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1 Introduction

This document describes the recommended practices for implementing 3D associative text. If questions arise during your review of this document, please contact any of the persons listed on the cover page of this document. This document reflects the latest agreements from the AP214 DIS ballot workshop in New Orleans.

2 Scope

The information presented in this document covers how a STEP implementation would support:

- the definition of text and its placement within model space;
- the definition of curve and symbol annotation for leader lines;
- limited styling of text, curve and symbol annotation;
- placement of styled annotation within the same coordinate space containing a three-dimensional geometric model;
- associativity between separate annotation elements;
- associativity between annotation and geometric model elements.

3 Fundamental concepts

Particular concepts of interest within the scope of this recommendation are described within the following paragraphs.

3.1 Shape_representation versus Draughting_model

The concept of a shape_representation is widely known by STEP developers and implementers. Many STEP implementations already exist that support subtypes of shape_representation that contain locally defined constraints defining the type of geometry the shape_representation can represent (e.g., advanced_brep_shape_representation, manifold_surface_shape_representation).

AP202 and AP214 introduce another representation concept, known as a draughting_model. First of all, the name of this entity is a misnomer, since it can be used to represent representations that are not draughting-related. Conceptually, a draughting_model is a representation that may contain geometry and styled annotation within the same coordinate space.
This is achieved by ensuring that all items of a *draughting_model* are *mapped_item* entity data types, *styled_item* entity data types, or an *axis2_placement*. A *mapped_item* would represent the mapping of a *shape_representation* that defines the shape of a product that is to be presented.

In the case of styling text - and thus using draughting model in addition to the annotated shape_representation - the *text_literal* is founded twice. It is then founded in the *shape_representation* it annotates and via *annotation_text_occurrence* in the *draughting_model*. To ensure the consistency of the placement of the text it is necessary that the coordinate-systems of the *draughting_model* and the *shape_representation* be identical. Thus, it is required that the transformation between the annotated *shape_representation* and the *draughting_model* established via *mapped_item* and *representation_map* be the identity-transformation.

The *draughting_model* may also contain *annotation_occurrence* entity data types (NOTE: an *annotation_occurrence* is a subtype of a *styled_item*). These specify annotation that is placed in the same coordinate space as the *shape_representation*.

### 3.2 Defining text and placing it in model space

![Diagram of text and geometry combined in a hybrid shape representation](image)

Text is defined by a *text_literal*. Its `.literal` attribute defines the text string and its `.font` attribute references the text font used to present the text string. Since the *text_literal* is a subtype of *geometric_representation_item*, it can be listed as an item of a generic *shape_representation* (i.e., not within one of its already-defined and well-known subtypes). The intent of placing the *text_literal* in a *shape_representation* is to:

- allow for the exchange of non-styled text;
- the ability to relate this non-styled text to an *annotation_text_occurrence* located within a *draughting_model*.

To specify the physical space that the text occupies the *text_literal_with_extent* subtype of *text_literal* may be used. It includes the `.extent` attribute that captures the extent by referencing a *planar_extent* entity data type. This extent is defined by:

- width - the distance of the left-most point of the left-most character to the right-most point of the right-most character measured parallel to the text baseline
- height - the distance of the lowest point of the lowest reaching character to the highest point of the highest reaching character measured perpendicular to the text baseline.
Support for multi-lined text is also within the scope of this document. This can be achieved by using the composite_text entity data type (or its composite_text_with_extent subtype), which is no more than an entity that defines a set of text_literal entity data types.

### 3.3 Styling annotation

A subtype of annotation_occurrence defines styled annotations. Within the scope of this effort all annotation_occurrence entity data types will be instantiated as complex instances, since annotation_occurrence entity data types are subtypes of both a draughting_annotation_occurrence and a styled_item.

The subtypes of annotation_occurrence that are within the scope of this effort are annotation_text_occurrence, annotation_curve_occurrence, and annotation_symbol_occurrence. Each has an .item attribute that references the item that is to be styled. In the case of the annotation_text_occurrence, the item is a text_literal; in the case of the annotation_curve_occurrence, the item is a trimmed_curve; and in the case of the annotation_symbol_occurrence, the item is a defined_symbol.

Additionally, each annotation_occurrence has a .styles attribute that is used to assign that occurrence’s particular style by referencing the presentation_style_assignment entity data type. The presentation_style_assignment lists the required style for that instance of an annotation_occurrence (i.e., text_style for annotation_text_occurrence, curve_style for annotation_curve_occurrence, and symbol_style for annotation_symbol_occurrence).
3.4 Associativity between separate elements of annotation

The method of explicitly relating separate annotation elements can be achieved using the annotation_occurrence_associativity entity data type. Notice that the related_annotation_occurrence is constrained to leader_curve, projection_curve or annotation_fill_area_occurrence.

