

The Open Group FACE® Consortium Newsletter

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The FACE Consortium creates and fosters Government, Industry, and Academia collaboration that encourages innovation in refining business processes and developing vendor-neutral open standards. The open standards enable software portability, reusability, and interoperability that improve affordability and reduce time-to-field software capabilities through an open architecture approach. The FACE Technical Standard adheres to all five principles of a Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA).

Hot Newsletter Topics

- Member Spotlight
- WAU Webinar Series on Open Standards
- MOSA Industry and Gov't Summit & Expo Coming on September 22-24
- Plus: Directors Corner; Working Group High Priorities; Top Events & Articles; and much more

Member Spotlight

Why did your organization become a Member of the FACE Consortium and what does your involvement look like?

Jamie Ayre | Chief Commercial Officer | Rapita Systems

The FACE Consortium is an important initiative in the Mil-Aero industry and as such is a priority and focus for Rapita Systems. A number of our US and UK customers have adopted the standard and as such we want to continue to support them in their avionics software verification and certification activities.



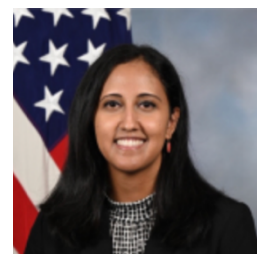
Dr. Justin Pearson | A&D, Sr. Director of Architecture and Business Growth | Wind River Systems

To help learn about and contribute to the vision of DoD MOSA vision through adoption of standards such as FACE® Consortium and SOSA® Consortium. Working within various TWG and BWG subcommittees such as airworthiness, program manager support, etc.



Hema Manivannan | General Engineer | Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO)

DSPO manages the Defense Standardization Program, the single, unified standardization program in the DoD. As part of our outreach and presence, our office is actively involved and participates in standards development organizations. As DSPO has a growing interest in MOSA-enabling standards and development of standards in 'non-traditional standards bodies', we see the value in keeping up with the latest and greatest trends in the standardization space. Because of this, we have joined the FACE consortium under The Open Group. Since we have just joined, we are getting our feet wet in understanding areas of interest and involvement.



Access to Member Spotlight full questions and answers can be found at: <https://www.opengroup.org/members-spotlight>.

Warfighting Acquisition University/WAU (formerly DAU) Webinar Series Spotlighting MOSA Ecosystem

The second of three in the Q1 webinar series took a deep dive with over 400 attendees on the *Program Management Office (PMO) Perspective*. Tri-Service representatives, together with the FACE and SOSA Consortium Director(s), addressed how government acquisition programs are optimizing FACE and SOSA open standards. Speakers conveyed impact to requirements development, acquisition planning, system architecture, and lessons learned from program execution. Watch the recorded webinars for keen insights: https://media.dau.edu/media/t/1_xrkgu7rn. The third webinar focusing on the Industry perspective is tentatively scheduled for June 11.

Avionics and Testing Innovations Conference

The second annual Avionics and Testing Innovations Conference on June 2-3, London, UK, will deliver a premier platform for the international avionics, testing and certification industries. Attendees learn, network and source new information, products and services at one unique event. A special FACE Consortium track is scheduled for Tuesday. More details at: <https://avionicsandtesting-innovations.com/conference/>.

MOSA Industry and Government Summit & Expo Sets Sights for September 'Where Industry and Government Learn, Connect and Accelerate MOSA'

The 2026 MOSA Summit heads to the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD on September 22-24. Summit producers are organizing the agenda with Army, Navy, and Air Force representatives; planning for Leadership keynotes, 42+ breakout sessions, live demonstrations and 150+ expo hall booths. Agenda-at-a-Glance coming soon: https://events.techconnect.org/MOSA_2026/

MOSA for Defense and Warfare Summit

The third annual gathering on April 8-9 attracted multiple decision-makers and influencers including a number of FACE Consortium exhibitors and presenters. All were held at attention by the distinguished moderator, former Asst. Secretary of the Navy-Research, Development and Acquisition, **HON Nicholas Guertin**. HON Guertin has long been an out-spoken advocate of open standards (OS). He took the stage also as a panelist joining **CAPT Jarrod Hair**. They spoke about FACE Consortium contributions and OS work early successes to rapidly advance a MOSA.



