

# Affordability Benefits of Digital Engineering

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# Agenda

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- Hello from the OEM COG!
- Introduction to Digital Engineering
  - Terminology and Definitions
- Affordability Benefits of Digital Engineering on the T-7A RED HAWK APT Program
  - Industry Perspective from Brian Beyer

# What is the ICEAA OEM COG

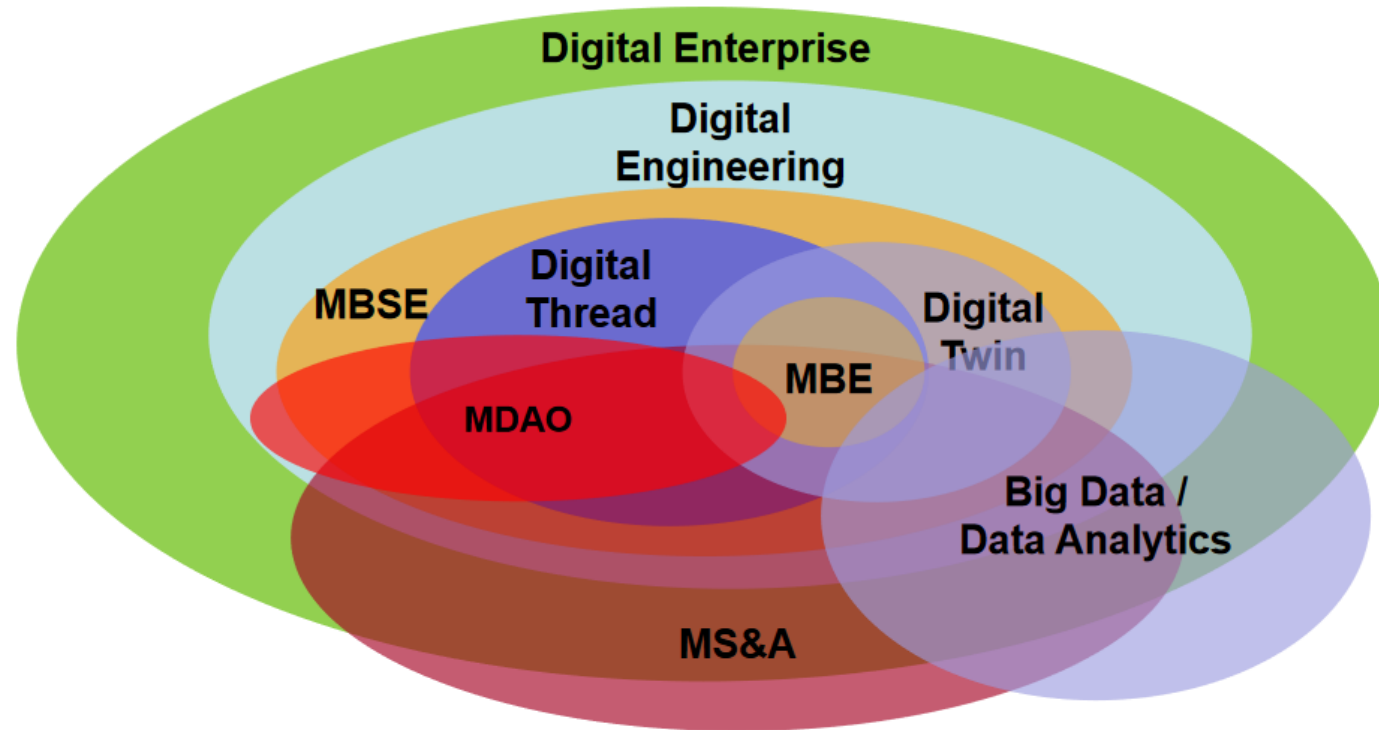
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- **Original Equipment Manufacturers' Cooperative Opportunities Group**
  - An industry consortium affiliated with ICEAA's cost & technical communities
  - Current participants include
    - BAE Systems, Ball Aerospace, Boeing, Huntington Ingalls Industries
    - Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Raytheon Technologies
- Our mission is to
  - Create a dialogue between ICEAA and our OEM members
  - Explore ways ICEAA can provide support & solutions tailored to our OEM community
  - Provide a forum where OEM members can communicate & share best practices
  - Advance the technical interests of the OEM cost analysis profession





