

Model Based Systems Engineering with Architecture-Driven Assurance NDIA Systems Engineering Conference Dan Bliek – Principal Systems Engineer





### MBSE with Architecture-Driven Assurance Introduction - Change Drivers

- System Size and Complexity Continue to Grow
- Late Discovery of System-Level Errors Cause Major Cost and Schedule Impacts
- Fielding Times Have Become Unacceptably Long
- Increased Emphasis On:
  - Operational flexibility and technical superiority with rapidly composable heterogeneous systems
  - Dramatic reductions in system fielding times
  - Increased focus on efficient integration and verification

New systems development challenges with familiar overarching theme: "Better, Faster, Cheaper"





Transformational Change To System Engineering Processes And Tools

- The Goal
  - Rapidly ensure functionally correct, verifiably safe, and cyber-resilent components and systems
- Architecture-Driven Assurance Simple Definition
  - Representing system structure (architecture) and formally expressed system behaviors (requirements) in analyzable models
  - Enabling early virtual analysis and integration of systems
- Requires Tools That
  - Express system architecture using a semantically rich, precise and standard notation
  - Enable formally expressing and analyzing system behaviors
  - Allow formalized requirements to be attached to system hierarchy





# Five Precepts of Architecture-Driven Assurance

Provably Correct Requirements

- Behavioral properties formally expressed and analyzable
- Annotate system model components with assume/guarantee contracts
- Compete, correct and necessary
- Architectural Model Is Correct
  - Identifies system components, interfaces and interactions
  - Ability to verify structural properties of the system

**Components Are Correct** 

- Contracts are realizable (implementable)
- Implementation verified with test cases auto-generated from contracts





## Five Precepts of Architecture-Driven Assurance

System Implementation Corresponds to the Model

- Build what you analyze
- Generate configuration data and code directly from the model
- System Execution Conforms to the Model
  - Operating system correctly enforces constructs defined by the architectural model
  - Explicit constructs such as execution times, threads and schedules
  - Implicit constructs such as no data flow unless explicitly specified





Tools for Architecture Modeling and Analysis







# Benefits From Architecture-Driven Assurance

- Early Detection and Correction of Design Errors
  - Design time analysis with virtual integration
- Reduced Requirements Ambiguity with Early Validation
  - Formal expression and analysis of requirements
- Implementation Matches Architecture Models
  - Life-cycle cost savings; model retains value over time
- Hierarchical Models Separating the "What" from the "How" Via Contracts
  - Enabler for 3<sup>rd</sup> party integration, product-line approaches, and increased reuse
- Improved System/Product Life-Cycle Sustainment
  - Facilitate assessment of component replacement or technology insertions





## MBSE with Architecture-Driven Assurance Conclusions

- Technology Available Now
  - We have the technical capabilities to transform system engineering workflows
- Largest Impediments Are Environmental
  - Procurements based on models
  - Regulatory approvals
  - Inertia within industry to maintain status quo

Maintaining status quo for system engineering tools, methods and procurements will not support demands for increasingly complex systems with decreased fielding times.





### MBSE with Architecture-Driven Assurance Future Work

- Enhance and extend thru ongoing technology programs focused on:
  - Allowing systems engineers to design-in cyber-security throughout the development lifecycle
  - Model-based safety analysis to enable efficient verification and validation of complex safety-critical systems
  - Assurance of autonomous systems and behaviors
- Continue technology transition by applying methods and tools to relevant avionic systems





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