3.5 Associativity between annotation and geometric model elements

A method of associating annotation with elements of a geometric model can be achieved using the shape_aspect_associativity entity data type. The first shape_aspect captures the portions of a geometric model that are to be associated with annotation. The second shape_aspect captures the annotation elements that are to be associated with elements of a geometric model.
Information depicted via annotation elements is typically grouped in callouts. In the scope of this effort two types of callouts are used: draughting_callout and leader_directed_callout. A draughting_callout is a collection of annotation element. A leader_directed_callout is a subtype of a draughting_callout that includes a leader line to direct the eye of the reader to a place of interest. In the context of associative text a leader_directed_callout shall be instantiated when a leader line, that visually depicts the association of text with some elements of the geometric model, is present. There are scenarios in which it is not desired to exchange such leader curves. In these cases a draughting_callout shall be instantiated.

The associativity between an annotation text and elements of the shape representation can be visually depicted via a leader_curve. A leader_curve is a complex instance with annotation_curve_occurrence, annotation_occurrence, draughting_annotation_occurrence.
leader_curve, representation_item, geometric_representation_item and styled_item. The styled_item.item points to the underlying geometry of the leader_curve. At the target end a leader line is terminated by a leader_terminator symbol. Leader_terminator has again a complex instantiation corresponding to the instantiation of leader_curve. The name attribute inherited from styled_item points to a defined_symbol. In the scope of this effort defined_symbol represents an implicit definition of a symbol. Defined_symbol points to a pre_defined_terminator_symbol that gives a description of the symbol and a symbol_target that represents location and orientation of the symbol instance. Pre_defined_terminator_symbol can be instantiated with the names 'blanked arrow', 'blanked box', 'blanked dot', 'dimension origin', 'filled arrow', 'filled box', 'filled dot', 'integral symbol', 'open arrow', 'slash' or 'unfilled arrow'.

3.8 Combinations of building blocks defined for this capability

The capability described herein supports:
1. text in 3D model
2. styled text in 3D model
3. text associated to elements of the 3D model
4. visual depiction of the association of text to elements of the model.

The approach is designed to be modular, i.e. depending on the scope of the intended data exchange the capability can be supported by a combination of the corresponding functional building blocks.

To facilitate the interpretation of associative text part21 files the following sections give some guidelines on traversing the files.

3.8.1 Non-styled vs. styled text

Text_literals not referenced by an annotation_text_occurrence are non-styled text elements. These text_literals occur as items of the annotated shape_representation. Styled text is as well part of the items list of the annotated shape_representation but additionally has an instance of annotation_text_occurrence pointing to it. The instances of annotation_text_occurrence are founded in the draughting_model.

3.8.2 Usage of callouts

If associativity between annotation text elements and portions of shape shall be represented, the associativity is implemented via shape_aspect_associativity that associates the respective portion of shape with a draughting_callout. Thus if associativity is desired, a callout has to be used. If the
associativity does involve a leader curve, then leader_directed_callout shall be instantiated. In scenarios in which the exchange of the leader lines is not desired the supertype draughting_callout shall be instantiated.

If the styled text is used to annotate a shape without associativity, it is not necessary to instantiate draughting_callout.

4 Part 21 file example

The following is an example of a resulting Part 21 file that supports 3D associated annotation text. The picture that it represents is the following:

![3D Cube](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

Look at this edge!