# Digital Enterprise Ecosphere

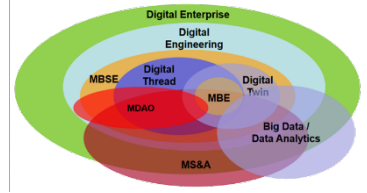


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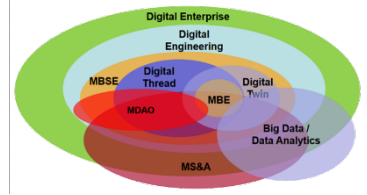
**NOT TO SCALE**

# Digital Engineering (DE)



- An **integrated approach** to building **trusted sources** of **data and models** that are used in a **continuum across engineering disciplines**. Digital Engineering is used **throughout the lifecycle** of a program from conception through decommissioning.
- An **integrated digital approach** that uses **authoritative sources** of system **data and models** as a **continuum across disciplines** to support **lifecycle** activities from concept through disposal.
- Digital Engineering aims to modernize and achieve efficiency and consistency in engineering and leverages the use of **computer models and data** to **integrate** engineering tasks **across disciplines, virtually**, before going to production.

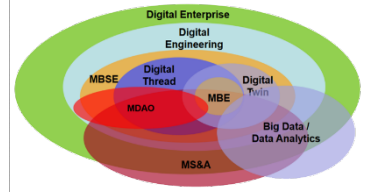
# Model-Based Engineering (MBE)



- Treats **models as an integral part of the technical baseline** (as opposed to documents). MBE is an overarching term that includes Systems Engineering-related MBSE, Business Analysis/Process-related BPM, and Knowledge Engineering-related Ontology Engineering.
- An approach to engineering using **models as an integral part of the technical baseline** that includes the requirements, analysis, design, implementation, and verification of a capability, system, and/or product **throughout the acquisition lifecycle**.
- **Virtual representations (models)** of a product that accurately reflects the geometry and behavior of the physical product they represent ... the **authoritative source** of the product definition for use in manufacturing and maintaining the product **throughout its lifecycle**.

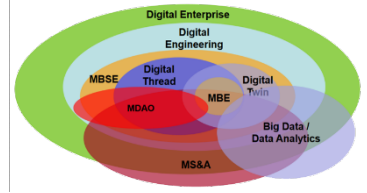


# Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)



- The **formalized application of modeling** functions, **requirements**, interfaces, and architecture to support **system** engineering activities. MBSE improves knowledge capture and communication to improve SE execution.
- The **formalized application of modeling** to support **system requirements**, design, analysis, verification & validation activities beginning in the **conceptual design** phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases.
- Using **system models** to support **requirements** in design, analysis, V&V in the **early stages of design**; aspects of MBE specifically **associated with SE**; includes behavioral analysis, system architecture, requirement traceability, performance analysis, simulation, test, etc.

# Digital Thread

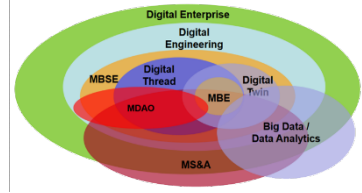


- A **communication** framework that **connects** traditionally siloed elements in design, manufacturing and support, and provides an **integrated view** of an asset **throughout its lifecycle**
- Digital **connections** among authoritative, historical, & cross-discipline technical **data**; ... **throughout a product's life cycle**.
- Complete collection of **data** & information that **ties** the virtual representation and physical object that flows **through the entire production lifecycle**.
- A **communication & data** flow framework that allows an **integrated view** of a product **across its entire lifecycle**... an unbroken link from the original computer model to the final physical product... full traceability and connectivity from **concept through design, manufacturing, and service**.





# Digital Twin



- A **virtual representation** that serves as the real-time digital counterpart of a **physical object or process**.
- A virtual **representation** of a **physical object or system** to enable understanding. The digital twin **stores all of the knowledge** about an asset, from its **inception through its manufacture and service life**.
- A virtual **representation** of a **physical object or process....** [used to] test and validate products in a virtual environment **before the products even exist in the real world...** give engineers early warning of product failures to prevent unplanned downtime and improve product performance. ...Once it exists, can be used to troubleshoot failure conditions, assess impact of new mission environments, and evaluate product improvements.

