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Keywords: automated test system (ATS), extensible markup language (XML), IEEE 1636.2™, maintenance action information (MAI), OWL ontology, Software Interface for Maintenance Information Collection and Analysis (SIMICA), XML schema

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Maintainers of complex systems require the ability to capture and share maintenance action information in a way that supports such activities as performance analysis, post production product improvement, maintenance process improvement, and diagnostic maturation. Principal stakeholders of this project include but are not limited to maintenance organizations within various Departments/Ministries of Defense, the commercial airlines, the automotive industry, and the telecommunications industry. This standard is being developed as a component of the IEEE Std 1636™ Software Interface for Maintenance Information Collection and Analysis (SIMICA) project. SIMICA's purpose is to specify a software interface for access, exchange, and analysis of product diagnostic and maintenance information. Maintenance action information provides a subset of the data needed to satisfy SIMICIA requirements.

This document provides the description of the maintenance action information elements.

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1. Overview

1.1 General

Software Interface for Maintenance Information Collection and Analysis (SIMICA) is a family of IEEE standards, associated web ontologies (OWL), and extensible markup language (XML) schemas which allow automatic test system (ATS), test result and session information, and maintenance action information to be exchanged in a common format adhering to the OWL and XML standards.

The SIMICA family of standards has been developed and is being maintained under the guidance of IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee 20 (SCC20) to serve as a comprehensive environment for integrating test results, test session information, and maintenance action information, while allowing this unit under test (UUT) related data to be interchanged between heterogeneous systems.

The SIMICA family of standards is organized as a base Standard (IEEE Std 1636™) and two (2) 'dot' standards:

— Test Results and Session Information (IEEE Std 1636.1™)

— Maintenance Action Information (IEEE Std 1636.2™)

The SIMICA base document and its relationship to this document is depicted in Figure 1.

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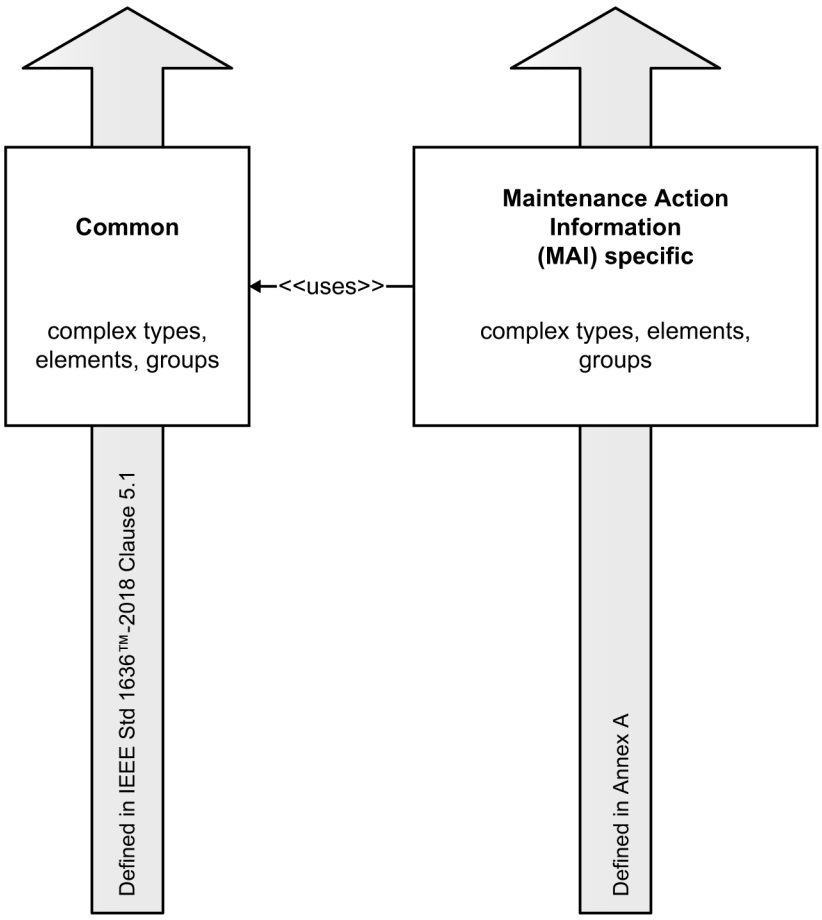


Figure 1—Relationship between this document and the SIMICA base document

1.2 Scope

The scope of this standard is the definition of an exchange format, utilizing XML, for exchanging maintenance action information (MAI) associated with the removal, repair, and replacement of system components to maintain/support an operational system.

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to promote and facilitate interoperability between components of a test system and applications in a maintenance environment where MAI needs to be shared. The standard will facilitate the capture and exchange of unit under test (UUT) specific maintenance information, facilitating online and offline analysis of the maintenance process. The maintenance action schema defines a class of information to be used within the SIMICA family of standards.

1.4 Application

1.4.1 Of this document

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c) Test program set (TPS) developers

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e) Automatic test equipment (ATE) system developers

f) ATE systems maintainers

g) Test instrument developers

h) Reliability, maintainability, and diagnostic analytical applications

1.4.2 Of this document's annexes

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1.6.1 General

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World Wide Web Consortium, (W3C) extensible Markup Language (XML), 1.0 (Fifth Edition) Proposed Edited Recommendation.[3]

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