"The MOSA for Defense Summit showed how this initiative has gone from crawling to walking to jogging (not quite running and a ways from sprinting as yet). Notably, the work by The Open Group FACE Consortium was specifically trumpeted and frequently brought up as a great example of what 'right' looks like" – HON Nickolas Guertin

"Sharing the stage with Nick Guertin was an honor, as his leadership established the groundwork for today's momentum in MOSA adoption. It's been rewarding to continue driving that implementation at the execution level during my time at NAVAIR PMA-209." – CAPT Jarrod S. Hair

The Program Director's Corner



The Open Group FACE Consortium Program Director, **Alicia Taylor** often speaks at public engagements presenting the advantages of The FACE Approach. Two such events in April included the **MOSA for Defense & Warfare Summit** panel discussion: *Understanding the Role and Impact of Consortia in MOSA*, and *Leveraging MOSA Strategies for Autonomous Systems* at the **Autonomous Systems Virtual Conference**. She also attended AAAA's Army Aviation Warfighting Summit visiting 40+ FACE Consortium member booths talking with exhibitors about how the FACE standards are being integrated. Two examples are HADES and Cheyenne II (MV 75). More on FACE-Certified Conformant Products and HADES in the article below.

Working Groups FACE Forward

Each of the top-level Consortium *Working Groups* have many items in process advancing their (charter)

efforts. Working groups include Tri-Service, Industry and Academia participants. We asked the Chairs for a snapshot on their highest priority:

- **Business Working Group (BWG)** – Kicking off new collaboration between the FACE and SOSA Consortia to develop a joint Acquisition Guide.
- **Conformance Test Suite Working Group (CTS)** – Developing, maintaining, and delivering the FACE Conformance Test Suite software product. Join us at the May FACE & SOSA F2F to help standup this new working group that is taking on management of this key FACE Conformance Program software product.
- **Domain Interoperability Working Group (DIOG)** – Improving the usability and adoptability of the FACE Data Architecture and Open UDDL Data Modeling standards
- **Integration Workshop Standing Committee (IWS)** - Development of a Data Architecture Getting Started Guide which is expected to be published by June 2026
- **Technical Working Group (TWG)** – FACE Tech. Standard Edition 3.3 Release targeting publication in Q3

Countdown Commencing for FACE Consortium Website

You may have heard musings about a major refresh of the FACE Consortium public website. The first iteration is going live any day now with simplified, easier access and quicker navigation. The initial launch will spotlight a fresher home page focusing on the FACE Technical Standard, Open Universal Domain Description Language (Open UDDL), and Holistic Approach. New tabs with drop down menus on Conformance, Documents & Tools, News & Events, as well as Who We Are and how to Connect. Watch for the roll-out and continued enhancements: <https://www.opengroup.org/face>

Upcoming Defense Industry Events

Attend the FACE Business Working Group Outreach (Tuesday a.m.) bi-weekly to view the full 2026 calendar

- o May 18-21 Special Ops Forces (SOF) Week – Tampa, FL
- o May 27-28 CanSec – Ottawa, Canada
- o Jun 1-4 Joint Navigation Conference – Cincinnati, OH
- o Jun 2-3 Avionics & Testing Innovations – London, UK
- o Jul 27-29 AFLCMC Life Cycle Industry Days – Dayton, OH
- o Aug 11-13 GVSETS (Ground Vehicle Systems Eng. & Tech. Symposium) – Novi, MI
- o Sep 14-16 The Air, Space & Cyber Conference - National Harbor, MD
- o Sep 13-17 DASC 2026 (Digital Avionics Systems Conference) – Orlando, FL
- o Sep 22-24 MOSA Industry and Gov't Summit & Expo – National Harbor, MD

The Open Group FACE® and SOSA® TIM & Expo Save the Date



New to the Consortium? Your Member Orientation is the (Best) First Stop

You are invited to the FACE Member Orientation 1.25-hour webinar presented monthly on the third Tuesday at 3pm Eastern. Highly informative with the latest on how and where to manage, understand and navigate pathways and options of the FACE Consortium - both the business and technical aspects. To attend, log in to the internal Consortium calendar (Plato). *Don't hesitate, ask us anything:* ogface-admin@opengroup.org

FACE Member-Related Articles

US Army Selects DDC-I's Deos Safety-Critical RTOS for MOSA-Aligned HADES Program
April-2026 (<https://www.ddci.com/pr2608/>)

US Navy Investing in MOSA Strategies

Military Embedded Systems / Feb-2026

Time-sensitive networking from TTTECH to upgrade U.S. Army ISR aircraft

Military Embedded Systems / Feb-2026

Safety-critical avionics solution announced by Curtiss-Wright and Green Hills Software

Military Embedded Systems / Jan-2026

Access here: <https://www.opengroup.org/content/future-airborne-capability-environment-face/press-coverage>

Members Call to Action

If you're launching new products, solutions or engagements involving the FACE Technical or Open UDDL Standard(s), **send your news announcements as 'Attn: BWG Outreach':** ogface-admin@consortia.opengroup.org. If you or someone from your organization would like to participate in the Member Spotlight, you can send an email to the above address.

The FACE Consortium has more than 90 member organizations, and is open to membership from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America



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