

# System Assurance and Related Standards

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# Agenda

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  - Structured Assurance Case Metamodel
  - Operational Threat & Risk Model
  - Software Fault Patterns Metamodel
  - Tool Output Integration Framework
  - Dependability Assurance Framework

# Achieving Cyber Security by ...



*This beauty behind me was driven only 1000 miles  
a year by a little old lady from Pasadena!*

# OMG System Assurance Task Force (SysA TF)

- Strategy
  - Establish a common framework for analysis and exchange of information related to system assurance and trustworthiness. This trustworthiness will assist in facilitating systems that better support Security, Safety, Software and Information Assurance
- Immediate focus of SysA TF is to complete work related to
  - SwA Ecosystem - **common framework for capturing, graphically presenting, and analyzing properties of system trustworthiness**
    - leverages and connects existing OMG / ISO specifications and identifies new specifications that need to be developed to complete framework
    - provides integrated tooling environment for different tool types
    - architected to improve software system analysis and achieve higher automation of risk analysis



# **ASSURANCE**

## **Information, Assets & Services**

**are**

**Protected  
Against  
Compromise**

# DEFINING ASSURANCE

# What is Assurance?

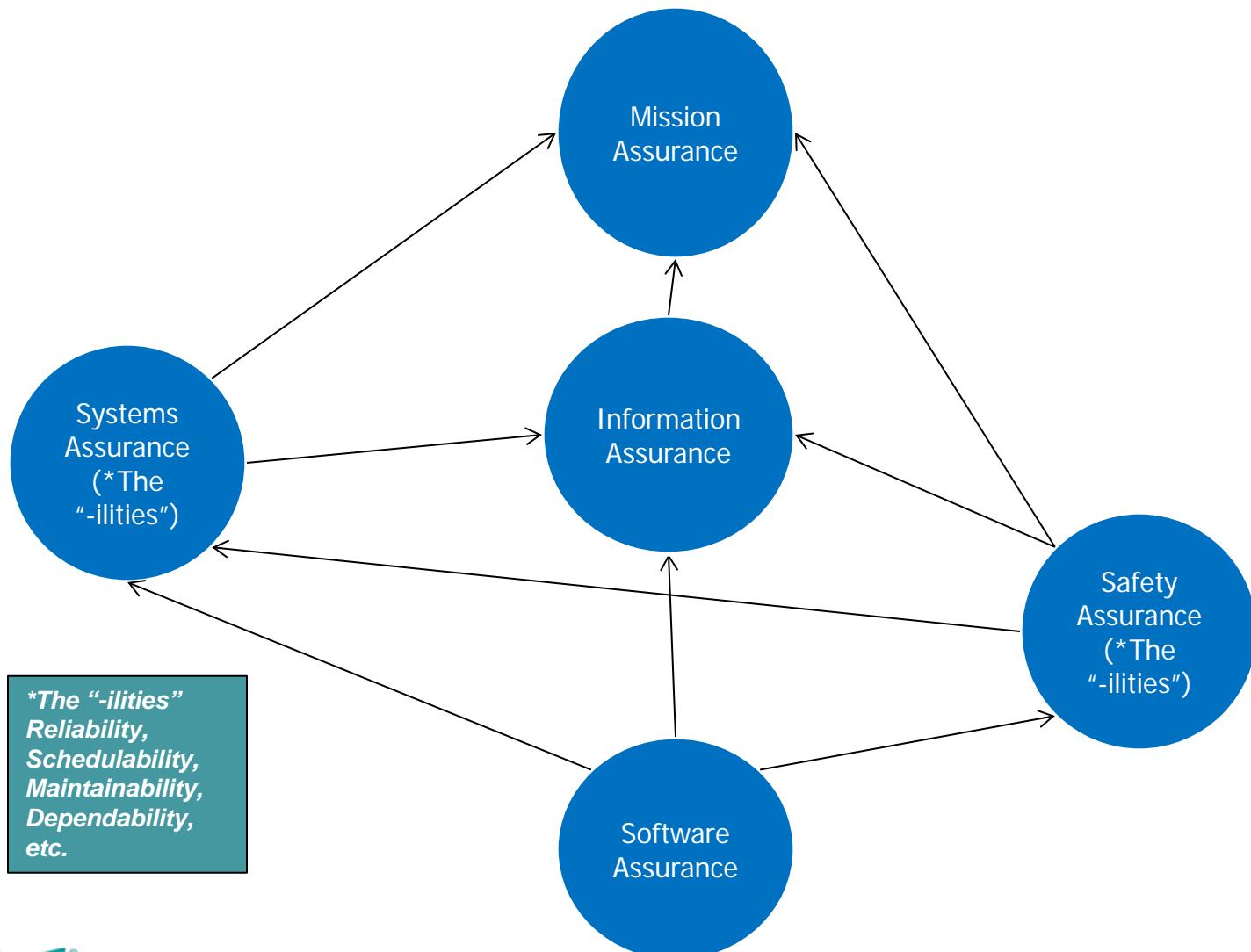
- **Assurance** is the measure of confidence that the security features, practices, procedures, and architecture of an information system accurately mediates and enforces the security policy. - CNSS 4009 IA Glossary
- **Information Assurance (IA)** are measures that protect and defend information and information systems by ensuring their availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and non-repudiation. These measures include providing for restoration of information systems by incorporating protection, detection, and reaction capabilities - CNSS 4009 IA Glossary
- **Safety Assurance (SfA)** is providing confidence that acceptable risk for the safety of personnel, equipment, facilities, and the public during and from the performance of operations is being achieved. – FAA/NASA
- **Software Assurance (SwA)** is the justified confidence that the system functions as intended and is free of exploitable vulnerabilities, either intentionally or unintentionally designed or inserted as part of the system at any time during the life cycle. - CNSS 4009 IA Glossary

# What is Assurance? (2)

providing *confidence* in

- **Mission Assurance (MA)** is the ability of operators to achieve their mission, continue critical processes, and protect people and assets in the face of internal and external attack (both physical and cyber), unforeseen environmental or operational changes, and system malfunctions. (See *notes page for further description.*) – *MITRE Systems Engineering Guide*
- **Mission Assurance (cyberspace)**. Measures required to accomplish essential objectives of missions in a contested environment. Mission assurance entails prioritizing mission essential functions, mapping mission dependence on cyberspace, identifying vulnerabilities, and mitigating risk of known vulnerabilities (AFDD 3-12, Cyberspace Operations, 2010).
- **System Assurance (SysA)** is the planned and systematic set of engineering activities necessary to assure that products conform with all applicable system requirements for safety, security, reliability, availability, maintainability, standards, procedures, and regulations, to provide the user with acceptable confidence that the system behaves as intended in the expected operational context. – *OMG SysA Task Force*

