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0 Introduction

This Architecture Specification provides the definitive specification for creating ECOA-based systems. It describes the standardised programming interfaces and data-model that allow a developer to construct an ECOA-based system. The details of the other documents comprising the rest of this Architecture Specification can be found in Section 3.

This document is Part 4 of the Architecture Specification, and describes the software interfaces used.

In an ECOA system, all interactions between Modules that implement Application Software Components rely on three mechanisms: event, versioned data, and request-response. In addition calls and handlers exist for infrastructure services to allow the management of the runtime lifecycle, logging, faults and time.

This document describes Application Software Component Interface (API) between modules and the containers that host them. The API, shown in Figure 1, comprises the Module Interface and the Container Interface and is referred to as the Application Software Component Interface:

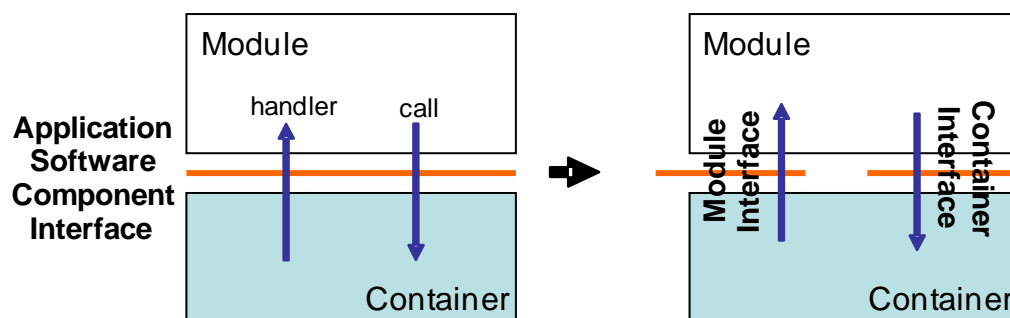


Figure 1 – Module and Container Interface

- The Module Interface specifies the interface to a module, which is used by the container to call module operations.
- The Container Interface specifies the functions that the container provides for a module.

Different bindings provide mappings for particular programming languages. Currently three language bindings are available: for C [Architecture Specification Part 8], C++ [Architecture Specification Part 9] and Ada [Architecture Specification Part 10].

This document also describes the Parameters for the operations in the API and the types that the API relies on.

The information in this document is based on v1.11.0 of the ECOA meta-model.

This document is structured as follows:

- Section 6 describes the Module to Language Mapping
- Section 7 describes the Parameters for operations;
- Section 8 describes the Module Context
- Section 9 describes the Type libraries
- Section 10 describes the Module Interface and
- Section 11 describes the Container Interface.

1 Scope

This purpose of this Architecture Specification is to establish a uniform method for design, development and integration of software systems using a component oriented approach.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Architecture Specification Part 1 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-001 / DGT 144474 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 1 – Concepts |
| Architecture Specification Part 2 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-012 / DGT 144487 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 2 – Definitions |
| Architecture Specification Part 3 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-007 / DGT 144482 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 3 – Mechanisms |
| Architecture Specification Part 4 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-010 / DGT 144485 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 4 – Software Interface |
| Architecture Specification Part 5 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-008 / DGT 144483 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 5 – Platform Requirements |
| Architecture Specification Part 6 | IAWG-ECOА-TR-006 / DGT 144481 Issue 3 Architecture Specification Part 6 – ECOА Logical Interface |
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Ada95 Reference Manual

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ISO/IEC 9899:1999(E)

Programming Languages – C

ISO/IEC 14882:2003(E)

Programming Languages C++

4 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in Architecture Specification Part 2 and those shown below apply.

5 Abbreviations

| | |
|-------|--|
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| ARINC | Aeronautical Radio, Incorporated |
| ASAAC | Allied Standards Avionics Architecture Council |
| ASC | Application Software Component |
| COTS | Commercial Off-The-Shelf |
| CPU | Central Processing Unit |
| DDS | Data Distribution Service |
| ECOА | European Component Oriented Architecture |
| ELI | ECOА Logical Interface |

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| EUID | ECOIA Unique Identifier (ID) |
| FIFO | First In, First Out |
| HR | High Resolution |
| ID | Identifier |
| IMA | Integrated Modular Avionics |
| IoC | Inversion-of-Control |
| IP | Internet Protocol |
| LRU | Line Replaceable Unit |
| NaN | Not a Number |
| OS | Operating System |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| POSIX | Portable Operating System Interface |
| QoS | Quality of Service |
| RFC | Request For Comments |
| RT | Real Time |
| RTOS | Real-Time Operating System |
| SOA | Service-oriented Architecture |
| SW | Software |
| TCP | Transmission Control Protocol |
| UDP | User Datagram Protocol |
| UML | Unified Modeling Language |
| UTC | Coordinated Universal Time |
| VME | Versa Module Europa (bus) |
| XML | eXtensible Markup Language |
| XSD | XML Schema Definition |

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6 Module to Language Mapping

This section gives an overview of the Module Interface and Container Interface APIs, in terms of the filenames and overall structure of the files. Refer to this section in the required language binding for details relevant to that specific language

Sections 10 and 11 contain prototype definitions of the Application Framework operations using C like syntax: the correct syntax is given by the appropriate language binding.

The name of each operation shall include the Module Implementation name for those languages that do not support namespacing. The following symbolic names are used in the prototypes:

- **#module_impl_name#** is the name of the module implementation – the name is used for API generation.
- **#module_instance_name#** is the name of a module instance – this name is used for deployment or for lifecycle purposes,
- **#operation_name#** is the name of the module operation (event, request-response or versioned data),
- **#parameters_in#** and **#parameters_out#** respectively correspond to the ordered list of input and output parameters specified for a Request_Received, Response_Received, Request_Sync, Request_Async or a Response_Send operation,
- **#parameters#** corresponds to the ordered list of parameters specified for an event Send or event Received operation,
- **#type_name#** is the name of a data-type¹,
- **#context#** will be used to represent the reference to the context associated with a module instance.

Table 1 details the Module and Container Interface APIs. The actual API will include the name of the operation and module. How this is done is specified in the language independent section referenced in the table. The reader must refer to the appropriate language binding document to determine the actual syntax for a specific language.

#type_name# may be extended by the addition of a qualifying prefix where a specific kind of type is indicated, as in **#record_type_name#**.

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Table 1 - Module and Container Interfaces

| Category | Abstract API Name | Container Operation | Module Operation | Section |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| Events API | Event_Send | Yes | No | 11.1.3.1 |
| | Event_Received | No | Yes | 10.1.3.1 |
| Request Response API | Request_Sync | Yes | No | 11.1.1.1 |
| | Request_Async | Yes | No | 11.1.1.2 |
| | Request_Received | No | Yes | 10.1.1.1 |
| | Response_Received | No | Yes | 10.1.1.2 |
| | Response_Send | Yes | No | 11.1.1.3 |
| Versioned Data API | Get_Read_Access | Yes | No | 11.1.2.1 |
| | Release_Read_Access | Yes | No | 11.1.2.2 |
| | Updated | No | Yes | 10.1.2.1 |
| | Get_Write_Access | Yes | No | 11.1.2.3 |
| | Cancel_Write_Access | Yes | No | 11.1.2.4 |
| | Publish_Write_Access | Yes | No | 11.1.2.5 |
| Properties API | Get_Value | Yes | No | 11.2.1 |
| Runtime Lifecycle API | Initialize_Received | No | Yes | 10.2.1 |
| | Start_Received | No | Yes | |
| | Stop_Received | No | Yes | |
| | Shutdown_Received | No | Yes | |
| | Reinitialize_Received | No | Yes | |
| Logging and Fault Management Services API | Log_Debug | Yes | No | 11.5 |
| | Log_Trace | Yes | No | |
| | Log_Info | Yes | No | |
| | Log_Warning | Yes | No | |
| | Raise_Error | Yes | No | |
| | Raise_Fatal_Error | Yes | No | |
| Time Services API | Get_Relative_Local_Time | Yes | No | 11.6 |
| | Get_UTC_Time | Yes | No | |
| | Get_Absolute_System_Time | Yes | No | |
| Lifecycle Management API (Supervision Modules Only) | Lifecycle_Notification | No | Yes | 10.2.2 |
| | Get_Lifecycle_State | Yes | No | 11.3.2 |
| | Stop_Module | Yes | No | |
| | Start_Module | Yes | No | |

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| Category | Abstract API Name | Container Operation | Module Operation | Section |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| | Initialize_Module | Yes | No | |
| | Shutdown_Module | Yes | No | |
| Error Notification API (Supervision Modules Only) | Error_Notification | No | Yes | 10.4 |
| Fault Handling API (Fault Handlers Only) | Error_Notification | No | Yes | 12.1 |
| | Recovery_Action | Yes | No | 12.2 |
| Service Availability API (Supervision Modules Only) | Set_Service_Availability | Yes | No | 11.4.1 |
| | Get_Service_Availability | Yes | No | 11.4.2 |

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7 Parameters

Request-response and event operations may have parameters associated with them:

- Request-response operations: may have inputs and outputs.
- Events: may have inputs.

All parameters must be ECOA pre-defined types or be defined in a type library.

The order of parameters of an operation is described in the Service Definitions, Component Definition and Component Implementation, and must be the same in all cases.

The manner in which parameters are passed is language dependent and is described in the individual language bindings.

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8 Module Context

It is required that the same implementation of a module can be instantiated several times, possibly within the same protection domain, without causing any symbol collision. To achieve this requirement, it is expected, for example, that the implementer of a C or C++ Module would not use any static (either global or local) variables within the module (except for constants). To this end, modules are coded with instance specific data blocks referred to as the "module context".

The purpose of this "module context" is to hold all the private data that will be used:

- by the Container and the ECOA infrastructure to handle the Module Instance (infrastructure-level technical data),
- by the Module Instance itself to support its functions (user-defined local private data).

