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ACID atomic, consistent, idempotent, and durable. 27
AI artificial intelligence. xv, 1, 14
API application programming interface. 3
CADES ORNL Compute and Data Environment for Science. 54
CLI command-line interface. 41
DOE U. S. Department of Energy. 1
E-R Entity-Relationship. 26, 36
GUI graphical user interface. 41
HPC high-performance computing. 14, 41
HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol. 3, 57
INTERSECT Self-driven Experiments for Science / Interconnected Science Ecosystem. xv, 1, 7, 14, 26, 41
LSF IBM Spectrum Load Sharing Facility. 54
ORNL Oak Ridge National Laboratory. xv, 1
PBS Portable Batch System. 54
REST Representational State Transfer. 3
SLURM Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management. 54
SME subject matter expert. 2
SoS system of systems. xv, 1, 3
UUID universally unique identifier. 13
INTERSECT TERMINOLOGY

Activity
Work, not specific to a single organization, weapon system or individual that transforms inputs (Resources) into outputs (Resources) or changes their state. [DODAF]

Administrator
Role of entity that maintains one or more systems; complete view of “their” system (their jurisdiction/domain/realm/area); Limited to a given jurisdiction (i.e., their administrative domain). [IAT]

Administrative Domain
Jurisdiction of control. [IAT]

Application
A computer process, or a set of coordinating computer processes, that perform activities to accomplish one or more predetermined goals. [IAT]

Campaign
A scientific endeavor that may consist of one or more Experiments that may take place sequentially or in parallel to answer a broader overarching scientific question. [IAT]

Capability
The ability to achieve a desired effect under specified [performance] standards and conditions through combinations of ways and means [activities and resources] to perform a set of activities. [DODAF]

Experiment
An indivisible component of a scientific endeavor that typically involves measurements, computation, and/or data analysis. An experiment is performed with a unique set of conditions and/or parameters. So long as the parameters are feasible, every Experiment will have a clear start and a predictable end. Insights of an experiment are often narrow and may not answer broader scientific questions. [IAT]

Facility
A real property entity consisting of underlying land and one or more of the following: a building, a structure (including linear structures), a utility system, or pavement. [DODAF]

Institution
See Organization.

I-System
Abbreviation for an “INTERSECT System”. [IAT]

Jurisdiction
Realm of authority; Administrative domain. [IAT]

Maintainer
See Operator.

Microservice
A service that is designed according to the Microservices Architecture methodology and that implements a Microservice Contract for its clients. [IAT]

Microservice Architecture
A design methodology for structuring a distributed Application as a networked collection of loosely-coupled services that are independently developed, maintained, and operated. [IAT]

Microservice Function
A specific Microservice functionality with clearly defined input and output data. The function may have associated service state pre-conditions and/or post-conditions. [IAT]

Microservice Contract
The complete set of Microservice Functions provided by a Microservice to its clients, typically scoped using domain-driven design and defined using an API. [IAT]

Operator
Role of entity that maintains one or more resources; different view of system (i.e., in contrast to User). [IAT]

Organization
A specific real-world assemblage of people and other resources organized for an on-going purpose. [DODAF]
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<td>Role of entity fiscally responsible for a resource; Vested interest; Possibly approver for a resource. [IAT]</td>
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<td>Performer</td>
<td>Any entity - human, automated, or any aggregation of human and/or automated - that performs an activity and provides a capability. [DODAF]</td>
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<td>PersonType</td>
<td>A category of persons defined by the role or roles they share that are relevant to an architecture. [DODAF]</td>
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<td>Provider</td>
<td>Role of entity that manufactures a resource (intention is distinction between provider/owner), e.g., SecDevOps is provider of SDK. Provider creates the Service that the Operator maintains. Provider creates the Instrument that the Operator maintains. [IAT]</td>
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<td>Resource</td>
<td>Data, Information, Performers, Materiel, or Personnel Types that are produced or consumed. [DODAF]</td>
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<td>Role</td>
<td>Performs a specific function; implies access rights for resources; checks for adherence to resource/jurisdiction/facility polices. [IAT]</td>
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<td>Service</td>
<td>A mechanism to enable access to a set of one or more capabilities, where the access is provided using a prescribed interface and is exercised consistent with constraints and policies as specified by the service description. The mechanism is a Performer. The “capabilities” accessed are Resources – Information, Data, Materiel, Performers, and Geo-political Extents. [DODAF]</td>
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<td>A self-contained system within a larger system that is capable of both independent operation as well as coordinated interaction with other systems. [IAT]</td>
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<td>Sub-system²</td>
<td>(Alt. definition) A self-contained system within a larger integrated System. [IAT]</td>
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<td>System (or I-System)</td>
<td>A logical entity with operational and managerial independence that provides utility to the overall System of Systems. A System may utilize one or more physical resources and may be geographically distributed. Systems communicate with each other with the INTERSECT protocol for control purposes. A System provides this utility via one or more Services. A System may have Sub-systems. [IAT]</td>
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<td>User</td>
<td>Role for entity using the system (not responsible for administration). [IAT]</td>
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<td>Workflow</td>
<td>Activities that are performed according to a recipe (i.e. sequential, in a DAG) or script. Static or Dynamic Workflow. [IAT]</td>
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ABSTRACT

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)’s Self-driven Experiments for Science / Interconnected Science Ecosystem (INTERSECT) architecture project, titled “An Open Federated Architecture for the Laboratory of the Future”, creates an open federated hardware/software architecture for the laboratory of the future using a novel system of systems (SoS) and microservice architecture approach, connecting scientific instruments, robot-controlled laboratories and edge/center computing/data resources to enable autonomous experiments, “self-driving” laboratories, smart manufacturing, and artificial intelligence (AI)-driven design, discovery and evaluation. The project describes science use cases as design patterns that identify and abstract the involved hardware/software components and their interactions in terms of control, work and data flow. It creates a SoS architecture of the federated hardware/software ecosystem that clarifies terms, architectural elements, the interactions between them and compliance. It further designs a federated microservice architecture, mapping science use case design patterns to the SoS architecture with loosely coupled microservices, standardized interfaces and multi programming language support. The primary deliverable of this project is an INTERSECT Open Architecture Specification, containing the science use case design pattern catalog, the federated SoS architecture specification and the microservice architecture specification. This document represents the microservice architecture specification of the INTERSECT Open Architecture Specification.
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1 INTRODUCTION


Autonomous experiments, “self-driving” laboratories and smart manufacturing employ machine-in-the-loop intelligence for decision-making. Human-in-the-loop needs are reduced by an autonomous online control that collects experiment data, analyzes it, and takes appropriate operational actions to steer an ongoing or plan a next experiment. It may be assisted by an AI that is trained online and/or offline with archived data and/or with synthetic data created by a digital twin. Analysis and decision making may also rely on rule-based approaches, causal models, and advanced statistical methods. Human interaction for experiment planning, observation and steering is performed through a human-machine interface.

A federated hardware/software architecture for connecting instruments with edge and center computing resources is needed that autonomously collects, transfers, stores, processes, curates, and archives scientific data in common formats. It must be able to communicate with scientific instruments and computing and data resources for orchestration and control across administrative domains, and with humans for critical decisions and feedback. Standardized communication and programming interfaces are needed that leverage community and custom software for scientific instruments, automation, workflows and data transfer. Pluggability is required to permit quickly adaptable and deployable solutions, reuse of partial solutions for different use cases, and the use of digital twins, such as a virtual instrument, robot or experiment. This federated hardware/software architecture needs to be an open standard to enable adoption by DOE’s science facilities.

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2 INTERSECT MICROSERVICE ARCHITECTURE

2.1 INTRODUCTION TO MICROSERVICES ARCHITECTURE

Microservices architecture is a design methodology for structuring a distributed application as a networked collection of loosely-coupled services that are independently developed, maintained, and operated. Each microservice provides a well-defined set of functions that is domain-scoped to ensure separation of concerns between differing microservices, avoid duplicate functionality, and encourage reuse. The supported functions are defined by the microservice contract, which describes the purpose for each service function and associated data (e.g., request parameters and response types). A microservice may have several different implementations, where each implementation provides the same contract but uses different underlying technologies or supports a particular deployment environment. Where multiple implementations exist, an application can choose the implementation most suitable for its environment or application needs. A microservice may be self-contained such that all its functions can be serviced directly, or it may have external dependencies on other microservices that are needed to service one or more functions.

Microservices architecture is not prescriptive, but rather offers design guidelines and patterns for decomposing monolithic applications or systems into independent services, and for constructing new applications or systems through composition of independent services. A common and recommended approach for decomposition is through domain-driven design. In domain-driven design the domain corresponds to a particular subject area, and a subject matter expert (SME) helps to define the activities relevant to the domain, known as the domain’s bounded context. An abstract conceptual model of the domain is then constructed that captures the important technical aspects of interactions with the domain. The domain model is also used to establish shared context when composing complex systems from different domains. In microservices architecture, the domain model forms the basis for defining the functions comprising the microservice contract.

Microservices are currently in wide use for cloud computing applications. There are two predominant communication architectures used for interactions between microservices: client-server and asynchronous messages. In client-server microservice communication, each interaction uses a synchronous request-response sequence, where one microservice (the client) issues a request of a specific type to another microservice (the server), who then handles the request and sends a specific response type based on the results of handling the request. Typical response types include formatted data that was requested (e.g., user account details or service status) or error codes. In microservice communication based on asynchronous messages, a microservice (the producer) publishes messages to a specific topic (or channel) and other microservices (the consumers) subscribe to the topic in order to register as interested parties for messages on that topic. Messages may represent service requests (e.g., control commands or information queries) or describe the occurrence of an event (e.g., a service action or state change). Due to the latter, asynchronous messaging is also commonly referred to as an event-based or event-driven communication architecture. This publish-subscribe mechanism enables one-to-many communications without the producer having to individually send messages to each consumer. Typically, a separate entity known as the message broker tracks the set of topics and the consumers subscribed to each topic, and is responsible for ensuring the delivery of topic messages to subscribers. Publish-subscribe also supports asynchronous request-response communication by using separate topics for requests and responses.

In response to these two common microservice communication architectures, two community-driven specification standards have evolved to document a microservice’s contract. Both standards intend to
provide a programming language-agnostic method for application programming interface (API) definition that is understandable to both humans and machines, which enables a wide variety of automated tooling for code development, testing, and documentation. The OpenAPI Specification [6] targets client-server microservices that provide a Representational State Transfer (REST) API accessible via Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP). The AsyncAPI Specification [5] targets microservices based on asynchronous messaging and supports a wide variety of messaging protocols. AsyncAPI was originally derived from OpenAPI and thus shares much terminology. In some cases, AsyncAPI directly supports referencing components of OpenAPI specifications such as data schemas.

