

Enabling Information Sharing thru Common Services

AIXM - Status and Evolution

Presented To: Information Structures Theme

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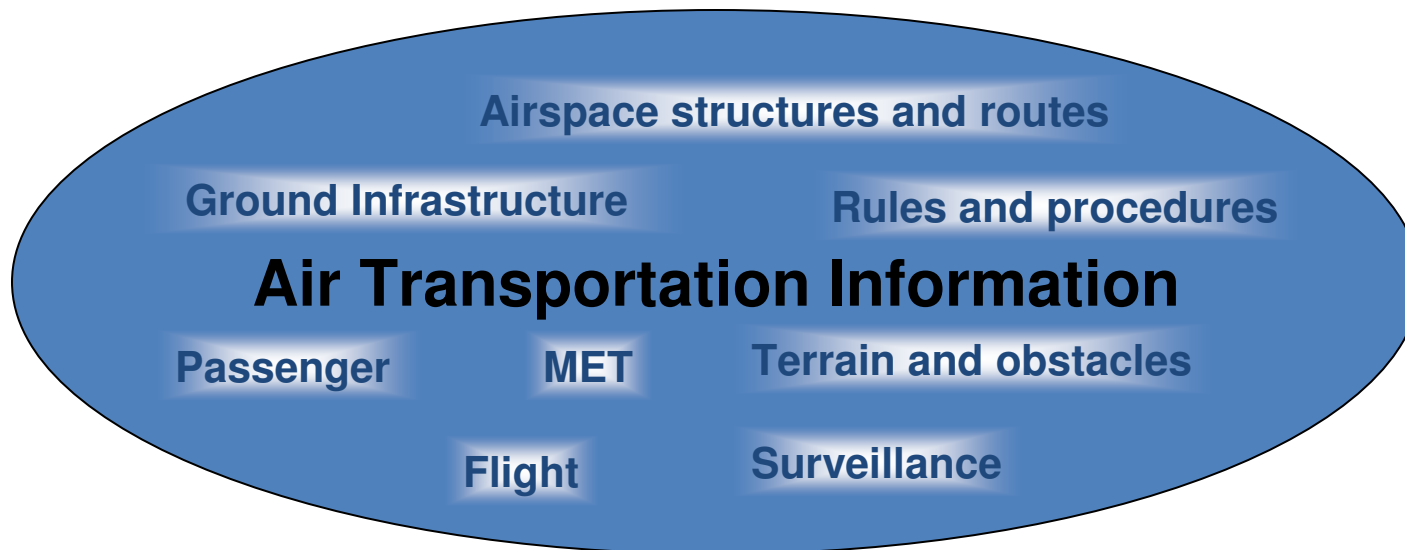
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Introduction

- *“Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier”*



The structure of the information is captured in models



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- Aeronautical Information
 - ground infrastructure (airports, nav aids)
 - airspace structure and routes
 - rules and procedures
 - obstacles
- Exchange
 - Database to database (initial)
 - European AIS Database (EAD)
 - Database to client application (more recent)
- Model
 - Conceptual / logical information model
 - Classes (hierarchies), attributes, associations, data types, constraints



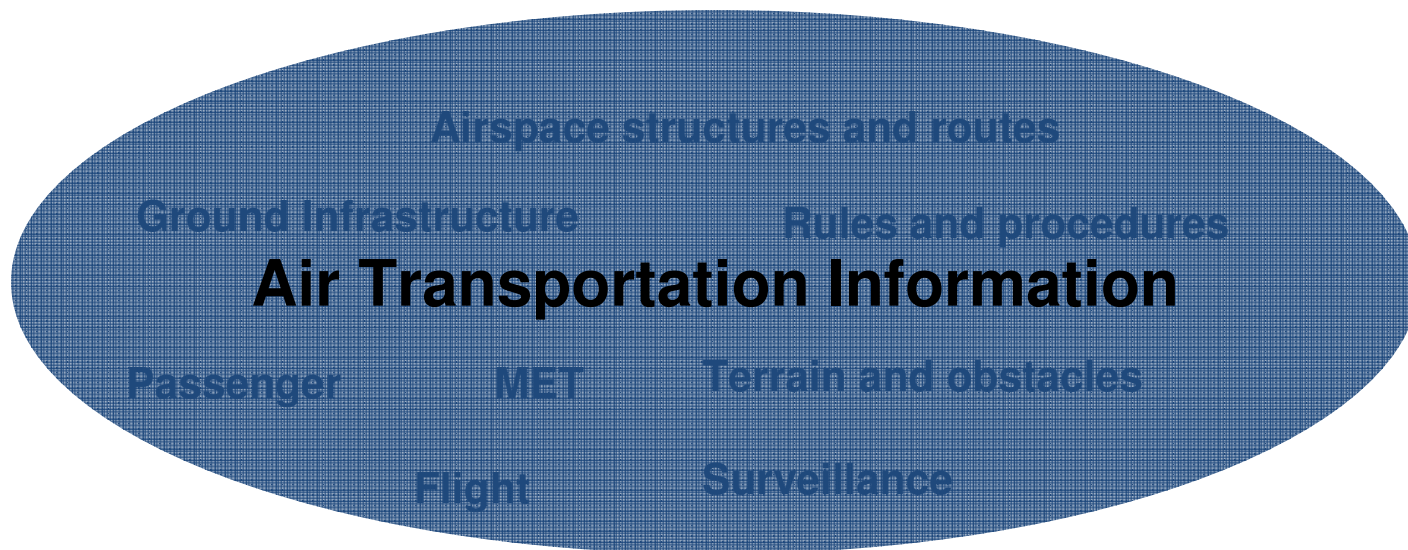
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- AIXM development challenges
 - Scope
 - Purpose
 - Domain evolution
 - Technologies
 - Relation with other models
- Current version(s)
 - Documentation
 - Implementation status
- Future evolution
 - New Change Control Process

