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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

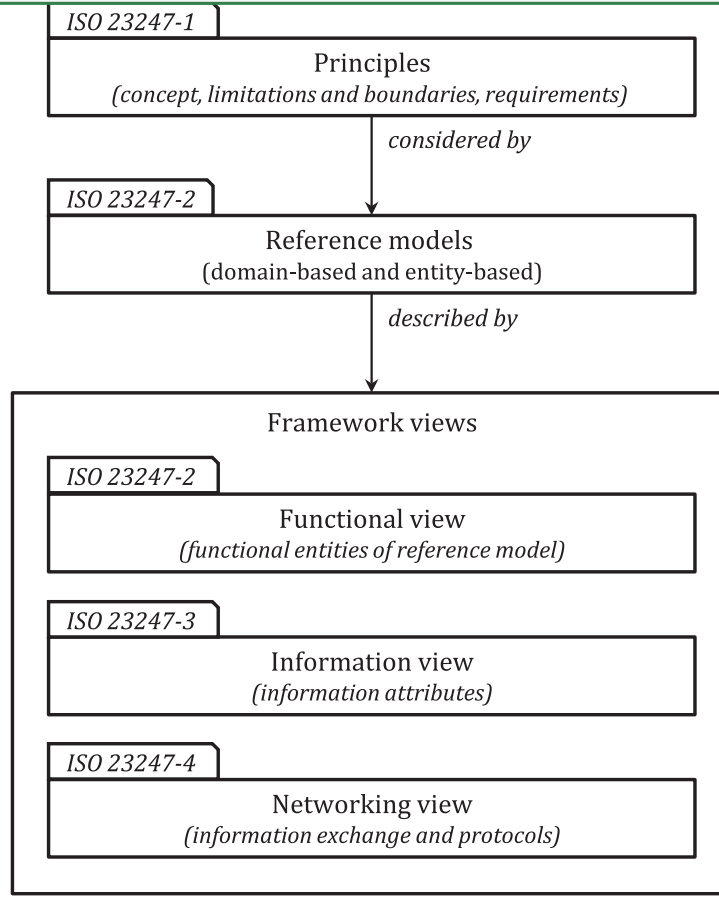
The type of manufacturing supported by an implementation of the ISO 23247 framework depends on the standards and technologies available to model the observable manufacturing elements. Different manufacturing domains can use different data standards. As a framework, this document does not prescribe specific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

ISO 23247-4:2021, 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.