The use and the declaration of the "Module Context" structure may be adapted for each language binding.

For non-OO languages, the "Module Context" will be represented as a structure that shall hold both the user local data (called "User Module Context") and all the infrastructure-level technical and specific part of "Module Context" (such technical data won't be specified in this document as they are implementation dependant). For this reason, the Module Context may be generated by the ECOA infrastructure within the Container Interface Header, and be extended by a user defined "User Module Context" structure.

With OO languages, the Module Instance will be instantiated as an object of a Module Implementation class declared by the user; its associated Container will be associated to an instance of an ECOA-generated Module Container class. All the "User Module Context" shall be declared within the user Module Implementation class as its private attributes and accessed through public helper methods. The infrastructure-level technical data shall be declared by the ECOA-infrastructure within the corresponding (generated) Module Container class. In addition, the entry-points declared in the Container Interface are represented as methods of the Container object, so the Module Instance object must have access to its corresponding Container object to enable it to call these methods. This can be achieved by passing a pointer to the Container object as a parameter of the constructor of the Module Implementation class. The Module Instance object will use a private attribute to store this pointer to the Container object for future use.

The language bindings specify the exact syntax required for the Module User Context.

8.1 Timestamping

Freshness of data is an important consideration in a mission system and for this reason timestamping of operations (i.e. communication) is supported.

A timestamp point is related to the origin of the operation (Sender). The timestamp allows the user of the timestamp to rebuild a chronogram based on the same reference, the sender's clock. The ECOA infrastructure (i.e. container) will be able to record timestamps for operations as shown in Table 2.

Table 2 – Timestamp Points

| Operation API | Timestamp point | Description |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Event_Send | When Module calls the | When an event is sent |

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| Operation API | Timestamp point | Description |
|----------------------|---|---|
| | Container API | by the requiring or providing Container |
| Request_Sync | When Module calls the Container API | When a request is sent by the requiring Container |
| Request_Async | When Module calls the Container API | |
| Request_Received | When the called Module calls the response API | When a response is sent by the provider Container |
| Publish_Write_Access | When Module calls container API (publish) | When data is published by the provider Container |
| Updated | When Module calls container API (publish) | When data is published by the provider Container |

At present operation timestamps will always be provided by the infrastructure. In future timestamps may be made optional (for performance reasons) and a component may be able to specify whether it provides or requires a timestamp.

8.1.1 Request Response and Events

The timestamp is associated with the sent event, sent request or sent response. These timestamps available to the receiving module in the module instance context.

8.1.2 Versioned Data

The timestamp is associated with publication of the version of data that is being read.

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9 Types

The API relies on a set of pre-defined types, which can be used to construct user defined complex types. These types are used by operations on the Module and Container Interfaces. Namespaces are used to organise the types into separate libraries.

9.1 Namespaces

Namespaces are used to organise the types used by an ECOA system into disjoint sets, or libraries. The namespaces are organised in a hierarchical manner, and all of the ECOA namespaces are subordinate to the ECOA base namespace as shown in Figure 2. Application based namespaces that are not subordinate to the ECOA namespace are also allowed.

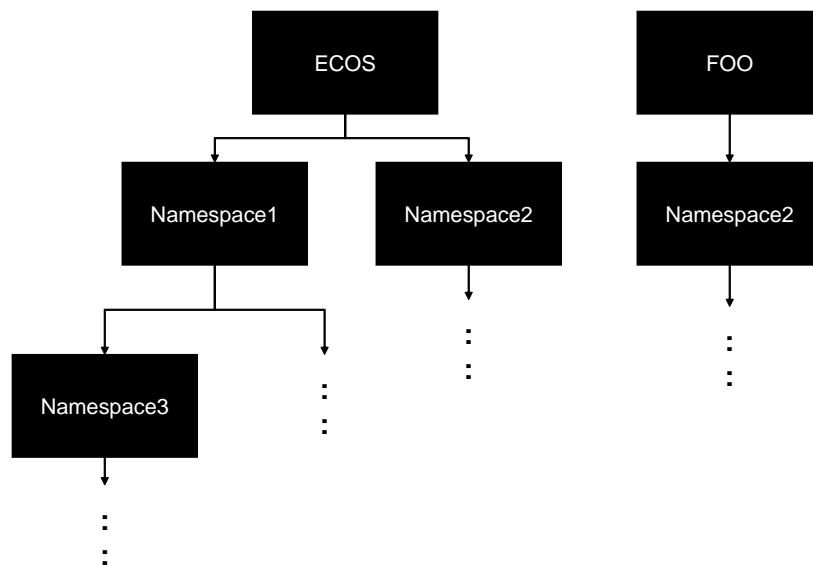


Figure 2 – Namespaces

Type names within the same namespace shall be unique. All types declared in the same namespace are located in the same file in the model: this file will usually be automatically generated by the ECOA toolset from the XML descriptions. The header file name complies with the following pattern:

```
#namespace1#_#namespace2#_..._#namespacen#
```

The file extension is language specific.

9.2 Predefined Types

A number of portable pre-defined basic types are provided within the ECOA namespace that should be used to write portable code. They are used for all data interchange between modules in an implementation. These portable types do not preclude the use of pre-existing language types, error handling or exception mechanisms. Mappings for specific languages are described by the bindings.

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All of the ECOA pre-defined types, which are listed in Table 2, may be used directly in the XML descriptions without using the ECOA namespace.

Table 3 – ECOA Predefined Types

| ECOA Predefined Type | Description | XML Representation |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| ECOA:boolean8 | 8-bit boolean | boolean8 or ECOA:boolean8 |
| ECOA:int8 | 8-bit signed integer | int8 or ECOA:int8 |
| ECOA:char8 | 8-bit ASCII character | char8 or ECOA:char8 |
| ECOA:byte | byte | byte or ECOA:byte |
| ECOA:int16 | 16 bits signed integer | int16 or ECOA:int16 |
| ECOA:int32 | 32-bits signed integer | int32 or ECOA:int32 |
| ECOA:int64 | 64 bits signed integer | int64 or ECOA:int64 |
| ECOA:uint8 | 8 bit unsigned integer | uint8 or ECOA:uint8 |
| ECOA:uint16 | 16-bit unsigned integer | uint16 or ECOA:uint16 |
| ECOA:uint32 | 32-bit unsigned integer | uint32 or ECOA:uint32 |
| ECOA:uint64 | 64-bit unsigned integer | uint64 or ECOA:uint64 |
| ECOA:float32 | Single precision IEEE 754 floating-point | float32 or ECOA:float32 |
| ECOA:double64 | Double precision IEEE 754 floating-point | double64 or ECOA:double64 |

ECOA:int64 and ECOA:uint64 are only available on platforms which support 64bit integer arithmetic. A dedicated flag ECOA_64BIT_SUPPORT can be used to select their use – see reference headers in the various bindings.

Table 4 – ECOA Predefined Constants

| ECOA Predefined Type | Constant | Constant Value |
|----------------------|----------|----------------|
| ECOA:boolean8 | TRUE | 1 |
| | FALSE | 0 |

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| ECO: Predefined Type | Constant | Constant Value |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| ECO: int8 | INT8_MIN | -127 |
| | INT8_MAX | 127 |
| ECO: char8 | CHAR8_MIN | 0 |
| | CHAR8_MAX | 127 ² |
| ECO: byte | BYTE_MIN | 0 |
| | BYTE_MAX | 255 |
| ECO: int16 | INT16_MIN | -32767 |
| | INT16_MAX | 32767 |
| ECO: int32 | INT32_MIN | -2147483647 |
| | INT32_MAX | 2147483647 |
| ECO: int64 | INT64_MIN | -9223372036854775807 |
| | INT64_MAX | 9223372036854775807 |
| ECO: uint8 | UINT8_MIN | 0 |
| | UINT8_MAX | 255 |
| ECO: uint16 | UINT16_MIN | 0 |
| | UINT16_MAX | 65535 |
| ECO: uint32 | UINT32_MIN | 0 |
| | UINT32_MAX | 4294967295 |
| ECO: uint64 | UINT64_MIN | 0 |
| | UINT64_MAX | 18446744073709551615 |
| ECO: float32 | FLOAT32_MIN | -3.402823466e+38F |
| | FLOAT32_MAX | 3.402823466e+38F |

² ECO:char8 is an ASCII character, and as such its range is 0 to 127, however the 7 bit ASCII code uses 8 bits of storage, with the upper bit set to zero, because of this values in the range 128 to 255 are invalid.

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| ECO A Predefined Type | Constant | Constant Value |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| ECO A:double64 | DOUBLE64_MIN | -1.7976931348623158e+308 |
| | DOUBLE64_MAX | 1.7976931348623158e+308 |

For all the pre-defined data types it shall be possible to determine the minimum and maximum values. In C/C++, for example these will be implemented as macros. These are also defined in the base namespace.