**FIGURE 9: EXAMPLE**

4.1 Conforming to AP214

ISO-10303-21;
HEADER;
FILE_DESCRIPTION(('associative text example','""'),'2;1');
FILE_NAME('assoctext214.stp',
  '1998-11-02 T012351',
  (''),
  ('','""'),
  '',
  '',
  '');
FILE_SCHEMA(('AUTOMOTIVE_DESIGN (1 2 10303 214 0 1 1 1)'));
ENDSEC;
DATA;
/* Instances #1-#159 define the cube depicted above. */
#1=DIMENSIONAL_EXPONENTS(1.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0);
#2=DIMENSIONAL_EXPONENTS(0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0);
#3=(NAMED_UNIT(*)SI_UNIT($,.STERADIAN.)SOLID_ANGLE_UNIT());
#4=(LENGTH_UNIT()NAMED_UNIT(*)SI_UNIT(.MILLI.,.METRE.));
#5=(NAMED_UNIT(*)PLANE_ANGLE_UNIT()SI_UNIT($,.RADIAN.));
#6=CARTESIAN_POINT('#6',(0.0,0.0,0.0));
#7=DIRECTION('#7',(1.0,0.0,0.0));
#8=DIRECTION('#8',(0.0,0.0,1.0));
#9=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#9',#6,#8,#7);
#10=CARTESIAN_POINT('#10',(0.0,0.0,0.0));
#11=VERTEX_POINT('#11',#10);
#12=CARTESIAN_POINT('#12',(0.0,50,0.0));
#13=VERTEX_POINT('#13',#12);
#14=CARTESIAN_POINT('#14',(0.0,0.0,50));
#15=VERTEX_POINT('#15',#14);
#16=CARTESIAN_POINT('#16',(0.0,50,50));
#17=VERTEX_POINT('#17',#16);
#18=CARTESIAN_POINT('#18',(50,50,50));
#19=VERTEX_POINT('#19',#18);
#81=EDGE_CURVE('#81',#23,#15,#57,.T.);
#82=EDGE_CURVE('#82',#23,#19,#61,.T.);
#83=EDGE_CURVE('#83',#11,#25,#65,.T.);
#84=EDGE_CURVE('#84',#21,#25,#69,.T.);
#85=EDGE_CURVE('#85',#23,#25,#73,.T.);
#86=ORIENTED_EDGE('#86',*,*,#74,.F.);
#87=ORIENTED_EDGE('#87',*,*,#75,.T.);
#88=ORIENTED_EDGE('#88',*,*,#76,.F.);
#89=ORIENTED_EDGE('#89',*,*,#77,.T.);
#90=EDGE_LOOP('#90',(#86,#87,#88,#89));
#91=FACE_OUTER_BOUND('#91',#90,.T.);
#92=CARTESIAN_POINT('#92',(0.0,25,25));
#93=DIRECTION('#93',(-1.0,0.0,0.0));
#94=DIRECTION('#94',(0.0,-1.0,0.0));
#95=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#95',#92,#93,#94);
#96=PLANE('#96',#95);
#97=ADVANCED_FACE('#97',(#91),#96,.T.);
#98=ORIENTED_EDGE('#98',*,*,#77,.F.);
#99=ORIENTED_EDGE('#99',*,*,#78,.T.);
#100=ORIENTED_EDGE('#100',*,*,#79,.F.);
#101=ORIENTED_EDGE('#101',*,*,#80,.T.);
#102=EDGE_LOOP('#102',(#98,#99,#100,#101));
#103=FACE_OUTER_BOUND('#103',#102,.T.);
#104=CARTESIAN_POINT('#104',(25,50,25));
#105=DIRECTION('#105',(0.0,1.0,0.0));
#106=DIRECTION('#106',(0.0,0.0,1.0));
#107=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#107',#104,#105,#106);
#108=PLANE('#108',#107);
#109=ADVANCED_FACE('#109',(#103),#108,.T.);
#110=ORIENTED_EDGE('#110',*,*,#78,.F.);
#111=ORIENTED_EDGE('#111',*,*,#76,.T.);
#112=ORIENTED_EDGE('#112',*,*,#81,.F.);
#113=ORIENTED_EDGE('#113',*,*,#82,.T.);
#114=EDGE_LOOP('#114',(#110,#111,#112,#113));
#115=FACE_OUTER_BOUND('#115',#114,.T.);
#116=CARTESIAN_POINT('#116',(25,25,50));
#117=DIRECTION('#117',(0.0,0.0,1.0));
#118=DIRECTION('#118',(-1.0,0.0,0.0));
#119=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#119',#116,#117,#118);
#120=PLANE('#120',#119);
#121=ADVANCED_FACE('#121',(#115),#120,.T.);
#122=ORIENTED_EDGE('#122',*,*,#83,.F.);
#123=ORIENTED_EDGE('#123',*,*,#74,.T.);
#124=ORIENTED_EDGE('#124',*,*,#80,.F.);
#125=ORIENTED_EDGE('#125',*,*,#84,.T.);
#126=EDGE_LOOP('#126',(#122,#123,#124,#125));
#127=FACE_OUTER_BOUND('#127',#126,.T.);
#128=CARTESIAN_POINT('#128',(25,25,0.0));
#129=DIRECTION('#129',(0.0,0.0,-1.0));
#130=DIRECTION('#130',(-1.0,0.0,0.0));
#131=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#131',#128,#129,#130);
#132=PLANE('#132',#131);
#133=ADVANCED_FACE('#133',(#127),#132,.T.);
#134=ORIENTED_EDGE('#134',*,*,#84,.F.);
#135=ORIENTED_EDGE('#135',*,*,#79,.T.);
#136=ORIENTED_EDGE('#136',*,*,#82,.F.);
#137=ORIENTED_EDGE('#137',*,*,#85,.T.);
#138=EDGE_LOOP('#138',(#134,#135,#136,#137));
#139=FACE_OUTER_BOUND('#139',#138,.T.);
#140=CARTESIAN_POINT('#140',(50,25,25));
#141=DIRECTION('#141',(1.0,0.0,0.0));
#142= DIRECTION (#142, (0.0, 1.0, 0.0));
#143= AXIS2Placement_3D (#143, #140, #141, #142);
#144= PLANE (#144, #143);
#145= ADVANCED_FACE (#145, (#139), #144, .T.);
#146= ORIENTED_EDGE (#146, *, *, #75, .F.);
#147= ORIENTED_EDGE (#147, *, *, #83, .T.);
#148= ORIENTED_EDGE (#148, *, *, #85, .F.);
#149= ORIENTED_EDGE (#149, *, *, #81, .T.);
#150= EDGE_LOOP (#150, (#146, #147, #148, #149));
#151= FACE_OUTER_BOUND (#151, #150, .T.);
#152= CARTESIAN_POINT (#152, (25, 0.0, 25));
#153= DIRECTION (#153, (0.0, -1.0, 0.0));
#154= DIRECTION (#154, (0.0, 0.0, -1.0));
#155= AXIS2Placement_3D (#155, #152, #153, #154);
#156= PLANE (#156, #155);
#157= ADVANCED_FACE (#157, (#151), #156, .T.);
#158= CLOSED_SHELL (#158, (#97, #109, #121, #133, #145, #157));
#159= MANIFOLD_SOLID_BREP (#159, #158);