2.2 MICROSERVICES ARCHITECTURE IN INTERSECT

Within the INTERSECT Open Architecture, the microservice architecture specification provides a catalog of infrastructure and experiment-specific microservices that may be useful within an interconnected science ecosystem. All microservices are defined to facilitate composition within federated SoS architectures, where each subsystem corresponds to one or more coordinating microservices. INTERSECT infrastructure microservices represent common service functionality and capabilities, such as data management, computing, messaging, and workflow orchestration that are likely to be generally useful across many science ecosystems without the need for customization. Experiment-specific microservices, on the other hand, represent services whose implementation may require detailed application knowledge, such as experiment planning or steering services that require knowledge of experiment-specific control parameters and their associated constraints. The INTERSECT science use case design patterns help identify the relevant infrastructure and experiment-specific microservices for a given science ecosystem. Figure 2-1 provides an architectural overview of the potential classes of microservices that may be involved with a given interconnected science ecosystem.

Figure 2-1. Potential Classes of INTERSECT Microservices

In section 3, we classify the various INTERSECT microservices by their shared capabilities and data requirements. In section 4, we provide a catalog of example microservices, where each example targets a
specific use case or underlying technology. In section 5, we provide design recommendations and patterns for microservice orchestration and deployment that may be useful in construction of federated SoS architectures.
3 CLASSIFICATION OF INTERSECT MICROSERVICES

In Section 3.1, we first describe architectural aspects that are common to all INTERSECT microservices, including interaction patterns and associated message contents. We then describe the format used to document microservice capabilities in Section 3.2. In the following two sections that focus on infrastructure services (Section 3.3) and experiment-specific services (Section 3.4), we categorize microservices into groups based on their general purpose, such as computation or data management for infrastructure services, and experimental control or design for experiment-specific services.

3.1 COMMONALITIES OF INTERSECT MICROSERVICES

To enable federation of INTERSECT microservices, it is useful to understand the types of interactions a given microservice may reasonably expect from one of its clients. As shown in Figure 3-1, we have identified three common patterns that substantively cover the expected interactions: Command, Request-Reply, and Asynchronous Event. The Command Interaction Pattern involves the client asking the microservice to do something. The microservice typically responds immediately with a simple acknowledgement that the command has been received successfully or some error status indicating why the command was not acceptable. The Request-Reply Interaction Pattern has the client making a request of the microservice that includes an expected reply containing pertinent information or data related to the request. Finally, the Asynchronous Event Interaction Pattern represents cases where the microservice generates status or event information as a result of its internal actions or state, and sends that information to one or more of its clients. Each of these interaction patterns supports implementations based on RESTful client-server communication or asynchronous messaging, as described later in Section 5.1.

![Figure 3-1. Interaction Patterns for INTERSECT Microservices](image)
The messages used in these interaction patterns also share common information that should be included in the message contents. For instance, in all three patterns, messages should include information that describes the source of the message and the specific type of Command, Request, Reply, or Event. For a Command message, the type should indicate the requested action. For a Request or Reply message, the type should indicate the requested information or data. For an Event message, the type should identify the thing whose status is being reported, or the action that generated the event. This type information can also be used by the receiver to know what other information may be included in the message, such as any parameters or data associated with a Command, Request or Reply, or codes and descriptions associated with a particular Event. Similarly, a timestamp associated with the sending of the initial message is useful in all three patterns. For a Command or Request message, this timestamp represents the time when a client issued the request, which may be used in situations requiring a completion deadline or for communication retry purposes. For an Event, the timestamp indicates when the status change or event occurred. Finally, it is useful within Command and Request-Reply interactions to support trace identifiers that clients can use to associate messages with specific client state. Trace identifiers are particularly useful when a client interaction requires the target microservice to make further requests of other microservices. The target microservice should pass on the trace identifier it received from the client along with its own external requests. When combined with a distributed message logging facility, the trace identifier enables a complete view of the request progress from the initial client, through one or more remote microservice requests and replies, and ending with a reply to the initial client. This complete traceability of requests through microservices is also crucial for operational insight when investigating and resolving problems encountered in deployed microservices architectures.

3.2 INTERSECT MICROSERVICE CAPABILITIES

As previously described in Section 2.1, a Microservice provides a well-defined set of functionality that is scoped to focus on a particular domain of interest. The set of Microservice Functions with associated input and output data is known as the Microservice Contract. In the following subsections, we define microservice capabilities that describe the purpose and proposed functionality for a wide range of unique focus domains. For each capability, the proposed functionality (i.e., methods and associated data) is grouped by the corresponding microservice interaction pattern. Together, the functionality definitions can serve as the basis for an implementation’s microservice contract. Where applicable, we also indicate relationships to other microservice capabilities, such as functionality extensions or required dependencies.

Figure 3-2 is an example of the capability definition format that describes the information provided by each element of the definition. The data types used in defining each capability are generic names for common types and structures supported by the data models of most data schema standards (e.g., JSON Schema [1], XML Schema Definition (XSD) [8], and Apache Avro [2]). To avoid confusion with specific schema data model types, Table 3-1 provides a description for each generic type or structure and lists compatible specific types for a few data schema formats commonly used in microservice messaging.
**Capability: Unique Capability Name**

**Description:** A short summary description of the domain of interest for this capability and the provided functionality.

**Related Capabilities:** Where applicable, provides references to related capabilities.
- **Extends:** A list of base capabilities that the functionality of this capability extends. A service implementing this capability must also implement the base capabilities.
- **Requires:** A list of required capabilities that are necessary to implement the functionality of this capability. The required capabilities are most often provided by other services, but may be implemented in the same service.

**Custom Data Type:** Where applicable, provides definitions of new data types or structures.

**Interactions:** Command
- **MethodName()**
  - **Purpose:** A short description of the purpose of the current command method.
  - **Command Data:** A list of input data for the current method formatted as:
    - `dataName (DataType)`: A description of the data, including any format or value constraints.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply
- **MethodName()**
  - **Purpose:** A short description of the purpose of the current request method.
  - **Request Data:** A list of input data for the current method formatted as:
    - `dataName (DataType)`: A description of the data, including any format or value constraints.
  - **Reply Data:** A list of output data for the current method formatted as:
    - `dataName (DataType)`: A description of the data, including any format or value constraints.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event
- **EventName**
  - **Purpose:** A description of the activity or state change that generates this event.
  - **Event Data:** A list of data for the current event formatted as:
    - `dataName (DataType)`: A description of the data, including any format or value constraints.

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**Figure 3-2. Microservice Capability Definition Format**

### 3.3 INTERSECT INFRASTRUCTURE MICROSERVICES

In this section, we classify INTERSECT infrastructure microservices into seven groups according to their purpose: (1) General Utility, (2) Communication and Messaging, (3) Computing, (4) Cybersecurity and Identity Management, (5) Data Management, (6) Human-Computer and Human-Machine Interfaces, and (7) System Management.
Table 3-1. Generic Data Types and Structures and Associated Schema-specific Representations

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<tr>
<th>Data Type or Structure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>A logical value representing True or False values.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>boolean</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bytes</td>
<td>An ordered sequence of byte values.</td>
<td>string (Base64 encoded)</td>
<td>hexBinary, base64Binary</td>
<td>bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>An integral numeric value, preferably supporting up to 64-bit values.</td>
<td>number</td>
<td>decimal</td>
<td>long</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Filename</td>
<td>An absolute path to a local file.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Float</td>
<td>A floating point numeric value, preferably supporting double precision.</td>
<td>number</td>
<td>double</td>
<td>double</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyVal&lt;type&gt;</td>
<td>A uniquely named String key paired with an associated value of the given type.</td>
<td>object: {key, value}</td>
<td>&lt;key&gt; element</td>
<td>map</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>List&lt;type&gt;</td>
<td>A list of items of the given type.</td>
<td>array</td>
<td>list, sequence</td>
<td>array</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>A character string of unspecified length, preferably encoded using Unicode.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TimeDuration</td>
<td>A value representing the difference between a start and end TimeStamp, preferably with a minimum resolution of seconds.</td>
<td>string (format: duration)</td>
<td>duration</td>
<td>string (logicalType: duration)</td>
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<tr>
<td>TimeStamp</td>
<td>A timestamp value, preferably in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) format.</td>
<td>string (format: date-time)</td>
<td>dateTimeStamp</td>
<td>string (logicalType: timestamp-millis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UUID</td>
<td>A universally unique identifier (RFC 4122).</td>
<td>string (format: uuid)</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>string (logicalType: uuid)</td>
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3.3.1 General Utility

General utility microservice capabilities represent functionality that may be useful to support a wide range of infrastructure or experiment-specific services. They are not intended to exist in isolated services, rather other capabilities should include their functionality through an Extends relationship.
**Capability: Availability Status**

**Description:** Provides inspection and control of the availability status of a service. **NOTE:** All services are expected to provide this capability.

**Custom Data Type:** AvailabilityStatus

- **uuid (UUID):** The UUID of the entity reporting its status.
- **currentStatus (String):** The current status.
- **previousStatus (String):** The previous status.
- **statusDescription (String):** Additional information related to the current status (e.g., why a status change occurred).

**Interactions:** Command

- **SetAvailabilityStatus()**
  **Purpose:** Update the status using the given statusCode. On success, triggers the AvailabilityStatusChange event.
  **Command Data:** fileName (Data Type): Data description.
  - **status (String):** The new status (e.g., "AVAILABILITY_UNKNOWN", "AVAILABLE", "PARTIAL_AVAILABILITY", or "UNAVAILABLE").
  - **statusDescription (String):** (Optional) A description of the reason for the status change.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

- **GetAvailabilityStatus()**
  **Purpose:** Request the current availability status.
  **Reply Data:** fileName (Data Type): Data description.
  - **status (AvailabilityStatus):** The current availability status information.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

- **AvailabilityStatusChange**
  **Purpose:** Notification of changes to availability status.
  **Event Data:** fileName (Data Type): Data description.
  - **status (AvailabilityStatus):** The current availability status information.

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**Capability: Controller Status**

**Description:** Provides inspection and control of the controller status of a system or service. **NOTE:** All services are expected to provide this capability.
**Custom Data Type:** ControllerStatus

- **uuid (UUID):** The UUID of the entity reporting its status.
- **primaryController (UUID):** The UUID of the primary controller.
- **secondaryController (UUID):** The UUID of the secondary controller.
- **statusDescription (String):** Additional information related to the current controller change event.

**Interactions:** Command

- **SetPrimaryController()**
  **Purpose:** Change the primary controller to the given `primaryUUID`. On success, triggers the ControllerStatusChange event.
  **Command Data:** `dataName (Data Type):` Data description.
  - `primaryUUID (UUID):` The UUID of the new primary controller.
  - `controllerSecret (Bytes):` A secret for use in validating primary control changes.
  - `description (String):` (Optional) Additional information for use in generating the ControllerStatusChange event.

- **ReleaseSecondaryControl()**
  **Purpose:** Release secondary control permission for the given `secondaryUUID`. On success, triggers the ControllerStatusChange event.
  **Command Data:** `dataName (Data Type):` Data description.
  - `secondaryUUID (UUID):` The UUID of the new secondary controller.
  - `controllerSecret (Bytes):` A secret for use in validating secondary control changes.
  - `description (String):` (Optional) Additional information for use in generating the ControllerStatusChange event.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

- **AcquireSecondaryControl()**
  **Purpose:** Request that the given `secondaryUUID` be given secondary control permission. On success, triggers the ControllerStatusChange event.
  **Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type):` Data description.
  - `secondaryUUID (UUID):` The UUID of the new secondary controller.
  - `controllerSecret (Bytes):` A secret for use in validating secondary control changes.
- description (String): (Optional) Additional information for use in generating the ControllerStatusChange event.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why secondary control permission could not be granted.