9.2.1 ECOA:return_status

The data type `ECO A:return_status` is an enumeration (using `ECO A:uint32` as its base type) declared in the `ECO A` namespace, which is used to specify the return status of applicable application-software component interface API functions. The enumeration values are:

| | |
|--|--|
| <code>ECO A:OK = 0</code> | No error has occurred |
| <code>ECO A:INVALID_HANDLE = 1</code> | An invalid handle has been used |
| <code>ECO A:DATA_NOT_INITIALIZED = 2</code> | The data has never been written |
| <code>ECO A:NO_DATA = 3</code> | The call is not able to provide any data |
| <code>ECO A:INVALID_IDENTIFIER = 4</code> | An invalid ID has been used. |
| <code>ECO A:NO_RESPONSE = 5</code> | No response was received for a request |
| <code>ECO A:OPERATION_ALREADY_PENDING = 6</code> | The requested operation is already being processed |
| <code>ECO A:INVALID_SERVICE_ID = 7</code> | The service ID is invalid |
| <code>ECO A:CLOCK_UNSYNCHRONIZED = 8</code> | The clock is not synchronised |
| <code>ECO A:INVALID_TRANSITION = 9</code> | An invalid transition has been used. |
| <code>ECO A:RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE = 10</code> | Insufficient resource is available to perform the operation. |
| <code>ECO A:OPERATION_NOT_AVAILABLE = 11</code> | The requested operation is not available. |
| <code>ECO A:PENDING_STATE_TRANSITION = 12</code> | A previous state change request is already pending. |

The `ECO A:return_status` is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the `ECO A` namespace as follows:

```
<enum name="error" type="uint32">
  <value name="OK" valnum="0"/>
  <value name="INVALID_HANDLE" valnum="1" />
  <value name="DATA_NOT_INITIALIZED" valnum="2" />
  <value name="NO_DATA" valnum="3" />
  <value name="INVALID_IDENTIFIER" valnum="4" />
  <value name="NO_RESPONSE" valnum="5" />
  <value name="OPERATION_ALREADY_PENDING" valnum="6" />
  <value name="INVALID_SERVICE_ID" valnum="7" />
  <value name="CLOCK_UNSYNCHRONIZED" valnum="8" />
  <value name="INVALID_TRANSITION" valnum="9" />
  <value name="RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE" valnum="10" />
  <value name="OPERATION_NOT_AVAILABLE" valnum="11" />
  <value name="PENDING_STATE_TRANSITION" valnum="12" />
</enum>
```

9.2.2 ECOA:hr_time

A type used as a local (high-resolution) time source. The `ECO A:hr_time` data-type is a record composed of the following fields:

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- **ECOA:uint32 seconds**. Seconds elapsed since some reference point in time. The value shall be positive.
- **ECOA:uint32 nanoseconds**. Nanoseconds measured within the current second. The value shall be between 0 and 1.10^9 .

The ECOA:hr_time is a record (see section 9.3.4) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<record name="hr_time">
  <field type="uint32" name="seconds" />
  <field type="uint32" name="nanoseconds" />
</record>
```

9.2.3 ECOA:global_time

A type used for global time source (e.g. UTC time). ECOA:global_time is a record composed of the following fields:

- **ECOA:uint32 seconds**. Seconds elapsed since the POSIX Epoch (1st of January, 1970). The value shall be positive.
- **ECOA:uint32 nanoseconds**. Nanoseconds measured within the current second. The value shall be between 0 and 1.10^9 .

The ECOA:global_time is a record (see section 9.3.4) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<record name="global_time">
  <field type="uint32" name="seconds" />
  <field type="uint32" name="nanoseconds" />
</record>
```

9.2.4 ECOA:duration

A type used for operations that result in communications of delay or duration from one module to another. ECOA:duration is a record composed of the following fields:

- **ECOA:uint32 seconds**. The value shall be positive.
- **ECOA:uint32 nanoseconds**. Nanoseconds measured within the current second. The value shall be between 0 and 1.10^9 .

The ECOA:duration is a record (see section 9.3.4) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<record name="duration">
  <field type="uint32" name="seconds" />
  <field type="uint32" name="nanoseconds" />
</record>
```

9.2.5 ECOA:timestamp

A type, set using ECOA:global_time, used for timestamping operations that result in communications from one Module Instance to another. ECOA:timestamp is a record composed of the following fields:

- **ECOA:uint32 seconds**. Seconds elapsed since the POSIX Epoch (1st of January, 1970). The value shall be positive.

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- **ECOA:uint32 nanoseconds.** Nanoseconds measured within the current second. The value shall be between 0 and 1.10^9 .

The ECOA:duration is a record (see section 9.3.4) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<record name="timestamp">
  <field type="uint32" name="seconds" />
  <field type="uint32" name="nanoseconds" />
</record>
```

9.2.6 ECOA:log

ECOA:log is a variable array of 256 ECOA:char8 elements, that defines how a fault or information report is stored. The type is constrained to enable portability, because some implementations may not be able to support unconstrained logging. See Section 11.5 for information about logging and fault management.

Using a variable array potentially improves performance, because the size of the log can be efficiently managed.

The ECOA:log is a record (see section 9.3.4) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<array name="log" itemType="char8" maxNumber="256" />
```

9.2.7 ECOA:module_states_type

The data type ECOA:module_states_type is an enumeration (using ECOA:uint32 as its base type) declared in the ECOA namespace, which is used to specify the status of modules. The enumeration values are:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| ECOA:IDLE = 0 | The module is idle |
| ECOA:READY = 1 | The module is ready |
| ECOA:RUNNING = 2 | The module is running |

The ECOA:module_states_type is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<enum name="module_states_type" type="uint32">
  <value name="IDLE" valnum="0"/>
  <value name="READY" valnum="1" />
  <value name="RUNNING" valnum="2" />
</enum>
```

9.2.8 ECOA:module_error_type

The data type ECOA:module_error_type is declared in the ECOA namespace, which is used by the Infrastructure to notify the Supervision Module of an error notified by an applicative module or by the Fault Handler.

ECOA:module_error_type is an enumeration. The enumeration values are:

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| ERROR = 1 | Used when a raise_error is called |
| FATAL_ERROR = 2 | Used when a raise_fatal_error is called |

The ECOA:module_error_type is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

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```
<enum name="module_error_type" type="uint32">
  <value name="ERROR" valnum="1" />
  <value name="FATAL_ERROR" valnum="2" />
</enum>
```

9.2.9 ECOA:error_id

The ECOA:error_id is a simple type (see section 9.3.1) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<simple type="uint32" name="error_id" />
```

Error IDs uniquely identify error occurrences. They are generated by the Infrastructure.

9.2.10 ECOA:error_type

The data type ECOA:error_type is an enumeration declared in the ECOA namespace, which is used to specify the type of the error. The enumeration values are given by the table below. For each error, a short description is given as well as the potential origin of the error, i.e. the asset linked to the error.

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Table 5 - Table of Errors

| Error | Value | Description | ECOA asset linked to the error | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Component | Protection Domain | Computing Node | Computing Platform | Service Operation |
| RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE | 0 | No more resources to carry on the element activities | X | X | X | X | |
| UNAVAILABLE | 1 | The element (potentially a remote platform) has disappeared for an unknown reason | X | X | X | X | |
| MEMORY_VIOLATION | 2 | Memory violation | X | X | | | |
| NUMERICAL_ERROR | 3 | Divide by zero or floating-point error | X | X | | | |
| ILLEGAL_INSTRUCTION | 4 | Illegal instruction in the binary code | X | X | | | |
| STACK_OVERFLOW | 5 | Module or protection domain stack corruption | X | X | | | |
| DEADLINE_VIOLATION | 6 | Module deadline violation | X | | | | |
| OVERFLOW | 7 | The module queue is full or if the container has not enough resources to track concurrent requests. | X | | | | |
| UNDERFLOW | 8 | The module queue is not enough fulfilled | X | | | | |
| ILLEGAL_INPUT_ARGS | 9 | Illegal input arguments | X | | | | |
| ILLEGAL_OUTPUT_ARGS | 10 | Illegal output arguments | X | | | | |
| ERROR | 11 | Raise_error called by a Supervision Module | X | | | | |
| FATAL_ERROR | 12 | Raise_fatal_error called by a Supervision Module | X | | | | |
| HARDWARE_FAULT | 13 | Hardware fault | | | X | X | |
| POWER_FAIL | 14 | Power failure | | | X | X | |
| COMMUNICATION_ERROR | 15 | Communication error | | | X | X | |
| INVALID_CONFIG | 16 | Invalid configuration. The node is not able to load the configuration | | | X | X | |
| INITIALISATION_PROBLEM | 17 | Initialisation problem. The node is not able to allocate resources or to start components | | | X | X | |
| CLOCK_UNSYNCHRONIZED | 18 | The node clock is not synchronized with the other parts of the system. | | | X | X | |
| UNKNOWN_OPERATION | 19 | The client receives the ELI UNKNOWN_OPERATION return code | | | | | X |

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| Error | Value | Description | ECO A asset linked to the error | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Component | Protection Domain | Computing Node | Computing Platform | Service Operation |
| | | when invoking a remote service operation | | | | | |
| OPERATION_OVERRATED | 20 | The operation is called more than expected by the QoS. | | | | | X |
| OPERATION_UNDERRATED | 21 | The operation is called less than expected by the QoS. | | | | | X |

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The ECOA:error_type is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<enum name="error_type" type="uint32">
  <value name="RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE" valnum="0" />
  <value name="UNAVAILABLE" valnum="1" />
  <value name="MEMORY_VIOLATION" valnum="2" />
  <value name="NUMERICAL_ERROR" valnum="3" />
  <value name="ILLEGAL_INSTRUCTION" valnum="4" />
  <value name="STACK_OVERFLOW" valnum="5" />
  <value name="DEADLINE_VIOLATION" valnum="6" />
  <value name="OVERFLOW" valnum="7" />
  <value name="UNDERFLOW" valnum="8" />
  <value name="ILLEGAL_INPUT_ARGS" valnum="9" />
  <value name="ILLEGAL_OUTPUT_ARGS" valnum="10" />
  <value name="ERROR" valnum="11" />
  <value name="FATAL_ERROR" valnum="12" />
  <value name="HARDWARE_FAULT" valnum="13" />
  <value name="POWER_FAIL" valnum="14" />
  <value name="COMMUNICATION_ERROR" valnum="15" />
  <value name="INVALID_CONFIG" valnum="16" />
  <value name="INITIALISATION_PROBLEM" valnum="17" />
  <value name="CLOCK_UNSYNCHRONIZED" valnum="18" />
  <value name="UNKNOWN_OPERATION" valnum="19" />
  <value name="OPERATION_OVERRATED" valnum="20" />
  <value name="OPERATION_UNDERRATED" valnum="21" />
</enum>
```

9.2.11 ECOA:asset_id

The ECOA:asset_id is a simple type (see section 9.3.1) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<simple type="uint32" name="asset_id" />
```

Asset IDs uniquely identify entities involved in the fault management, i.e.:

- Entities for which it is possible to detect an error: component instance, protection domain, computing node, computing platform and service operation.
- Entities on which it is possible to require a recovery action: component instance, protection domain, computing node, computing platform or deployment.