/* Instances #160–#165 define the text that will be the basis */
/* of an annotation_text_occurrence.                        */

#160= DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_TEXT_FONT ('ISO 3098-1 font A');
#161= DIRECTION (#161, (0.0, -1.0, 0.0));
#162= DIRECTION (#162, (1.0, 0.0, 0.0));
#163= CARTESIAN_POINT (#163, (30.48304684, 74.72529668, -0.02658932493));
#164= AXIS2Placement_3D (#164, #163, #161, #162);
#165= TEXT_LITERAL_WITH_EXTENT (#165, 'Look at this edge!', #164, 'baseline right', .RIGHT., #160, #6000);

/* Instances #166–#168 define a generic shape_representation that */
/* has as items the manifold_solid_brep/#159, */
/* the text_literal_with_extent/#165, and */
/* the leader_directed_callout/#200. */
/* This shape_representation is the representation that captures */
/* elements that will be mapped onto the draughting_model/#177. */

#166= UNCERTAINTY_MEASURE_WITH_UNIT (LENGTH_MEASURE (9.999999999999998E-14), #4, 'distance_accuracy_value', 'EDGE CURVE AND VERTEX POINT ACCURACY');
#167= (GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT (3)
GLOBAL_UNCERTAINTY_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT (#166)
GLOBAL_UNIT_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT (#4, #5, #3)
REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT ('MASTER', '3D'));
#168= SHAPE_REPRESENTATION (#168, (#159, #165, #178, #200), #167);

/* Instances #169–#173 define the annotation_text_occurrence that */
/* represents the text annotation depicted in the figure above. It*/
/* references the text_literal_with_extent/#165, which defines the*/
/* text string to be represented by the annotation_text_occurrence. */

#169= DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR ('black');
#170= TEXT_STYLE_FOR_DEFINED_FONT (#169);
#171= TEXT_STYLE_WITH_BOX_CHARACTERISTICS ('a text style', #170,
  (BOX_HEIGHT (1.), BOX_WIDTH (1.), BOX_SLANT_ANGLE (0.), BOX_ROTATE_ANGLE (0.)));
#172= PRESENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT (#171);
#173= (ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  ANNOTATION_TEXT_OCCURRENCE()
  DRAUGHTING_ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
  REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
  STYLED_ITEM (#172, #165));
/* Instances #174-#177 define the draughting_model, that has as its items*/
/* an axis2_placement_3d/#9 that acts as its origin, */
/* a mapped_item/#175 that maps the previously defined */
/* shape_representation into the draughting_model, */
/* a leader_terminator/#400 which terminates the leader_curve, */
/* the leader_curve/#205, and */
/* the annotation_text_occurrence/#173 defined above. */

#174=REPRESENTATION_MAP(#178,#168);
#175=MAPPED_ITEM('#175',#174,#9);
#176=(GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT(3)
  GLOBAL_UNIT_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT((#4,#5,#3))
  REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT('3D Annotation Text Context','3D'));
#177=DRAUGHTING_MODEL('Collect items for presentation',
  (#9,#175,#400,#205,#173),#176);
#178=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('

/* Instances #189-#198 define the product that the cube depicted */
/* above represents, as well as the contexts for the application, */
/* the product, and its definition. Lastly it provides the link */
/* to the generic shape_representation/#168. */

#189=APPLICATION_CONTEXT('3D shape representation with annotation');
#190=APPLICATION_PROTOCOL_DEFINITION('draft international
  standard','automotive_design',1999,#189);
#191=PRODUCT_CONTEXT(' ',#189,'mechanical');
#192=PRODUCT_DEFINITION_CONTEXT(' ',#189,'design');
#193=PRODUCT('product_0','','',(#191));
#194=PRODUCT_RELATED_PRODUCT_CATEGORY('part','','',(#193));
#195=PRODUCT_DEFINITION_FORMATION_WITH_SPECIFIED_SOURCE('1','','#193,MADE.')
  ;
#196=PRODUCT_DEFINITION('',',',#195,#192);
#197=PRODUCT_DEFINITION_SHAPE('',',',#196);
#198=SHAPE_DEFINITION_REPRESENTATION(#197,#168);

/* Instance #200 defines the leader directed callout that combines*/
/* the leader_curve/#205, */
/* the annotation_text_occurrence/#173, and */
/* the leader_terminator/#400. */

#200=LEADER_DIRECTED_CALLOUT('callout',(#205,#173,#400));

/* Instances #205, #250-#254, #270, #300-#304 define the */
/* leader_curve depicted in the figure above. */