• GetControllerStatus()

  Purpose: Request the current controller status.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

    - status (ControllerStatus): The current controller status information.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event

  • ControllerStatusChange

    Purpose: Notification of changes to controller status.

    Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

    - status (ControllerStatus): The current controller status information.

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**Capability: Parameter Description**

**Description:** Provides descriptions of service parameters, allowing clients to query the supported parameters and their associated constraints. Parameters are defined in a generic fashion to allow representation of a wide variety of uses, including but not limited to static configuration settings, dynamic or runtime settings, instrument control parameters, machine learning model parameters, etc.

**Custom Data Type:** ParameterInfo

- paramName (String): The name of the parameter. The name must be unique among all parameters supported by a given service (which may implement several capabilities).

- paramDescription (String): A detailed description of the parameter’s intended usage, including a discussion of its type and acceptable values.

- paramType (String): The name of the generic data type for the parameter.

- defaultValue (String): A string representation of the parameter’s default value.

- permittedValues (List<String>): An optional list of strings that enumerates acceptable values for the parameter. For numeric parameters, each string may represent a value range (e.g., "[0,100]").

Interactions: Request-Reply

  • GetParameters()

    Purpose: Request a list of the supported parameter names.
Reply Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
  – paramNames (List<String>) : The list of supported parameter names.

• GetParameterDetails()

Purpose:  Request detailed information for the given list of paramNames.

Request Data:  dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
  – paramNames (List<String>) : A list of parameter names.

Reply Data:  dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
  – paramDetails (List<ParameterInfo>) : A list of parameter information structures  
    for the requested named parameters.

• ValidateParameters()

Purpose:  Validate the given list of parameters.

Request Data:  dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
  – paramValues (List< KeyValuePair<String> >) : A list of parameter name-value pairs.

Reply Data:  dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
  – validCount (Integer) : The number of supplied parameters that were valid.  
  – invalidParams (List< KeyValuePair<String> >) : A list of name-reason pairs for the  
    supplied parameters that were determined to be invalid.

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Capability: Service Configuration

Description:  Provides management of service configuration parameters, which represent settings that  
  affect the behavior of the service independent of any of its iteration methods. The supported  
  configuration parameters can be queried via the Parameter Description capability.

Related Capabilities:  Extends
  • Parameter Description

Interactions:  Command

  • SetConfigurationValues()

  Purpose:  Update the service’s configuration using the given parameter name-value list.

  Command Data:  dataName (Data Type) : Data description.  
    – configValues (List< KeyValuePair<String> >) : The list of configuraton parameter  
      name-value String pairs.

Interactions:  Request-Reply

  • GetConfiguration()
Purpose: Request the current values for all configuration parameters.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- configValues (List<KeyVal<String>>): A list of name-value String pairs for all supported configuration parameters.

• GetConfigurationValues()

Purpose: Request the current values for the given list of configNames.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- configNames (List<String>): A list of configuration parameter names.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- configValues (List<KeyVal<String>>): A list of name-value String pairs for the requested configuration parameters.

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**Capability: UUID Generation**

**Description:** Provides generation of universally unique identifier (UUID) according to RFC 4122 [4].

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

• GetNamespaceUUID()

Purpose: Request a new name-based (i.e., version 3 or version 5) UUID value.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- namespaceId (UUID): The namespace base UUID base.
- name (String): The unique name within the namespace to use in generation of the UUID.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- id (UUID): The new UUID.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why UUID generation failed.

• GetUUID()

Purpose: Request a new time-based (i.e., version 1) UUID value.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- id (UUID): The new UUID.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why UUID generation failed.
3.3.2 Communication and Messaging

**Messaging Services**

**Message Broker** Services that provide asynchronous message broker capabilities for publishing and subscribing to message topics. May provide limited forms of message persistence (i.e., caching messages for a limited period of time) to accommodate periodic consumers. May support various messaging protocols (e.g., AMQP, MQTT, STOMP). May support access controls for limiting topic subscriptions to authorized consumers. Examples: Apache ActiveMQ, Apache Kafka, RabbitMQ

**Message Queue** Services that provide asynchronous message queue capabilities that support a single producer and consumer service. May support various messaging protocols (e.g., AMQP, MQTT, STOMP). Examples: Amazon SQS

**Communication Gateway Services**

**REST API Gateway** Services that aggregate the REST APIs of other services in some network domain and export those APIs to remote network domains. May support access controls to restrict the usage of certain APIs to authorized users or services.

3.3.3 Computing

Computing services broadly represent the ability to leverage local or remote computational capabilities to process data or run applications. For the INTERSECT Open Architecture, four types of computational environments are expected to be employed: (1) high-performance computing (HPC) systems, (2) cloud computing systems, (3) edge computing systems, and (4) individual host computers. HPC systems provide large-scale computational support for scientific modeling and simulation, high-throughput processing, and model training for AI using high-performance compute, storage, and networking hardware. Cloud computing systems provide general-purpose computational support using commodity server-based compute, storage, and networking hardware. A given cloud computing system may exist within an organization (i.e., a private cloud) or be publicly available on the Internet (i.e., a public cloud). Edge computing systems provide computational support for low latency processing of data produced by nearby sources (e.g., sensors or scientific instruments) using a variety of hardware (e.g., high-performance, commodity, or embedded). For host computing, the designated host may exist within an HPC, cloud, or edge computing system.

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**Capability: Compute Allocation**

**Description:** Interact with computing systems to allocate immediate access to a set of compute hosts for a specified period of time.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

- **CreateAllocation()**

  **Purpose:** Create a compute system allocation.

  **Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type) : Data description.
- `hostCount` (`Integer`): The number of compute hosts to allocate.
- `wallTime` (`TimeDuration`): The requested walltime for the allocation.
- `featureMatchCriteria` (`List<KeyVal<String>>`): An optional list of key-value parameters to use in selection of compute system hosts with desired features.

**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `allocationId` (String): The compute system allocation identifier.
- `errorMsg` (String): An error message describing why the requested allocation could not be granted.

• **GetAllocationInfo()**

**Purpose:** Request detailed allocation information for the given allocation, such as the set of allocated compute hosts and their features. The format of the returned information is unspecified and may vary across computing systems.

**Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `allocationId` (String): The compute system allocation identifier.

**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `allocationInfo` (String): The detailed allocation information for the given `allocationId`.
- `errorMsg` (String): An error message describing why the requested compute system allocation information could not be returned for the given `allocationId`.

• **GetAllocationStatus()**

**Purpose:** Request current status for the given allocation.

**Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `allocationId` (String): The compute system allocation identifier.

**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `allocationStatus` (String): The compute system allocation status information for the given `allocationId` (e.g., "ALLOCATION_ACTIVE", or "ALLOCATION_ENDED").
- `errorMsg` (String): An error message describing why the requested compute system allocation status could not be returned for the given `allocationId`.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

• **AllocationStatusChange**

**Purpose:** Notification of compute system allocation status changes.

**Event Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
– allocationId (String): The compute system allocation identifier.
– allocationStatus (String): The compute system allocation status information for the given allocationId (e.g., "ALLOCATION_ACTIVE", or "ALLOCATION_ENDED").

**Capability: Compute Queue**

**Description:** Interact with batch job queueing systems to run compute jobs and monitor job and queue status. May support scheduling of dependent batch job workflows.

**Related Capabilities:** Extends

* Parameter Description

**Interactions:** Command

• CancelJob()

  **Purpose:** Cancel a batch job. Only valid for jobs with jobStatus of "JOB_QUEUED" or "JOB_RUNNING".

  **Command Data:**
  
  – dataName (Data Type): Data description.
    – jobId (String): The job identifier for the batch job.

• HoldJob()

  **Purpose:** Place a queue hold on a batch job. Only valid for jobs in the "JOB_QUEUED" jobStatus.

  **Command Data:**
  
  – dataName (Data Type): Data description.
    – jobId (String): The job identifier for the batch job.

• ReleaseJob()

  **Purpose:** Release a queue hold on a batch job. Only valid for jobs in the "JOB_HELD" jobStatus.

  **Command Data:**
  
  – dataName (Data Type): Data description.
    – jobId (String): The job identifier for the batch job.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

• GetJobInfo()

  **Purpose:** Request detailed job information. The format of the returned information is unspecified and may vary across batch job queueing systems.

  **Request Data:**
  
  – dataName (Data Type): Data description.
    – jobId (String): The job identifier for the batch job.
Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - jobInfo (String): The detailed job information for the given jobId.
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested job information could not be returned for the given jobId.

• GetJobStatus()

Purpose: Request the current job status.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - jobId (String): The job identifier for the batch job.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - jobStatus (String): The job status information for the given jobId (e.g., "JOB_QUEUED", "JOB_HELD", "JOB_RUNNING", or "JOB_COMPLETED").
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested job status could not be returned for the given jobId.

• GetQueueInfo()

Purpose: Request detailed queue information, such as job resource limits. The format of the returned information is unspecified and may vary across batch job queueing systems.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - queueId (String): The identifier for the batch queue.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - queueInfo (String): The detailed queue information for the given queueId.
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested queue information could not be returned for the given queueId.

• GetQueueStatus()

Purpose: Request the current queue status.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - queueId (String): The identifier for the batch queue.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - queueStatus (String): The queue status information for the given queueId (e.g., "QUEUE_ENABLED", "QUEUE_DISABLED", or "QUEUE_PAUSED").
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested queue status could not be returned for the given queueId.

• ListQueues()

Purpose: Request the list of batch queues.
**Request Data:** None

**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `queueIdList` (StringList): A list of batch queue identifiers (i.e., `queueId`).

**SubmitJob()**

**Purpose:** Submit a job script to a particular batch queue.

**Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `queueId` (String): The identifier for the batch queue.
- `jobScript` (Filename): The file name of the job script.
- `submitArgs` (List< KeyVal<String> >): A list of key-value parameters for use as arguments to the batch job queueing system submission command. The parameter names may vary across batch job queueing systems, and may be queried via the `Parameter Description` capability.

**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
- `jobId` (String): The identifier for the submitted job.
- `errorMsg` (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the job could not be submitted to the given `queueId`.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

- **JobStatusChange**

  **Purpose:** Notification of job status changes.

  **Event Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `jobId` (String): The job identifier for the batch job.
  - `jobStatus` (String): The job status information for the given `jobId` (e.g., "JOB_QUEUED", "JOB_HELD", "JOB_RUNNING", or "JOB_COMPLETED").

- **QueueStatusChange**

  **Purpose:** Notification of queue status changes.

  **Event Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `queueId` (String): The identifier for the batch queue.
  - `queueStatus` (String): The queue status information for the given `queueId` (e.g., "QUEUE_ENABLED", "QUEUE_DISABLED", or "QUEUE_PAUSED").

**Capability:** Compute Queue Reservation
**Description:** Interact with batch queueing systems to reserve dedicated compute system access, either at a specified time or by some deadline.

**Related Capabilities:** Extends
- *Compute Queue*

**Interactions:**
- **Command**
  - **CancelReservation()**
    **Purpose:** Cancel a batch queue reservation. Only valid for reservations with reservationStatus of "RESERVATION_GRANTED".
    **Command Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
    - `reservationId (String)`: The batch queue reservation identifier.