# Interrelationships of Assurance



# Addressing Stakeholders' Need for Trust



**Trust in System's ability  
to Execute Trusted  
Behavior only and to  
Prevent Malicious  
Attacks**

by

**Measuring  
System Trustworthiness,  
System Confidence and System Risk**

# Delivering System Assurance in any Domain:

## Delivering System Predictability and Reducing Uncertainty

### 1. Specify Assurance Case

- Supplier must make unambiguous bounded assurance claims about safety, security dependability, etc. of systems, product or services

### 2. Obtain Evidence for Assurance Case

- Perform system assurance assessment to justify claims of meeting a set of requirements through a structure of sub-claims, arguments, and supporting evidence
- Collecting Evidence and verifying claims' compliance is complex and costly process

### 3. Use Assurance Case to calculate and mitigate risk

- Examine non compliant claims and their evidence to calculate risk and identify course of actions to mitigate it
- Each stakeholder will have own risk assessment metrics – e.g. security, safety, liability, performance, compliance

Currently, SwA 3 step process is informal, subjective & manual

# Summary of Challenges

- Key Challenges
  - Systematic coverage of the [system](#) weakness space
    - A key step that feeds into the rest of the process – if not properly done, rest of the process is considered add-hock
  - Reduce ambiguity associated with system weakness space
    - Often due to requirements and design gaps that includes coverage, definitions and impact
  - Objective and cost-effective assurance process
    - Current assurance assessment approaches resist automation due to lack of traceability and transparency between high level security policy/requirement and system artifacts that implements them
  - Effective and systematic measurement of the risk
    - Today, the risk management process often does not consider assurance issues in an integrated way, resulting in project stakeholders unknowingly accepting assurance risks that can have unintended and severe security issues
  - Actionable tasks to achieve high confidence in system trustworthiness

Overcoming these challenges will enable automation, a key requirement to a cost-effective, comprehensive, and objective assurance process and effective measure of trustworthiness

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<http://www-users.cs.york.ac.uk/~tpk/04AE-149.pdf>

## Safety Arguments – Text Problems

For hazards associated with warnings, the assumptions of [7] Section 3.4 associated with the requirement to present a warning when no equipment failure has occurred are carried forward. In particular, with respect to hazard 17 in section 5.7 [4] that for test operation, operating limits will need to be introduced to protect against the hazard, whilst further data is gathered to determine the extent of the problem.

- Not everyone can write clear English
- Can take many readings to decipher meaning
- Multiple cross-references in text can be awkward
- Is there a clear shared understanding of the argument?

*Text is  
inherently  
ambiguous!*

# One Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!



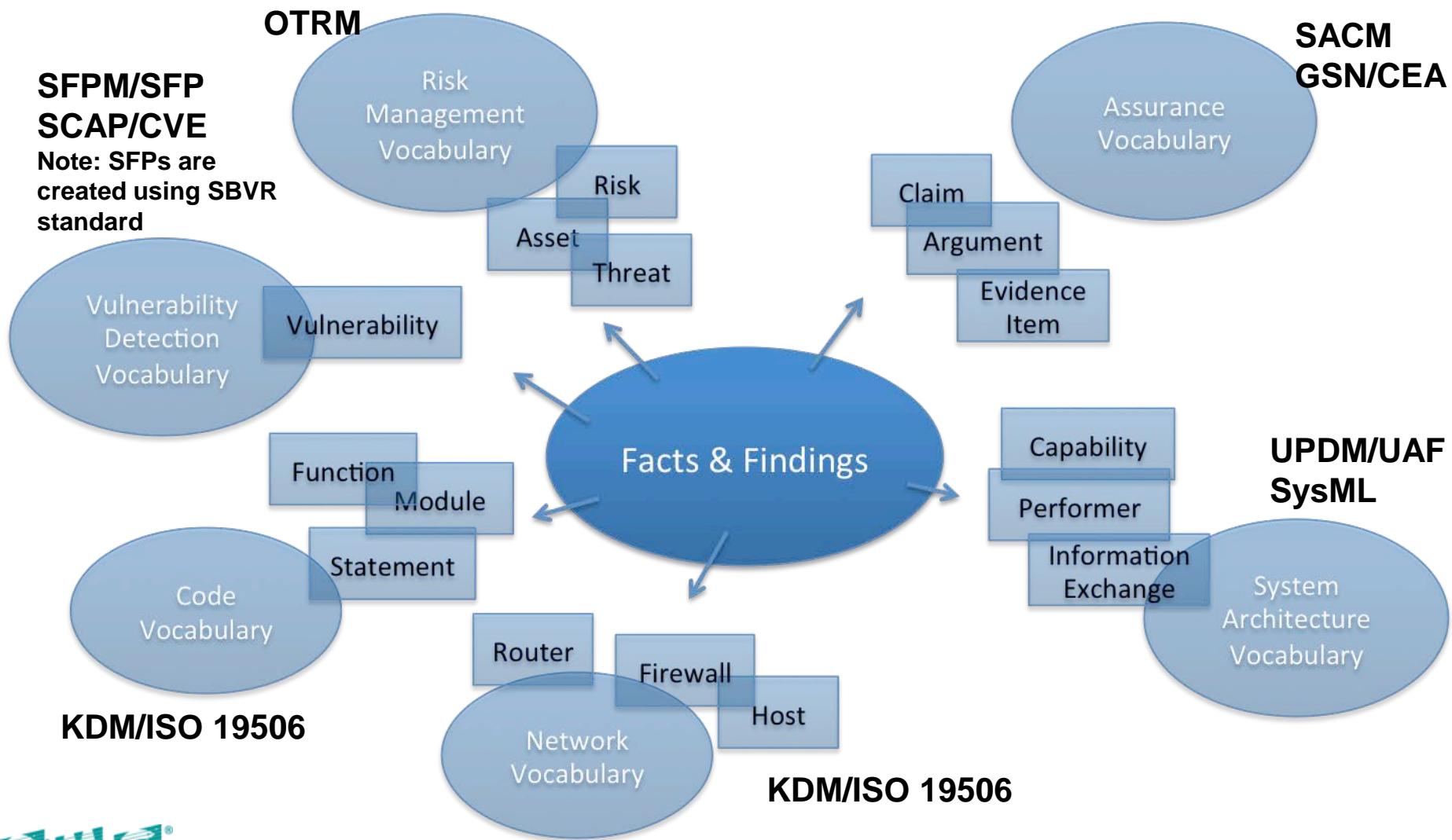
# Addressing Challenges: OMG Software/System Assurance Ecosystem

