

Sample Model Highlights In-Flight Entertainment v1.0





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The objective of this document is to browse the sample IFE model through the 5 Arcadia engineering steps.

These slides mainly rely on extracts of diagrams and form a kind of "reading path" through the model.

Noteworthy tooling, engineering or method aspects are highlighted throughout the document.

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What the users of the system need to accomplish



EPBS



 The Operational Analysis is partial and minimal in this version. It basically introduces what kind of activities are performed by the Cabin Crew and the Passengers.



Operational Entities and Capabilities

[OEBD] Operational Entities and Actors





High-Level Expected Activities



[OAIB] Watch Movie





[OAB] All Operational Activities and Entities





Operational Processes



[OAB] All Operational Activities and Entities



🗞 Broadcast Safety Instructions Movie





Operational Context: Flying Phases



What the system has to accomplish for the users



EPBS



- Not all the IFE system is modelled. Focus is put on VOD service, audio announcement and imposed videos (safety instructions, ads, etc.).
- While interesting, the topic of the integration of the IFE with the aircraft is kept minimal (according to flying conditions, the IFE system is supposed to behave differently).
- Not all possible Scenarios and Functional Chains have been created.
- The system is globally organized as follows:
 - Cabin crew services are always available, passenger services have to be activated. Their availability depends on the flying conditions and on the class the passengers are flying in
 - The system is able to store digital media content
 - Most of the interactions of the passengers with their services (navigating between menus, selecting movies, etc.) are captured in functions called "Run <xxx> service"
 - Services rely on audio and video broadcast means
 - Maintenance and configuration topics are only evoked



System Missions and Capabilities

[MCB] Capabilities





System Missions and Capabilities

[CM] Provide Cabin Management Solutions



[CC] Provide Audio and Video Intercommunication Means







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System Missions and Capabilities

[SC] System Actors

The aircraft is an Actor of the IFE system even though the system is inside the aircraft. This is because the Aircraft is providing information and means to the IFE.





Top-Level Dataflow: The System, The Actors



The SAB diagram is often a very entry point to the model. The idea is to display high-level Functions, and navigate / zoom inside the Functions to explore in greater detail the functional analysis.











System Overview: Slightly Refined View





[OAB] All Operational Activities and Entities



Semantic Browser on "Cabin Crew" System Actor



[SAB] High Level System Overview



In Operational Analysis, cabin crew is performing audio announcement.

But in System Need Analysis, the cabin crew actor does not have a corresponding Function.

Rationale: Audio announcements are safety critical and cannot be dependent of the IFE. Audio announcements are performed through the aircraft hardware, even though the IFE system is still responsible for diplaying an interruption screen and for broadcasting the announcement in the headphones of each passenger.

The IFE actually receives an audio stream from the aircraft (that will trigger the interruption). The fact that the cabin crew is actually performing the announcement is out of scope.



Capability-Based Organization

- 😑 🕀 System Analysis
 - 😟 🗁 System Functions
 - 🗁 Requirements
 - 😑 🗁 Capabilities
 - 😑 💿 Provide Audio and Video Intercommunication Means
 - 🖶 💊 Watch Imposed Video on Cabin Screen
 - 🖮 🗞 Watch Imposed Video on Private Screen
 - Stop Playing Imposed Video [NOT DONE]
 - 🗞 Pause Running Imposed Video [NOT DONE]
 - 🚊 🖽 [FS] Perform Audio Announcement
 - 🚊 🎞 [ES] Perform Audio Announcement
 - 🟯 [SDFB] [CAPABILITY] Provide Audio and Video Intercommunication Means
 - 🖃 😳 Provide Video Entertainment Services
 - 🗄 🗞 Start Playing VOD Movie -
 - 🗄 🗞 Resume VOD Movie
 - -Service Activation [NOT DONE]
 - -Source VOD Movie Interruption [NOT DONE]
 - Stop VOD Movie[NOT DONE]
 - Image: Bart VOD Service
 - 🐵 🖽 [ES] Start Playing VOD Movie
 - 🛄 🟯 [SDFB] [CAPABILITY] Provide Video Entertainment Services
 - 🖻 © Provide Video Gaming Services
 - 🗉 💿 Provide Wi-Fi Connectivity Service

Capabilities are usually a organizational unit for models: They can be used to distribute responsibilities between different contributors, they are useful when planning IV&V campaigns, etc.