- **CreateReservation()**
  **Purpose:** Create a batch queue reservation at a specific time.
  **Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
  - `queueId (String)`: The identifier for the batch queue.
  - `hostCount (Integer)`: The number of compute hosts to reserve.
  - `wallTime (TimeDuration)`: The requested walltime for the reservation.
  - `startTime (Timestamp)`: The requested start time for the reservation.
  **Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
  - `reservationId (String)`: The batch queue reservation identifier.
  - `errorMsg (String)`: (Optional) An error message describing why the requested batch queue reservation could not be granted.

- **CreateDeadlineReservation()**
  **Purpose:** Create a batch queue reservation that should end no later than a specified time deadline.
  **Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
  - `queueId (String)`: The identifier for the batch queue.
  - `hostCount (Integer)`: The number of compute hosts to reserve.
  - `wallTime (TimeDuration)`: The requested walltime for the reservation.
  - `deadlineTime (Timestamp)`: The requested deadline time for the end of the reservation.
  **Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- reservationId (String): The batch queue reservation identifier.
- errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested batch queue reservation could not be granted.

**GetReservationStatus()**

**Purpose:** Request the current reservation status.

**Request Data:**
- dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - reservationId (String): The batch queue reservation identifier.

**Reply Data:**
- dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - reservationStatus (String): The batch queue reservation status information for the given reservationId (e.g., "RESERVATION_GRANTED", "RESERVATION_ACTIVE", or "RESERVATION_ENDED").
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested batch queue reservation status could not be returned for the given reservationId.

**SubmitJobToReservation()**

**Purpose:** Submit a job script to a particular batch queue reservation.

**Request Data:**
- dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - reservationId (String): The batch queue reservation identifier.
  - jobScript (Filename): The file name of the job script.
  - submitArgs (List< KeyVal<String> >): A list of key-value parameters for use as arguments to the batch job queueing system submission command. The parameter names may vary across batch job queueing systems.

**Reply Data:**
- dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - jobId (String): The identifier for the submitted job.
  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the job could not be submitted to the given reservationId.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

**ReservationStatusChangeEvent**

**Purpose:** Notification of batch queue reservation status changes.

**Event Data:**
- dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - reservationId (String): The batch queue reservation identifier.
  - reservationStatus (String): The batch queue reservation status information for the given reservationId (e.g., "RESERVATION_GRANTED", "RESERVATION_ACTIVE", or "RESERVATION_ENDED").
**Capability: Application Execution**

**Description:** Executes a packaged application on a computing system. A packaged application is one that has been previously deployed and configured for use on the target computing system.

**Related Capabilities:** Extends
- *Parameter Description*

**Related Capabilities:** Requires
- *Compute Allocation OR Compute Queue*

**Interactions:** Command
- RunApplication()
  
  **Purpose:** Run the application using the given runParameters.
  
  **Command Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `runId` (String): The client’s identifier for the application run.
  - `runParameters` (List of KeyVal<String>): A list of key-value parameters to control execution behavior. The parameter names may vary across applications and may be queried via the Parameter Description capability.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply
- GetApplicationExecutionStatus()
  
  **Purpose:** Request the current execution status for the given runId.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `runId` (String): The client’s identifier for the application run.

  **Reply Data:**
  - `execStatus` (String): The execution status information for the given runId (e.g., "EXECUTION_PENDING", "EXECUTION_IN_PROGRESS", "EXECUTION_COMPLETED", or "EXECUTION_FAILED").
  - `failureMsg` (String): (Optional) When the application execution has failed, an error message describing any available details of the failure.
  - `errorMsg` (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested execution status could not be returned for the given runId.

- GetApplicationDescription()
  
  **Purpose:** Request a textual description of the application. The description should include information regarding the intended purpose of the application, how it was packaged (e.g., associated source code and versions), and how it was configured for the target system.
Reply Data:  
\- **dataName** *(Data Type):* Data description.  
  \- **appDescription** *(String):* The application description text.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

- **ApplicationExecutionStatusChange**

  **Purpose:** Notification of application execution status changes.

  **Event Data:**  
  \- **dataName** *(Data Type):* Data description.
  \- **runId** *(String):* The client’s identifier for the application run.
  \- **execStatus** *(String):* The execution status information for the given runId (e.g., "EXECUTION_PENDING", "EXECUTION_IN_PROGRESS", "EXECUTION_COMPLETED", or "EXECUTION_FAILED").

**Capability: Container Execution**

**Description:** Executes a containerized application on a computing system.

**Related Capabilities:** Extends

- **Parameter Description**

**Related Capabilities:** Requires

- **Compute Allocation OR Compute Queue**

**Interactions:** Command

- **BuildContainerImage()**

  **Purpose:** Build and store for later use a container image with given **imageName** using the given image and build parameters. If the image is built successfully, will trigger the **ContainerImageAvailable** event.

  **Command Data:**  
  \- **imageName** *(String):* The name to use for the container image.
  \- **imageSpec** *(String):* The build context for the container image (e.g., a local file path or URL).
  \- **imageFile** *(String):* (Optional) The file name relative to the build context that contains the image build commands.
  \- **buildParameters** *(List< KeyVal<String> >):* (Optional) A list of key-value parameters to control build behavior. The parameter names may vary across container environments and may be queried via the **Parameter Description** capability.

- **RemoveContainerImage()**
**Purpose:** Remove a previously built container image with given `imageName`. If the image is successfully removed, will trigger the `ContainerImageRemoval` event.

**Command Data:** `dataName (Data Type) : Data description.`
- `imageName (String) : The name to use for the container image.`

**Interactions:** Request-Reply
- `RunContainer()`
  **Purpose:** Build and run the container application using the given image, build, and run parameters. The image is not stored for later use. The reply should be delayed until a build or run error is encountered, or until the container has been successfully launched.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type) : Data description.`
- `runId (String) : The client’s identifier for the container application’s execution.`
- `imageSpec (String) : The build context for the container image (e.g., a local file path or URL).`
- `imageFile (String) : (Optional) The file name relative to the build context that contains the image build commands.`
- `buildParameters (List< KeyValue<String> >) : (Optional) A list of key-value parameters to control build behavior. The parameter names may vary across container environments and may be queried via the `Parameter Description` capability.`
- `runParameters (List< KeyValue<String> >) : (Optional) A list of key-value parameters to control container execution behavior. The parameter names may vary across container environments and may be queried via the `Parameter Description` capability.`

**Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type) : Data description.`
- `buildErrorMsg (String) : (Optional) An error message describing why the container image could not be built.`
- `runErrorMsg (String) : (Optional) An error message describing why the container application could not be launched.`

- `RunContainerFromImage()`
  **Purpose:** Run the container application using the given `imageName` and run parameters.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type) : Data description.`
- `runId (String) : The client’s identifier for the container application’s execution.`
- `imageName (String) : The name of the container image to use.`
- `runParameters (List< KeyValue<String> >) : (Optional) A list of key-value parameters to control container execution behavior. The parameter names may vary...`
across container environments and may be queried via the Parameter Description capability.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the container application could not be launched.

• GetContainerExecutionStatus()

Purpose: Request the current execution status for the given runId.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- runId (String): The client’s identifier for the container application’s execution.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- execStatus (String): The execution status information for the given runId (e.g., "EXECUTION_IN_PROGRESS", "EXECUTION_COMPLETED", or "EXECUTION_FAILED").
- failureMsg (String): (Optional) When the container execution has failed, an error message describing any available details of the failure.
- errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the requested execution status could not be returned for the given runId.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event

• ContainerExecutionStatusChange

Purpose: Notification of container application execution status changes.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- runId (String): The client’s identifier for the container application’s execution.
- execStatus (String): The execution status information for the given runId (e.g., "EXECUTION_IN_PROGRESS", "EXECUTION_COMPLETED", or "EXECUTION_FAILED").

• ContainerImageAvailable

Purpose: Notification of container image availability.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- imageName (String): The name of the container build image.

• ContainerImageRemoval

Purpose: Notification of container image removal.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- imageName (String): The name of the container build image.
Service: Host Command Execution

Description: Executes an arbitrary host command on a computing system.

Related Capabilities: Requires

- Compute Allocation OR Compute Queue

Interactions: Request-Reply

- RunHostCommand()

  Purpose: Run a host system command with optional environment settings and return the exit code. No command output is captured.

  Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - command (String): The full command to run.

  - runEnvironment (List< KeyVal<String> >): (Optional) A list of key-value environment settings to use during command execution.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - exitCode (Integer): The exit status of the command.

  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the system command could not be run.

- RunHostCommandWithOutputFiles()

  Purpose: Run a host system command with optional environment settings and return the exit code. Command output is captured in the given local file(s).

  Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - command (String): The full command to run.

  - stdoutFile (Filename): The absolute path to a local file that should be used to capture the stdout of the command.

  - stderrFile (Filename): The absolute path to a local file that should be used to capture the stderr of the command. If both stdout and stderr should be combined in one file, then stdoutFile and stderrFile should both refer to the same file.

  - runEnvironment (List< KeyVal<String> >): (Optional) A list of key-value environment settings to use during command execution.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - exitCode (Integer): The exit status of the command.

  - errorMsg (String): (Optional) An error message describing why the system command could not be run.
3.3.4 Cybersecurity and Identity Management

Access Control Services

Access Control Services provide capabilities for control and inspection of access permissions to INTERSECT systems and resources for users with valid identities.

Identity Management Services

Identity Management Services provide capabilities for managing and validating the identities of INTERSECT users. These services include Identity Providers that manage identities in some operational domain, as well as Identity Mapping Services that enable trusted federation of domains with different identity providers.

3.3.5 Data and Information Management

Data and information management services support the storage, movement, and introspection needs of data, metadata, and information produced or consumed within INTERSECT campaign ecosystems.

The microservice capabilities for data management are designed around a flexible, generalized data model as shown in Figure 3-3. A campaign ecosystem produces or consumes data from one or more Data Namespaces, which are uniquely named logical containers for Data Items, Data Collections, and Data Streams. Data Items represent uniquely named pieces of data such as files, objects, or key-value pairs. Data Collections are uniquely named collections of Data Items, and correspond to grouping mechanisms such as directories, object buckets, or table records. Data Streams represent uniquely named streaming data sources that can support multiple stream consumers. The data stream elements are Data Items with names corresponding to the element indices.

![Data Namespaces Diagram]

Figure 3-3. INTERSECT Data Model

The microservice capabilities for information management represent well-established methods such as Entity-Relationship (E-R) models and both relational and non-relational databases. E-R models provide a
flexible representation of arbitrary information about unique entities and their relationships to other entities. Relational databases provide atomic, consistent, idempotent, and durable (ACID) transactions and complex queries over structured relations defined by a schema in one or more tables, and may support advanced data indexing for query performance optimization. Non-relational databases provide non-transactional data updates and queries over unstructured data and information such as objects, columnar data, time-series data, or graphs.

