

WG D2 57 : CIM (Common Information Model)

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Agenda

1. CIM overview & Interoperability
2. CIM properties
3. Regulatory bodies of CIM
4. Existing CIM Standards
5. Practical use case of CIM
6. Updates on WG D2.57
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Introduction

Job Title : Common Framework Specialist

Team : Innovation, VirtualES

Organisation : National Energy System Operator (NESO)

Area of Expertise

- ❑ Working as subject matter expert in the domain of CIM, power system modelling, data exchange interfaces as part of the Data sharing infrastructure (DSI) pilot program of VirtualES.
- ❑ Responsible for building a common framework including data & industry standards, strategy and policies, best practices guidelines based on socio-economic-technical key factors (People, Process, Data and Technology) for providing interoperability of digital twins for the virtual energy system program.
- ❑ Developed data exchange format such as CIM and Data Conversion tools for power system modelling & analysis software (IPSA) in the previous role.
- ❑ Significant years of experience developing software tools and scripts in the realms of power system in the domains of data integration, energy system integration, data, modelling and analysis modules.

Volunteering:

1. CIGRE UK NGN's Membership Team Lead & UK NGN International Representative.
2. D2-57 (CIM Working group – UK Regular Member)
3. WiN ERG Development Workstream Co-Lead
4. NGN Representative of SC D2

CIM Overview




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Source : NGED - National Grid - Common Information Model



Common Information Model (CIM)

✓ Universal set of engineering standards 

✓ Governed – resource description framework (RDF)



✓ Output – eXtensible Markup Language (XML files)



✓ Created & authorised – International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)



Common Information Model (CIM)

XML files contains:

1. Standard Data file format with lots of `<XXX></XXX>` "tags"
2. Self-defined files, open standard from W3C
3. Each `<XXX></XXX>` contains data fields or further groups of fields
4. mRID (Master Record Identifiers) – Linking profiles/equipment/attributes in object-oriented programming approach





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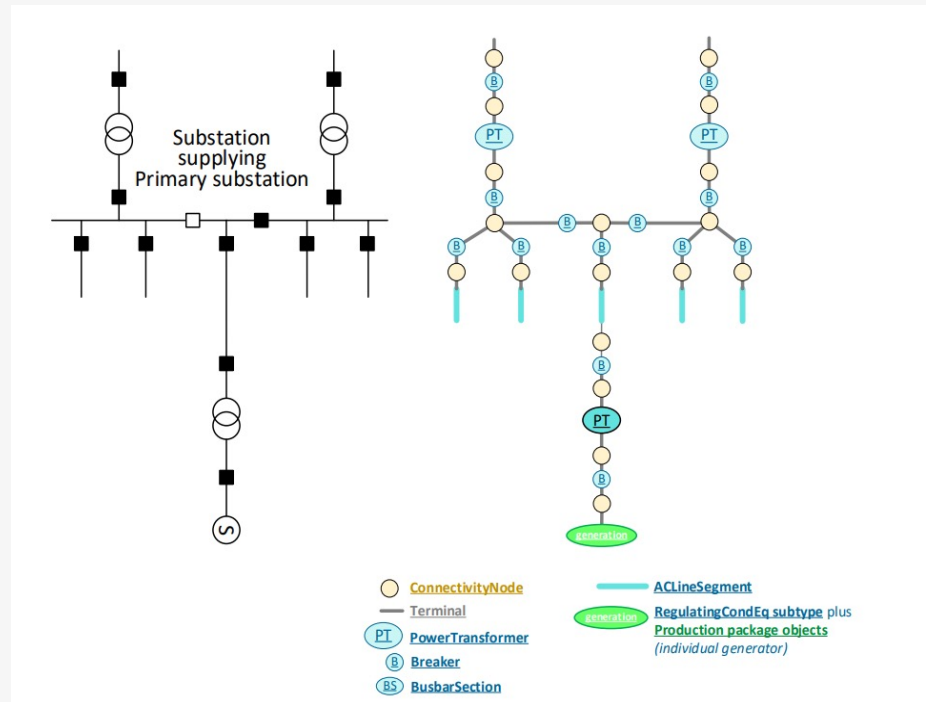
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Common Information Model (CIM)

PSA Tool <-> CIM Translation

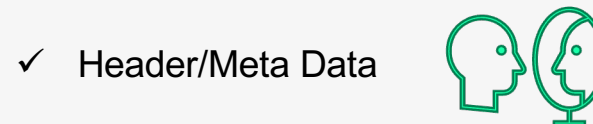
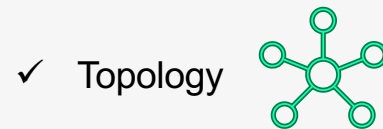
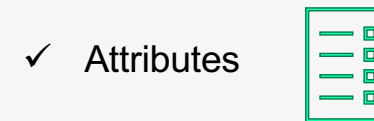
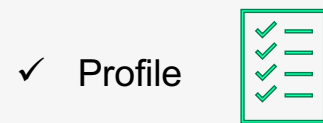
- ✓ Network topology captured 
- ✓ Connectivity rendered 
- ✓ Enables rendering Islanded network 
- ✓ Captures slack busbar information 