## Set of integrated standards

- OMG-ISO/IEC 19506 Knowledge Discovery Metamodel
  - Achieving system transparency in unified way
- OMG Structured Assurance Case Metamodel
  - Intended for presenting Assurance Case and providing end-to-end traceability: requirement-to-artifact
  - Goal Structured Notation (GSN) / Claims Arguments Evidence (CAE)
- OMG Unified Architectural Framework (Formally DoDAF & MODAF information)
  - UML Profile for DODAF/MODAF:UPDM
- OMG System Engineering Modeling Language (SysML)
- OMG Semantics of Business Vocabularies and Rules (SBVR)
  - For formally capturing knowledge about weakness space: weaknesses & vulnerabilities
- OMG Structured Metrics Metamodel (SMM)
  - Representing libraries of system and assurance metrics
- OMG Operational Threat & Risk Model (OTRM) - standardization in progress
- OMG Software Fault Patterns (SFP) Metamodel standardization in progress
- OMG Tool Output Integration Framework - SCA tool execution reporting standardization in progress
- NIST Security Automation Protocol (SCAP)

# Ecosystem Foundation: Common Fact Model

## Data Fusion & Semantic Integration



# Trustworthiness

| Standards<br>-----<br>Integrated Facts | Engineering  | Risk         | Assurance                        |
|--|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Operational Environment                | Operational Views (UPDM/UAF or SysML)                            | OTRM         | SACM, GSN/CAE (Claim & Argument) |
| Architecture                           | UPDM/UAF<br>SysML<br>SFPM & SFPs<br>SCAP (CVE)<br>SMM & Measures | SCAP (CVSS)  | SACM-Evidence Measure            |
| Implementation                         | KDM<br>SFPM & SFPs<br>SCAP (CVE)<br>SMM & Measures               | SCAP (CVSS)  | SACM-Evidence Measure            |
| Assessment                             | Evidence   | Risk Measure | Confidence Measure               |

**Goal: Evidence exist for “HIGH Confidence that Risk is LOW”**

Utilization of Assurance Modeling Tools

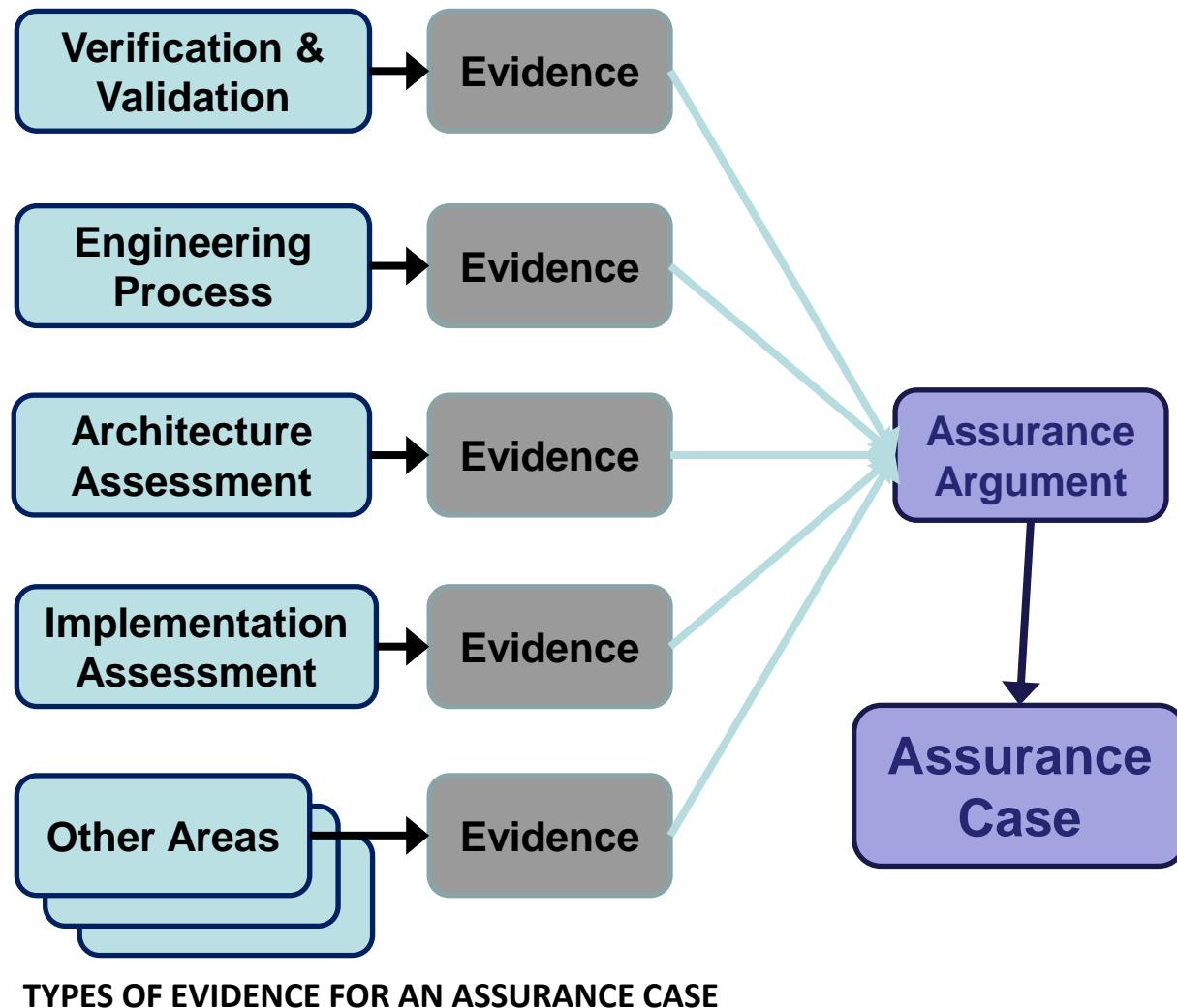
# **ESTABLISHING ASSURANCE**

# System Assurance Reduces (Eliminates) Uncertainty

While Assurance does not provide additional security services or safeguards, it does serve to reduce the uncertainty associated with vulnerabilities resulting from