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**Capability: Data Catalog**

**Description:** Provides information on published data products and data streams.

**Related Capabilities:** Requires
- *Entity-Relationship Catalog*

**Interactions:** Command
- PublishDataProduct()
  
  **Purpose:** Publish the availability of a data product (i.e., a data item or data collection). Successful publication will trigger the DataCatalogProductAvailable event and creation of a DataItem or DataItemCollection entity with the given information and a relationship to the new entity with the parent DataNamespace.

  **Command Data:**
  - **dataName** (Data Type): Data description.
  - **productDescription** (String): A user-friendly description of the product.
  - **productId** (UUID): The UUID of the data product.
  - **serviceId** (UUID): The UUID of the Data Storage service hosting the data product.
  - **namespaceName** (String): The name of the data namespace containing the product.
  - **collectionName** (String): (Optional) The name of the data collection for the product.
  - **itemName** (String): (Optional) The name of the data item for the product.
  - **productLabels** (List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the data product.
  - **productProperties** (List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the data product's properties.

- PublishDataStream()
  
  **Purpose:** Publish the availability of a data stream. Successful publication will trigger the DataCatalogStreamAvailable event and creation of a DataStream entity with the given information and a relationship to the new entity with the parent DataNamespace.

  **Command Data:**
  - **dataName** (Data Type): Data description.
– streamDescription (String): A user-friendly description of the data stream.
– streamId (UUID): The UUID of the data product.
– serviceId (UUID): The UUID of the Data Stream service hosting the data stream.
– namespaceName (String): The name of the data namespace containing the stream.
– streamName (String): The name of the data stream.
– streamLabels (List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the data stream.
– streamProperties (List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the data stream's properties.

• RemoveDataProduct()

Purpose: Remove a data product from the catalog. Successful removal will trigger the DataCatalogProductRemoval event.

Command Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
– productId (UUID): The UUID of the data product.

• RemoveDataStream()

Purpose: Remove a data product from the catalog. Successful removal will trigger the DataCatalogStreamRemoval event.

Command Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
– streamId (UUID): The UUID of the data stream.

Interactions: Request-Reply

• CreateDataProductUUID()

Purpose: Create a UUID for a new data product (i.e., a data item or data collection).

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
– productId (UUID): The assigned UUID for the data product.
– errorMsg (String): An error message describing why UUID creation failed.

• CreateDataStreamUUID()

Purpose: Create a UUID for a new data stream.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
– streamId (UUID): The assigned UUID for the data stream.
– errorMsg (String): An error message describing why UUID creation failed.

• GetDataProductInformation()

Purpose: Get the full set of data catalog information for the given productId.
Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- productId (UUID): The UUID of the data product.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- invoiceData (CatalogInvoiceInformation): The catalog information for the data product.
- error (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

- GetDataStreamInformation()

Purpose: Get the full set of data catalog information for the given streamId.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- streamId (UUID): The UUID of the data stream.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- streamInfo (CatalogEntityInformation): The catalog information for the data stream.
- error (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event

- DataCatalogProductAvailable

Purpose: Notification of published data products.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- productId (UUID): The UUID of the data product.
- serviceId (UUID): The UUID of the Data Storage service hosting the data product.
- namespaceName (String): The name of the data namespace containing the product.
- collectionName (String): (Optional) The name of the data collection for the product.
- itemName (String): (Optional) The name of the data item for the product.

- DataCatalogProductRemoval

Purpose: Notification of data product removal.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- productId (UUID): The UUID of the data product.

- DataCatalogStreamAvailable

Purpose: Notification of published data streams.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- **streamId (UUID)**: The UUID of the data stream.
- **serviceId (UUID)**: The UUID of the Data Stream service hosting the data stream.
- **namespaceName (String)**: The name of the data namespace containing the stream.
- **streamName (String)**: The name of the data stream.

**DataCatalogStreamRemoval**

**Purpose:** Notification of data stream removal.

**Event Data:**
- **dataName (Data Type)**: Data description.
- **streamId (UUID)**: The UUID of the data stream.

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**Capability: Data Storage**

**Description:** Provides storage for data items and collections of data items within one or more namespaces as shown in Figure 3-3.

**Custom Data Type: DataCollectionDetails**
- **collectionName (String)**: The name of the data item collection.
- **collectionNamespace (String)**: The name of the namespace that contains the collection.
- **collectionItemCount (Integer)**: The number of data items in the collection.
- **collectionSize (Integer)**: The aggregate size in bytes of all the data items in the collection.
- **collectionCreationTime (TimeStamp)**: Creation timestamp for the collection.
- **collectionProperties (List< KeyVal<String> >)**: (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the collection’s properties.

**Custom Data Type: DataItemDetails**
- **itemName (String)**: The name of the data item.
- **itemNamespace (String)**: The name of the namespace that contains the data item.
- **itemSize (Integer)**: The size in bytes of the data item.
- **itemCreationTime (TimeStamp)**: Timestamp of the data item’s creation.
- **itemUpdateTime (TimeStamp)**: (Optional) Timestamp of the most recent update data item.
- **itemCollection (String)**: (Optional) When part of a collection, the name of the collection that contains the data item.
- **itemProperties (List< KeyVal<String> >)**: (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the data item’s properties.

**Custom Data Type: DataNamespaceDetails**
• namespaceName (String): The name of the data item collection.

• namespaceCollectionCount (Integer): The number of data item collections in the namespace.

• namespaceItemCount (Integer): The total number of data items in the namespace, including all collections.

• namespaceSize (Integer): The aggregate size in bytes of all the data items in the namespace, including all collections.

**Interactions:** Command

• CreateDataCollection()

  **Purpose:** Create a new data item collection in the given namespace. On successful creation, triggers the DataCollectionCreation event.

  **Command Data:**
  - dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - collectionName (String): The name of the data item collection.
  - collectionNamespace (String): The name of the namespace in which to place the collection.
  - collectionProperties (List< KeyVal<String> >): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs to use as the data item’s properties.

• CreateDataItemFromBytes()

  **Purpose:** Create a new data item with provided contents. The item is placed in the given namespace and optional collection. On successful creation, triggers the DataItemCreation event. (NOTE: An implementation may limit the maximum size of a data item that can be created from bytes.)

  **Command Data:**
  - dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - itemName (String): The name of the data item.
  - itemNamespace (String): The name of the namespace in which to place the data item.
  - contentBytes (Bytes): The data item contents.
  - itemCollection (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which to place the data item.
  - itemProperties (List< KeyVal<String> >): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs to use as the data item’s properties.

• CreateDataItemFromLocalFile()

  **Purpose:** Create a new data item associated with an existing local file. The item is placed in the given namespace and optional collection. On successful creation, triggers the DataItemCreation event.
Command Data:  dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- itemName (String): The name of the data item.
- itemNamespace (String): The name of the namespace in which to place the data item.
- localFilePath (Filename): The absolute path of the local file from which to create the data item.
- itemCollection (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which to place the data item.
- itemProperties (List< KeyVal<String> >): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs to use as the data item’s properties.

* CreateDataNamespace()

Purpose: Create a new data namespace. On successful creation, triggers the DataNamespaceCreation event.

Command Data:  dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- namespaceName (String): The name of the data namespace.

* RemoveDataCollection()

Purpose: Remove an existing data item collection from the given namespace. All data items in the collection will also be removed. On successful removal, triggers the DataCollectionRemoval event.

Command Data:  dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- collectionName (String): The name of the data item collection.
- collectionNamespace (String): The name of the collection’s namespace.

* RemoveDataItem()

Purpose: Remove an existing data item from the given namespace and optional collection. Data item removal has no impact on any associated local file. On successful removal, triggers the DataItemRemoval event.

Command Data:  dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- itemName (String): The name of the data item.
- itemNamespace (String): The name of the namespace from which to remove the data item.
- itemCollection (String): (Optional) The name of the collection from which to remove the data item.

* RemoveDataNamespace()
**Purpose:** Remove an existing data namespace. All data items and collections in the namespace will also be removed. On successful removal, triggers the DataNamespaceRemoval event.

**Command Data:**
- `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `namespaceName` (String): The name of the data namespace.

**UpdateDataItem()**

**Purpose:** Update an existing data item. If the data item is associated with a local file and the file has changed. On successful update, triggers the DataItemUpdate event.

**Command Data:**
- `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `itemName` (String): The name of the data item.
  - `itemNamespace` (String): The name of the namespace in which the data item resides.
  - `itemCollection` (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which the data item resides.
  - `itemProperties` (List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs to use to update the data item's properties.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

- **GetDataCollectionDetails()**
  **Purpose:** Get the detailed information for the named data item collection.

  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
    - `collectionName` (String): The name of the collection.
    - `collectionNamespace` (String): The name of the namespace in which the collection resides.

  **Reply Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
    - `collectionDetails` (DataCollectionDetails): The details for the collection.

- **GetDataItemAsBytes()**
  **Purpose:** Get the contents of the named data item as bytes. (NOTE: An implementation may limit the maximum size of a data item that can be fetched as bytes.)

  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
    - `itemName` (String): The name of the data item.
    - `itemNamespace` (String): The name of the namespace in which the data item resides.
    - `itemCollection` (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which the data item resides.
**Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `contentBytes` (Bytes): The data item contents.

- **GetItemAsLocalFile()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the absolute path of a local file that can be used to retrieve the data item contents.
  
  **Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `itemName` (String): The name of the data item.
  
  - `itemNamespace` (String): The name of the namespace in which the data item resides.
  
  - `itemCollection` (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which the data item resides.
  
  **Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `localFilePath` (Filename): The absolute path to a local file.
  
  - `isTempFile` (Boolean): Flag indicating whether the returned path is for a temporary file that should be deleted by the client when it is done using the file.

- **GetItemDetails()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the detailed information for the named data item.
  
  **Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `itemName` (String): The name of the data item.
  
  - `itemNamespace` (String): The name of the namespace in which the data item resides.
  
  - `itemCollection` (String): (Optional) The name of the collection in which the data item resides.
  
  **Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `itemDetails` (DataItemDetails): The details for the data item.

- **GetNamespaceDetails()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the detailed information for the given namespace.
  
  **Request Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `namespaceName` (String): The name of the namespace.
  
  **Reply Data:** `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - `namespaceDetails` (DataNamespaceDetails): The details for the namespace.

- **ListDataCollections()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get a list of the data item collections that reside in the given namespace.
Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - namespaceName (String): The name of the namespace to query for collections.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - collectionNames (List<String>): The list of collection names.

• ListDataItems()
Purpose: Get a list of the data items that reside in the given namespace and optional collection.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - itemNamespace (String): The name of the namespace to query for data items.
   - itemCollection (String): (Optional) The name of the collection to query for data items.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - itemNames (List<String>): The list of data item names.

• ListDataNamespaces()
Purpose: Get a list of the available namespaces.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - namespaceNames (List<String>): The list of namespaces.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event

• DataCollectionCreation
Purpose: Notification of data item collection creations.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - collectionDetails (DataCollectionDetails): The details for the collection.

• DataCollectionRemoval
Purpose: Notification of data item collection removals.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - collectionDetails (DataCollectionDetails): The details for the collection.

• DataItemCreation
Purpose: Notification of data item creations.

Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
   - itemDetails (DataItemDetails): The details for the data item.

• DataItemRemoval
Purpose: Notification of data item removals.
**Event Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - itemDetails (DataItemDetails): The details for the data item.