The Fault Handler and the Infrastructure need to share the same IDs since they are used to describe at Fault Handler level errors raised by the Infrastructure and to carry on by the Infrastructure recovery actions decided by the Fault Handler.

The platform tooling will generate a header file mapping assets described above with Ids. This header file then is used by the developer of the Fault Handler.

This header file contains an enumeration defined in the ECOA:ErrorHandler namespace as follows:

```
<enum name=" ECOA:ErrorHandler:IDs" type="uint32">
  <value name="CMP_#component_instance_name1#" valnum="#CMP_ID1#" />
  <value name="CMP_#component_instance_name2#" valnum="#CMP_ID2#" />
  <!-- ... -->
  <value name="CMP_#component_instance_nameN#" valnum="#CMP_IDN#" />

  <value name="PD_#protection_domain_name1#" valnum="#PD_ID1#" />
```

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```

<value name="PD_#protection_domain_name2#" valnum="#PD_ID2#" />
<!-- ... -->
<value name="PD_#protection_domain_nameN#" valnum="#PD_IDN#" />

<value name="NOD_#computing_node_name1#" valnum="#NOD_ID1#" />
<value name="NOD_#computing_node_name2#" valnum="#NOD_ID2#" />
<!-- ... -->
<value name="NOD_#computing_node_nameN#" valnum="#NOD_IDN#" />

<value name="PF_#computing_platform_name1#" valnum="#PF_ID1#" />
<value name="PF_#computing_platform_name2#" valnum="#PF_ID2#" />
<!-- ... -->
<value name="PF_#computing_platform_nameN#" valnum="#PF_IDN#" />

<value name="SOP_#service_operation_name1#" valnum="#ELI_ID1#" />
<value name="SOP_#service_operation_name2#" valnum="#ELI_ID2#" />
<!-- ... -->
<value name="SOP_#service_operation_nameN#" valnum="#ELI_IDN#" />

<value name="DEP_#deployment_name1#" valnum="#DEP_ID1#" />
<value name="DEP_#deployment_name2#" valnum="#DEP_ID2#" />
<!-- ... -->
<value name="DEP_#deployment_nameN#" valnum="#DEP_IDN#" />
</enum>

```

Names used in the enumeration are names used in the deployment and in the assembly. IDs and names for service operations are IDs and names generated for the ELI.

9.2.12 ECOA:asset_type

The data type ECOA:asset_type is an enumeration declared in the ECOA namespace, which is used to identify the type of asset either linked to an error or targeted by a recovery action. The enumeration values are:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| COMPONENT | 0 | Component instance |
| PROTECTION_DOMAIN | 1 | Protection Domain |
| NODE | 2 | Computing Node |
| PLATFORM | 3 | Computing Platform |
| SERVICE | 4 | Service – used for service operation errors |
| DEPLOYMENT | 5 | Deployment – used for reloading the platform |

The ECOA:asset_type is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```

<enum name="asset_type" type="uint32">
  <value name="COMPONENT" valnum="0" />
  <value name="PROTECTION_DOMAIN" valnum="1" />
  <value name="NODE" valnum="2" />
  <value name="PLATFORM" valnum="3" />
  <value name="SERVICE" valnum="4" />
  <value name="DEPLOYMENT" valnum="5" />
</enum>

```

9.2.13 ECOA:recovery_action_type

The data type `ECOA:recovery_action_type` is an enumeration declared in the ECOA namespace, which is used to specify the type of action recovery the Infrastructure will carry on the target asset (i-e, on the target component, protection domain, node or platform). The enumeration values are:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| SHUTDOWN | 0 | Shutdown the target asset |
| COLD_RESTART | 1 | Restart the target asset in cold mode |
| WARM_RESTART | 2 | Restart the target asset in warm mode |
| CHANGE_DEPLOYMENT | 3 | Reload the platform with a new deployment |

The `ECOA:recovery_action_type` is an enumeration (see section 9.3.3) defined in the ECOA namespace as follows:

```
<enum name="recovery_action_type" type="uint32">
  <value name="SHUTDOWN " valnum="0" />
  <value name="COLD_RESTART " valnum="1" />
  <value name="WARM_RESTART " valnum="2" />
  <value name="CHANGE_DEPLOYMENT" valnum="3" />
</enum>
```

9.3 Derived Types

This Section describes the derived types that can be constructed from the ECOA pre-defined types.

9.3.1 Simple Types

A simple type is a refinement of a predefined type with a new name and optional additional restrictions (e.g. a more restrictive range). These restrictions can be expressed directly in strongly typed languages such as Ada, however in less strongly typed languages such as C/C++ they are expressed indirectly using min and max constants. A simple type can also be defined based upon another user defined simple type.

Example 1 – defining a simple type based on a predefined ECOA simple type:

```
<simple type="#ECOA_predefined_type_name#" name="#simple_type_name#" />
```

Example 2 – defining a type based upon a previously defined simple type:

```
<simple type="#simple_type_name#" name="#simple_type_name#" />
```

9.3.2 Constants

A constant is a defined constant value of a given, previously defined, type. A constant may be an integer or floating point. Constants can be referenced when defining other types; allowing a type to be sized or constrained.

```
<constant name="#constant_name#" type="#type_name#" value="#constant_value#" />
```

The `#constant_value#` may be an integer or floating-point value.

Example 1 - defining a constant of type `ECOA:uint32`:

```
<constant name="my_message_max_size" type="ECOA:uint32" value="1024" />
```

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Example 2 – defining a constant of type ECOA:double64:

```
<constant name="Pi" type="ECOA:double64" value="3.141592654" />
```

Constants can be used with the XML notation by using the following syntax:

%constant_name%.

Example 3 using a constant to bound an array:

```
<array name="my_message" itemType="ECOA:char8" maxNumber="%my_message_max_size%" />
```

9.3.3 Enumerations

An enumeration type is the definition of a set of labels, derived from a pre-defined type, with optional values or integer-based constant definitions. If the optional value of the label is not set, this value is computed from the previous label value, by adding 1 (or set to 0 if it is the first label of the enumeration). Value entries in the type definition shall be ordered in the numerical order of the associated values (from the lowest value to the highest one).

All labels used in an enum shall be unique within the enum scope. The enum type shall be a pre-defined integer type, or a simple type derived from a pre-defined integer type.

Example – defining an enumeration type:

```
<enum name="#enum_type_name#" type="#type_name#">
  <value name="#enumeration_constant_name1#" valnum="#optional_enum_value_value1#"/>
  <value name="#enumeration_constant_name2#" valnum="#optional_enum_value_value2#"/>
  <value name="#enumeration_constant_name3#" valnum="%#optional_enum_constant_name#"/>
</enum>;
```

Where: #optional_enum_value_valueX# is of type #type_name#.

9.3.4 Records

Records types are types containing a fixed set of fields of given types. All types used in a record shall be previously defined or ECOA pre-defined types.

All fields used in a record shall be unique within the record scope.

Example – defining a record type:

```
<record name="#record_type_name#">
  <field type="#type_name#" name="#record_field_name#" />
  <!-- a record may consist of multiple <fields... /> -->
  [<field type="#type_name#" name="#record_field_name#" />]
</record>
```

9.3.5 Variant Records

Variant Record types

- may contain a fixed set of fields of given type
- shall contain a set of optional fields and a selector. The selector chooses the format of the record by controlling which optional fields are actually included in the record at runtime.

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Variant records allow the definition of flexible data types: at runtime an instance of the variant record will contain any specified fixed fields plus a subset of the optional fields specified.

Example – defining a variant record:

```
<variantrecord name="#record_type_name#" selectName="#selector_name#" selectType="#type_name#">
  <field type="#type_name#" name="#record_field_name#" />
  <union type="#type_name#" name="#union_name#" when="#selector_value_constant#" />
  <!-- a variantrecord may consist of multiple {<field... /><union... />} pairs... -->
  [<field type="#type_name#" name="#record_field_name#" />
  <union type="#type_name#" name="#union_name#" when="#selector_value_constant#" /> ]
</record>
```

9.3.6 Fixed Arrays

A fixed array is an ordered collection of a defined maximum number of elements of the same type. The value of maximum number shall be a positive constant of an integer type, and the array shall always contain this number of elements.

Example – defining a fixed array:

```
<fixedarray name="#array_type_name#" itemType="#type_name#" maxNumber="#int64_constant#" />
```

9.3.7 Variable Arrays

A variable array is an ordered collection of elements of the same type. The variable array has a “current size” and a “maximum size”. The “current size” enables the amount of data that needs to be copied to be minimised. The “maximum size” bounds the memory and data transfer requirements. Variable arrays of char8 shall be used to store character strings.

The values of “maximum size” and “current size” shall be positive and “current size” shall be less than or equal to “maximum size”.

Example – defining a variable array:

```
<array name="#array_type_name#" itemType="#type_name#" maxNumber="#int64_constant#" />
```

10 Module Interface

The Module Interface specifies the interface to a module, which is used by the container to call module operations.

10.1 Operations

The Module Interface provides a number of entry points that allow the Container to invoke Module Operations that cause a Module Instance to execute a block of functionality. The block of functionality may call any container operation API allowed by its type (supervision module or not) (see section 11).

10.1.1 Request-Response

For modules which are declared as a server of a request response operation, Request_Received is provided to initiate the entry point associated to that request.

For modules which are declared as a client of an asynchronous request response operation, Response_Received is provided to return the result of an asynchronous request.

10.1.1.1 Request Received

For a Module declared as server of a request-response operation, a function is implemented by the Module to handle the request generated by the client Module. The declaration carries the input parameters. The name of the function shall be generated to include the name of the operation.

