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# **The IDS Reference Architecture**

Your guide to data spaces

The IDS Reference Architecture Model (IDS-RAM) is a practitioner-oriented guide to designing and implementing architectures for data spaces.

The RAM is both, an introduction to software architecture and a handbook of well-established best practices.



# The IDS-RAM in the magic triangle



- IDSA members work in a consent-based way on the **Reference Architecture Model** and the subsequent specifications
- The IDS Certification Scheme follows the IDS-RAM and provides means to validate the compliance to it.
- Compliant **building blocks** are the foundation for commercial setups
- The **IDSA Rulebook** provides additional information to establish Data Spaces (BLOFT thinking)



**IDSA** ensures consistency of the magic triangle

# **Business Layer – fundamental understanding**

Peer to peer approach and general services



### Layered model for interoperability



- Intra data space interoperability, between the data space authority, processing, and data sharing building blocks within a single data space instance
- Inter data space interoperability, between multiple data space instances at each of the functional levels

# **IDS Information Model**

Describing data assets



- The essential agreement shared by the participants and components of data ecosystems, facilitating compatibility and interoperability
- Three formal levels of digital representation of the information model
  - » Conceptual (generic description in UML)
  - » Declarative (formal, machine interpretable specification of IDS concept, semantic description)
  - » Programmatic (IDS Information model library in java)

#### **Process layer**

Creating a data offering



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Ok, but can we now transfer data?





### **System layer**

*The connector – functional components* 

# **Technical Interoperability**



The Dataspace Protocol - DSPACE

The ability for independent Dataspace Protocol implementations to interact in a dataspace together.

- Many dataspaces cannot mandate technology stacks to their members
- Need to mix-and-match dataspace components

Basis of interoperability must be a set of well-described standards (documents) that lay out normative conformance requirements in a programming language-independent manner

# **Dataspace Protocol Specification**



Based on W3C Standards



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Modularity



# A clear specification for interoperability

The Dataspace Protocol provides:

- a clear specification for Data Space Interoperability
- independent of implementation details
- foundational functionality for sovereign data exchange
- as an international standard



Current working draft

https://docs.internationaldataspaces.org/dataspace-protocol/

# What's next

Quo vadis Data Spaces

- Dataspace Protocol will be finalized during this year
- RAM 4 is the current stable version
- RAM 5 will be more modular and include new concepts from the IDSA Rulebook
- International Standards are under development, based on the IDSA Rulebook, RAM and DSPACE







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