- **DataItemUpdate**
  **Purpose:** Notification of data item updates.
  **Event Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - itemDetails (DataItemDetails): The details for the data item.

- **DataNamespaceCreation**
  **Purpose:** Notification of data namespace creations.
  **Event Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - namespaceDetails (DataNamespaceDetails): The details for the namespace.

- **DataNamespaceRemoval**
  **Purpose:** Notification of data item collection removals.
  **Event Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  - namespaceDetails (DataNamespaceDetails): The details for the namespace.

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**Capability: Entity-Relationship Catalog**

**Description:** Provides a generic E-R information catalog that maintains names, descriptions, properties, and labels for uniquely identified entities and tracks named relationships between entities.

**Custom Data Type:** CatalogEntityInformation

- **entityName** (String): The name of the entity.
- **entityType** (String): The type name of the entity.
- **entityDescription** (String): The description of the entity.
- **entityProperties** (List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the entity's properties.
- **entityLabels** (List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the entity.

**Custom Data Type:** CatalogEntityRelationship

- **relationName** (String): The name of the relation.
- **sourceId** (UUID): The unique id for the source entity.
- **targetId** (UUID): The unique id for the target entity.

**Interactions:** Command

- CreateEntity()
Purpose: Create a new entity with the given id and information (i.e., name, type, description, properties, and labels). On successful creation, triggers the CatalogEntityCreation event.

Command Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   – entityId (UUID) : The unique id for the entity.
   – entityInfo (CatalogEntityInformation) : The entity information.

• RemoveEntity()

Purpose: Remove the entity with given entityId. Also removes any relationships associated with the removed entity. On successful removal, triggers the CatalogEntityRemoval event.

Command Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   – entityId (UUID) : The unique id of the entity to remove.

• CreateRelation()

Purpose: Create a new named relation between the given source and target entities. On successful creation, triggers the CatalogRelationCreation event.

Command Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   – relation (CatalogEntityRelationship) : The relation to add, which identifies the relation name and the source and target entity ids.

• RemoveRelation()

Purpose: Remove the relationship(s) having the given name. If both the sourceId and targetId are provided, removes only the relationship between those entities. If only the sourceId is provided, removes all relationships with the given name that are sourced at that entity. If only the targetId is provided, removes all relationships with the given name that are targeted at that entity. Also removes any relationships associated with the removed entity. On successful removal, triggers the CatalogRelationRemoval event.

Command Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   – relationName (String) : The name of the relation to remove.
   – sourceId (UUID) : The unique id of the relation’s source entity, or the ALL_UUID value to represent all sources.
   – targetId (UUID) : The unique id of the relation’s target entity, or the ALL_UUID value to represent all targets.

Interactions: Request-Reply

• GetEntityInformation()

Purpose: Get the information of the entity with given entityId.

Request Data:  
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- entityId (UUID): The unique id for the entity.

**Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- entityInfo (CatalogEntityInformation): The entity information.

- **GetEntityRelationships()**

  **Purpose:** Get the source and target relationships of the entity with given entityId. Optionally, return only the relations with the given relationName.

  **Request Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - entityId (UUID): The unique id for the entity.

  - relationName (String): (Optional) The name of a specific relation for which to return results.

  **Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - relationshipList (List<CatalogEntityRelationship>): The list of entity relationships.

- **GetEntitySourceRelationships()**

  **Purpose:** Get the relationships that are sourced from the entity with given entityId. Optionally, return only the relations with the given relationName.

  **Request Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - entityId (UUID): The unique id for the entity.

  - relationName (String): (Optional) The name of a specific relation for which to return results.

  **Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - relationshipList (List<CatalogEntityRelationship>): The list of entity source relationships.

- **GetEntityTargetRelationships()**

  **Purpose:** Get the relationships that target the entity with given entityId. Optionally, return only the relations with the given relationName.

  **Request Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - entityId (UUID): The unique id for the entity.

  - relationName (String): (Optional) The name of a specific relation for which to return results.

  **Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.

  - relationshipList (List<CatalogEntityRelationship>): The list of entity target relationships.
- **GetSourceEntitiesByRelation()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the entities that are sources for relationships with the given `relationName`.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `relationName` (String): The name of a specific relation for which to return results.
  
  **Reply Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `sourceIds` (List<UUID>): The list of source entities.

- **GetTargetEntitiesByRelation()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the entities that are targets for relationships with the given `relationName`.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `relationName` (String): The name of a specific relation for which to return results.
  
  **Reply Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `targetIds` (List<UUID>): The list of target entities.

- **GetEntitiesByType()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the entities with the given `entityType`.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `entityType` (String): The type name of the requested entities.
  
  **Reply Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `entityIds` (List<UUID>): The list of entities of the requested type.

- **GetEntitiesByLabel()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the entities whose labels include the given `labelName`.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `labelName` (String): The name of the label.
  
  **Reply Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `entityIds` (List<UUID>): The list of entities with the requested label.

- **GetEntitiesByProperty()**
  
  **Purpose:** Get the entities whose properties include the given `propertyName`. Optionally, only return entities whose property value matches the `valueExpression`.
  
  **Request Data:**
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `propertyName` (String): The name of the property.
  - `valueExpression` (String): (Optional) An expression to evaluate against the property value.
Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  – entityIds (List<UUID>): The list of entities with the requested property.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event

- CatalogEntityCreation
  
  Purpose: Notification of catalog entity creations.
  
  Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  – entityId (UUID): The unique id of the created entity.
  – entityName (String): The name of the created entity.
  – entityType (String): The type name of the created entity.

- CatalogRelationCreation
  
  Purpose: Notification of catalog relationship creations.
  
  Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  – relation (CatalogEntityRelationship): The relation that was created.

- CatalogEntityRemoval
  
  Purpose: Notification of catalog entity removals.
  
  Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  – entityId (UUID): The unique id of the removed entity.
  – entityName (String): The name of the removed entity.
  – entityType (String): The type name of the removed entity.

- CatalogRelationRemoval
  
  Purpose: Notification of catalog relationship removals.
  
  Event Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  – relationName (String): The name of the removed relation.
  – sourceId (UUID): The unique id of the relation’s source entity, or the ALL_UUID value to represent all sources.
  – targetId (UUID): The unique id of the relation’s target entity, or the ALL_UUID value to represent all targets.
3.3.6 Human-Computer and Human-Machine Interfaces

Command Interface Services

Command Interface Services provide interactive command-line interface (CLI) capabilities for control, monitoring, and inspection of INTERSECT systems and services.

Graphical Interface Services

Graphical Interface Services provide interactive graphical user interface (GUI) capabilities for using graphical applications on local or remote INTERSECT systems.

Web Interface Services

Web Interface Services provide common functionality that can be used to construct user interfaces and portals that may be accessed via a web browser.

3.3.7 System Management

As shown in Figure 3-4, a System within INTERSECT consists of one or more Services and a collection of associated Resources. Each service provides utility in the form of a set of microservice capabilities. All INTERSECT activities involving system resources are facilitated through service interactions. A given resource may be exclusive to a system or shared amongst systems. An Exclusive Resource is one that is only accessed by the parent system’s services. A Shared Resource may be accessed by services from other systems.

A system may also include Subsystems, which are self-contained systems that are used by the parent system. Subsystems typically exist to maintain operational independence over a group of services that provide access and control of one or more system resources.

System management services broadly represent the ability to control and inspect systems, subsystems, and resources. Examples of systems include, but are not limited to:

- computing systems (e.g., cloud, edge, or HPC systems)
- data and information systems (e.g., file systems, databases, and data catalogs)
- industrial control systems (e.g., programmable logic controllers and robotics)
- scientific instruments (e.g., electron microscopes and neutron detectors)

**Figure 3-5. INTERSECT System Entity-Relation Model**

**Capability: System Information Catalog**

**Description:** Provides subsystem, service, and resource information for a single parent system. Maintains system relationships as shown in Figure 3-5.

**Related Capabilities:** Requires
- *Entity-Relationship Catalog*
**Interactions:** Command

- **CreateSystemResource()**
  
  **Purpose:** Creates a new resource of the parent system. Successful creation will result in the creation of a `SystemResource` entity with the given information and a relationship to the new entity with the parent system.
  
  **Command Data:**
  
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `resourceDescription`(String): A user-friendly description of the resource.
  - `resourceId`(UUID): The UUID of the resource.
  - `resourceName`(String): A user-friendly name for the resource.
  - `resourceLabels`(List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the resource.
  - `resourceProperties`(List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the resource’s properties.

- **CreateSystemService()**
  
  **Purpose:** Creates a new service of the parent system or an existing subsystem. Successful creation will result in the creation of a `SystemService` entity with the given information and relationships to the new entity with the parent system or subsystem, provided capabilities, and any associated resources.
  
  **Command Data:**
  
  - `dataName` (Data Type): Data description.
  - `serviceDescription`(String): A user-friendly description of the service.
  - `serviceId`(UUID): The UUID of the service.
  - `serviceName`(String): A user-friendly name for the service.
  - `serviceCapabilities`(List<String>): A list of names for the microservice capabilities provided by the service.
  - `subsystemId`(UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the subsystem in which this service exists.
  - `serviceLabels`(List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the service.
  - `serviceProperties`(List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the service’s properties.
  - `serviceResources`(List<UUID>): (Optional) A list of system resources used by the service.

- **CreateSubsystem()**
  
  **Purpose:** Creates a new subsystem of the parent system. Successful creation will result in the creation of a `System` entity with the given information and relationships to the new entity with the parent system and any associated resources.
Command Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.

- subsystemDescription (String): A user-friendly description of the subsystem.
- subsystemId (UUID): The UUID of the subsystem.
- subsystemName (String): The name of the subsystem.
- subsystemLabels (List<String>): (Optional) A list of String labels for the entity.
- subsystemProperties (List<KeyVal<String>>): (Optional) A list of key-value String pairs for the entity’s properties.
- subsystemResources (List<UUID>): (Optional) A list of system resources associated with the subsystem.

Interactions: Request-Reply

- GetSubsystemInformation()
  
  Purpose: Get the full set of system catalog information for the given subsystemId or subsystemName.

  Request Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - subsystemId (UUID): The UUID of the subsystem.
  - subsystemName (String): The name of the subsystem.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - subsystemInfo (CatalogEntityInformation): The catalog information for the subsystem.
  - errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

- GetSubsystemIds()
  
  Purpose: Get a list of subsystem UUIDs for the parent system.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - subsystemIds (List<UUID>): The list of subsystem UUIDs.
  - errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

- GetSubsystemNames()
  
  Purpose: Get a list of subsystem names for the parent system.

  Reply Data: dataName (Data Type): Data description.
  
  - subsystemNames (List<String>): The list of subsystem names.
  - errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

- GetSystemResourceInformation()
Purpose: Get the full set of system catalog information for the given resourceId or resourceName.

Request Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - resourceId (UUID) : The UUID of the resource.
   - resourceName (String) : The name of the resource.

Reply Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - resourceInfo (CatalogEntityInformation) : The catalog information for the resource.
   - errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the lookup failed.

• GetSystemResourceIds()

Purpose: Get a list of resource UUIDs for the parent system or given subsystemName.

Request Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - subsystemName (String) : (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

Reply Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - resourceIds (List<UUID>) : The list of system resource UUIDs.
   - errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the lookup failed.

