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Introduction

The ISO 23247 series defines a framework to support the creation of digital twins of observable manufacturing elements including personnel, equipment, materials, manufacturing processes, facilities, environment, products, and supporting documents.

A digital twin assists with detecting anomalies in manufacturing processes to achieve functional objectives such as real-time control, predictive maintenance, in-process adaptation, Big Data analytics, and machine learning. A digital twin monitors its observable manufacturing element by constantly updating relevant operational and environmental data. The visibility into process and execution enabled by a digital twin enhances manufacturing operation and business cooperation.

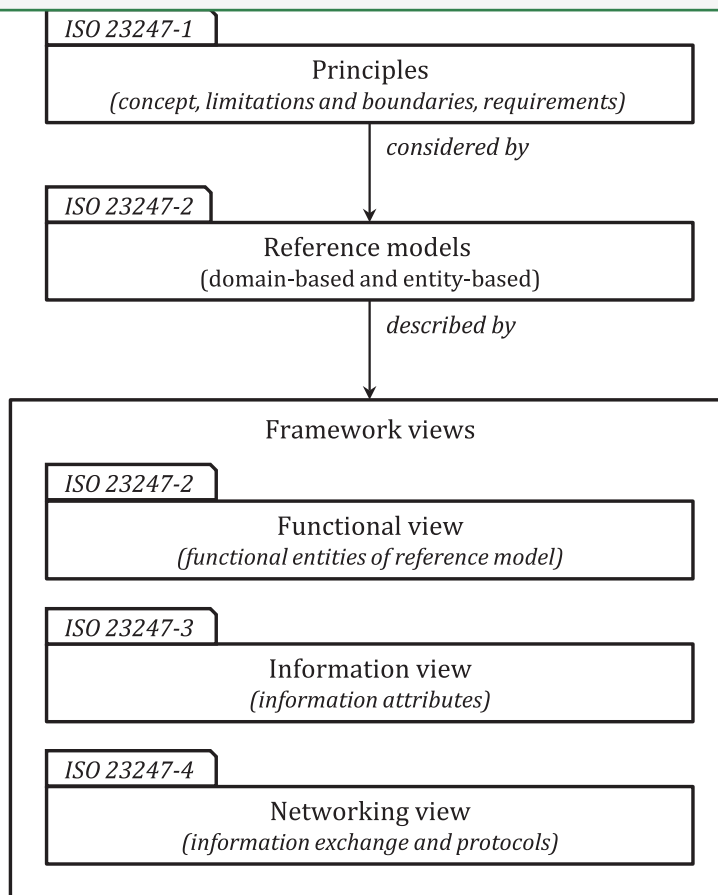
The type of manufacturing supported by an implementation of the ISO 23247 framework depends on the standards and technologies available to model the observable manufacturing elements. Different manufacturing domains can use different data standards. As a framework, this document does not prescribe specific data formats and communication protocols.

The scopes of the four parts of this series are defined below:

- ISO 23247-1: General principles and requirements for developing digital twins in manufacturing;
- ISO 23247-2: Reference architecture with functional views;
- ISO 23247-3: List of basic information attributes for the observable manufacturing elements;
- ISO 23247-4: Technical requirements for information exchange between entities within the reference architecture.

[Figure 1](#) shows how the four parts of the series are related.

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**Figure 1 —
ISO 23247 series structure**

[Annexes A](#) to [E](#) provide use cases that demonstrate the digital twin framework for manufacturing.

The use cases are in the discrete manufacturing domain and the digital twins are modelled using the ISO 10303 series. In other domains, different standards and technologies can be used. For example, in oil and gas, the digital twins may be modelled using the ISO 15926 series, and for building and construction, the digital twins may be modelled using the ISO 16739 series.

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1 Scope

This document identifies technical requirements for information exchange between entities within the reference architecture.

The requirements for information exchange in the following networks are within the scope of this document:

- user network that connects the user entity and the digital twin entity;
- service network that connects sub-entities within the digital twin entity;
- access network that connects the device communication entity to the digital twin entity and to the user entity;
- proximity network that connects the device communication entity to the observable manufacturing elements.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 23247-1, *Automation systems and integration — digital twin framework for manufacturing — Part 1: Overview and general principles*

ISO 23247-2, *Automation systems and integration — digital twin framework for manufacturing — Part 2: Reference architecture*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23247-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org>

3.1

device communication entity

(set of) system or device providing device communication

EXAMPLE A cell controller sending instructions to the devices in a manufacturing cell, and collecting results from sensors on the devices.

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