- Bad practices
- Incorrect safeguards

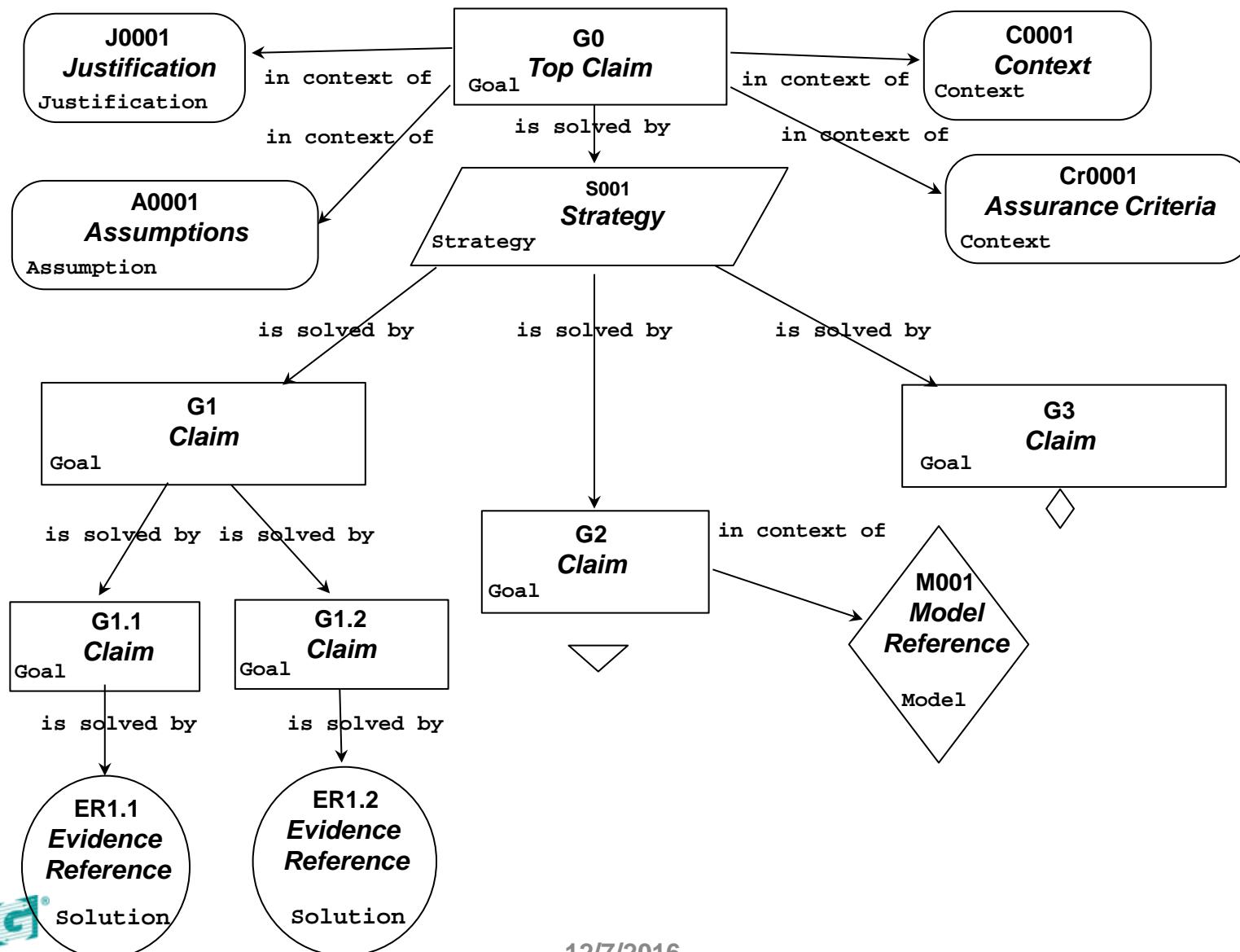
The result of System Assurance is justified **confidence** delivered in the form of an **Assurance Case**



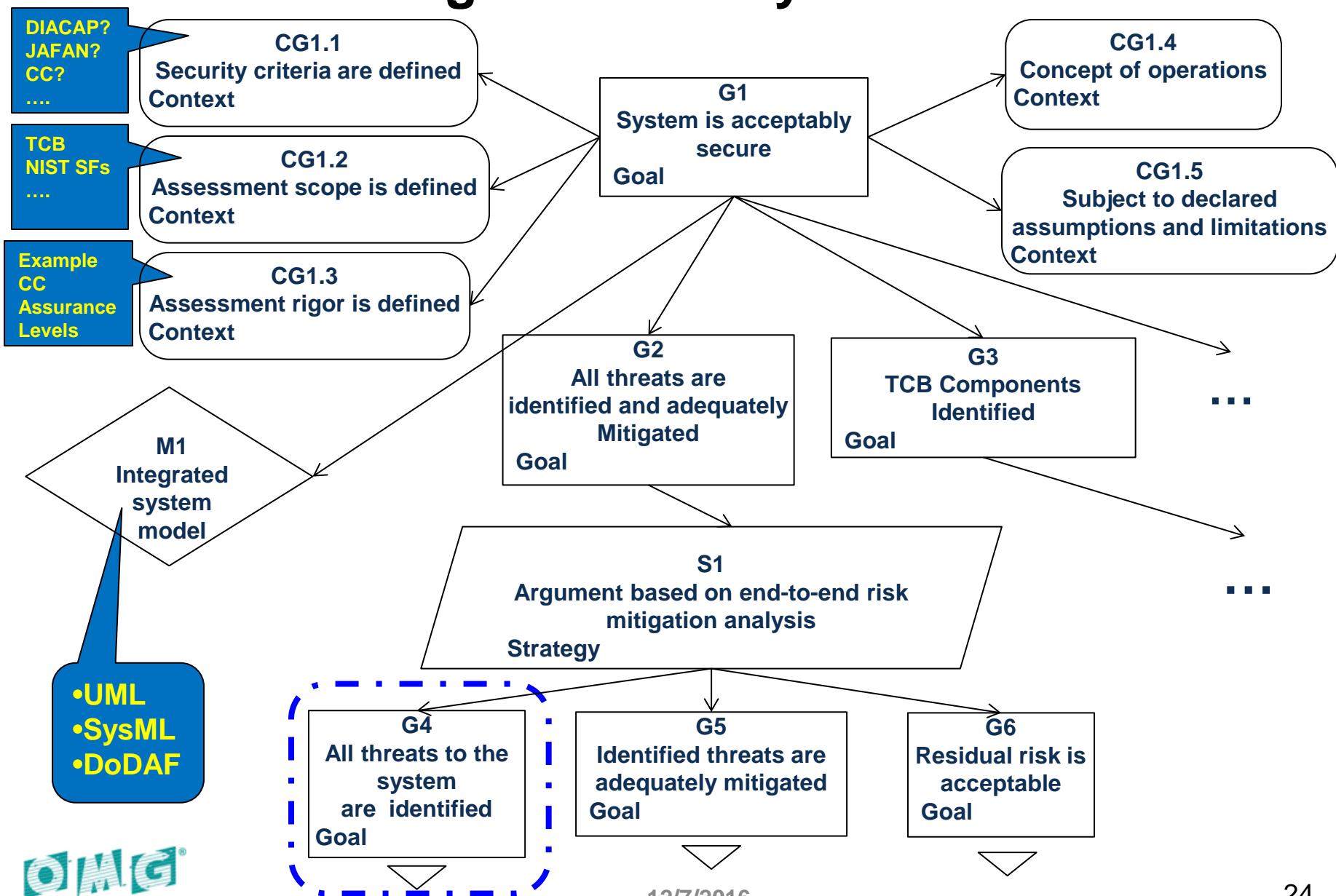
Confidence demands objectivity, scientific method and cost-effectiveness