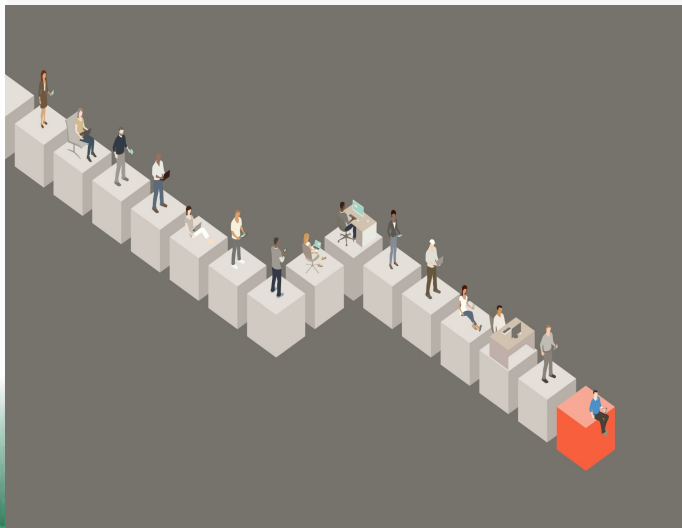


Source : [Outputs from the Long Term Development Statement Reforms Working Group | Ofgem](#) – LTDS Grid Modelling Guidelines



Common Information Model (CIM)










CIM Properties



Profiles



- Equipment (EQ) 
- Topology (TP) 
- Steady state hypothesis (SSH) 
- Diagram Layout (DL) 
- State Variable (SV) 

- Dynamics (DY) 
- Operational (OP) 
- Equipment Boundary (EQ-BD) 
- Topology Boundary (TP-BD) 
- Geographical Layout (GL) 
- Short Circuit (SC) 



Profile Relationship

- **Equipment (EQ) Profile:** This forms the base profile, providing the skeleton information of the components in the electrical network.
- **EQ & DL Profile:** When merged, these profiles provide a single line diagram, which is a simplified graphical representation of the electrical power system.
- **EQ & SSH Profile:** Merging these profiles gives the initial conditions and status of the equipment in the electrical network.
- **Multiple EQs & EQ-BD Profile:** Combining these profiles helps identify the boundary or common points between different electrical network operators.