AIXM Scope



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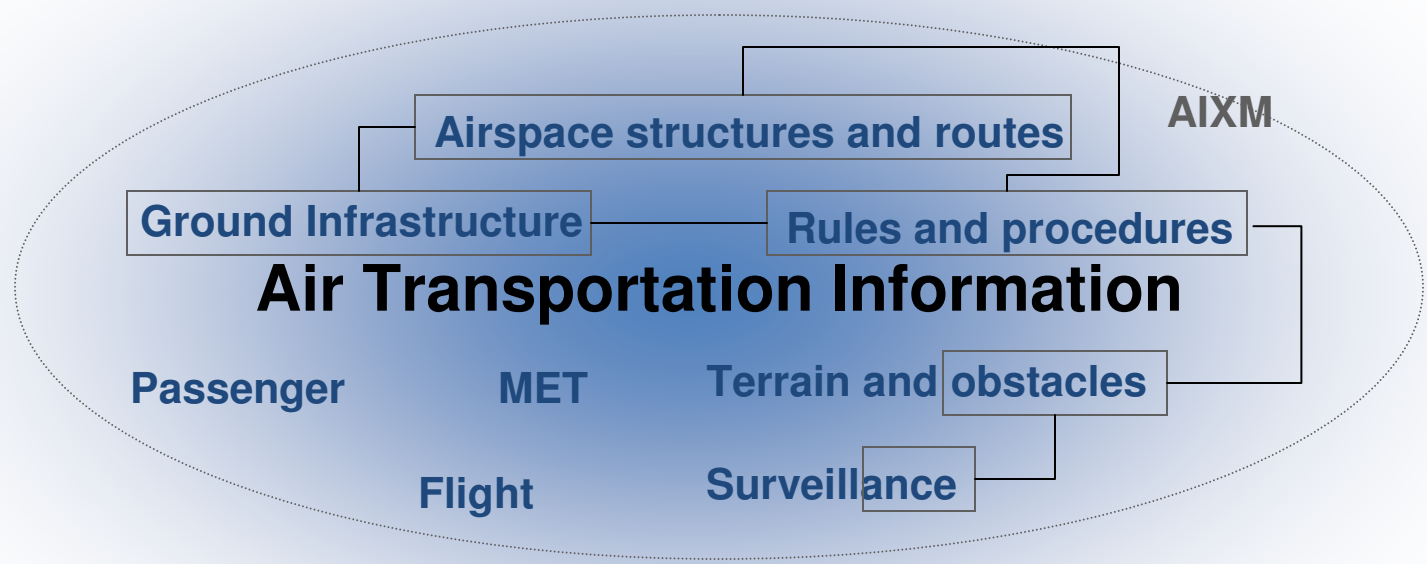


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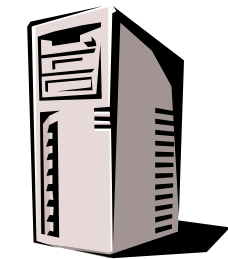
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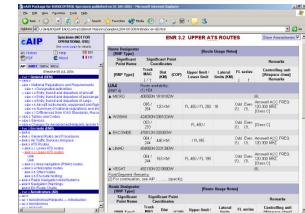
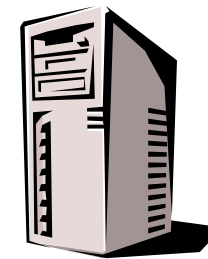
AIXM Purpose