# Affordability Benefits of Digital Engineering on the T-7A RED HAWK APT Program

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**T-7A**  
**RED HAWK**

# T-7A Red Hawk

## Advanced Pilot Training Program

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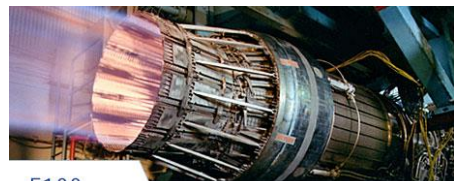
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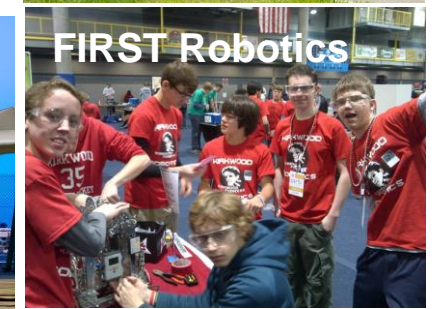
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**Training  
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**MQ-25**



**FIRST Robotics**

# Agenda

- **Current State of Digital Engineering**
- **Digital Engineering at Boeing**
- **T-7A Program Overview**
- **Model Based Value/ Benefits**
  - Development
  - Production
  - Sustainment
- **Digital Engineering is a Journey**



# What's going on with AF Acquisition, Technology, Disruptive Agility?

- Digital Trinity – Digital Engineering, Agile Software, and Open Architecture
- **AFWERX**: AF Ventures, SPARK Innovation, PRIME Transition
- Become an “Innovator in Tech”: “Commercial” AF and Space Force
- Artuu – AI assisted Pilot (R2D2), Autonomy
- Kubernetes and Edge Computing, Hackathons
- Quantum Computing/ Effects
- “*eCreate before you aviate*” – F1 teams use digital twin to optimize virtually
- Build it “virtually, 100 times” – eT-7A first AF “all digital, *e-series*” program
- Fighter Planes are a thing of the past (*E.Musk*)
- Era of “volatility” ... “the only sustainable advantage we have is Agility!” (*J. Bezos*)



Leverages commercial innovation and investment to solve problems



Identifies and primes nascent tech sectors

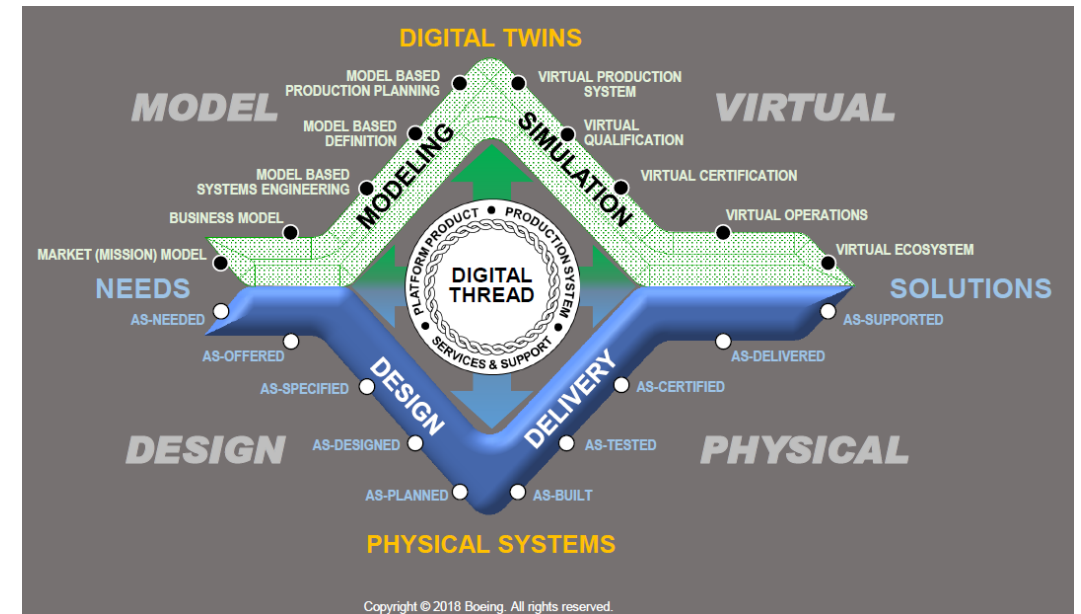


Empowers Airmen and Space professional innovation



# T-7A Digital Engineering

- Digital engineering is an approach that takes traditional engineering processes used to develop, fabricate, build, test and produce a system and places them in a **digital collaborative environment that leverages a single source of design data, interconnected models, analysis, and simulation**
- The use of digital engineering on T-7 has reduced the time and cost to develop, fabricate, build, test and produce the APT system
  - Increasing collaboration among the many different stakeholders involved
  - Integrated Models make it easier to share and re-use design and analysis data
  - Allows the team to build and test the system virtually prior to fabrication and assembly
  - Reduce/eliminate errors by having one common source of truth (design data)