[SDFB] [CAPABILITY] Provide Audio and Video Intercommunication Means











Displaying or creating Functions in a Dataflow diagram attached to a Capability automatically creates reference/exploitation relationships from the Capability to the Functions. This improves later impact analyses.



An easy way to display all Functions involved in a Capability is to use the modeling accelerators allowing to display at once all Functional Chain and Scenario elements.



Sectional Chain Elements





Functional Breakdown

[SFBD] All System Functions



Function breakdown are typically generated on the basis of the work performed in dataflow diagrams.

Avoiding to mix System and Actor functions in the same hierarchy is a good practice.





The data exchanged between Functions and between the System and the Actors could already be formalized in the System Need Analysis step. This is not the case in this sample model, the goal of this independent domain model is to give a small idea of the concepts the system will use / fits in.

[CDB] In-Flight Entertainment Dictionary





Layout Pattern



Contextual Dataflow Diagrams

In this model, all diagram illustrating the internal content of a fonction are prefixed by [CTX]. The contextual elements (the one on which refresh rules are based) are in bold.

Diagram can be set contextual to elements using the property view.

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Most of these diagrams have been set as unsynchronized, in order to only display what is relevant to the current context. See the documentation.







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Functional Chains & Scenarios (1/2)

[SFCD] Watch Imposed Video on Private Screen



Functional Chains and Scenarios are specific paths use cases, they illustrate the Capabilities. In order to be important asset for the global engineering picture (see Arcadia), creating them is a good way to check the design completeness.

Functional Chains can be displayed in dataflow diagrams and architecture diagrams.





Functional Chains & Scenarios (2/2)

3 main kind of Scenarios:

- Function Scenarios (lifeline = Functions)
- Exchange Scenario (lifelines = component and actors)
- Interface Scenarios (sequence messages are Exchange Items) Capella provide automated Initializations from one to another

[FS] Perform Audio Announcement

[ES] Perform Audio Announcement





System Global Modes



Relate the transitions and states to other elements of the model. Warning: Capella is not restrictive enough in the choices it proposes and validation is not complete either. ONGOING WORK



Other Mode Machine: The Seat TV





Traceability with Operational Analysis

Traceability is partially created when performing automated transitions from Operational Analysis to System Need Analysis. The remaining part has to be created manually, using element property editors or dedicated matrices.

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How the system will work so as to fulfill the expectations



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Transitions from System Need Analysis



Perform an automated transition of System Functions



Create Traceability Matrix

Define Logical Components and Actors



Perform an automated transition of System Actors

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Use transition tools to initialize the design at Logical Architecture level (Functions, Actors, Scenarios, etc.).

Use the Diagram content creation accelerator.



Design choices for Logical Architecture

Architecture driver #1

- Organization of the architecture in 4 main parts in order to take into account the topology of the aircraft and anticipate integration concerns:
 - Front Servers + Cabin Terminal for Cabin Crew and Maintenance
 - Distribution network
 - Private TV on Seats
 - Cabin Screens

Architecture driver #2

• Functional grouping in order to reduce interfaces, optimize performance, etc.

Architecture driver #3

- Architecture patterns are implemented to anticipate product customisation and product line policy.
 - Product Customisation: Aircraft- and airline-specific functionality are segregated in separated components in order to be easily removed / replaced.
 - Product Line Policy : Currently not illustrated in this sample model (requires a Variability viewpoint).
- Modeling choice: No network modelling

• While it is obvious all communications will ultimately go through a network, this is ignored at this stage.

Definition of Architecture Drivers

[LCBD] Architecture Drivers





Logical Components



[LAB] IFE System - All Components, CEs

€ 🖁 Ground Operator


Functional Analysis Refinement (1/3)

[LFBD] All Functions



The new Functions can either be created directly from the breakdown diagram either be created while refining dataflow diagrams. Here, the Functions added at Logical level have been marked in flashy green.



