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TwinOps – Digital Twins Meet DevOps

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Cyber-Physical Systems still exhibit misbehaviors after field tests. Their engineering relies on models built in isolation, limiting in-depth unit and integration testing until the system is done.

We are combining DevOps and Model-Based Engineering to build and deploy systems and their Digital Twins. TwinOps combines system, software, and physical models to improve system analysis.

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Model-Based Engineering for DoD Cyber-Physical Systems



Create the best design that holds up over time as the system evolves.



Test the design without having to write any code.

Build a single model to assess hardware and embedded software before the system is built.

SAE AADL / ACVIP

Standardized language and process for the engineering safety-critical systems.

OSATE

Open Source AADL toolset for performing verification and validation (V&V).

DoD Transitioning

Maturity increased through pilot projects and trainings.

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TwinOps Problem Space: CPS Integration and Testing



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Models – An Overview

Models are *abstractions* that address specific concerns.



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Technology Focus: Models and Code Generation

One can *generate code* from models ready to be embedded in the system (e.g., AADL to C) and get insights from the system to refine the model metrics.

One can *simulate models* and generate simulation code as a mock-up of some system parts.

One can build *Digital Twins*, that compare actual system and its digital simulated doppelganger.









From DevOps to ModDevOps



DevOps delivers software faster with increased quality:

- Continuous integration/deployment
- Containerized systems

DevOps is a software process, to be adapted to systems.

"ModDevOps is a systems/software co-engineering culture and practice that aims at unifying systems engineering (Mod), software development (Dev) and software operation (Ops). The main characteristic of the ModDevOps is to strongly advocate abstraction, automation, and monitoring at all steps of system construction."

(adapted from https://software.af.mil/training/devops/)



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TwinOps: Continuous System Improvement through ModDevOps and Digital Twins



With TwinOps, the SEI delivered a ModDevOps exemplar, bridging Model-Based Systems Engineering and Software Engineering.

TwinOps improves analysis and testing capabilities by leveraging multiple models and combining them.

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