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Upcoming FACE Consortium Events and Webinars

- Aug 25-27 [FACE Members meeting](#) – Alexandria, VA
- Oct 7-8 FACE Virtual Technical Interchange Meeting (TIM)

FACE Consortium Celebrates 15th Anniversary

Founded in June 2010, the FACE Consortium is celebrating its 15th anniversary. The 13 founding Members included ATK (now part of Northrop Grumman), Boeing, CMC Electronics, Elbit Systems, General Dynamics, Green Hills Software, Harris Corporation (now L3Harris), Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, U.S. Army AMRDEC (now DEVCOM AvMC), and U.S.

Navy NAVAIR. All of those organizations or their successors are still Members. There are currently 90 Member companies, including 6 organizations in the US DOD.



Since the original FACE Technical Standard was published, it has undergone two major revisions to provide greater coverage, meet new requirements, and to fill gaps in the original version. The FACE Consortium also created the Universal Domain Description Language (UDDL) Technical Standard as an enabler for data modeling, with far reaching applicability beyond the FACE Technical Standard.

The breadth of adoption of the FACE Technical Standard, though hard to quantify, is quite large by many indications. The Technical Standard 3.x editions were downloaded over 1000 times in 2024 alone. Today, there are products certified conformant from Asia and Europe as well as North America. The enabling ecosystem for the FACE Approach includes over a dozen guides to help software developers, system integrators, industry and government executives, and acquisition professionals understand and apply the FACE Technical Standard.

We celebrate those accomplishments while we keep moving forward to adapt the FACE Approach to new challenges from both a technical and acquisition perspective. If you are interested in learning more about the FACE Approach or the FACE Consortium, email your inquiry to ogface-admin@consortia.opengroup.org.

FACE Approach to be Well Represented at the MOSA Industry & Government Summit & Expo

Scheduled for August 27-29, 2025 at the Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, the MOSA Industry & Government Summit & Expo will include a substantial number of FACE Consortium Member companies exhibiting their conformant products as well as keynotes and panel sessions that will include the FACE Approach as part of their MOSA discussion.

One highlight of the Expo will be the live Tri-Service Mission scenario demo by NAVAIR and GTRI with the Air Force and Army.



That demo will include FACE units of conformance and be shown at the NAVAIR booth. Example panels that will be discussing the FACE Approach include "HOST, FACE, OMS, SOSA, CMOSS Open Standards Alignment" and "Using the Future Airborne Capability Environment, or FACE, Standard for Adaptable and Reusable Software in a Safety-Critical Environment." For more information, go to events.techconnect.org/MOSA_2025/

Introducing Newly Elected Leadership for the FACE Consortium

The term for the elected officers of the FACE Consortium begins in June and lasts for one year. In harmony with the 15th anniversary date for the FACE Consortium this past June, newly elected officers stepped into their seats. First, on behalf of the Consortium Members, we extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chairs and Vice Chairs for their extraordinary time and effort you graciously contributed, and the effective work they delivered to advance the Vision, Mission, and strategic plan. Next, some remarks from two of the chairs in a new role:



New FACE Consortium Steering Group Chair - Mr. Terry Carlson CISSP, CCISO, Software and Cyber Branch Chief, PEO Aviation (DEVCOM CCDC AvMC)

"I am thrilled to be back with the FACE Consortium and to have the opportunity to work alongside such an incredible group of dedicated professionals. The progress the team has made is remarkable, and I am impressed by the strides taken to advance the standards and best practices. Given the exceptional work already accomplished, my plan is to listen and learn what has changed since my last FACE meeting over six years ago! My focus is to build on a strong foundation while seeking ways to increase the defense community's awareness and understanding of the value that the FACE standard brings to those who adopt it.

Increasing the number of implementations of the FACE Technical Standard ensures its positive impact continues to grow. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones as we work together to shape the future. Thank you for your trust and support as steering committee chair—I am excited to be part of the team!”