• GetSystemResourceNames()

Purpose: Get a list of resource names for the parent system or given subsystemName.

Request Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - subsystemName (String) : (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

Reply Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - resourceNames (List<String>) : The list of system resource names.
   - errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the lookup failed.

• GetSystemServiceInformation()

Purpose: Get the full set of system catalog information for the given serviceId or serviceName.

Request Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - serviceId (UUID) : The UUID of the service.
   - serviceName (String) : The name of the service.

Reply Data: 
dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
   - resourceInfo (CatalogEntityInformation) : The catalog information for the service.
- `errorMsg (String)`: An error message describing why the lookup failed.

**GetSystemServiceIds()**

**Purpose:** Get a list of service UUIDs for the parent system or the given `subsystemName`.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `subsystemName (String)`: (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

**Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `serviceIds (List<UUID>)`: The list of system service UUIDs.
- `errorMsg (String)`: An error message describing why the lookup failed.

**GetSystemServiceNames()**

**Purpose:** Get a list of service names for the parent system or the given `subsystemName`.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `subsystemName (String)`: (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

**Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `serviceNames (List<String>)`: The list of system service names.
- `errorMsg (String)`: An error message describing why the lookup failed.

**GetSystemServicesByCapability()**

**Purpose:** Get a list of UUIDs for services in the parent system or given `subsystemName` that provide the microservice capability with given `capabilityName`.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `capabilityName (String)`: The name of the desired capability.
- `subsystemName (String)`: (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

**Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `serviceIds (List<UUID>)`: The list of matching system service UUIDs.
- `errorMsg (String)`: An error message describing why the lookup failed.

**GetSystemServicesByResource()**

**Purpose:** Get a list of UUIDs for services in the parent system or given `subsystemName` that use the resource with given `resourceName`.

**Request Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- `resourceName (String)`: The name of the resource.
- `subsystemName (String)`: (Optional) The name of the subsystem.

**Reply Data:** `dataName (Data Type)`: Data description.
- serviceIds (List<UUID>): The list of matching system service UUIDs.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the lookup failed.

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**Capability: System Manager**

**Description:** Provides interfaces for aggregate control and status of all subsystems and services for a single parent system. Uses the *Availability Status* capability of each system service.

**Related Capabilities:** Requires

- *System Information Catalog*
- *Availability Status*

**Interactions:** Command

- **EnableResource()**
  
  **Purpose:** Enable all subsystems and services in the parent system associated with the resource given by resourceId or resourceName.

  **Command Data:**

  - **dataName** (Data Type): Data description.
    - **resourceId** (UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the resource.
    - **resourceName** (String): (Optional) The name of the resource.
    - **statusNote** (String): (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the associated subsystems and services.

- **DisableResource()**

  **Purpose:** Disable all subsystems and services in the parent system associated with the resource given by resourceId or resourceName.

  **Command Data:**

  - **dataName** (Data Type): Data description.
    - **subsystemId** (UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the resource.
    - **resourceName** (String): (Optional) The name of the resource.
    - **statusNote** (String): (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the associated subsystems and services.

- **EnableSubsystem()**

  **Purpose:** Enable all services in the subsystem given by subsystemId or subsystemName.

  **Command Data:**

  - **dataName** (Data Type): Data description.
    - **subsystemId** (UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the subsystem.
    - **subsystemName** (String): (Optional) The name of the subsystem.
• statusNote (String) : (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the subsystem services.

• DisableSubsystem()

**Purpose:** Disable all services in the subsystem given by subsystemId or subsystemName.

**Command Data:**
- **dataName** (Data Type) : Data description.
  - subsystemId (UUID) : (Optional) The UUID of the subsystem.
  - subsystemName (String) : (Optional) The name of the subsystem.
  - statusNote (String) : (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the subsystem services.

• EnableSystem()

**Purpose:** Enable all subsystems and services in the parent system.

**Command Data:**
- **dataName** (Data Type) : Data description.
  - statusNote (String) : (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the subsystem services.

• DisableSystem()

**Purpose:** Disable all subsystems and services in the parent system.

**Command Data:**
- **dataName** (Data Type) : Data description.
  - statusNote (String) : (Optional) An optional short description to use when updating the status of the subsystem services.

**Interactions:** Request-Reply

• GetSystemStatus()

**Purpose:** Gather and aggregate the status of all services and subsystems in the parent system.

**Reply Data:**
- **dataName** (Data Type) : Data description.
  - systemStatus (String) : The aggregate status of the subsystem.
  - errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the aggregate status could not be determined.

• GetSubsystemStatus()

**Purpose:** Gather and aggregate the status of all services in the subsystem with given subsystemId or subsystemName.

**Request Data:**
- **dataName** (Data Type) : Data description.
  - subsystemId (UUID) : (Optional) The UUID of the subsystem.
  - subsystemName (String) : (Optional) The name of the subsystem.
Reply Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- subsystemStatus (String) : The aggregate status of the subsystem.
- errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the aggregate status could not be determined.

Interactions: Asynchronous Event
  - SystemStatusChange
    Purpose: Notification of changes to system availability status.
    Event Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
    - systemId (UUID) : The UUID of the system.
    - subsystemId (UUID) : (Optional) The UUID of the subsystem.
    - resourceId (UUID) : (Optional) The UUID of the resource.
    - status (String) : The new status (e.g., "RESOURCE_ENABLED", "RESOURCE_DISABLED", "SUBSYSTEM_ENABLED", "SUBSYSTEM_DISABLED", "SYSTEM_ENABLED", or "SYSTEM_DISABLED").

Capability: Systems Registrar

Description: Provides system, subsystem, service, and resource registration and name-based lookup of assigned UUIDs.

Related Capabilities: Requires
  - UUID Generation

Interactions: Request-Reply
  - RegisterSystem()
    Purpose: Register a new system with given systemName, organizationName, and optional facilityName. Successful registration will trigger generation of the SystemRegistration event.
    Request Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
    - systemName (String) : The name of the system.
    - organizationName (String) : The name of the organization that owns the system.
    - facilityName (String) : (Optional) The name of the user facility or sub-organization that manages operation of the system.
    - systemSecret (Bytes) : (Optional) A system secret for use in verifying registrations of system components.
- requestedId (UUID): (Optional) The requested UUID for the system.

**Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- systemId (UUID): The assigned UUID for the system, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the registration failed.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the system could not be successfully registered.

- GetSystemUUID()

**Purpose:** Get the assigned UUID for the given systemName, organizationName, and optional facilityName.

**Request Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- systemName (String): The name of the system.
- organizationName (String): The name of the organization that owns the system.
- facilityName (String): (Optional) The name of the user facility or sub-organization that manages operation of the system.

**Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- systemId (UUID): The assigned UUID for the system, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the lookup failed.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the system lookup failed.

- RegisterSubsystem()

**Purpose:** Register a new subsystem of the given parent system. Successful registration will trigger generation of the SubsystemRegistration event.

**Request Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- subsystemName (String): The name of the subsystem.
- systemId (UUID): The UUID of the parent system.
- systemSecret (Bytes): (Optional) Secret key for the system for use in verifying registrations of system components.
- requestedId (UUID): (Optional) The requested UUID for the subsystem.

**Reply Data:** dataName (Data Type): Data description.
- subsystemId (UUID): The assigned UUID for the subsystem, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the registration failed.
- errorMsg (String): An error message describing why the subsystem could not be successfully registered.

- GetSubsystemUUID()
Purpose: Get the assigned UUID for the given subsystemName.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- systemId (UUID) : The UUID of the parent system.
- subsystemName (String) : The name of the subsystem.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- subsystemId (UUID) : The assigned UUID for the subsystem, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the lookup failed.
- errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the subsystem lookup failed.

RegisterSystemResource()

Purpose: Register a new resource within the given parent system. Successful registration will trigger generation of the SystemResourceRegistration event.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- resourceName (String) : The name of the system resource.
- systemId (UUID) : The UUID of the parent system.
- systemSecret (Bytes) : (Optional) Secret key for the system for use in verifying registrations of system components.
- requestedId (UUID) : (Optional) The requested UUID for the resource.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- resourceId (UUID) : The assigned UUID for the system resource, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the registration failed.
- errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the system resource could not be successfully registered.

GetSystemResourceUUID()

Purpose: Get the assigned UUID for the given resourceName.

Request Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- systemId (UUID) : The UUID of the parent system.
- resourceName (String) : The name of the system resource.

Reply Data: dataName (Data Type) : Data description.
- resourceId (UUID) : The assigned UUID for the system resource, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the lookup failed.
- errorMsg (String) : An error message describing why the system resource lookup failed.

RegisterSystemService()
**Purpose:** Register a new service within the given parent system, with optional association to a given subsystem. Successful registration will trigger generation of the SystemServiceRegistration event.

**Request Data:**
- **serviceName** (String): The name of the system service (e.g., `<hostname>.<pid>`).
- **systemId** (UUID): The UUID of the parent system.
- **subsystemId** (UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the associated subsystem.
- **systemSecret** (Bytes): (Optional) Secret key for the system for use in verifying registrations of system components.
- **requestedId** (UUID): (Optional) The requested UUID for the service.

**Reply Data:**
- **serviceId** (UUID): The assigned UUID for the system service, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the registration failed.
- **errorMsg** (String): An error message describing why the system service could not be successfully registered.

- **GetSystemServiceUUID()**

**Purpose:** Get the assigned UUID for the given serviceName.

**Request Data:**
- **systemId** (UUID): The UUID of the parent system.
- **subsystemId** (UUID): (Optional) The UUID of the associated subsystem.
- **serviceName** (String): The name of the system service.

**Reply Data:**
- **serviceId** (UUID): The assigned UUID for the system service, or an INVALID_UUID value (e.g., all zeroes) if the lookup failed.
- **errorMsg** (String): An error message describing why the system service lookup failed.

**Interactions:** Asynchronous Event

- **SystemRegistration**

**Purpose:** Notification of new system registrations.

**Event Data:**
- **systemId** (UUID): The assigned UUID for the system.
- **systemName** (String): The name of the system.
- **organizationName** (String): The name of the organization that owns the system.
- `facilityName (String)` : (Optional) The name of the user facility or sub-organization that manages operation of the system.

- **SubsystemRegistration**
  
  **Purpose:** Notification of new subsystem registrations.
  
  **Event Data:** `dataName (Data Type)` : Data description.
  
  - `systemId (UUID)` : The parent system UUID.
  
  - `subsystemId (String)` : The assigned UUID of the subsystem.
  
  - `subsystemName (String)` : The name of the subsystem.

- **SystemResourceRegistration**
  
  **Purpose:** Notification of new system resource registrations.
  
  **Event Data:** `dataName (Data Type)` : Data description.
  
  - `systemId (UUID)` : The parent system UUID.
  
  - `resourceId (UUID)` : The assigned system resource UUID.
  
  - `resourceName (String)` : The name of the system resource.

- **SystemServiceRegistration**
  
  **Purpose:** Notification of new system service registrations.
  
  **Event Data:** `dataName (Data Type)` : Data description.
  
  - `systemId (UUID)` : The parent system UUID.
  
  - `subsystemId (UUID)` : The subsystem UUID, or a `INVALID_UUID` value (e.g., all zeroes) if the service is not associated to a subsystem.
  