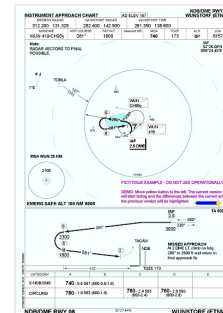
Database



Data exchange
AIXM 3 & 4

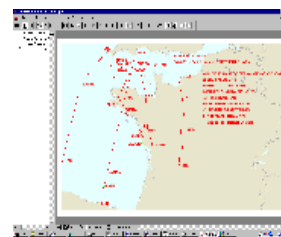


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Chart

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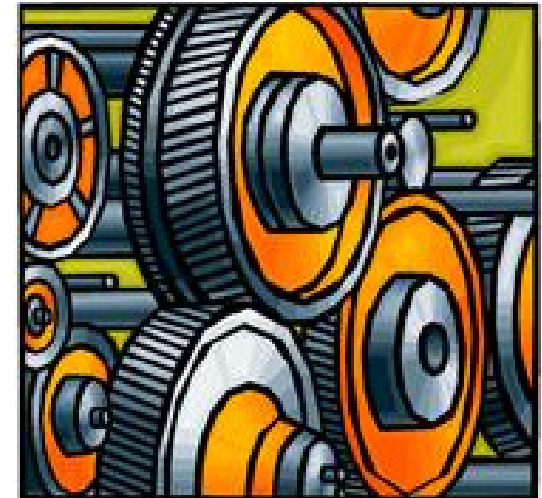


Client applications



Other AIXM challenges

- Model evolution
 - Stability vs. Expansion of Capabilities
 - Remain in sync with the real world
- Extensibility
- Relations with other information models
 - WXXM, FIXM, etc.
 - SESAR / NextGEN



AIXM 3.x & 4.x



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Database

AIXM – Conceptual Model (AICM)

```
<AIXM-Snapshot>
  <Vor>
    <VorUId>
      <codeID>AML</codeID>
      <geoLat>34.3928N</geoLat>
      <geoLon>123.4333W</geoLon>
    </VorUId>
    ...
  </AIXM-Snapshot>
```

AIXM – Data Exchange Format (AIXM XML)



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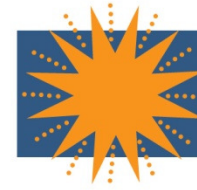
AIXM 3.x & 4.x

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  </NdbUid>  
= <OrgUid mid="75062126">  
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  </OrgUid>  
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  <uomFreq>KHZ</uomFreq>  
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  <codeDatum>WGE</codeDatum>  
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  <uomGeoAccuracy>M</uomGeoAccuracy>  
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  <txtVerDatum>Malin Head</txtVerDatum>  
= <Ntt>  
  <codeWorkHr>H24</codeWorkHr>  
  </Ntt>  
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```