Functional Analysis Refinement - Examples (2/3)



Design decision: Creation of a generic interface with the aircraft







Functional Analysis Refinement – Examples (3/3)

[LDFB] [CTX] Manage Audio and Video Diffusion



Other example: The high level function in charge of managing the audio and video diffusion is split in 4 sub functions: process/analyze the requests, broadcast existing digital media, broadcast live audio (audio announcements) and display/play the video/audio streams. Each of these Functions are further decomposed.



Allocation of Functions to Components

[LAB] [BUILD] Template

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To improve productivity, it is often interesting to brush layout from one diagram to another or to clone diagrams.

Here, a template has been created and is used for a few other architecture diagrams.





Different Purposes for Different Diagrams

[LAB] [BUILD] All Components, Functions, CEs, FEs



Not all diagrams are intended to be published. Some diagrams only exist temporarily for building or analysing purposes.

Such diagrams have been marked in this model with the tag [BUILD].

Here, the diagrams is a clone of the template where all Functions and all exchanges are displayed. While not adapted to publication, it is useful to check the design, visualize Functional Chains, etc.



Refinement of Functional Chains

[SFCD] Watch Imposed Movie on Cabin Screen





The Functional Chains obtained after the automated transition will most likely be incomplete/invalid after the functional analysis refinement.

Fixing the Functional Chains at Logical Level is a mandatory task, which often leads to fixing inconsistencies in the functional refinement.

Functional Chains are a powerful way to ensure the design completeness.



[LFCD] Watch Imposed Video on Cabin Screen





Rapid Creation of Contextual Diagrams



[LAB][CTX] Watch Imposed Video on Cabin Screen FC

How to quickly obtain this LAB diagram?

- 1. Clone the LAB template, remove all Functions
- 2. Set the diagram to be contextual to the Functional Chain, perform a diagram refresh
- 3. In the original LAB template diagram, copy the layout
- 4. Paste the layout in current diagram
- 5. Arrange the Functional Exchanges routing, remove unnecessary Components





Refinement of Scenarios (1/2)



[ES] Start Playing VOD Movie









Refinement of Scenarios (2/2)

[ES] Start Playing VOD Movie





Data Modelling (1/2)

[CDB] Play Video Movie



A first level of data modelling is performed in the Logical Architecture of this model.

The goal is to better describe the exchanges between Functions (and thus, Components).

In this example, the data model is designed as a database, and the Exchange Items reference entirely of partly one or several data.



Data Modelling (2/2)

[LAB][CTX] Start Playing VOD Movie FC



Exchange Items are used to relate Data and Functional Exchanges.

For example, it is the only mean to express that two distinct Functional Exchange actually carry the same of common data



In dataflow and architecture diagrams, filters allow to display the names of the carried Exchange Items instead of the Functional Exchanges labels



Seat TV Modes (1/2)

[M&S] Seat TV - Movie Player Modes





Seat TV Modes (2/2)



How the system will be developed and built







- The interactions of the Passenger with the Seat TV are performed through a remote control
- The interactions of the cabin crew with the Central Management Unit are based on a Touch Screen
- The modelling of the network is kept minimal:
 - In an IFE, the network distribution is an essential aspect (one of the goals is to reduce the length and mass of the network cables). This is not covered in this model where all switches are represented by one single component
 - No network routing functions. The only the setup and configuration basic Functions are created
- Streaming is a bit more detailed, without encompassing what would be the responsibility of the SW subsystems. The chosen stopping criterion is to be able to perform basic latency non-functional analysis.
- The replication of streaming servers is not (yet) modelled. Scenarios and Mode machines have not been propagated (they should be).



Implementation Components (1/2)

[PAB] Implementation and Behaviour Components





Interactions based on a remote control on passenger side



Dedicated audio and video processors





No intelligence in cabin displays

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Touch Screen for Cabin Crew



[PCBD] Behavioral Components





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Physical Architecture – Behaviour Components (2/2)

[PCBD] Behavioral Components



Breakdown to take into account the HW components: DAC and audio/video dedicated processors

Breakdown to take into account the choice of relying on a remote control rather than on a Touch Screen for the Seat TV PTV Airline-Specific ۶P . Interactions Manager PVDU. Remote E Screen P Control SW SW

Breakdown to take into account concerns which were ignored in Logical Architecture: Network, Screens



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[PAB] Implementation and Behaviour Components





Refinement of Functional Analysis (1/2)



Several drivers for Functional Analysis refinement.