New FACE Consortium Business Working Group (BWG) Chair – Mr. Jeff Bott, Regional Sales Manager for North and South America, PACE Aerospace

“As Sally Bixby and I step into our new roles as Chairs of the FACE BWG, we are excited to leverage our strengths to elevate awareness and adoption of the FACE Technical Standard. We are grateful to our predecessors, Jason York and Alex Redei, who have laid a strong foundation that enables us to take a more outward-facing approach. Our initial focus will be on outreach, raising awareness of the FACE Consortium, its alignment with the SOSA® Consortium, and how the FACE Standard supports the broader goals of a modular open systems approach (MOSA). We will continue efforts with Acquisition Guidance, with plans to publish the Program Manager’s Getting Started Guide later this year and ensuring the FACE Conformance program aligns with market needs. We look forward to connecting with many of you at the upcoming face-to-face Consortia event in August, which will include a joint session of the FACE and SOSA Business Working Groups.”



Full list of FACE Consortium 2025-2026 Elected Officers

- Steering Committee Chair – Terry Carlson, US Army PEO Aviation
 - Steering Committee Vice Chair – Kirk Avery, Lockheed Martin
 - Business Working Group Chair – Jeff Bott, PACE Aerospace
 - Business Working Group Vice Chair – Sally Bixby, in support of NAVAIR
 - Domain Interoperability Working Group Chair – Gordon Hunt, Skyl
 - Domain Interoperability Working Group Vice Chair – Sarah Douglass, in support of NAVAIR
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- Technical Working Group Chair – Steve Fulmer, Skyhl
- Technical Working Group Vice Chair – Alex Redeï, Sierra Nevada Corporation

Recent Articles

[Northrop Grumman to supply 63 upgraded avionics mission computers for allied attack and utility helicopters](#)

Military Embedded Systems, May 15, 2025

[Ada and the FACE approach: Enabling high-assurance, portable software for defense systems](#)

Military Embedded Systems, May 8, 2025

[Smarter skies: How AI and open architectures are changing military avionics](#)

Military Embedded Systems, May 7, 2025

[Airborne attributable systems and open systems](#)

Military Embedded Systems, March 18, 2025

See more articles from prior quarters on the FACE Consortium media coverage page [here](#).

Upcoming Industry Conferences and Exhibits

Aug 27-29 MOSA Industry and Gov't Summit and Expo
 – *National Harbor, MD*

Sept 9-12 DSEI- *London, UH*

Sept 16-19 Digital Avionics Systems Conference - *Montreal, Canada*

Sept 22-24 AFA Air, Space, & Cyber - *National Harbor, MD*

Oct 13-15 AUSA- *Washington, DC*

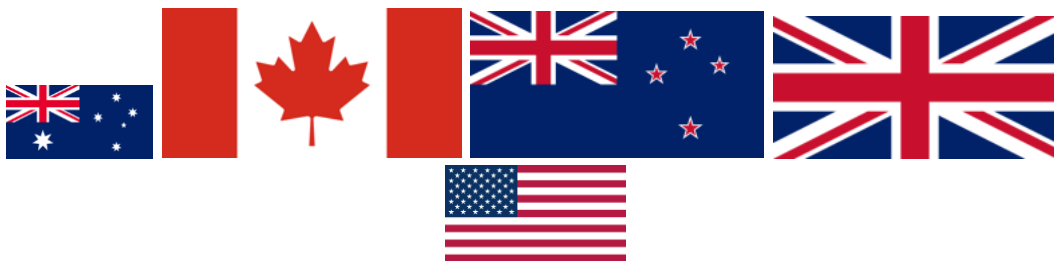
Nov 17-19 Quad-A Cribbins – *Huntsville, AL*

Nov 18-19 Aerospace Tech Week Americas – *Atlanta, GA*

New Members

- [Dynamic Graphics, Inc.](#)

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