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```

SSH Profile

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```

EQ Profile



Headers / Meta Data



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  <md:Model.scenarioTime>2023-01-18T08:57:24Z</md:Model.scenarioTime> [5]
</md:FullModel>
```

1. Version of CIM
2. Created data
3. Data owner
4. Schemas defined in CGMES 3.0
5. Scenario Time which is applicable
6. Custom Namespace extensions



Attributes



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  <cim:ConductingEquipment.BaseVoltage rdf:resource="#_f07bd084-fdd7-782c-90c2-1d2eca5b6d46" />
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```

Objects



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```

- Like Object Oriented Programming
- mRID or unique id is used to link between two objects & also between different profiles

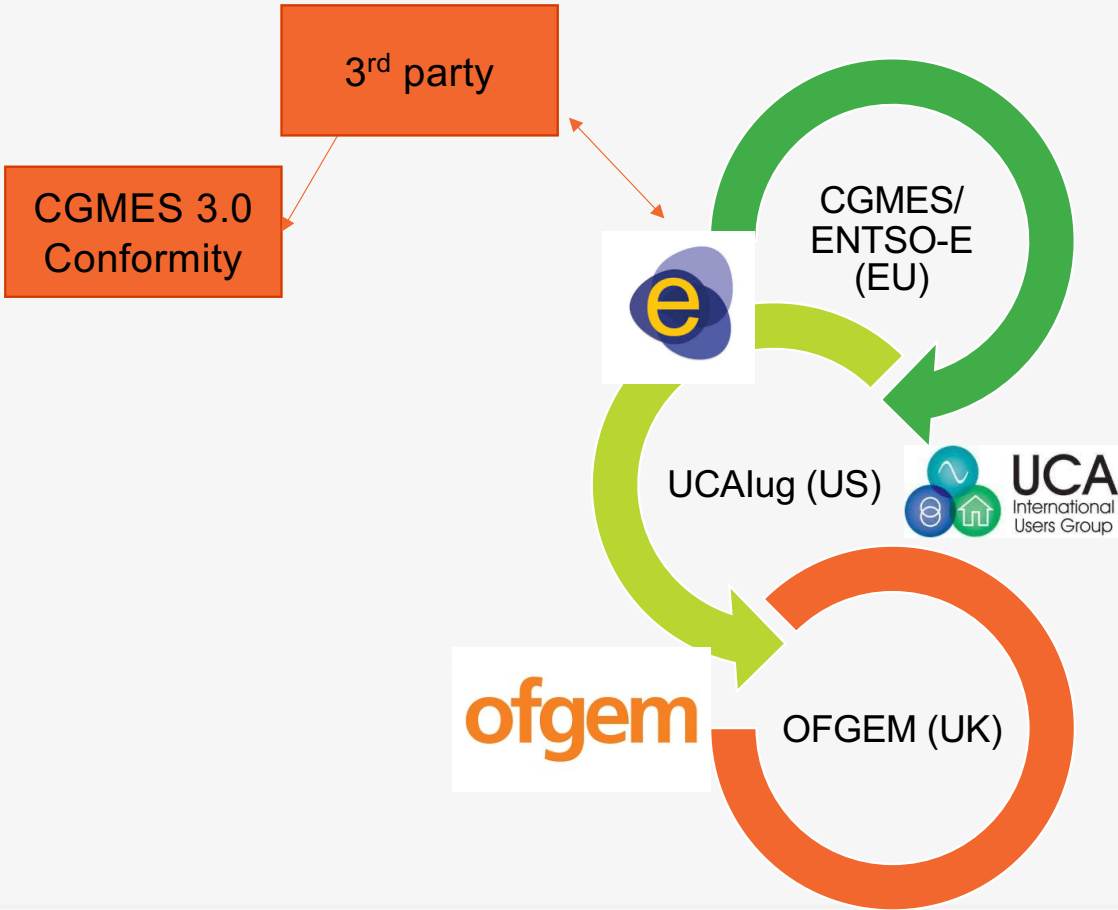




Regulatory Bodies



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Role of standardisation, conformance & practical use case

- **Data Best Practice promotes and requires pursuit of interoperability** **Conformance**
[ofgem.gov.uk – Decision on updates to Data Best Practice Guidance – August 2023]
- **Common Grid Model Exchange Standards (CGMES) 3.0 : Latest version of ENTSO-e's adoption of CIM 17 from IEC standards & previous version 2.4.15 & 2009 standard**
[CGMES – ENTSO-e website]
- **US Standard (CDPSM) – Common Distribution power system model** **Standardisation**
[UCAiug – CDPSM website]
- **GB CIM : Ofgem adoption of CGMES 3.0 with extensions for consideration into distribution networks long term planning**
[ofgem.gov.uk – Outputs from the Long-Term Development Statement Reforms Working Group – July 2023]
- **GC0139 : Enhanced planning data exchange to facilitate whole system planning**
[nationalenergysystemoperator.com – Industry Info – Codes – Grid Code – Grid Code Modifications]
- **Data Sharing Infrastructure Pilot – VirtualES** **Practical Use Case**
[nationalenergysystemoperator.com – VirtualEnergySystem - NESO]
- **Energy Digitalisation Taskforce recommended increasing use across electricity and a CIM-like implementation for gas networks**
[es.catapult.org.uk – Energy Digitalisation Taskforce]

WG D2 : 57 CIM Update



Purpose of Working Group D2.57

- **Common Information Model (CIM):**
 - Described in IEC 61970, IEC 61968, IEC 62325 standards.
 - Facilitates integration between information systems and applications by defining API semantics.
 - Abstract model representing major objects in an electric utility.
- **Current Usage:**
 - Used in operational planning, long-term planning, asset management, electricity market, etc.
 - Approved in the 2000s, developed conservatively.
- **Need for Expansion:**
 - CIM standards contain flexible models for common tasks.
 - Some tasks require expansion (e.g., AC line model extensions discussed since the 2010s but not yet included in IEC standards).
- **Working Group (WG) Role:**
 - Analyse existing extensions of the standard model.
 - Propose unification or creation of new extensions to solve more tasks.
 - Extensions proposed by the WG will be free of any patent.
- **Proposed Activity:**
 - Like JWG N° D2/C2.48 but focused on CIM extensions and development.



12 countries



15 members:
8 representatives
5 specialists
2 secretaries



Timeline of WG

2022

- Working proposed
- Terms of reference prepared & published

2023

- Online meetings to discuss the scope & challenges
- Survey sent out to the vendors/TSO/ISO

2024

- First in person meeting
- Proposal to change the WG to use case driven approach rather than proposing changes to IEC

Future

- Each WG member to prepare use cases, discuss them among WG members, and then prepare proposals for CIM standard extensions.



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