AIXM 5.x



Data exchange
AIXM 3 & 4



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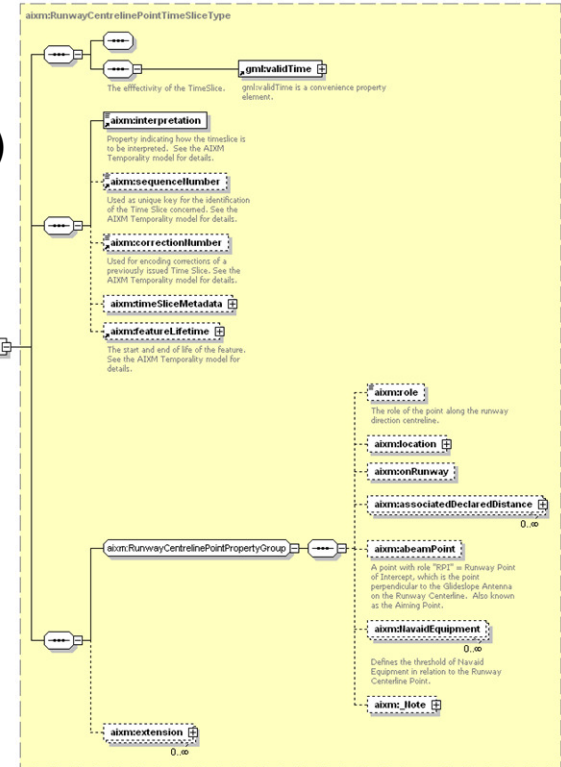
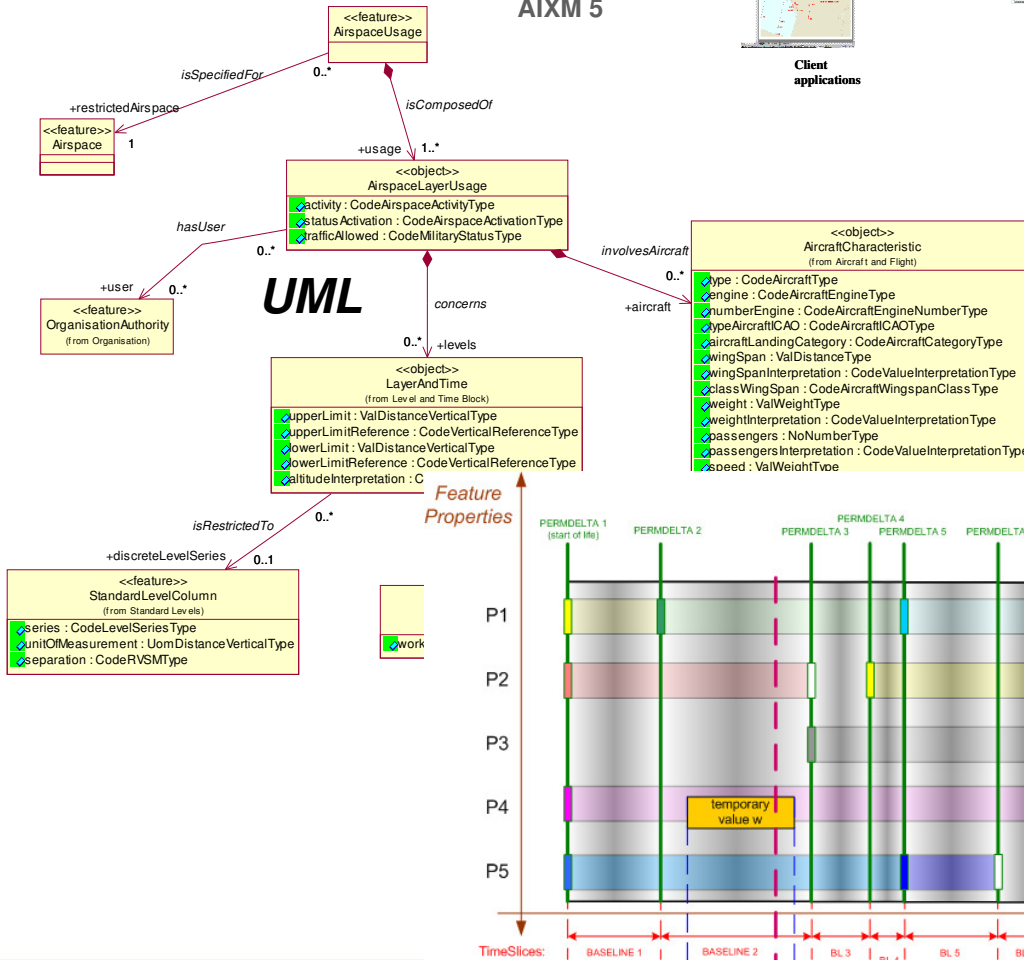
AIXM 5



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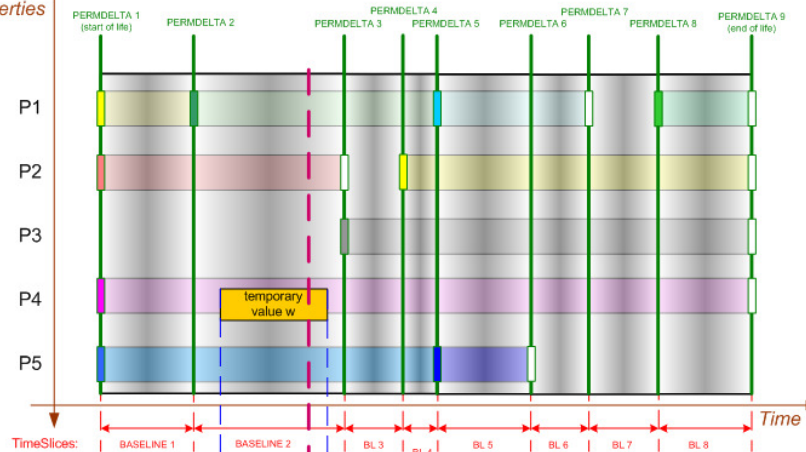
XSD (GML)

UML



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Temporality Concept



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AIXM 5.1 Example

```
- <aixm:AirspaceTimeSlice gml:id="AS01_TS01">
- <gml:validTime>
  - <gml:TimePeriod gml:id="AS01_TS02_TP01">
    <gml:beginPosition>2009-11-07T08:00:00</gml:beginPosition>
    <gml:endPosition>2009-11-17T17:00:00</gml:endPosition>
  </gml:TimePeriod>
</gml:validTime>
<aixm:interpretation>BASELINE</aixm:interpretation>
<aixm:sequenceNumber>1</aixm:sequenceNumber>
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- <aixm:geometryComponent>
  - <aixm:AirspaceGeometryComponent gml:id="GC01">
    - <aixm:theAirspaceVolume>
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      - <aixm:horizontalProjection>
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          - <gml:patches>
            - <gml:PolygonPatch>
              - <gml:exterior>
                - <gml:LinearRing>
                  - <gml:posList>
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    </aixm:AirspaceVolume>
  </aixm:theAirspaceVolume>
</aixm:AirspaceGeometryComponent>
</aixm:geometryComponent>
- <aixm:activation>
```



AIXM documentation www.aixm.aero



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This page contains the latest AIXM 5 Release: **AIXM 5.1**.