Request_Received provides an ID parameter which is required by the infrastructure to associate the reply with the initiating request.

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for this module operation, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void [#module_implementation_name#:]#operation_name#__Request_Received([#context#,] ECOA:uint32 ID, #parameters_in#);
```

10.1.1.2 Response Received

For a Module declared as client of an asynchronous request-response operation, a function is implemented by the Module to handle the response generated by the server Module. The declaration carries the input and output parameters. The name of the function shall be generated to include the name of the operation.

Response_Received provides an ID parameter which is used by the module instance to associate the response with the initiating request. This is required because the module could initiate multiple requests prior to receiving any responses.

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for this module operation, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void [#module_implementation_name#:]#operation_name#__Response_Received([#context#,] ECOA:uint32 ID, ECOA:return_status status, #parameters_out#);
```

Response Received operations may return the following error codes:

- ```
[EOA:return_status:OK]
```
- No error

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```
[ECO:return_status:NO_RESPONSE]
```

- No response received within the expected time
- Required service is not available
- The server module queue is full
- Server module is IDLE/STOPPED
- Server has called `raise_fatal_error()`

The NO\_RESPONSE error code hides several kinds of problem; depending on the problem, the infrastructure may implement several mechanisms to quicken the call of this function.

### 10.1.2 Versioned Data

The Module Interface provides an optional entry point that is used to notify a Module when a new value of Versioned data is available.

#### 10.1.2.1 Updated

The Updated module operation is a callback used by the Container to notify a module when a new value of Versioned data is available. The Module is provided with direct access to the data; the Container automatically calls `Get_Read_Access` and `Release_Read_Access` at the start and end of the operation respectively. This entry point is used to avoid the use of polling to identify when new values are available.

Note: The default behaviour of versioned data read operations is no notification callback.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
[#module_impl_name#:]#operation_name#_Updated([#context#,) ECO:return_status status,
[#module_impl_name#:]#operation_name#_handle*);
```

Updated operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECO:return_status:OK]
```

- No error

```
[ECO:return_status:RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE]
```

- Maximum number of versioned data reached
- Container unable to store incoming versioned data

### 10.1.3 Events

The Module Interface provides an entry point for the receipt of Events.

#### 10.1.3.1 Received

For a Module declared as a handler of an event, a function, method or procedure shall be implemented by the Module to handle the reception of the event from all possible senders. Its input parameters shall correspond to the typed data carried by the event. The name of the function shall be generated to include the name of the operation.

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for this module operation, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void [#module_implementation_name#:]#operation_name#_Received([#context#,#parameters#);
```

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## 10.2 Module Lifecycle

The Module Interface provides functionality to allow the container to command changes to the lifecycle state of the Module Instances it hosts under the direction of a Supervision Module. The lifecycle of Modules is controlled by one or more Supervision Modules. Each Component must contain a Supervision Module, which may be the only Module hosted by the container i.e. it may also provide the functionality required to provide the Component's Services. Any Supervision Module is initialised and started automatically by the container.

The module lifecycle is discussed more fully in Architecture Specification Part 3.

### 10.2.1 Generic Module API

Functionality is provided by the Module Interface to support the following Module Lifecycle functionality. These operations are applicable to all supervision, non-supervision, trigger and dynamic trigger module instances.

- **INITIALIZE\_Received:** this is the initialisation entry-point of the module used to perform its local initialisation; the Initialise entry-point of a Module is the function in which the Module is supposed to initialise all its local variables to be functionally initialised. This event is sent to the Module when it has changed state from IDLE to READY.
- **REINITIALIZE\_Received:** this is the reinitialisation entry-point of the module used to perform a subset of what is done by **INITIALIZE\_Received**, mainly to initialise its local variables. This event is sent to the Module when it has changed state from RUNNING or READY back to READY.
- **START\_Received:** this event is sent to the Module when it has changed state from READY to RUNNING
- **STOP\_Received:** this event is sent to the Module when it has changed state from RUNNING to READY
- **SHUTDOWN\_Received:** this event is sent to the Module when it has changed state from READY or RUNNING to IDLE

At API level, the following abstract functions will be invoked by the container and shall be implemented by the Module.

```
void [#module_implementation_name#:]INITIALIZE__Received([#context#]);
void [#module_implementation_name#:]START__Received([#context#]);
void [#module_implementation_name#:]STOP__Received([#context#]);
void [#module_implementation_name#:]SHUTDOWN__Received([#context#]);
void [#module_implementation_name#:]REINITIALIZE__Received([#context#]);
```

Within these five functions the module is restricted such that it may not call any Request Response container operation API (i.e. Request\_Sync, Request\_Async or Response\_Send). This is to prevent race conditions and deadlock due to the start-up order of modules. The module may still call any other container operation API allowed by its type (supervision module or not) (see section 11).

### 10.2.2 Supervision Module Lifecycle API

The Supervision Module API provides functionality to allow the container to notify the supervision module that a module/trigger/dynamic trigger has changed state. The notification informs the Supervision Module of both the previous and new states of the Module.

This operation is not associated to an OperationLink within the component implementation XML: the maximum number of waiting notifications in the Supervision Module Queue is fixed to 8 per supervised modules.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
void [#supervision_module_impl_name#:]lifecycle_notification_#module_instance_name#
([#context#,]ECOA:module_states_type previous_state, ECOA:module_states_type new_state);
```

Note: the supervision module API will contain a Lifecycle Notification procedure for every module/trigger/dynamic trigger in the Component i.e. the above API will be duplicated for every #module\_instance\_name# module/trigger/dynamic trigger in the Component.

ECOA.Module\_States\_Type is an enumerated type that contains all of the possible lifecycle states of the module instance.

### 10.3 Service Availability

The Module Interface provides functionality to allow the container to notify the supervision module of a client component about changes to the availability of required services.

#### 10.3.1 Service Availability Changed

Supervision modules shall provide an entry point for the receipt of a notification that a required service has changed its availability state. The operation will only be available if the component has one or more required services. The service instance is identified by the enumeration type reference\_id defined in the Container Interface (Section 11.4.4).

This operation is not associated to an OperationLink within the component implementation XML: the maximum number of waiting notifications in the Supervision Module Queue is fixed to 8.

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for this module operation, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void [#supervision_module_implementation_name#:]service_availability_changed([#context#,]
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]reference_id instance, ECOA:boolean8 available);
```

#### 10.3.2 Service Provider Changed

Supervision modules shall provide an entry point for the receipt of a notification that a required service has changed provider. The operation will only be available if the component has one or more required services. The service instance is identified by the enumeration type reference\_id defined in the Container Interface (Section 11.4.4)

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for this module operation, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void [#supervision_module_implementation_name#:]service_provider_changed([#context#,]
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]reference_id instance);
```

### 10.4 Error notification at application level

The Supervision Module Interface provides error handling functionality that may be used by the container to provide information to a Supervision Module Instance when a raise\_error or a raise\_fatal\_error is called by one of the modules it manages.

The following is an abstract description of the operation:

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```
void [#supervision_module_impl_name#:]error_notification__#module_instance_name# ([#context#,]
ECO:module_error_type module_error_type);
```

This error notification API can be called when an error occurs at module level (e.g. the module is not able to execute in the nominal mode and calls `raise_error` or `raise_fatal_error`).

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## 11 Container Interface

### 11.1 Operations

The Container Interface provides a number of operations that allow a module to invoke Container Operations to request Services from other Modules in the system.

#### 11.1.1 Request Response

Two operations are provided to allow Modules to issue requests to other modules:

- Synchronous Request
- Asynchronous Request

A further operation, Response is provided to return the result of a response to the requesting module.

##### 11.1.1.1 Synchronous Request

An operation provided by the Container, used by a Module to invoke an operation provided by a server Module. Its parameters correspond to the “in” and “out” parameters of the request-response. The calling Module is blocked until the response is received.

An error indication is returned to caller if the call fails and the fault is then handled via the fault management infrastructure.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECO: return_status
[#module_implementation_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Request_Sync([#context#,]#parameters_in#,
#parameters_out#);
```

Synchronous Request operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECO: return_status:OK]
 • No error
[ECO: return_status:NO_RESPONSE]
 • Required service is not available
 • The server module queue is full
 • Server module is IDLE/STOPPED
 • Server has called raise_fatal_error()
 • Container unable to send request
```

The NO\_RESPONSE error code hides several kinds of problem; depending on the problem, the infrastructure may implement several mechanisms to quicken the call of this function.

##### 11.1.1.2 Asynchronous Request

An operation provided by the Container, used by a Module to invoke an operation provided by a server Module. The first parameter is an ID, which is provided by the infrastructure to allow the module instance to associate the response with the request. This ID is unique for each module instance and for each call of the operation (because the module could initiate multiple requests prior to receiving any responses). The remaining parameters correspond to the “in” parameters of the request-response.