[https://gpdisonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Boeing-DanielSeal-The\\_System\\_-\\_Engineering\\_V\\_Is\\_It\\_Still\\_Relevant\\_In\\_the\\_Digital\\_Age-MBSE-Open.pdf?pdf=Boeing-DanielSeal-The\\_System\\_-\\_Engineering\\_V\\_Is\\_It\\_Still\\_Relevant\\_In\\_the\\_Digital\\_Age-MBSE-Open](https://gpdisonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Boeing-DanielSeal-The_System_-_Engineering_V_Is_It_Still_Relevant_In_the_Digital_Age-MBSE-Open.pdf?pdf=Boeing-DanielSeal-The_System_-_Engineering_V_Is_It_Still_Relevant_In_the_Digital_Age-MBSE-Open)  
Source: Dan Seal (Boeing MBE transformation)

# Boeing T-7A Advanced Pilot Training

Play Video #1  
Hi AoA, MBE



## Purpose Built – Aircraft

- Designed for AETC
- Advanced cockpit
- Stadium seating
- Fighter-like performance
- Safe, stable, fly-by-wire controls



## Purpose Built – Ground Based Training

- Highly immersive training
- Offload skill development
- Complete advanced training solution
- Embedded training



## Purpose Built – Support

- Designed for the maintainer
- High wings
- Easy reach access panels
- Fewer / common fasteners
- Modular seat maintenance
- Easy seat changes
- Quick engine changes

Flexible for Future Growth



# T-7A Aircraft Features & Affordability Benefits



Next Generation Affordable Training

## Design – Build Integration

- T-7A was designed with all of the engineering functions engaged, but also manufacturing operations, test, and support and sustainment folks.



<https://www.defensedaily.com/digital-engineering-leads-fast-joining-t-7a-forward-aft-fuselage-boeing-says/air-force/>  
<https://aviationweek.com/awin/program/400850#>

75% improvement in first-time engineering quality, 50% reduction in software development time and 80% reduction in assembly time

# Advanced Pilot Training System – Ground Based Training

## Common Software Environment



Ground Egress Trainer



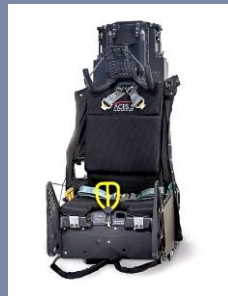
Operational Flight Trainer



Weapon System Trainer



Part Task Trainer



Ejection Seat Trainer



Unit Training Device



Mission Debrief Station

## Purpose Built With Maintainers in Mind

Easy Ejection Seat Changes with Minor Component Maintenance

Side Open Canopy

Single Wall / No Bladder Fuel Tanks

Electronic Flight Control Rigging

Interchangeable L/R Stabilizers



High Commonality with Other DOD aircraft

Easy Access Fold Down Doors

High Wing

Ground Maintenance And Engine Start APU Provides Electrical, Hydraulic, And Cooling Air

Quick Engine Changes

Accessibility + Maintainability + Availability = Pilot Throughput

# Q & A



## Digital Engineering Questions and Discussion



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# Back-up Info

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- **Reference information (from public webpages)**

# Digital Planes (Digitally Engineered program)

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- Boeing's Red Hawk trainer jet is the first plane to earn an "e" designation, as the eT-7A
- "The service acquisition executive will determine whether an acquisition program meets the digital acquisition threshold," Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said. If a system qualifies for the 'e' in development, it will drop the designation when it begins production.
- **Digital Engineering** involves creating a nearly perfect virtual model and environment to learn and experiment so that the physical system is fully integrated and tested before it is produced. Digital Engineering is more than just using computers – it involves creating a digital thread connecting the digital twin models to make authoritative virtualization and reality.
- **Digital Engineering** provides us the ability to create, modify, test, assemble, and experiment in the virtual world before ever bending metal in a physical world.
- The Digital Trinity of the air force includes **Digital Engineering**, Agile Software, and open architectures.