The Downloads

AIXM 5.1: AIXM Conceptual Model

This is the AIXM Conceptual Model.

The UML comes in a zip file that contains the Rational Rose model file (.mdl). There is a matching XML export.

The following support material is available:

- the model exported as a Rational Rose Webview
- a simple HTML dictionary of the classes in the UML.

UML Model - 527 KB	Date: 01/02/2010
XML - 325 KB	
Web View - 12, 818 KB	
Dictionary - 3, 572 KB	

AIXM 5.1: AIXM XML Schema

The first zip file contains the AIXM XML Schema files. These include the core AIXM Schema files as well as the Schemas for ISO 19136 and ISO 19139 and the AIXM Basic Message.

The second zip file contains the same files as the first. However, the annotations are included in the AIXM XML Schemas for those who need that information.

The last zip file contains some short examples of AIXM 5.1 XML.

- Rational Rose
- Web View
- XMI
- Enterprise Architect



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Implementation Guidance

- Use of xlink:href and UUID

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```
<aixm:clientAirspace xlink:href="urn:uuid:a82b3fc9-4aa4-4e67-8def-aaea1ac595j"/>
```

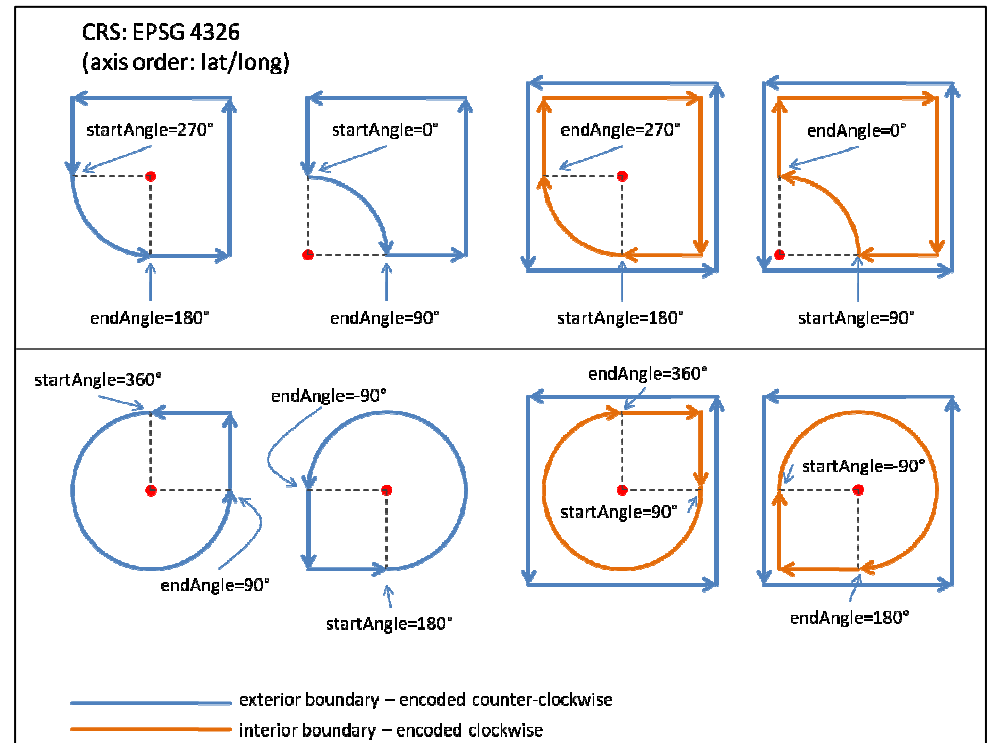
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Implementation Guidance

- GML Guidelines for aviation data
 - Encoding rules / conventions
 - Profile
- OGC Aviation Domain WG
 - See OGC Portal





Implementation Guidance

- Metadata Profile
 - Requirements for Aviation Metadata
 - Guidance on the Aviation Metadata Profile
 - http://portal.opengeospatial.org/modules/admin/license_agreement.php?suppressHeaders=0&access_license_id=3&target=http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=41668

Requirement/Source	Annex 15	ADQ	INSPIRE IR	OWS-6
5.1.1 Resource Title				
5.1.2 Resource Abstract				
5.1.3 Resource Language				
5.2.1 Topic Category				
5.3.1 Geographic Bounding Box				
5.3.2 Spatial Reference System				
5.4.1 Temporal Extent				
5.4.2 Date of Publication				
5.4.3 Date of Last Revision				
5.4.4 Date of Creation				
5.4.5 Temporal Reference System				
5.5.1 Lineage				
5.5.2 Accuracy of Numerical Data				
5.6.1 Conditions Applying to Access and Use				
5.6.2 Limitations on Public Access				
5.7.1 Responsible Party				
5.7.2 Responsible Party Role				
5.8.1 Metadata Point of Contact				
5.8.2 Metadata Date				