#205= (ANNOTATION_CURVE_OCCURRENCE()
  ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  DRAUGHTING_ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  LEADER_CURVE()
  REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
  GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
  STYLED_ITEM((#300),#250));
#250=TRIMMED_CURVE('',#251,
  (PARAMETER_VALUE(0.0),#270),(PARAMETER_VALUE(40.0),#270),
  .I.,.PARAMETER.);
#251=LINE('',#253,#255);
#253=CARTESIAN_POINT(''(0,50,0));
#254=DIRECTION(''(0,1,0));
#255=VECTOR(''(0,1.0));
#270=CARTESSIAN_POINT('',(0,0,0));
#300=PRESSENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT((#301));
#301=CURVE_STYLE('','',#302,#304,#303);
#302=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_CURVE_FONT('continuous');
#303=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR('black');
#304=LENGTH_MEASURE_WITH_UNIT(POSITIVE_LENGTH_MEASURE(0.1),#4);

/* Instances #400, #410-413, #500, #510-#516 define the terminator for */
/* the leader_curve/#205.                                              */

#400=(ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
 ANNOTATION_SYMBOL_OCCURRENCE()
 GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
 LEADER_TERMINATOR()
 REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
 STYLED_ITEM((#410),#500)
 TERMINATOR_SYMBOL(#205));
#410=PRESSENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT((#411));
#411=SYMBOL_STYLE('red colour',#412);
#412=SYMBOL_COLOUR(#413);
#413=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR('black');
#500=DEFINED_SYMBOL('',#510,#514);
#510=PRE_DEFINED_TERMINATOR_SYMBOL('open arrow');
#511=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('',#512,#513,#516);
#512=CARTESSIAN_POINT('',(0.0,50.0,0.0));
#513=DIRECTION('',(1.0,0.0,0.0));
#514=SYMBOL_TARGET('',#511,7.5,2.5);
#516=DIRECTION('',(0.0,1.0,0.0));

/* Instances #3000, #3010, #3015, and #3020 define the shape_aspect    */
/* that captures the geometric model element (i.e., an edge_curve/#74) */
/* that will be associated with annotation text.                      */

#3000=SHAPE_ASPECT('','aspect to capture model element
for association',#197,.T.);
#3010=PROPERTY_DEFINITION('','',#3000);
#3015=SHAPE_DEFINITION_REPRESENTATION(#3010,#3020);
#3020=SHAPE_REPRESENTATION('',(#74), #167);

/* Instances #4000, #4010, #4015, and #4020 define the shape_aspect that */
/* captures the leader_curve/#205 that will be associated with the */
/* edge_curve of the geometric model.                             */

#4000=SHAPE_ASPECT('','shape aspect for leader curve',#197,.F.);
#4010=PROPERTY_DEFINITION('','',#4000);
#4020=SHAPE_DEFINITION_REPRESENTATION(#4010,#4030);
#4030=SHAPE_REPRESENTATION('',(#200),#167);

/* Instance #5000 explicitly defines the association between */
/* the two previously defined shape_aspect entity data types; */
/* one representing the model element and the other the */
/* leader_curve. */

#5000=SHAPE_ASPECT_ASSOCIATIVITY('','associativity between model element
and leader curve',#3000,#4000);

/* Instance #6000 defines the planar_extent used to define the */
/* occupying space for the text string defined in #165. */

/* Instances #3000, #3010, #3015, and #3020 define the shape_aspect    */
/* that captures the geometric model element (i.e., an edge_curve/#74) */
/* that will be associated with annotation text.                      */

#3000=SHAPE_ASPECT('','aspect to capture model element
for association',#197,.T.);
#3010=PROPERTY_DEFINITION('','',#3000);
#3015=SHAPE_DEFINITION_REPRESENTATION(#3010,#3020);
#3020=SHAPE_REPRESENTATION('',(#74), #167);

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and leader curve',#3000,#4000);

/* Instance #6000 defines the planar_extent used to define the */
/* occupying space for the text string defined in #165. */
## 4.2 Conforming to AP203 with a modular extension

ISO-10303-21;
HEADER;
FILE_DESCRIPTION(('associative text example',''),'2;1');
FILE_NAME('assoctext203.stp',
'1998-11-02 T01:23:51',
(''),
('','''),
'',
'');
FILE_SCHEMA(('associative_text203'));
ENDSEC;
DATA;
/* Instances #1-#159 define the cube depicted above. */