# **OMG STRUCTURED ASSURANCE CASE METAMODEL (SACM)**

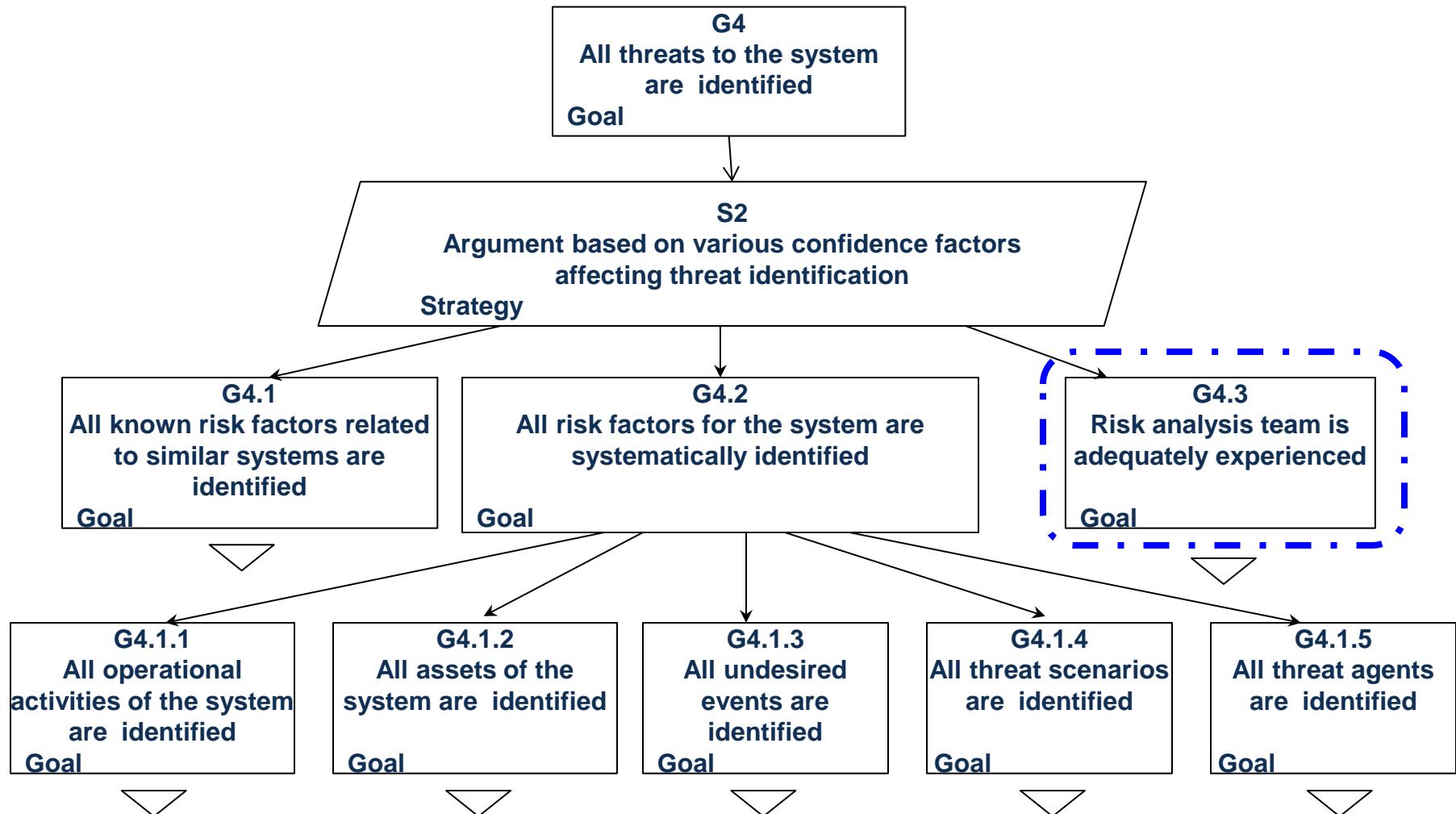
# OMG's Structured Assurance Case Metamodel



# Establishing the Security Assurance Case



# Identifying the Threats



# OMG - Structured Assurance Case Metamodel

1.0 → 1.1 → 2.0



Date: December 2014

## Structured Assurance Case Metamodel (SACM)

Version 1.1

OMG Document Number: formal/2013-02-01

Standard document URL: <http://www.omg.org/spec/SACM/1.1/>

Associated Schema Files:

Normative:

[ptc/2014-12-04 – http://www.omg.org/spec/SACM/2014110141101/emoif.xmi](http://www.omg.org/spec/SACM/2014110141101/emoif.xmi)

Non-normative:

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[ptc/2014-12-08 – http://www.omg.org/spec/SACM/20141101/SACM\\_Annex\\_B\\_Examples.xml](http://www.omg.org/spec/SACM/20141101/SACM_Annex_B_Examples.xml)