5.8.3 Metadata Language				



Implementation Guidance

- Business Rules

- Purpose: capture relevant data verification/validation rules from existing AICM 4.5 rules, ICAO Annexes 10/11/14/15, ICAO PANS-OPS, ARINC
- using OMG Semantics of Business Vocabulary and Rules (SBVR) and ISO Schematron
- See work in progress at www.aixm.aero/wiki

- CRC

- Purpose: Enable the encoding of CRCs
- work in progress, including a CRC schema (extension to AIXM 5.1). Some aspects still being investigated (e.g. which attributes are subject to CRC wrapping, all or selected ones?)

AIXM - Wiki



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www.aixm.aero/wiki

The screenshot shows the AIXM Wiki homepage. The browser title is "AIXM Wiki - Home (Main.WebHome) - XWiki - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL: https://extranet.eurocontrol.int/http://prisme-oss.hq.corp.eurocontrol.int/aixmwiki_public/bin/view/Main/. The page features a header with the AIXM logo and the text "Aeronautical Information Exchange Model". Below the header, the main content area is titled "AIXM 5.0 Wiki - Home" and contains the following sections:

What is available

The current content has been compiled/generated from items that were already available: the AIXM 5 UML model, some AIXM XML examples and the "Temporality Concept" document. This is the baseline. On top of that, we are now aiming to the development of additional explanatory material, guidelines, mappings, FAQ, etc. - in other words, the true AIXM "wiki"!

Even if this is just the beginning, we hope that the current content will already offer you a more convenient way of consulting/browsing the AIXM 5.0 UML model. The Wiki is organised in "spaces":

- [UML model](#) - you will find one article for each AIXM 5 [class](#), [data type](#) or [diagram](#)
- [XML Encodings](#) - you will find a few examples of AIXM 5 encodings
- [Temporality](#) - you will find the content of the Temporality Concept document
- [Solutions](#) - you will find proposed solutions to many of the frequently asked questions on how to use AIXM.

How to use the Wiki

The **most important function** of a the Wiki is probably the "**search...**", which is available from any page, in the upper right corner. For example, type "AirportHeliport" in the search field and press "GO"! You will get a list of all articles that contain the keyword "AirportHeliport".