#1=DIMENSIONAL_EXPONENTS(1.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0);
#2=DIMENSIONAL_EXPONENTS(0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0);
#3=(NAMED_UNIT(*$SI_UNIT(.STERADIAN.)SOLID_ANGLE_UNIT()));
#4=(LENGTH_UNIT()NAMED_UNIT(*$SI_UNIT(.MILLI..METRE.)));
#5=(NAMED_UNIT(*)SI_UNIT($,.RADIAN.));
#6=CARTESIAN_POINT('#6',(0.0,0.0,0.0));
#7=DIRECTION('#7',(1.0,0.0,0.0));
#8=DIRECTION('#8',(0.0,0.0,1.0));
#9=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#9',#6,#8,#7);
#10=CARTESIAN_POINT('#10',0.0,0.0,0.0);
#11=VERTEX_POINT('#11',#10);
#12=CARTESIAN_POINT('#12',0.0,50.,0.0);
#13=VERTEX_POINT('#13',#12);
#14=CARTESIAN_POINT('#14',0.0,0.0,50.);
#15=VERTEX_POINT('#15',#14);
#16=CARTESIAN_POINT('#16',0.0,50.,50.);
#17=VERTEX_POINT('#17',#16);
#18=CARTESIAN_POINT('#18',50.,50.,50.);
#19=VERTEX_POINT('#19',#18);
#20=CARTESIAN_POINT('#20',50.,50.,0.0);
#21=VERTEX_POINT('#21',#20);
#22=CARTESIAN_POINT('#22',50.,0.0,50.);
#23=VERTEX_POINT('#23',#22);
#24=CARTESIAN_POINT('#24',50.,0.0,0.0);
#25=VERTEX_POINT('#25',#24);
#26=CARTESIAN_POINT('#26',0.0,0.0,50.);
#27=DIRECTION('#27',0.0,1.0,0.0);
#28=VECTOR('#28',#27,50.);
#29=LINE('#29',#26,#28);
#30=CARTESIAN_POINT('#30',0.0,0.0,0.0);
#31=DIRECTION('#31',0.0,0.0,1.0);
#32=VECTOR('#32',#31,50.);
#33=LINE('#33',#30,#32);
#34=CARTESIAN_POINT('#34',0.0,50.,50.);
#35=DIRECTION('#35',0.0,-1.,0.0);
#36=VECTOR('#36',#35,50.);
#37=LINE('#37',#34,#36);
#38=CARTESIAN_POINT('#38',0.0,50.,50.);
#39=DIRECTION('#39',0.0,0.0,-1.0);
#40=VECTOR('#40',#39,50.);
#41=LINE('#41',#38,#40);
#42=CARTESIAN_POINT('#42', (0.0,50.,50.));
#43=DIRECTION('#43', (1.0,0.0,0.0));
#44=VECTOR('#44', #43, 50.);
#45=LINE('#45', #42, #44);
#46=CARTESIAN_POINT('#46', (50.,50.,0.0));
#47=DIRECTION('#47', (0.0,0.0,1.0));
#48=VECTOR('#48', #47, 50.);
#49=LINE('#49', #46, #48);
#50=CARTESIAN_POINT('#50', (50.,50.,0.0));
#51=DIRECTION('#51', (-1.,0.0,0.0));
#52=VECTOR('#52', #51, 50.);
#53=LINE('#53', #50, #52);
#54=CARTESIAN_POINT('#54', (50.,0.0,50.));
#55=DIRECTION('#55', (-1.,0.0,0.0));
#56=VECTOR('#56', #55, 50.);
#57=LINE('#57', #54, #56);
#58=CARTESIAN_POINT('#58', (50.,0.0,50.));
#59=DIRECTION('#59', (0.0,1.0,0.0));
#60=VECTOR('#60', #59, 50.);
#61=LINE('#61', #60, #60);
#62=CARTESIAN_POINT('#62', (0.0,0.0,0.0));
#63=DIRECTION('#63', (1.0,0.0,0.0));
#64=VECTOR('#64', #63, 50.);
#65=LINE('#65', #62, #64);
#66=CARTESIAN_POINT('#66', (50.,50.,0.0));
#67=DIRECTION('#67', (0.0,-1.0,0.0));
#68=VECTOR('#68', #67, 50.);
#69=LINE('#69', #68, #68);
#70=CARTESIAN_POINT('#70', (50.,0.0,50.));
#71=DIRECTION('#71', (0.0,0.0,-1.0));
#72=VECTOR('#72', #71, 50.);
#73=LINE('#73', #70, #72);
#74=EDGE_CURVE('#74', #11, #13, #29, .T.);
#75=EDGE_CURVE('#75', #11, #15, #33, .T.);
#76=EDGE_CURVE('#76', #17, #15, #37, .T.);
#77=EDGE_CURVE('#77', #17, #13, #41, .T.);
#78=EDGE_CURVE('#78', #17, #19, #45, .T.);
#79=EDGE_CURVE('#79', #21, #19, #49, .T.);
#80=EDGE_CURVE('#80', #21, #13, #53, .T.);
#81=EDGE_CURVE('#81', #23, #15, #57, .T.);
#82=EDGE_CURVE('#82', #23, #19, #61, .T.);
#83=EDGE_CURVE('#83', #11, #25, #65, .T.);
#84=EDGE_CURVE('#84', #21, #25, #69, .T.);
#85=EDGE_CURVE('#85', #23, #25, #73, .T.);
#86=ORIENTED_EDGE('#86', *, *, #74, .F.);
#87=ORIENTED_EDGE('#87', *, *, #75, .T.);
#88=ORIENTED_EDGE('#88', *, *, #76, .F.);
#89=ORIENTED_EDGE('#89', *, *, #77, .T.);
#90=EDGE_LOOP('#90', (#86, #87, #88, #89));
#91=FACEx OUTER_BOUND('#91', #90, .T.);
#92=CARTESIAN_POINT('#92', (0.0,25.,25.));
#93=DIRECTION('#93', (-1.0,0.0,0.0));
#94=DIRECTION('#94', (0.0,-1.0,0.0));
#95=AXIS2 PLACEMENT_3D('#95', #92, #93, #94);
#96=PLANE('#96', #95);
#97=ADVANCED_FACE('#97', (#91), #96, .T.);
#98=ORIENTED_EDGE('#98', *, *, #77, .F.);
#99=ORIENTED_EDGE('#99', *, *, #78, .T.);
#100=ORIENTED_EDGE('#100', *, *, #79, .F.);
#101=ORIENTED_EDGE('#101', *, *, #80, .T.);
/* Instances #160-#165 define the text that will be the basis */
/* of an annotation_text_occurrence. */
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#160=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_TEXT_FONT('ISO 3098-1 font A');