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The operation returns immediately so the calling Module is not blocked. If an infrastructure problem prevents the call from succeeding, the fault is handled via the fault management infrastructure.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
void
[#module_implementation_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Request_Async([#context#,], ECOA:uint32* ID,
#parameters_in#);
```

### 11.1.1.3 Response Send

An operation provided by the Container, used by the Module to send a Response. The first parameter is an ID, which is provided by the infrastructure to identify the calling Module Instance and to allow that module to associate the response with the request. The remaining parameters correspond to the “out” parameters of the request-response.

An error indication is returned if an infrastructure problem prevents the API from succeeding, and the fault is handled via the fault management infrastructure.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status
[#module_implementation_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Response_Send([#context#,] ECOA:uint32 ID,
#parameters_out#);
```

Response operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_IDENTIFIER]
 • API called with an invalid request-response identifier
```

### 11.1.2 Versioned Data

The container provides operations that allow Modules to read from or write to Versioned Data. The operations provided allow a module instance to:

- Get (request) Read Access
- Release Read Access
- Get (request) Write Access
- Cancel Write Access (without writing new data)
- Publish (write) new data (automatically releases write access)

A Data Handle is provided by the container for each instance of Versioned data to allow Module Instances to access that Versioned Data.

A Data Handle structure contains the following fields:

- An attribute used to provide access to a local copy of the data
- A timestamp structure, which reflects the last 'commit' time for that version of the data
- A platform hook, which is opaque to the user, and used by the ECOA infrastructure to handle that data

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The platform hook is typed as an array of bytes, to enable portability, to allow the infrastructure to allocate memory areas in order to store data handles. It is assumed that a size of 32 bytes is sufficient to cover any platform implementation.

The following is a prototype definition for a Data Handle

```
typedef struct {
 #type_name#* data;
 ECOA:timestamp timestamp;
 ECOA:byte platform_hook[32];
} [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle;
```

### 11.1.2.1 Get\_Read\_Access

For a Module declared as a reader of a Versioned Data, the container shall provide a function to get read access to the Versioned Data. This operation shall output the Data Handle parameter that allows the subsequent code to access the data space containing a local, read-only copy of the data. The name of the function shall be generated to include the name of the operation.

The operation does not block and returns immediately with the latest available copy of data. The timestamp in the data handle enables the caller to determine the currency of the data. The error code ECOA:NO\_DATA is returned if no data is available and the Data Handle contains a null pointer.

If there is an infrastructure problem that prevents the API from succeeding, an error indication is returned to the caller and the fault is handled via the fault management infrastructure. If an error is returned from Get\_Read\_Access, the call to Release\_Read\_Access is not required.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Get_Read_Access ([#context#,)
[#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle* data_handle);
```

Get Read Access operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error

[ECOA:return_status:NO_DATA]
 • No error - the data has never been written

[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_HANDLE]
 • API called with an invalid versioned data handle

[ECOA:return_status:RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE]
 • Maximum number of versioned data reached
 • Container unable to provide a versioned data
```

### 11.1.2.2 Release\_Read\_Access

This operation signals to the container that the calling module has finished working with the local copy of the Versioned Data, and that the data handle is no longer required. The module should not access the local copy of the data after calling this operation as it cannot be guaranteed to be consistent.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

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```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_Release_Read_Access([#context#],[#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle* data_handle);
```

Release Read Access operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
```

- No error

```
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_HANDLE]
```

- API called with an invalid versioned data handle

### 11.1.2.3 Get\_Write\_Access

For a Module declared as a writer of a Versioned Data, the container shall provide a function to get write access to the versioned data. This operation shall output the Data Handle parameter that allows the subsequent code to access the data space containing a local, read-write copy of the data.

The operation does not block and returns immediately with the latest copy of the data. Each call to Get\_Write\_Access will use a new dedicated platform resource represented by the returned data handle and pointing to a new memory area with the most updated value. Hence, each call to Get\_Write\_Access will require a call to either Cancel\_Write\_Access or Publish\_Write\_Access to free that corresponding platform resources, and commit (publish) the modified data is required.

If data has never been written, Get\_Write\_Access returns the error code ECOA:DATA\_NOT\_INITIALISED but returns a valid data handle towards a valid memory area.

If there is an infrastructure problem that prevents the API from succeeding, another error indication (RESOURCE\_NOT\_AVAILABLE, etc) is returned to the caller and the infrastructure handles the fault via the fault management infrastructure. In the present issue the behaviour of the fault management infrastructure is not defined.

Obtains a handle that allows access to a copy of the data. Get\_Write\_Access does not block and returns immediately. If there is an infrastructure problem that prevents the API from succeeding, an error indication is returned to caller and the fault is handled via the fault management infrastructure. If an error is returned from Get\_Write\_Access, the call to Cancel\_Write\_Access is not required.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_Get_Write_Access([#context#],[#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle* data_handle);
```

Get Write Access operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
```

- No error

```
[ECOA:return_status:DATA_NOT_INITIALIZED]
```

- No error - the data has never been written

```
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_HANDLE]
```

- API called with an invalid versioned data handle

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```
[ECOA:return_status:RESOURCE_NOT_AVAILABLE]
```

- Maximum number of versioned data reached
- Container unable to provide versioned data

#### 11.1.2.4 Cancel\_Write\_Access

This operation signals to the container that the calling module has finished working with the local copy of the Versioned Data, that no updates are required, and that the data handle is no longer required. Any local updates which may have been made should not be published to any readers of that versioned data. The module should not access the local copy of the data after calling this operation as it cannot be guaranteed to be consistent.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Cancel_Write_Access([#context#],[#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle* data_handle);
```

Cancel Write Access operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
```

- No error

```
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_HANDLE]
```

- API called with an invalid versioned data handle

#### 11.1.2.5 Publish\_Write\_Access

This operation signals to the container that the calling module has finished working with the local copy of the Versioned Data and that the container is authorised to broadcast the revised data to all readers of the Versioned Data. The module should not access the local copy of the data after calling this operation as it cannot be guaranteed to be consistent.

The operation does not block. An error message is returned to the caller if the handle is invalid (e.g. the module is reusing an handle already released). Any other fault is handled by the infrastructure.

The following is an abstract definition of the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Publish_Write_Access([#context#],[#module_impl_name#_container:]#operation_name#_handle* data_handle);
```

Publish Write Access operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
```

- No error

```
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_HANDLE]
```

- API called with an invalid versioned data handle

### 11.1.3 Events

The Container Interface provides an operation that allows a Module to send Events.

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### 11.1.3.1 Send

For a Module declared as a sender of an event, a function, method or procedure shall be implemented by the Container to send that event with typed parameters to all receivers. The name of the function shall be generated to include the name of the operation.

The operation returns immediately so the calling Module is not blocked. If an infrastructure problem prevents the call from succeeding (e.g. if erroneous parameters are given), the fault is handled via the fault management infrastructure.

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
void [#module_implementation_name#_container:]#operation_name#__Send([#context#,#parameters#];
```

## 11.2 Properties

The Container Interface API may include operations that can be used by the Modules to access component properties defined at the component level. These properties are defined within the component definition, assigned a value within the system assembly, and may then be mapped into module instances within the component implementation. It is also possible to provide module properties within the component implementation that are not specified at the component level. This allows for different instances of modules to have access to specific properties defined at both the module and component instance level.

### 11.2.1 Get\_Value

Used by Module Instances to get read only access to the properties The abstract format of the message is:

```
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_#property_name#_value([#context#,#property_type_name#*value);
```

Where:

- #property\_name# is the name of the property used in the component definition,
- #property\_type\_name# is the name of the data-type of the property.

### 11.2.2 Expressing Property Values

Values given to properties are set in component definitions, component implementations or in assembly schemas through the writing of character strings. This section describes the way to write these strings. It is based on a syntax allowing simple or complex data to be represented.

- « Predef », « Simple » : direct value
  - Examples: 16, 0xFFFFFFFF, -10, 100.234, true (=1), false (=0)
- « Enum » : symbol
  - The case shall follow the one used in the XML type definition.
  - Examples: AIR, GROUND, etc.
- « Record » : list of field names and values, separated by ",", surrounded with curly braces
  - The case shall follow the one used in the XML type definition.
  - {isValid: true,x: 10,y: 100.0, mode:GROUND}

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- « VariantRecord » : same as "record", except that first field is always the discriminant (name of this field = "select")
  - Some fields may not exist, depending on the value of the discriminant.
  - Examples:
    - {select: AIR, position3d: {x:2,y:3,z:4}}
    - {select: GROUND, position2d: {x:5,y:6}}
- “FixedArray » : list of « maxNumber » values, comma separated, surrounded by []
  - Example: [1,2,3,4,5]
  - Special case if element type is char8: string syntax with surrounded ""
    - Equivalent to an array of int with values of ASCII codes
    - The number of characters must be equal to maxNumber.
    - Escape character for "" is \.
    - Example (for a fixedarray with maxNumber=5): "ABCDE"
- « Array » : list of N values, comma separated, surrounded by [] (with 0<N<maxNumber):
  - Examples: [] (empty array), [100.5, 329.3, -456.99]
  - Special case if element type is char8: string syntax with ""
    - Example (for maxNumber=7): “ABCDE” = [0x41, 0x42, 0x43, 0x44, 0x45]
- Notion of « multiplier » to repeat an element in an array : #N:element
  - Examples:
    - [#10:0] (10 times the value 0)
    - a record repeated 10 times: [#20:{isValid:true, x:100.0, y:-10, mode:AIR}]
    - repeat until the end of the array: [1,2,3,#\*:999]
    - 10\*10 matrix with zeroes: [#10:[#10:0]]
- Support for constants
  - Suppose the following is defined in the library "mylib":
    - <constant name="MY\_CONST" type="int32" value="32"/>
  - Then the expression "%mylib:MY\_CONSTANT%" is allowed in properties values:
  - This is only valid for integer and floating-point types only.
- Character syntax
  - For type char8, the expression '0x' is allowed in properties values to represent characters by their ASCII codes. By example, 'A' can also be written as the ASCII code 0x41.

### 11.2.3 Example of Defining and Using Properties

The following XML defines a component with a simple property “Update\_Rate” (example.componentType):

```

<componentType>
 <service .../>
 <reference .../>
```

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```
<property name="Update_Rate" type="xs:string" ECOA-sca:type="float32"/>
</componentType>
```