A more complete way for browsing the wiki is by using the "Tags" button on the right panel. A "tag" is a kind of label that is attached to various page and helps organising the content of the Wiki. You will find tags for "AirportHeliport", "Airspace", etc.

Some things to remember when browsing the Wiki:

- [More about this ...](#) - you will see this link on top right of many pages, frequently followed by a question mark. If you click, you will arrive on an empty page that says that you cannot log-in. It is a placeholder for an article that is expected to be written in future and that will explain/comment the AIXM UML model item. This separation was necessary in order to protect the part of the Wiki that has been automatically generated from the AIXM UML model, to enable updates at future versions. For the moment, there are only very few pages that have some content on the "More about this..." link: see [AIXM Class Airspace](#) for an example;
- [Discuss Class ... on the AIXM Forum](#) - you will see this link also on top right corner of each page. This link will open the AIXM Forum with a pre-filled "Post Message" page. We propose you to use the AIXM Forum in case you want to discuss/comment/suggest content for the AIXM Wiki;
- All UML diagrams are "click-able", meaning that if you move the mouse over a class, you will see a link towards the Wiki article that details that class.



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AIXM Forum



The screenshot shows the AIXM Forum web application in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The browser's address bar displays the URL: https://www.aixm.aero/agor_live/agor/BrowseMessages.do?browseAction=addSubMessages&messageId=12905#M12905. The browser's tab bar shows three open tabs: "EUROCONTROL - Aeronautical Informa...", "Class - City (AIXM.Class_City) - XWiki", and "AIXM Forum".

The forum page header includes the EUROCONTROL logo on the left, the "Forum AIXM" title in the center with an airplane icon, and the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION logo on the right. Below the header, a navigation menu contains links for "contact us", "FAQ", "your privacy", "policy", "disclaimer", and a login status: "you are logged in as EDUARD POROSNICU [EUROCONTROL]".