#163=CARTESIAN_POINT('#163', (30.48304684, 74.72529668, -0.02658932493));
#164=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#164', '#163', $, $);
#165=TEXT_LITERAL_WITH_EXTENT('#165', 'Look at this edge!', '#164', 'baseline right', .RIGHT., #160, #6000);

/* Instances #166-#168 define a generic shape_representation that */
/* has as items the manifold_solid_brep/#159, */
/* the text_literal_with_extent/#165, and */
/* the leader_directed_callout/#200. */
/* This shape_representation is the representation that captures */
/* elements that will be mapped onto the draughting_model/#177. */

#166=UNCERTAINTY_MEASURE_WITH_UNIT(LENGTH_MEASURE(9.999999999999998E-14), #4, 'distance_accuracy_value', 'EDGE CURVE AND VERTEX POINT ACCURACY');
#167=(GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT(3)
  GLOBAL_UNCERTAINTY_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT((#166))
  GLOBAL_UNIT_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT((#4, #5, #3))
  REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT('MASTER', '3D'));
#168=SHAPE_REPRESENTATION('#168', (#159, #165, #178, #200), #167);

/* Instances #169-#173 define the annotation_text_occurrence that */
/* represents the text annotation depicted in the figure above. It */
/* references the text_literal_with_extent/#165, which defines the */
/* text string to be represented by the annotation_text_occurrence. */

#169=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR('black');
#170=TEXT_STYLE_FOR_DEFINED_FONT(#169);
#171=TEXT_STYLE_WITH_BOX_CHARACTERISTICS('a text style', #170, (BOX_HEIGHT(1.), BOX_WIDTH(1.), BOX_SLANT_ANGLE(0.), BOX_ROTATE_ANGLE(0.)));
#172=PRESENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT((#171));
#173=(ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  ANNOTATION_TEXT_OCCURRENCE()
  DRAUGHTING_ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
  GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
  REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
  STYLED_ITEM((#172), #165));

/* Instances #174-#177 define the draughting_model, that has as its items*/
/* an axis2_placement_3d/#9 that acts as its origin, */
/* a mapped_item/#175 that maps the previously defined */
/* shape_representation into the draughting_model, */
/* a leader_terminator/#400 which terminates the leader_curve, */
/* the leader_curve/#205, and */
/* the annotation_text_occurrence/#173 defined above. */

#174=REPRESENTATION_MAP(#178, #168);
#175=MAPPED_ITEM('#175', '#174', #9);
#176=(GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT(3)
  GLOBAL_UNIT_ASSIGNED_CONTEXT((#4, #5, #3))
  REPRESENTATION_CONTEXT('3D Annotation Text Context', '3D'));
#177=DRAUGHTING_MODEL('Collect items for presentation', (#9, #175, #400, #205, #173), #176);
#178=AXIS2_PLACEMENT_3D('#178', #6, #8, #7);

/* Instances #189-#198 define the product that the cube depicted */
/* above represents, as well as the contexts for the application, */
/* the product, and its definition. Lastly it provides the link */
/* to the generic shape_representation/#168.                      */

#189=APPLICATION_CONTEXT('3D associative text');
#190=APPLICATION_PROTOCOL_DEFINITION('working draft
', '3D_associative_text', 1998, #189);
#191=MECHANICAL_CONTEXT('', #189, 'mechanical');
#192=DESIGN_CONTEXT('', #189, 'design');
#193=PRODUCT('product_0', '', #191);
#194=PRODUCT_RELATED_PRODUCT_CATEGORY('detail', '', #193);
#195=PRODUCT_DEFINITION_FORMATION_WITH_SPECIFIED_SOURCE('1', '', #193, .MADE.);
#196=PRODUCT_DEFINITION('', '', #195, #192);
#197=PRODUCT_DEFINITION_SHAPE('', '', #196);
#198=SHAPE_DEFINITION_REPRESENTATION(#197, #168);

/* Instance #200 defines the leader directed callout that combines */
/* the leader_curve/#205, * /
/* the annotation_text_occurrence/#173, and */
/* the leader_terminator/#400. */

#200=LEADER_DIRECTED_CALLOUT('callout', (#205, #173, #400));

/* Instances #250-254, #270, #300-304 define the */
/* leader_curve depicted in the figure above. */

#205=(ANNOTATION_CURVE_OCCURRENCE())
ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
DRAUGHTING_ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
LEADER_CURVE()
REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
STYLED_ITEM((#300), #250));
#250=TRIMMED_CURVE('', #251, (PARAMETER_VALUE(0.0)), (PARAMETER_VALUE(1.0)), .T., .PARAMETER.);
#251=LINE('', #253, #252);
#252=VECTOR('', #254, 1.);
#253=CARTESIAN_POINT('', (0., 50., 0.));
#254=DIRECTION('', (0., 1., 0.));