Structured Assurance Case Metamodel, v1.1

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# Tools for Assurance Cases

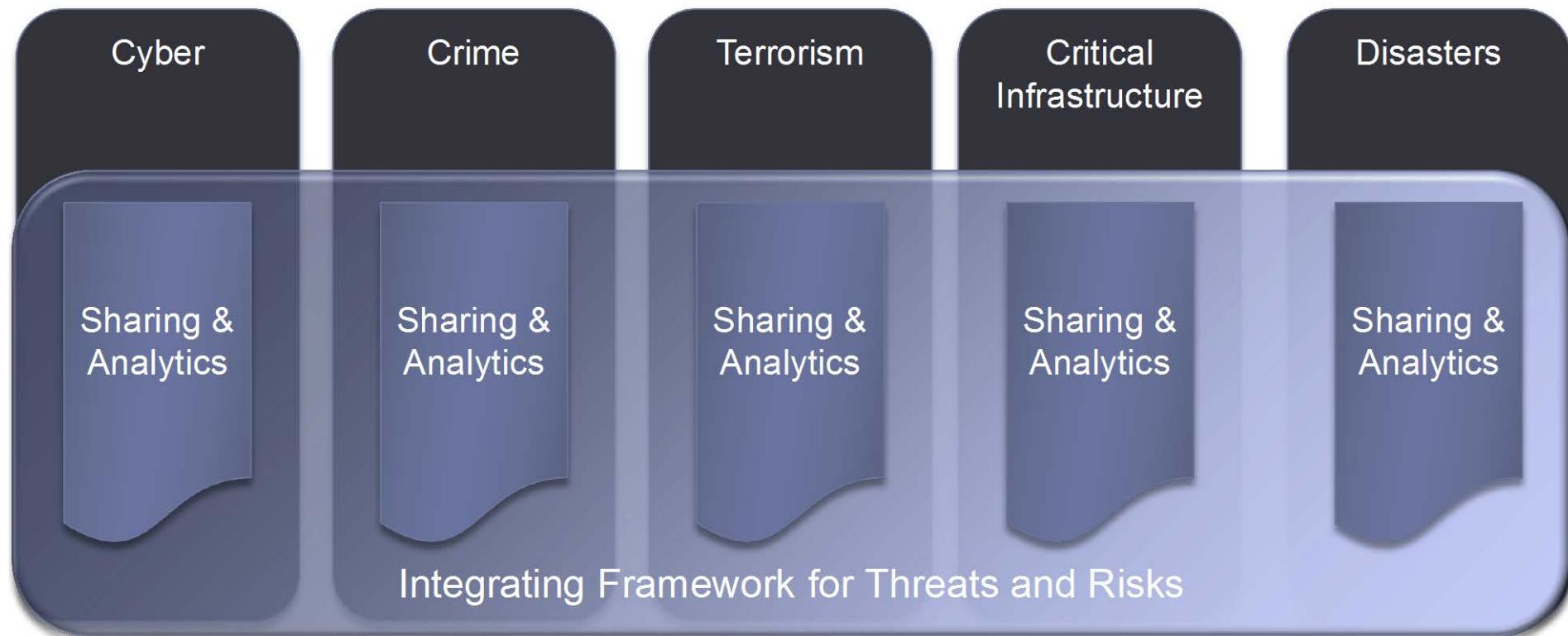
- Assurance and Safety Case Environment (ASCE)  
<http://www.adelard.com/services/SafetyCaseStructuring/>
- Astah GSN <http://astah.net/editions/gsn>
- CertWare <http://nasa.github.io/CertWare/>
- AdvoCATE: An Assurance Case Automation Toolset  
[http://rd.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-642-33675-1\\_2](http://rd.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-642-33675-1_2)
- Assurance Case Editor (ACEdit)  
<https://code.google.com/p/acedit/>
- D-Case Editor: A Typed Assurance Case Editor  
[https://github.com/d-case/d-case\\_editor](https://github.com/d-case/d-case_editor)

# **UML Operational Threat & Risk Model Request for Proposal**

OMG Document: SysA/2014-06-06

# **THREAT RISK SHARING AND ANALYTICS**

# Goal: An integrating framework



An integrating framework that helps us deal with all aspects of a risk or incident  
A federation of risk and threat information sharing and analytics capabilities

# The Opportunity

- Integrated threat and risk management across
  - Domains
    - Cyber, Criminal, Terrorism, Critical Infrastructure, Natural disasters, others...
  - Products and technologies
    - Enterprise risk management, cyber tools, disaster planning, etc...
  - Organizations
    - Government (Global, National, State, Local, Tribal), Non-governmental organizations, Commercial
- Leading to
  - Shared awareness of threats and risks
  - Federated information analytics (including “big data”)
  - Improved mitigation of threats and risk
  - Situational awareness in real time
  - Ability to respond and recover

# **OMG SOFTWARE FAULT PATTERN METAMODEL (SFPM)**

# Overview of the SFP Metamodel

- SFP Metamodel (SFPM) further defines the technical elements involved in a definition of a faulty computation
  - Structural elements of a catalog
    - Named clusters of faulty computations
    - Subclusters
    - Named SFPs
  - Identified parameters for each SFP
  - Linkage to CWE catalog
    - Set of CWEs in each cluster
    - Mapping between parameter values that uniquely identify a CWE as an instance of a SFP
    - Identified gaps in CWE coverage of clusters
    - Identified overlaps between related CWEs
    - Notes and recommendations for restructuring CWE
  - Elements of SFPs (indicators, conditions, etc.)
  - References to shared software elements in each SFP
    - This allows for full definition of the context of a faulty computation
    - This formalizes the relations between the clusters

# Contractual Formalization in SBVR

## OS Command Injection

CWE ID: 78

**Description:** A software system that **accepts and executes input in the form of operating system commands** (e.g. `system()`, `exec()`, `open()`) could allow an attacker with lesser privileges than the target software to execute commands with the elevated privileges of the executing process.



**Captures & rationalizes original vocabulary**

## OS Command Injection Contractual Formal

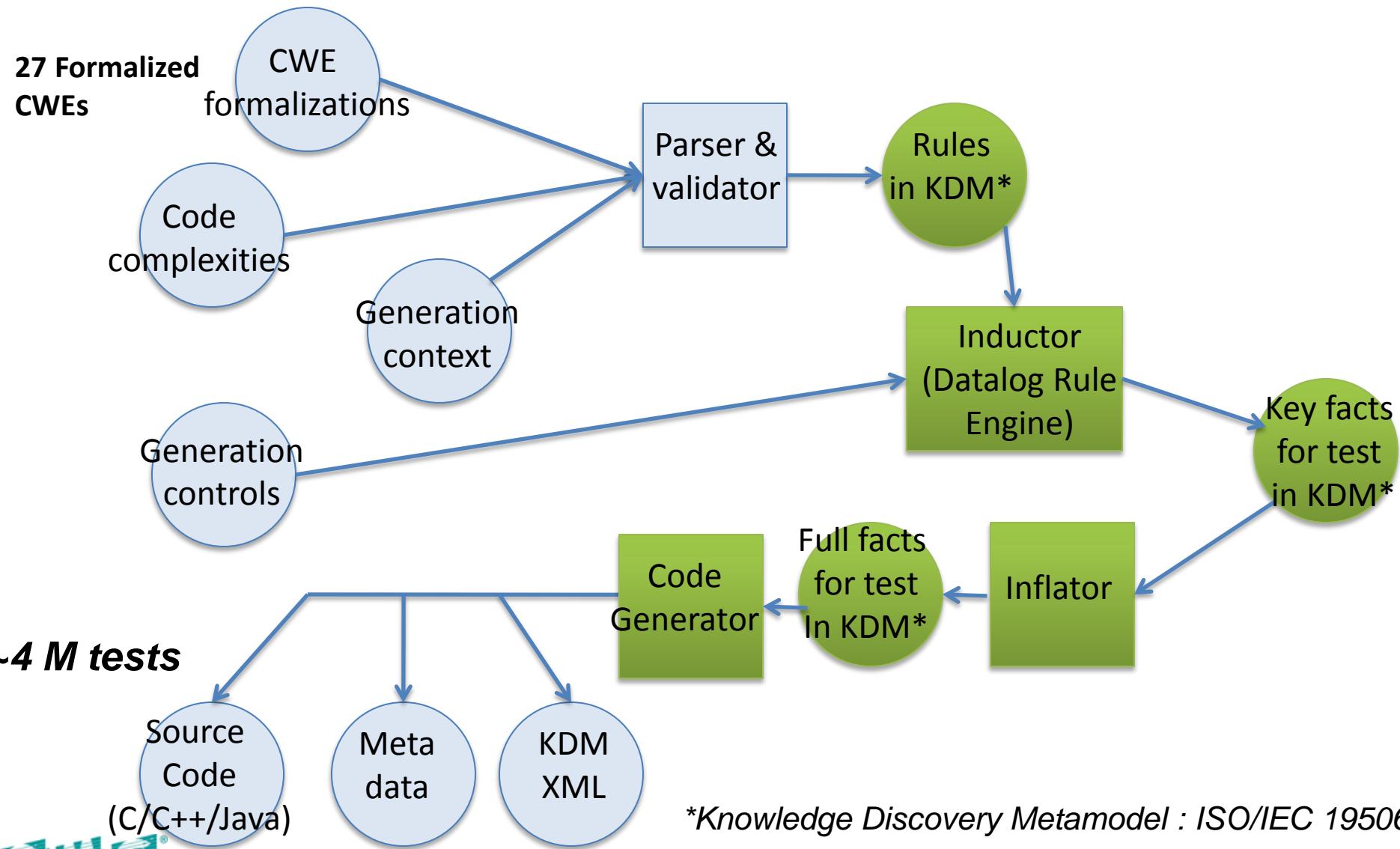
### Definition:

OS Command Injection weakness is a weakness where the start statement of the code path *accepts input* and the end statement of the code path *performs an operating system command* where the input *is part of the operating system command* and the input *contains command syntax*.

Formal contractual definition is further reviewed and agreed upon by the stakeholders

Good approach but high cost for 632 CWEs and still does not guarantee systematic and comprehensive coverage of weakness space

# KDM Analytics' Test Case Generator



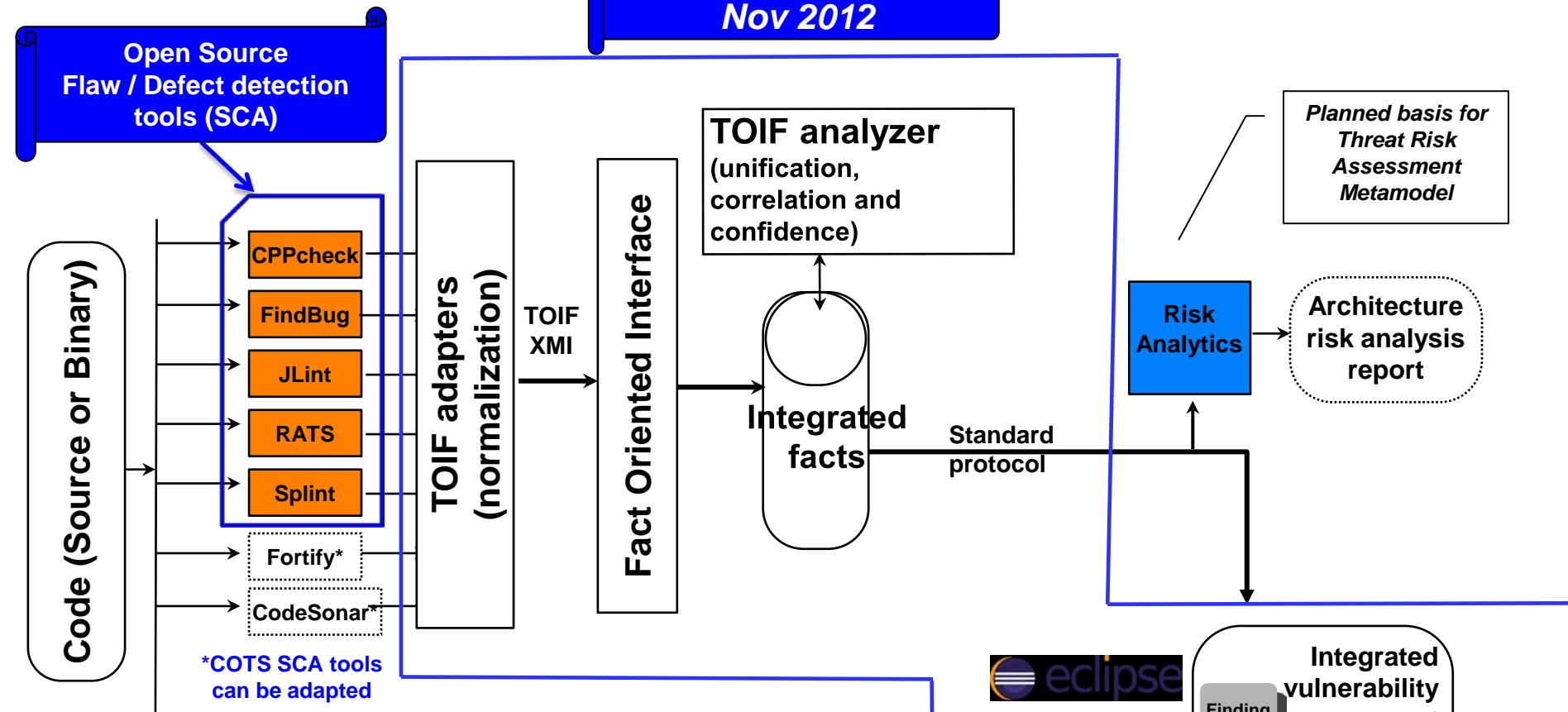
# **OMG TOOL OUTPUT INTEGRATION FRAMEWORK (TOIF)**

# Tool Output Integration Framework

- **Tool Output Integration Framework (TOIF) initially developed in 2012 (Released as Open Source)**
  - Funded by DHS SBIR program - SBIR Topic Number: H-SB09.2-004 Software Testing and Vulnerability Analysis. (Data Access Technologies and KDM Analytics)
- **TOIF is an extensible open source software flaw detection Framework.**
  - Integrates multiple static code analysis tools as “data feeds” into the repository
    - Open source machinery: adaptors to 5 open source tools, merger, viewer, repository
    - Users can integrate additional Commercial and OSS SCA tools
  - Collates findings from several tools (Uses Existing Standards)
    - OMG Knowledge Discovery Metamodel (KDM), also ISO/IEC 19506
    - Standardizes outputs of various tools for uniform review of information
- **Blade TOIF is enhanced tool executing entirely inside of Eclipse.**