  - `serviceId (UUID)` : The assigned system service UUID.
  
  - `serviceName (String)` : The name of the system service.

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### 3.4 EXPERIMENT-SPECIFIC MICROSERVICES

#### 3.4.1 Experiment Control Microservices

#### 3.4.2 Experiment Data Microservices

#### 3.4.3 Experiment Design Microservices

#### 3.4.4 Experiment Planning Microservices

#### 3.4.5 Experiment Steering Microservices

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4 CATALOG OF INTERSECT MICROSERVICES

4.1 INTERSECT INFRASTRUCTURE MICROSERVICES

4.1.1 Communication and Messaging Microservices

4.1.2 Computing Microservices

Batch Computing Services

Services that provide adapters to batch job systems to schedule, run, and monitor jobs across one or more
batch computing queues.

Base Capabilities: Compute Queue

Optional Capabilities: Compute Queue Reservation

Related Technologies: IBM Spectrum Load Sharing Facility (LSF), Portable Batch System (PBS),
Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management (SLURM)

On-demand Computing Services

Services that provide adapters to computing systems to immediately run and monitor various types of
applications.

Base Capabilities: Compute Allocation

Optional Capabilities: Application Execution, Container Execution, Host Command Execution

Related Technologies: Edge DGX, ORNL Compute and Data Environment for Science (CADES) Cloud,
CADES Scalable HPC

4.1.3 Cybersecurity Microservices

4.1.4 Data and Information Management Microservices

Data Storage Services

Services that store and retrieve data items or data collections in one or more data namespaces. The services
may optionally provide data compression for efficient use of storage space, data-at-rest encryption for
secure storage, and data versioning.

Base Capabilities: Data Storage

Optional Capabilities: Data Compression, Data Encryption, Data Versioning

Related Technologies: File Storage, Key-value Storage, Object Storage

• File Storage

Summary: Services that store and retrieve files in a hierarchical file system namespace.
Examples: Archival storage systems (HPSS), local file systems, cloud file sharing (DropBox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive), distributed or parallel file systems (GPFS, Lustre, NFS)

- Key-value Storage

Summary: Services that store and retrieve key-value pairs in a flat namespace. Typically provides volatile storage, but may offer persistence capabilities. Keys are often strings, but may be arbitrary data blobs. Values may be arbitrary data blobs or have service-specific structure.

Examples: Memcached, Redis

- Object Storage

Summary: Services that store and retrieve named objects or object collections in a flat namespace.

Examples: Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage, Microsoft Azure Blob Storage, MinIO

Database and Information Services

Services that store, retrieve, and support queries over data and associated metadata with potentially complex relationships. The services may optionally provide data indexing or compute-in-data features to optimize query performance.

Base Capabilities: Data Catalog, Entity-Relationship Catalog, SQL Database

Optional Capabilities: Data Indexing

Related Technologies: Relational Database, Non-relational Database

- Relational Database

Summary: Services that provide full relational database capabilities (i.e., schema-based record storage, indexing, and queries).

Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite

- Non-relational Database

Summary: Services that provide non-relational database capabilities (i.e., non-schema-based record storage and queries).

Examples: Document Stores (MongoDB), Columnar Stores (Amazon DynamoDB, Apache Cassandra, Google BigTable), and graph databases (Neo4J, Amazon Neptune)

Data Transfer Services

Services that facilitate the transfer of data products or data streams from producers to consumers.

Base Capabilities: Data Transfer, Data Stream

Optional Capabilities: Data Compression, Data Encryption

Related Technologies: File Transfer Protocols, Streaming Data Transfer
• File Transfer Protocols

  **Summary:** Network protocols designed to transfer files from one file storage service to another file storage service. May support individual transfers containing multiple files or entire directory hierarchies. May support file data compression or encryption.

  **Examples:** GridFTP, FTP, HTTP, SCP

• Streaming Data Transfer

  **Summary:** Services, middleware, or protocols that provide streaming data transfers from one source service to another destination service. May support data streams that are block-based, object- or structure-based, or file-based. May support concurrent transfers of multiple data streams between a given source and destination. May support data stream compression or encryption.

  **Examples:** ADIOS2, cloud data streaming (Amazon Kinesis, Apache Kafka)

4.1.5 Human-Computer Interface Microservices

4.1.6 System Management Microservices

4.2 EXPERIMENT-SPECIFIC MICROSERVICES

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5 ORCHESTRATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF INTERSECT MICROSERVICES

This section introduces microservices architecture design patterns for orchestration and deployment.

5.1 MICROSERVICE ORCHESTRATION DESIGN PATTERNS

Orchestration design patterns are concerned with how microservices work together to accomplish the goals of a specific application use case.

5.1.1 Asynchronous Messaging vs. RESTful Services

As previously introduced in Section 2.1, there are two common communication architectures used for microservices: client-server and asynchronous messaging. Here we describe the relative merits of each communication architecture, followed by example approaches for implementing the common interaction patterns introduced in Section 3.1 using each architecture.

The predominant approach to client-server communication architecture involves RESTful microservices that provide a synchronous request-response model based on representational state transfer over HTTP. Such a 1:1 pattern is suitable for many forms of requests, including control commands and simple information queries. However, the use of synchronous request-response is not advisable for 1:N interactions where one request is sent to many services, due to the serialization of the requests at the client and the resulting impact to completion latency. Furthermore, the use of RESTful services for use cases involving many microservices often leads to tight coupling that reduces reuse and service independence.

Asynchronous messaging supports both 1:1 and 1:N communication patterns using a message broker that delivers messages associated with a specific topic to any interested parties. When the messages represent events, this communication architecture is often referred to as an event-based architecture. Additional benefits of asynchronous messaging include the ability to independently scale clients and servers, support for concurrent providers of the same service, support for transient services, and simplified communication context management due to the use of a central message broker.

Figure 5-1 shows a typical implementation strategy for the Command Interaction Pattern using both client-server communication and asynchronous messaging. With client-server communication, sending the Command message involves use of an HTTP POST operation, and the message receipt status acknowledgement maps directly to the HTTP response status. With asynchronous messaging, it is assumed the target microservice has previously subscribed to the topic used for receiving commands, and the client uses a PUBLISH operation to issue the Command. The receipt status acknowledgement would typically come from a message broker to indicate whether the Command has been successfully queued for later delivery, rather than from the target microservice.

Figure 5-2 shows a typical implementation strategy for the Request-Reply Interaction Pattern using both client-server communication and asynchronous messaging. With client-server communication, sending the Request message takes the form of an HTTP GET operation, and the Reply uses the message body of the HTTP response to return the requested information. With asynchronous messaging, it is assumed the target microservice has previously subscribed to the topic used for receiving requests, and the client uses a PUBLISH operation to that topic to issue the Request. The Reply in asynchronous messaging corresponds to a PUBLISH operation performed by the microservice. The topic used for the reply is often
included within the Request message contents, or is otherwise made known to the microservice prior to the Request.

As shown in Figure 5-3, the Asynchronous Event Interaction Pattern is easily implemented using a PUBLISH operation with asynchronous messaging, where interested clients are assumed to have subscribed to the topic to which the Event is sent. With client-server communication, however, this pattern is more difficult to support and requires clients to first use a HTTP POST message to register their interest in events with the microservice. Then, when the microservice needs to send an Event, it iterates to send an HTTP POST message to all interested clients.

### 5.1.2 Conductor vs. Choreography

Some application use cases involve a sequence of dependent requests to several microservices. The dependencies may be a simple linear sequence where the response from one request is used to make the next request, or more complex such as when multiple responses are combined to form a subsequent request, or when some subset of the requests are actually independent and can be issued concurrently.

Rather than encode the (potentially complex) logic to manage these dependent requests in the client, a common pattern is to offload this logic to another service which provides a simple request-response API to the client. This pattern is known as the Conductor (or Orchestrator) pattern, as the service manages the complexity of many microservices similar to an orchestra conductor managing the performance of many instrumental sections. For RESTful microservices, the Conductor pattern is appropriate for managing
dependent requests. However, in asynchronous messaging architectures the Conductor pattern introduces unnecessary synchronization and latency as responses must be delivered to the conductor, who must then trigger any dependent requests.

For asynchronous messaging, the Choreography pattern is an alternative that translates request dependencies into asynchronous events. Any dependent requests can commence upon receipt of the completion event message for the prior request. The benefits of Choreography for completion latency should be weighed against the need for additional coupling between microservices.

5.2 MICROSERVICE DEPLOYMENT DESIGN PATTERNS

Deployment design patterns focus on approaches that avoid common problems encountered during software development, operations, and maintenance of microservices.

Software development design patterns for microservices architecture exist to aid in decomposition and composition. For decomposition, the patterns are useful for understanding how to properly abstract functionality that is common to many microservices, such as the need for logging and monitoring, while
still retaining the benefits of service independence and reuse. Composition patterns are useful for addressing problems related to how microservices coordinate within an application use case that involves many services.

5.2.1 Sidecar Pattern

**Pattern Name:** Sidecar

**Pattern Type(s):** Software Development, Service Deployment

**Problem:** Microservices often require common functionality (e.g., configuration management, logging, and monitoring). Developing such functionality within each microservice increases effort, leads to code duplication, and makes both software maintenance and operational deployment more difficult.

**Solution:** A sidecar service provides common functionality that is independently developed and maintained. The sidecar service is paired with another service known as the primary service. The primary service uses the API of the sidecar to access its capabilities. The sidecar has the same lifecycle as its primary service (i.e., the sidecar is created and destroyed with the primary service).

**Related Patterns:** Ambassador Proxy Pattern, Service Mesh Pattern

5.2.2 Ambassador Proxy Pattern

**Pattern Name:** Ambassador Proxy
**Pattern Type(s):** Software Development, Service Deployment

**Problem:** Management of communication contexts for remote microservices can be challenging to implement on a per-service basis. Common challenges include service discovery, management of secure communication channels, routing of requests, and communication resiliency.

**Solution:** An ambassador proxy service encapsulates common features for managing remote connections and requests. The ambassador service is a type of sidecar service that manages remote communication contexts (e.g., service discovery and establishing secure communications) for its primary service. The ambassador service may provide request routing (i.e., selecting a destination service for the request) or communication resilience mechanisms (e.g., timeout and retry).

**Related Patterns:** Sidecar Pattern, Service Mesh Pattern

### 5.2.3 Service Mesh Pattern

**Pattern Name:** Service Mesh

**Pattern Type(s):** Software Development, Service Deployment, Service Operations

**Problem:** Distributed applications constructed from many microservices can be difficult to configure and operate.

**Solution:** A service mesh is an integrated platform that uses the sidecar and ambassador proxy patterns to ease management, improve observability, and decouple core application logic from common microservice functionality for service discovery and communication, logging, request tracing, monitoring, and security. In a service mesh, each service has an associated proxy sidecar through which all communication happens. The proxy manages and captures telemetry for all communication to or from its primary service. Because every service uses a proxy, full observability and tracing of requests is possible.

**Related Patterns:** Ambassador Proxy Pattern, Sidecar Pattern
Figure 5-5. Ambassador Proxy Pattern
Figure 5-6. Service Mesh Pattern
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