The main content area displays a list of forum posts. At the top of the list, it says "View by: AIXM Version : 5.1". The posts are listed with their dates, times, authors, and titles. For example, the first post is from Fri 11/09/2009 12:05 - 3 - LEPORI, Hubert - AIXM 5.1 Release Candidate 1 - available for review. The list continues with various change proposals and editorial corrections.

On the left side of the forum page, there is a sidebar with several sections:

- Home**: Home, Post a Message, Search, Guestbook, Tell a friend.
- Forum List**: AIS Agora, AIXM Forum, eTOD Forum.
- View postings by:** Author, Posting Date, AIXM Version, Conceptual Model, Digital NOTAM, Events, XML Schema.
- Customise**: Edit Account, Edit Profile, Update Picture.
- Facilitate**: Facilitate, Logoff.

The browser's status bar at the bottom right shows "Aviation tration".

Implementations



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ICAO adoption: AIS-AIMSG

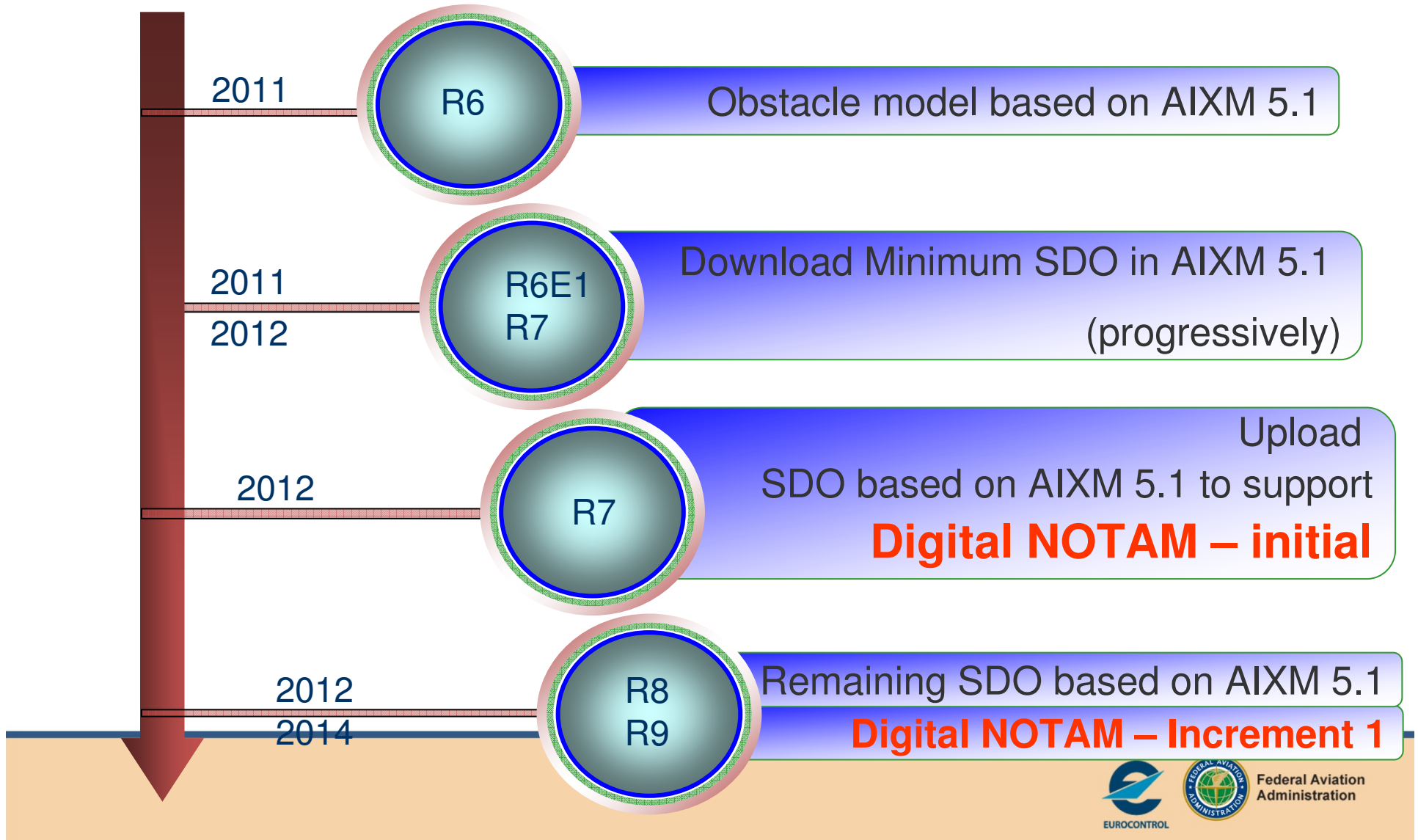


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AIXM 5.1 – Implementation in the European AIS Database (EAD)



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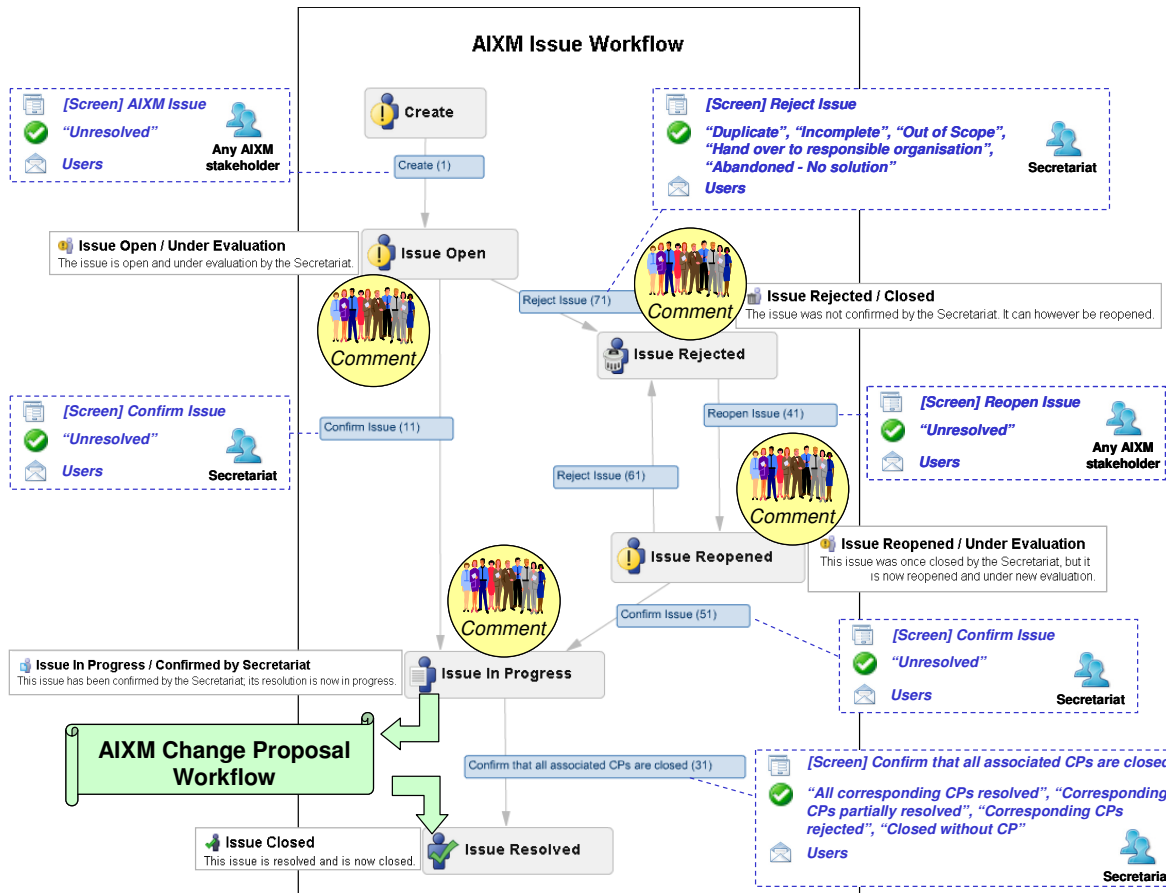


AIXM Change Control Process

- Transparency
- Stakeholder representation
 - States
 - Air Navigation Service Providers
 - FPL Service Providers
 - Airlines
 - Airports
 - Manufacturing industry
 - Military



AIXM Change Control Process



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*** AIXM CCB Session**



Future versions policy

- Major Version (v.5, v.6, etc.)
 - includes major conceptual changes to the model, which do not permit a mechanical conversion between that version and the previous version;
- Intermediate Version (v.5.x, v.6.x, etc.)
 - only changes that allow a two-way mechanical conversion with the previous version (including by the use of an extension of the previous version); (**AIXM 5.2 not earlier than 2013**);
- Minor Version (v.5.1.x, v.5.2.x, etc.)
 - limited to bug fixing, spelling corrections, ...



Summary / Conclusion

- AIXM 5.1 – in implementation
 - Guidance material in focus
 - Digital NOTAM as flagship project(s)
- ICAO adoption
- AIXM evolution
 - stability and predictability
 - transparency
 - formal AIXM CCB starting now

Questions & Answers / Feedback



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