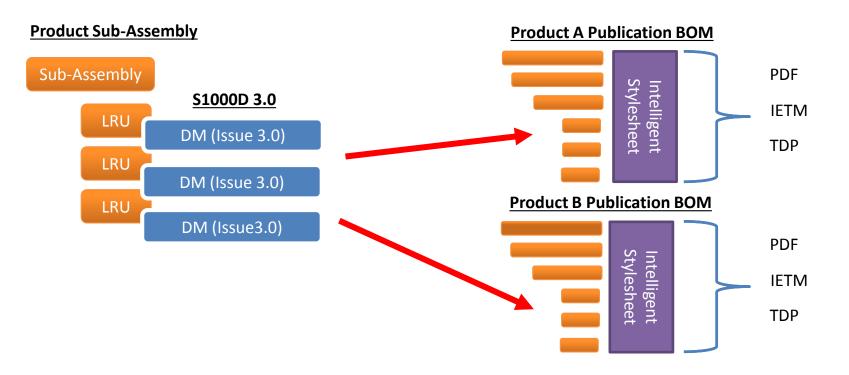








Publication Bills of Materials & Intelligent Stylesheets



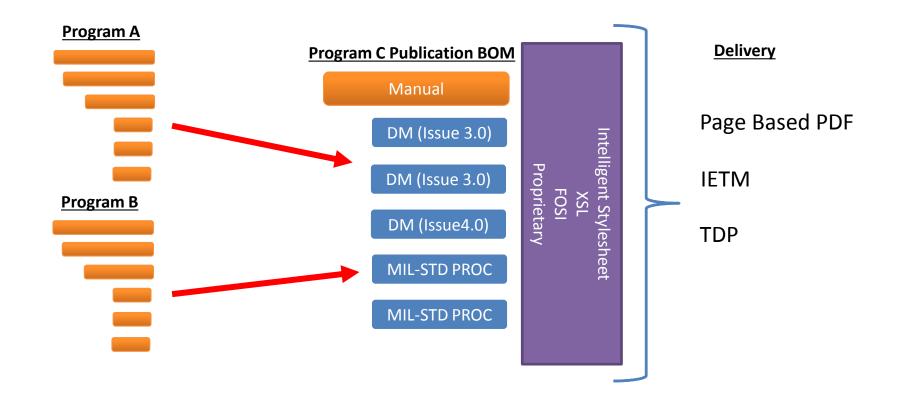








Publication BOMs











Components of the Multi Spec Workflow

Pipeline Process

- Apache ANT
- Java

Publication BOMs

- Data Modules
- Other Publication Modules
- Legacy technical

Transformations

- XSLT (eXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformations)
- SAX (Simple API for XML)
- Custom Scripts

Stylesheets

- XSL
- FOSI
- Proprietary



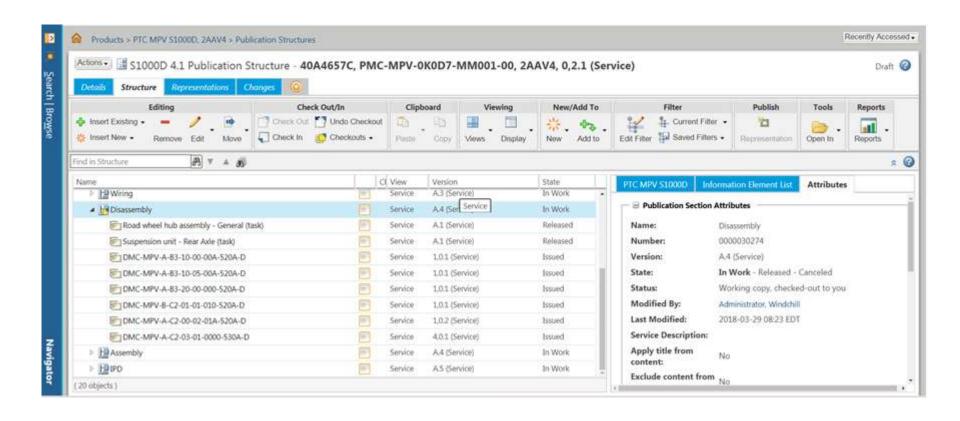








Publishing BOM: Combining Multiple Standards











Summary: Advantages Product-Centric Documentation

- Ability to reference common illustrations
- Ability to reference common text fragments such as Warnings and Cautions
- Support various commercial and military programs from one system utilizing common processes for technical data
- Cost savings from concentrating on developing reusable workflows and trainable processes
- Promoting re-use of readily available designs and associated content
- Decreased logistics costs
- More accurate MTA and planned service processes
- Reduced errors in procedures
- Promotes safety of crews in the field









Thank you

for your attention!

Questions?