The following XML defines how the module type and instance defines how the property is mapped. Also a property local to the module instance is defined (Module\_Inst\_Prop), which allows the module instance to have different values:

```
<moduleType name="example_mod_type" isSupervisionModule="false">
 <properties>
 <property name="Update_Rate" type="float32"/>
 <property name="Module_Inst_Prop" type="uint32"/>
 </properties>
</moduleType>

...

<moduleInstance name="example_mod_inst1"
 moduleDeadline="245"
 implementationName="example_mod_impl">
 <propertyValues>
 <propertyValue name="Update_Rate">$Update_Rate</propertyValue>
 <propertyValue name="Module_Inst_Prop"> 20 </propertyValue>
 </propertyValues>
</moduleInstance>

<moduleInstance name="example_mod_inst2"
 moduleDeadline="245"
 implementationName="example_mod_impl">
 <propertyValues>
 <propertyValue name="Update_Rate">$Update_Rate</propertyValue>
 <propertyValue name="Module_Inst_Prop"> 2 </propertyValue>
 </propertyValues>
</moduleInstance>
```

Values are assigned to component properties in the system assembly schema (.impl.composite):

```
<csa:component name="example">
 <ECOA-sca:instance componentType="example_instance">
 <ECOA-sca:implementation name="example_component"/>
 </ECOA-sca:instance>
 <csa:property name="Update_Rate"><csa:value>10.0</csa:value></csa:property>
</csa:property>
</csa:component>
```

The above example would generate two Get\_Value APIs:

```
void [example_mod_impl_container:]get_Update_Rate_value([#context#,) ECOA:float32* value);

void [example_mod_impl_container:]get_Module_Inst_Prop_value([#context#,) ECOA:uint32* value);
```

For the component instance “example\_instance” the get\_Update\_Rate\_value API would return 10.0 for both the “example\_mod\_inst1” and “example\_mod\_inst2” module instances. However the get\_Module\_Inst\_Prop\_value API would return 20 for the “example\_mod\_inst1” module instance, but 2 for the “example\_mod\_inst2” module instance.

## 11.3 Module Lifecycle

This section describes the container operations that are used to perform the required module lifecycle activities.

The module lifecycle is discussed more fully in Architecture Specification Part 3.

### 11.3.1 Generic Module API

Container operations are only available to supervision modules to allow them to manage the module lifecycle of non-supervision modules.

### 11.3.2 Supervision Module API

The Container Interface provides functionality to allow the supervision module to command changes to the lifecycle states of other module/trigger/dynamic trigger instances.

An instance of the following operations is provided for each non-supervision module, trigger and dynamic trigger hosted by the container controlled by that Supervision Module:

- `get_lifecycle_state`: request the current state of a module/trigger/dynamic trigger
- `STOP`: request the module/trigger/dynamic trigger to stop
- `START`: request the module/trigger/dynamic trigger to start
- `INITIALISE`: request the module/trigger/dynamic trigger to initialise
- `SHUTDOWN`: request the module/trigger/dynamic trigger to shutdown

At any time, there is at most one pending lifecycle change request. If the supervision module tries to change the lifecycle of a module without waiting for the result of the previous request, the request is refused and the supervision module gets a `PENDING_STATE_TRANSITION` error.

The appropriate language binding will define the correct syntax for these container operations, but the abstract format is given below:

```
void
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]get_lifecycle_state__#module_instance_name#([#con
text#,) ECOA:module_states_type* current_state);

EOCA:return_status
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]INITIALIZE__#module_instance_name#([#context#]);

EOCA:return_status [#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container
:]START__#module_instance_name#([#context#]);

EOCA:return_status [#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container
:]STOP__#module_instance_name#([#context#]);

EOCA:return_status [#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container
:]SHUTDOWN__#module_instance_name#([#context#]);
```

The `INITIALIZE`, `START`, `STOP` and `SHUTDOWN` operations may return the following error codes:

```
[EOCA:return_status:OK]
 • No error

[EOCA:return_status:INVALID_TRANSITION]
 • State transition not allowed by module lifecycle state automata

[EOCA:return_status:PENDING_STATE_TRANSITION]
 • State transition not allowed since there is a pending state change request
```

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## 11.4 Service Availability

The Container Interface provides functionality to allow a supervision module to set the availability of its provided services and get the availability of its required services.

### 11.4.1 Set Service Availability (Server Side)

An operation is provided to allow a supervision module to set the availability state of its provided services. The operation will only be available if the component has one or more provided services. The service instance is identified by the enumeration type `service_id` defined in the Container Interface (Section 11.4.3)

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]set_service_availability([#context#,]
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]service_id instance, ECOA:boolean8 available);
```

The Set Service Availability operation may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_SERVICE_ID]
 • Operation called with invalid service ID
```

### 11.4.2 Get Service Availability (Client Side)

An operation is provided to allow a supervision module to get the availability state of its required services. The operation will only be available if the component has one or more required services. The service instance is identified by the enumeration type `reference_id` defined in the Container Interface (Section 11.4.4).

The following is a prototype definition for the operation:

```
ECOA:return_status
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]get_service_availability([#context#,]
[#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]reference_id instance, ECOA:boolean8* available);
```

The Get Service Availability operation may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error
[ECOA:return_status:INVALID_SERVICE_ID]
 • Operation called with invalid reference ID
```

### 11.4.3 Service ID Enumeration

`service_id` is an enumeration type which identifies one of the service instances provided by the component.

The abstract enumeration type name is the following:

```
#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]service_id.
```

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This enumeration has a value for each element <service/> defined in the file .componentType, whose name is given by its attribute *name* and the numeric value is the position (starting at 0).

The service\_id enumeration is only available if the component provides one or more services.

#### 11.4.4 Reference ID Enumeration

reference\_id is an enumeration type which identifies one of the service instances required by the component.

The abstract enumeration type name is the following:

```
#supervision_module_implementation_name#_container:]reference_id.
```

This enumeration has a value for each element <reference/> defined in the file .componentType, whose name is given by its attribute *name* and the numeric value is the position (starting at 0).

The reference\_id enumeration is only available if the component requires one or more services.

### 11.5 Logging and Fault Management

#### 11.5.1 Logging and fault reporting

The Container Interface provides dedicated functionality for each Module Instance to provide information to the infrastructure. This information may be logged and falls into two categories:

- **Applicative Faults** for which the infrastructure is able to provide run-time responses
- **Execution Information** that can aid offline analysis of problems for system development and integration

Six categories of information can be recorded: two categories for faults and four categories relating to execution information as shown in Table 6.

**Table 6 – Logging Error Level**

| Category | Definition                                                                                                                 | Infrastructure Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Maskable Within the Deployment Schema |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FATAL    | Used by the application to raise severe errors from which it knows it cannot recover. No filtering is useful or desirable. | <p>Module shall be shutdown by the infrastructure and fault is reported to the fault management infrastructure. Information is logged.</p> <p>If a fatal error is reported by a SM, the infrastructure shutdowns all the component modules and set all its provided services to unavailable.</p> <p>If a fatal error is reported by the ECOA Fault Handler, then:</p> <p>if there is only one ECOA Fault Handler instance on the platform (i-e the one which raise the fatal error), the infrastructure shutdowns all</p> | No                                    |

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|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                |     |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | protection domains associated to that Fault Handler.<br><br>Else, another ECOA Fault Handler instance may handle the error.                    |     |
| <b>ERROR</b>   | Used by the application to raise errors from which the application may be able to recover, with assistance.                                                                                                               | The fault management infrastructure shall filter these errors to determine whether the Module is to be shutdown or not. Information is logged. | No  |
| <b>WARNING</b> | Used by the application to log runtime situations that are undesirable or unexpected, but not necessarily "wrong". Useful for non-intrusive analysis. The current module instance is not stopped and continues execution. | Information is logged.                                                                                                                         | Yes |
| <b>INFO</b>    | Used by the application to log interesting runtime events (eg. startup/shutdown). Useful for non-intrusive analysis. The current module instance is not stopped and continues execution.                                  | Information is logged.                                                                                                                         | Yes |
| <b>DEBUG</b>   | Detailed information on the flow through the system.                                                                                                                                                                      | Information is logged.                                                                                                                         | Yes |
| <b>TRACE</b>   | More detailed information.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Information is logged.                                                                                                                         | Yes |

An entry-point in the Container Interface is associated with each of the categories in Table 6. If necessary the container shall truncate to the data to the maximum size of `ECOA::log`.

The log levels are configured in the Deployment where certain categories may be masked, except for ERROR and FATAL.

Log level configuration information defined at Component Instance level is applied for any Module Instances where no configuration information is present in the Deployment. All log levels are enabled where no configuration information is given at the Component Instance level.

The actual log output configuration is platform dependant, and may be assigned to text files; flash disk etc. depending on the platform capabilities. However, the platform solution shall provide means to retrieve one log output per Module Instance in the following format:

- No header line
- Each log message shall have the following format :

```
<SYSTEM_TIME>:<IS_UTC>:<MESSAGE_LEVEL>:<NODE_NAME>:<PROTECTION_DOMAIN>:<MESSAGE_TEXT><EOL>
```

- Where:

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- <SYSTEM\_TIME> is a string-typed field containing the log message writing date (t), according to a common ECOS system time reference (with an accuracy less or equal to one millisecond).  
It is defined by a couple of values: the first value (s) is an integer expressing a number of seconds, while the second value (n) corresponds to time residue expressed in nanoseconds, so that  $t = s.109 + n$ .  
<SYSTEM\_TIME> values are separated by a comma; the couple of values is written in quotation marks.
- <IS\_UTC> is an integer representing a Boolean value :
  - Value is 0 when the date is not expressed in UT, but expressed a time gap with Unix Epoch
  - Value is 1 if time is expressed using UTC timescale.
- <MESSAGE\_LEVEL> is a string-typed field indicating the criticality level of the log message, either FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, DEBUG, INFO or TRACE. This field is written in quotation marks.
- <NODE\_NAME> is a string-typed field containing the name of the computing node which requires the log (in accordance with node names defined in the logical system XML file). This field is written in quotation marks.
- <PROTECTION\_DOMAIN> is a string-typed field containing the name of the protection domain which requires the log (in accordance with protection domain names defined in the deployment XML file). This field is written in quotation marks.
- <MESSAGE\_TEXT> is a string-typed field containing the message defined by the user when calling the Logging and Fault API. This field is written in quotation marks. The maximal size of the user message is defined by the maximum size of `ECOAs : : log`.
- <EOF> is the UNIX end-of-line character.

Example of a log message:

```
"1336048735,618033988":0:"INFO": "node5": "Exe3": "My comments"<EOF>
```

The following are prototype definitions for the logging and fault operations:

```
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]log_trace([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]log_debug([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]log_info ([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]log_warning([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]raise_error([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]raise_fatal_error([#context#],const ECOA:log log);
```

## 11.6 Time Services

The Container Interface API provides the Modules with a set of library functions used to access time services. Three, possibly distinct, time sources shall be provided:

- **Relative Local Time** - The high-resolution real-time clock local to the current computing node, representing the time elapsed since node start up.

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- **Absolute System Time** – The synchronised time across an ECOA system, relative to a system clock reference defined by the system integrator. **Absolute System Time** may or may not coincide with **UTC Time**.
- **UTC Time** - The synchronised time across all systems (ECOA and non-ECOA). Defined in terms of UTC, and offset such that zero corresponds to 00:00 1 Jan 1970. **UTC Time** may not be available in all ECOA systems.

The first time source may generally be used to compute and express durations with a high resolution required for real-time precision services. The ECOA infrastructure provides the modules with a high resolution clock which may not be synchronized with other time sources.

As a consequence, the HR clock is considered as local to a Module, and should only be used to locally compute RT durations. The HR clock (called type `ECOA:hr_time`) expressed in seconds and nanoseconds and representing the time elapsed since system start up on that CPU. It is represented as two 32 bit unsigned integers expressed in seconds and nanoseconds. It may only be considered as local to the Module, as Modules may be deployed in different protection domains and hence on different computing nodes, which would mean that the HR time cannot be guaranteed to be synchronised between them.

The ECOA infrastructure may provide the SW modules with UTC time. The globally defined clock has a less precise clock, and should be used to date events. The ECOA infrastructure provides the SW modules with a function to return the currently most precise UTC clock accessible on the current computing node.

A non-UTC global time source is also useful because it may not be desirable to convert to UTC time (e.g. for performance reasons).

The `ECOA:global_time` is used for both UTC and non-UTC system times comprising two 32 bits unsigned integers , seconds and nanoseconds.

The following are prototype definitions for the get time service operations:

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_relative_local_time ([#context#], const ECOA:hr_time *relative_local_time);
```

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_utc_time ([#context#], const ECOA:global_time *utc_time);
```

```
ECOA:return_status [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_absolute_system_time ([#context#], const ECOA:global_time *absolute_system_time);
```

Get Relative Local Time operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error
```

Get UTC Time operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
 • No error
[ECOA:return_status:CLOCK_UNSYNCHRONIZED]
 • No error - clock is unsynchronized; a valid value is still returned
```

Get Absolute System Time operations may return the following error codes:

```
[ECOA:return_status:OK]
```

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- No error
- [ECOA:return\_status:CLOCK\_UNSYNCHRONIZED]
- No error - clock is unsynchronized; a valid value is still returned

In addition, it is possible to retrieve the time resolution through the following API:

```
void [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_relative_local_time_resolution ([#context#], const ECOA:duration
*relative_local_time_resolution);

void [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_UTC_time_resolution ([#context#], const ECOA:duration
*utc_time_resolution);

void [#module_impl_name#_container:]get_absolute_system_time_resolution ([#context#], const ECOA:duration
*absolute_system_time_resolution);
```

The output resolution parameter contains the time resolution provided the underlying software environment. The time resolution is the shortest duration between two updates of the associated clock.

The get time resolution functions shall always return a valid value.

## 11.7 Default values

Platforms shall initialize data to a deterministic, legal value regarding all languages when these values are initially allocated and provided by the container to the module.

It is applicable to:

- RR callback arguments in case of “NO\_RESPONSE”,
- Memory space pointed by a get\_write\_access for the initial access (“DATA\_NOT\_INITIALIZED”),
- The arguments of the notification of a notifying versioned data in case of “RESOURCE\_NOT\_AVAILABLE”,

The initialisation mechanism shall rely on the following rules:

- The initial value of a data shall be set according to its simple type, using the minimum boundary of the sub-range of that simple type.
- For an enumeration as well as for the select field of variant records, it shall correspond to the lowest numerical value.
- The default values of the union in a variant record shall be set according to the default value of the select field.



## 12 Fault Handler Interface

This section describes the interfaces available at Fault Handler level.

This interface may be extended with the ones available for any module if the Fault Handler is implemented as a Supervision or an Application module.

### 12.1 Error notification at fault handler level

The Fault Handler Interface provides error handling functionality that may be used by the platform to provide information to a Fault Handler when an error occurs.

The following is an abstract description of the operation:

```
void [#error_handler_implementation_name#:]error_notification([#context#], ECOA:error_id error_id,
EOCA:timestamp timestamp, ECOA:asset_id asset_id, ECOA:asset_type asset_type, ECOA:error_type
error_type);
```

This error notification API can be called when an asynchronous error occurs at container level (e.g. the container internal buffers are full) or at hardware level (e.g. a divide by zero error). Errors do not cover errors raised by Module Instances except Supervision Module cases.

The parameter `error_id` identifies uniquely the error in the scope of the notified Fault Handler.

The parameter `timestamp` is the time at which the error has been initially detected.

The parameter `asset_id` identifies the asset linked to the error. The ID is unique for a given asset type.

The parameter `asset_type` identifies the type of asset linked to the error: component instance, protection domain, computing node, computing platform or service operation.

The parameter `error_type` provides the type of error raised.

The Infrastructure shall not provide incompatible asset ID and error types (e.g. a module cannot be associated to an OVERRATED error)

Within the handler, the Fault Handler may at least call any recovery action (12.2) or any log function (11.5.1).

### 12.2 Recovery actions

After analysis of error notifications, the Fault Handler carries on recovery actions provided by the Container Interface API.

Recovery actions cover actions on component, Protection Domain, Computing Node and Computing Platform. Basically, for each covered asset, there are two recovery actions:

- Shutdown component:
  - The Infrastructure sets all services provided by the component to unavailable.
  - All modules of the component (Supervision Module and applicative ones) are shutdown by the Infrastructure (SHUTDOWN entry-point).
- Restart component in cold or warm mode:
  - The Infrastructure sets all services provided by the component to unavailable.

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- All modules of the component (Supervision Module and applicative ones) are shutdown by the Infrastructure (SHUTDOWN entry-point).
- In case of cold start, all modules are initialized (INITIALIZE entry-point). In case of warm start, all modules are initialized from their functional context (INITIALIZE\_FROM\_CONTEXT entry-point).
- The Supervision Module is started (START entry-point).
- Shutdown the Protection Domain:
  - The infrastructure shutdowns all the components of the Protection Domain. See above.
  - Depending on underlying capabilities, the infrastructure may unload the Protection Domain from memory.
- Restart the Protection Domain in cold or warm mode :
  - The Infrastructure sets as unavailable all services provided by components within the protection domain
  - All modules are shutdown by the Infrastructure (SHUTDOWN entry-point).
  - Depending on underlying capabilities, the Infrastructure may unload the protection domain from memory and reload it to restart from a clean technical context.
  - In case of cold start, all modules are initialized (INITIALIZE entry-point). In case of warm start, all modules are initialized from their functional context (INITIALIZE\_FROM\_CONTEXT entry-point).
  - Supervision Modules within the Protection Domain are started (START entry-point).
- Shutdown the Computing Node:
  - All Protection Domains of the computing node are shutdown by the Infrastructure. See bullet above.
  - Note: Other operating environments may still continue to run on the Computing Node. The shutdown recovery action at Computing Node level is only related to ECOA assets.
- Restart the Computing Node in cold or warm mode:
  - All Protection Domains of the Computing Node are restarted in cold or warm mode by the Infrastructure. See bullet above.
- Shutdown the Computing Platform:
  - All Computing Nodes of the Platform are shutdown by the Infrastructure.
  - Note: Other operating environments may still continue to run on the Computing Platform. The shutdown recovery action at Computing Platform level is only related to ECOA assets.
- Restart the Computing Platform in cold or warm mode
  - All Computing Nodes of the Platform are restarted in cold or warm mode by the Infrastructure. See bullet above. The deployment is unchanged.
- Reload the Computing Platform with a new deployment:
  - All Computing Nodes of the Platform are shutdown by the Infrastructure. See bullet above.
  - The Infrastructure loads in memory Protection Domains associated to the new deployment.
  - The Infrastructure initializes all modules (INITIALIZE entry-point).

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- The Infrastructure starts all Supervision Modules (START entry-point).
- Note: Other operating environments may still continue to run on the Computing Platform. The reload recovery action at Computing Platform level is only related to ECOA assets.

The availability of recovery actions depends on the capabilities offered by the underlying platform.

Recovery actions are implemented by a single container operation.

The following is the prototype definition for the container operation:

```
ECOA:return_status [#error_handler_impl_name#_container:]recovery_action([#context#],
ECOA:recovery_action_type recovery_action, ECOA:asset_id asset_id, ECOA:asset_type asset_type);
```

The parameter `recovery_action` defines the recovery action to apply.

The parameter `asset_id` defines the asset ID on which the recovery action is applied.

The parameter `asset_type` identifies the type of asset targeted by the recovery action: component instance, protection domain, computing node or computing platform.

The operations may return the following error codes:

[ECOA:return\_status:OK]

- No error

[ECOA:return\_status:OPERATION\_NOT\_AVAILABLE]

- The recovery action is not implemented by the Infrastructure
- The recovery action is not permitted for the targeted asset type

[ECOA:return\_status:INVALID\_IDENTIFIER]

- Operation called with an unknown asset ID
- Operation called with an asset ID not consistent with the asset type

[ECOA:return\_status:OPERATION\_ALREADY\_PENDING]

- Pending operation on the same asset already in progress

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