#300=PRESENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT((#301));
#301=CURVE_STYLE('', #302, #304, #303);
#302=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_CURVE_FONT('continuous');
#303=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR('black');
#304=LENGTH_MEASURE_WITH_UNIT(POSITIVE_LENGTH_MEASURE(0.1), #4);

/* Instances #400, #410-413, #500, #510-516 define the terminator for */
/* the leader_curve/#205. */

#400=(ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE())
ANNOTATION_SYMBOL_OCCURRENCE()
DRAUGHTING_ANNOTATION_OCCURRENCE()
LEADER_TERMINATOR()
REPRESENTATION_ITEM('')
GEOMETRIC_REPRESENTATION_ITEM()
STYLED_ITEM((#410), #500)
TERMINATOR_SYMBOL(#205));
#410=PRESENTATION_STYLE_ASSIGNMENT((#411));
#411=SYMBOL_STYLE('red colour', #412);
#412=SYMBOL_COLOUR(#413);
#413=DRAUGHTING_PRE_DEFINED_COLOUR('black');
Instance diagrams depicting the use of the concepts described in 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, and 3.5 with the instances defined in the Part 21 file are shown in diagrams 10 and 11 below.

![Instance Diagram](image-url)
5 Known issues

5.1 Restrictiveness of shape_aspect_associativity

In our opinion, shape_aspect_associativity is too constrained within AP202 and AP214. It only allows for associations of leader curves, projection curves, or fill area boundaries to geometric model elements. It should allow for other types of annotation associations as well. What if someone wanted to associate an annotation_text_occurrence that is NOT directed to a shape element via a leader curve or a projection curve? There are systems that automatically compute the leader curves given the association between annotation and elements. The instantiation of the leader curves in these CAD kernels are not transparent to the API used for the STEP processors. Thus for these systems the exchange of associated text without leader curves is an important case.

5.2 AP 214 global rules

The approach requires the removal of the global rule draughting_model_annotation_layers FOR (draughting_model). This rule states that each annotation_occurrence shall have a presentation_layer assigned. Since there are systems that support associative text as 3D notes but do not have layers, this rule is seen as too restrictive in the scope of this effort.

5.3 Associated_draughting_callout application object in AP214 ARM

The capability described herein strongly corresponds to the associated_draughting_callout application object described in the AP214 application reference model as a requirement. Unfortunately the mapping specified in 214 does not fully cover the requirements associated with this effort. A ballot comment to AP214 DIS to adapt the approach described herein has been submitted and is being incorporated into the document.

5.4 AP 203 global rules

The schema combining associative_text and AP 203 requires the removal of following rules:

- RULE application_context_requires_ap_definition FOR (application_context, application_protocol_definition);
6 Availability of implementation schemas

6.1 AP214

The AP214 DIS schema supports the implementation of the capabilities as described. The schema can be retrieved via anonymous ftp from:


6.2 AP203 with modular extensions

The short form for the associative dimensions extension, its corresponding long form, and the long form schema combining AP 203 and the associative dimension can be accessed via the WWW from:

http://www.cax-if.org

7 Summary of changes to Document

In this section, a summary of the change(s) made to the recommended practice document is recorded.

7.1 Current Release

In this release of the recommended practice, the following changes are made with respect to the previous version of the document dated 10-07-99 and which is available from the CAx IF websites -- http://www.cax-if.org and http://www.cax-if.de.

7.1.1 Contacts

Linas Polikaitas is no longer a contact for this recommended practices document.

7.1.2 Section 3.4 Associativity between separate elements of annotation

There is a constraint added that the related_annotation_occurrence can be either a leader_curve, projection-curve, or a annotation_fill_area_occurrence entity. Also, the entity numbers have been deleted, since they are have been deleted from the Part 21 file example. The issue regarding restrictiveness of annotation_occurrence_associativity has also been deleted (see 7.1.6).

7.1.3 Section 3.8.3 Usage of annotation_occurrence_associativity deleted.

This section has been deleted. The rationale for the deletion is as follows:

It is assumed that a leader_directed_callout will only contain one leader curve. Therefore, the annotation_occurrence_associativity instance is no longer needed. An instance of this entity is only used to support associativity between a draughting callout and an annotation element.

7.1.4 #2000 in Part 21 file example deleted

In line with the discussion presented in Section 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 of this document, #2000 in the example Part 21 files (AP214 and AP203 and extensions), which is a annotation_occurrence_associativity element, has been deleted.
7.1.5 Modification in Figure 11: Instance Diagram 2

To reflect the change indicated in Section 7.1.4 of this document, namely the deletion of the annotation_occurrence_associativity entity, the instance diagram has also been modified.

7.1.6 Known Issue: Section 5.2 Restrictiveness of annotation_occurrence_associativity deleted

This issue is not valid anymore. The general associativity between annotation elements is supported by the supertype annotation_occurrence_relationship.