<https://www.airforcemag.com/air-force-introduces-e-planes-for-the-digital-era/>

[https://www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/2021SAF/04\\_Apr/FY19\\_FY20\\_Dept\\_of\\_the\\_Air\\_Force\\_Acquisition\\_Biennial\\_Report\\_final.pdf](https://www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/2021SAF/04_Apr/FY19_FY20_Dept_of_the_Air_Force_Acquisition_Biennial_Report_final.pdf)

**Background info on e-Series designation (no longer in vogue)**

# Understanding Acquisition Trends

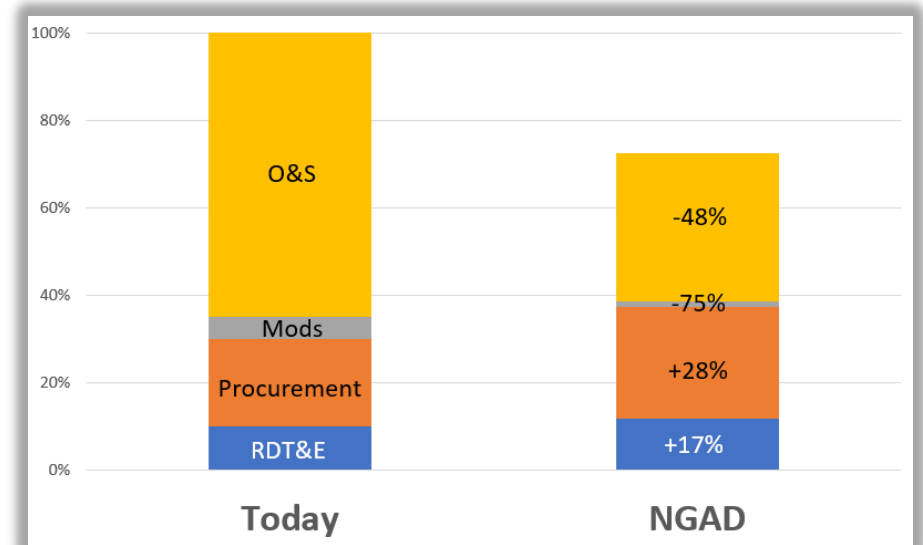
## Dr. Will Roper – Asst Sec. of Air Force Acquisition (2020)

- “Digital engineering is a harbinger of a new type of acquisition that can save the DoD. Build fast, cheaper, and with less risk. *T-7 hit quality curve on first unit that normally would take 100 units – allows to get way down learning curve without the same cumulative quantities.*”
- If build faster and more iteratively, don’t need mass production. Opens door to shift more cash flow into design, rather than O&S. This is at core of how US will compete against China.
- Digital engineering - first thing Roper’s seen that shifts profit and cash flow opportunities back into design, rather than having that in *production and O&S*. “DoD is like a hospital with a very small pediatric wing, and very large geriatric wing.”

[Bending the Spoon: Digital Engineering Guidebook](#)



Oct 7<sup>th</sup> revision “There is No Spoon”  
Will Roper’s Paper akin to “The Matrix”



Desired Paradigm Shift for NGAD



# Definitions

## Model-Based Enterprise

**AN ORGANIZATION** that applies modeling & simulation technologies to integrate and manage its technical and business processes (NIST)

**TRANSFORM BOEING** to a Model-Based Enterprise (industry 4.0)

**DIGITAL** Boeing Business Capabilities



## Model-Based Engineering

**AN APPROACH** to product development, manufacturing, and lifecycle support that uses a digital model and simulation to drive first time quality and reliability (NIST)

**CONNECT VALUE-STREAMS** for digital lifecycle data-flow (digital thread)

**ARCHITECTED** digital work/info-flow



## Model-Based Systems Engineering

**EXECUTION OF DISCIPLINE** (Systems-Engineering) using digital model principles for system-level modeling & simulation of physical and operational behavior throughout the system lifecycle (INCOSE)

**EMPLOY** System-level modeling & simulation (digital twin)

**SIMULATED** digital work/info-flow



## Model-Based Definition

**A PART'S DEFINITION** using a 3D model. May define feature and part characteristics within the 3D model. Industry format standard: ASME Y14.41. Boeing format: BDS-600

**DEFINE** product using 3D model standards

**FULLY DIMENSIONED** definition



## Model-Based Instructions

**GRAPHICAL DISPLAY** of information necessary for build/assembly, including MBD engineering intent (process specs, geometric dimensions & tolerances, etc.) (NIST)

**BUILD** product using 3D model standards

**FULLY DIMENSIONED** product