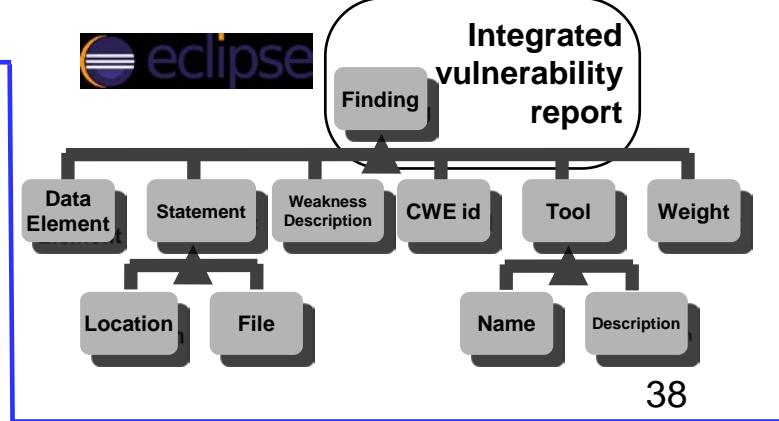
# Tools Output Integration Framework (TOIF) Architecture

*TOIF Open Source  
Nov 2012*



## Simplifies Usage for Developers

- Adapts multiple SCA tools into Common Framework
- Standardizes Output
- Reports Results in OSS Eclipse IDE



# **DOMAIN SPECIFIC ASSURANCE STANDARD**

# **Dependability Assurance Framework For Safety-Sensitive Consumer Devices**

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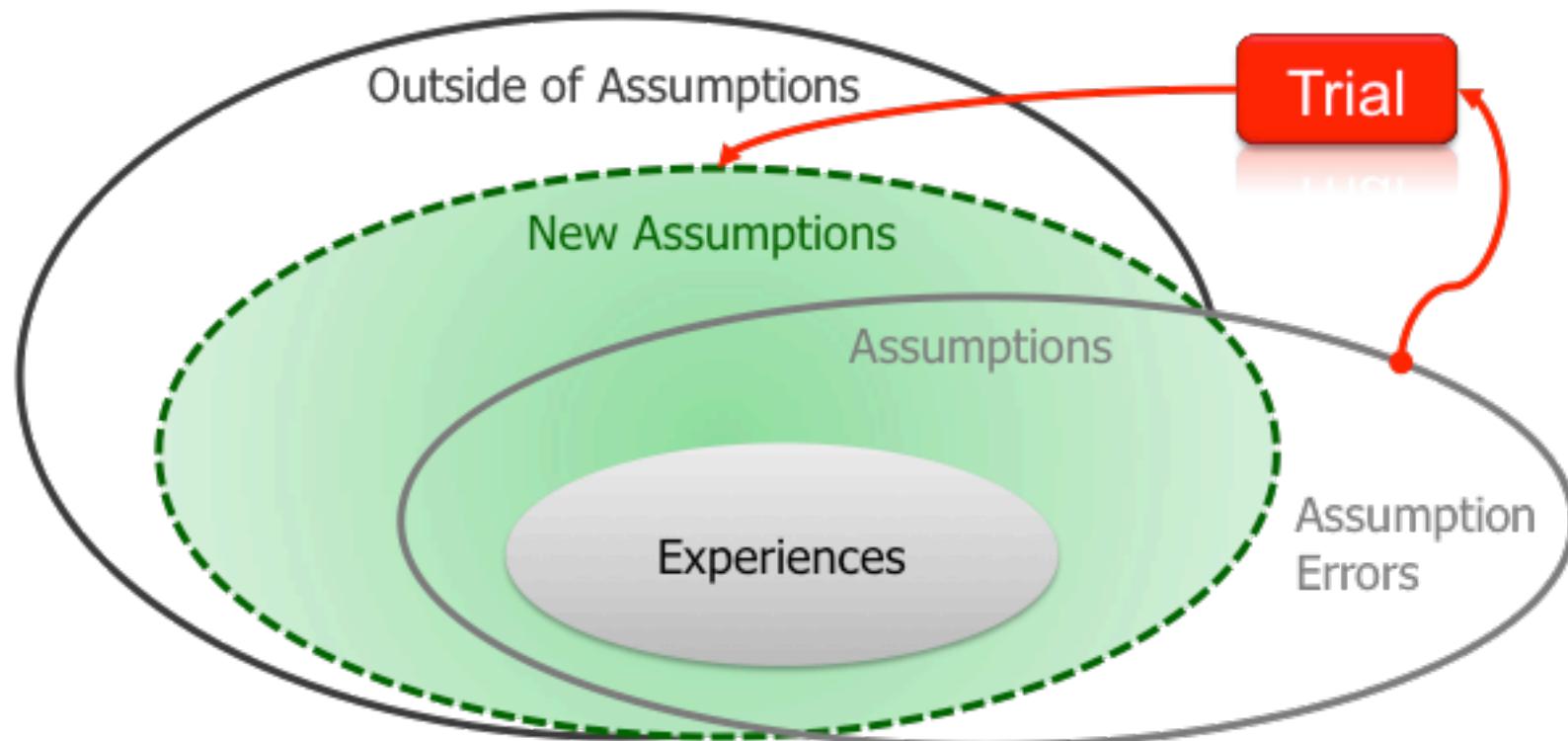
# What are Consumer Devices?

|                              | Factory machineries   | Consumer devices  |
|------------------------------|---|---|
|                              |  |   |
| The number of the production | A few to Many   | A huge number   |
| Users                        | Experts   | General users   |
| Cost                         | High  | Sufficiently low  |
| Maintenance                  | Real field<br>(strongly managed)  | Users, Service stations<br>(weekly managed)   |
| Environment                  | Factory environment<br>(almost stable)  | Factory environment   |
|                              |   | User environment<br>(Open, dynamic and diverse)   |

Consumer devices are industrial products used by general end users such as automobiles, service robots, consumer electronics, smart houses and so on.

# Fundamental Approach

- ◆ Need to ensure the dependability in open/diverse/dynamic env.



- We believe all auto companies well manage "known" factors.
- To ensure the safety and reliability (what we could call "Dependability", "unknown factors" must be well addressed.

→ Iteration is fundamental approach to explore/find out unknown factors.

# Key Capabilities of DAF

- Umbrella Standard for Safety, Reliability, Maintainability, ...
  - DCM: Dependability Concept Model
- DAC Template: Template for dependability argumentation
- DPM: Dependability assurance process

# More Information on DAF Standard

## Documents Associated With Dependability Assurance Framework For Safety-Sensitive Consumer Devices (DAF)

Release Date: May 2015

### Normative Documents

| OMG document number | Explanation | Format | URL   |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|---|
| ptc/15-05-09        | Beta1       | PDF    | <a href="http://www.omg.org/spec/DAF/1.0/Beta1/PDF">http://www.omg.org/spec/DAF/1.0/Beta1/PDF</a> |

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**THANK YOU**

Questions?



Then he slithered and slunk,  
with a smile most unpleasant,  
and he took the identities  
that they'd used to buy presents.