Topics not covered in Logical Architecture (Network, Screens, etc.) and further description of specific topics (management of audio and video streams)



[PDFB] [CTX] Broadcast Audio Video Stream to Seat TV



[PDFB] [CTX] Broadcast Audio and Video Streams



One of the drivers for refining the Functional Analysis here is to add enough detail about the streaming mechanisms, in order to be able to perform non-functional analysis later on (for example, latency analyses).

Simplified streaming steps (packeting, etc.) are therefore described.



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Stream

Refinement (and Composition) of Functional Chains

[PFCD] Start Playing VOD Movie





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Mapping Functions / Components, Physical Path

S 🍾 PVDU BUS



The PVDU architecture is based on an internal bus connecting the processor, the media decoders and the DAC.

The BUS is modeled with a specific Implementation Component and a Physical Path linking all the elements connected to the BUS.

Here, the packets exchanged between the player and the decoder go through the "Packet Transmission" Component Exchange. The Component Exchange is transported by the "PVDU BUS" Physical Path.



[BUILD] Working Diagrams

[PAB] [BUILD] All PCs, PFs, FEs



[PAB] [BUILD] Template



Building diagrams

Template. To gain in productivity, it is often interesting to brush layout from one diagram to another or to clone diagrams. Here, a template has been created and is used for a few other architecture diagrams.

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Management of Network Components (1/4)



The Network adapter is present on several components, with the same functionality.

Instead of modelling several time the same thing, the Replicable Elements mechanisms are used. Definition (REC) and instances (RPLs) can be kept synchronized.





 Unit Network Adapter
 Implement Network Configuration
 Run Network Tests

This component contributes to the ^L definition of a REC. It is isolated in a specific location in the model.

Management of Network Components (2/4)



Usage of REC-RPL mechanisms.

A REC is created and is instantiated several times. When no dedicated library is used, the organization of the model tree has to be carefully defined, in order to distinguish between "types" and "instances".

The REC content is in the model, but somehow isolated from the other elements (it could be in a library).

The connection between the RPLs are managed manually (ONGOING work in Capella).





Management of Network Components (3/4)

REC - Unit Network Adapter

RPL - Instantiations of Unit Network Adapter



[PAB] Focus on Network Setup, Configuration and Tests



The connections (Funcitonal Exchanges) between the RPLs (replicas) are performed manually.



Management of Network Components (4/4)



Illustration of the network carrying exchanges.

There is no added-value in this model in modelling the functional part of the transport over the network. Only network setup and configuration is modelled.

The transport between components are modelled with Physical Links. Here, the Physical Path "Network Path" is set to transport the Component Exchange "Streaming Protocol", showing that all packets between "Send" and "Split" Functions as well as the stream Header actually go through the Ethernet network and switches.



Refinement of Data Model (1/3)



In the current version of the model, the data modelling has only been performed partly, focusing on the "Start Playing Video Movie" Functional Chain

[PAB] [CTX] Start Playing VOD Movie FC





Refinement of Data Model (3/3)



[CDI] Streaming Server



Definition/justification of Interfaces: Summary



What is expected from each designer / sub-contractor





- Several drivers can orient the choices for Configuration Items. One goal of EPBS is to define an architectural frame to master component development and integration.
- In this sample model, different rationales:
 - Group all streaming SW components into one single Configuration Item
 - Group all airline-specific SW components into one single Configuration Item
 - Create all Network setup and configuration SW into one single Configuration Item
 - Have a Non Developed Configuration Item all network equipment and cables

• Etc.



[EAB] Configuration Items and Realized Artefacts





Considered future evolutions for this sample model

Multi-viewpoint analysis, including

- Reliability analysis, with replication of video servers
- Sizing (network)
- Mass
- Refinement of Modes/States modelling (enhancement of the relationship with functions and functional exchanges)
- (Automated) transition towards subsystem
- Completeness + functional scope enrichment



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- Directly submit us your enrichments
- Contact us to converge on a specific scope

