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Besides the above, there is also increasing recognition of the importance of ensuring that all life cycle stages, and all aspects within each stage, are supported with thorough guidance enabling alignment with process documents that focus on areas besides systems and software. This can include hardware, humans, data, processes (e.g. review process), procedures (e.g. operator instructions), facilities and naturally occurring entities (e.g. water, organisms, minerals). The concept and structure of the ISO/IEC/IEEE 24748 series is intended to allow its extension to such additional domains where that will provide value to users.