

David Hills

Principal Engineer,
Daronmont Technologies



dhills@daronmont.com.au





Agenda

- Airbase Command Network (AbCOMNET) presentation for Virtual Connext 2020
 - Daronmont Technologies Overview
 - The AbCOMNET Challenge
 - The AbCOMNET Solution
 - AbCOMNET In the Real World
 - Q & A



Daronmont Technologies

History

- Founded in 1998
- Head Office is in Burwood Victoria
- Engineering Head Quarters in Mawson Lakes South Australia



- Wholly Australian owned Defence Industry Small to Medium Enterprise (SME)
 - Approximately 100 employees



Daronmont Technologies

Core Competencies

- Specialise in design, engineering, integration and support of complex high technology systems
 - Developing Situational Awareness systems
 - Data acquisition and digital signal processing for real-time applications
 - Contract engineering design services
 - ILS capabilities for lifecycle support of in-service equipment and systems
- Contracted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)
 Combat Support Group (CSG)
 - Prime system integrator for the AbCOMNET



The AbCOMNET Challenge

Modernising Airbase Operations

- A 5th generation Airforce requires 5th generation airbases
- Defend against the increasingly complex threats in the Information Age
- Exploit the tactical advantages provided by the timely sharing and integration of data

Secure Integration and Sharing of Data

- Generate Situational Awareness to support decision making
 - Combining Tactical Picture & Capability Status data
- Between the Enabling Functions of an Airbase
 - Across federated 3rd party systems
 - Getting commands and data to where its needed



The AbCOMNET Challenge





The AbCOMNET Challenge

Sharing Data Across Boundaries

- Across competing 3rd party vendors
- Across security domains
 - Automate declassification for High to Low transmission
- With external systems

AbCOMNET is a Concept Demonstrator

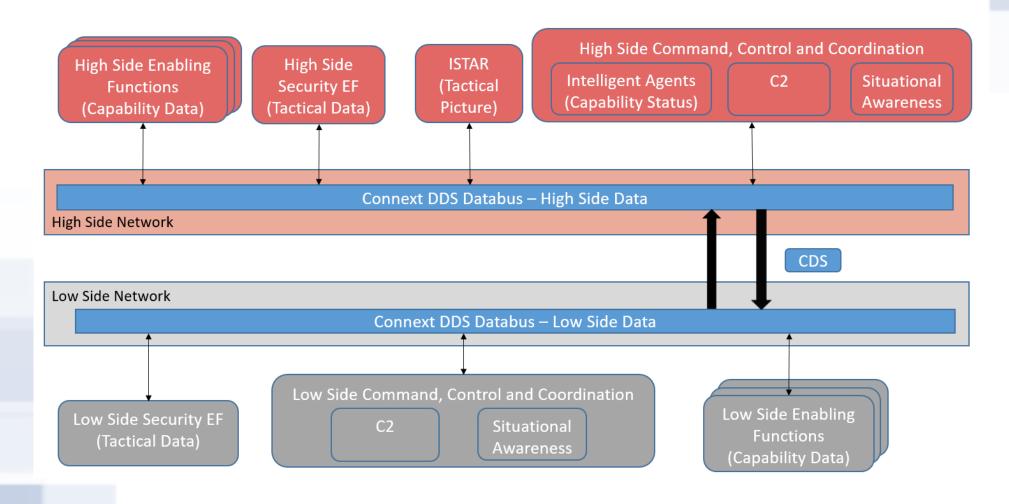
- Establish operational concept and specifications for major program
 - Domestic and expeditionary airbases
- Develop the RAAF Owned Open Architecture middleware
 - Information Model
- Support evaluation of systems from 3rd party vendors
 - Determine which systems are the best fit for the RAAF



Data Driven Architecture

- Tactical Picture
 - Systems and sensors to report tracks, contacts and events
 - Intelligence Surveillance and Target Acquisition and Recognition (ISTAR) function
 - Performs track correlation and association
- Capability Status
 - Reporting raw measurements and operational status of systems and equipment
 - Plug-in intelligent Decision Support Agents
 - Determine if the airbase can achieve its mission
- Command and Control
 - Sharing images, video, locations and messages







Cross Domain Solution (CDS)

- Data is required to cross security domains
- Operational accreditation of AbCOMNET requires a CDS
 - Rules based data filtering and data redaction
 - Data validation and signing
 - Enforced by Hardware and Software

Live Operation

Parallel operation with extant operational Airbase equipment

Scenario Evaluation

- Requires data replay
- Can be used for training



Why RTI Connext DDS?

- Industry standard
- Data oriented
 - Information Model is described in UML
 - Automated generation of IDL
- Cross-platform
- Multi-language support
- Agile
 - Add and remove 3rd party systems as needed
 - Supports modifying and evolving the Information Model
 - Seamlessly run as a live system or replay an evaluation scenario



- Why RTI Connext DDS? (cont)
 - Cross Domain Solution support
 - XML data messages across the CDS
 - Using DDS TypeCode and C# Reflection
 - Independent of Information Model
 - Automated schema generation for CDS validation
 - 3rd party vendor support
 - Adaptors
 - Proprietary interfaces mapped to DDS
 - Windows and Linux platforms
 - C++, Java and C# APIS.
 - Can be developed by OEM or System Integrator
 - Direct to DDS



- Why RTI Connext DDS? (cont)
 - RTI Routing Service over AbCOMNET VLANs
 - VLANs provide enhanced security
 - Isolate of 3rd party vendors systems
 - RTI Request Reply provides common services
 - Generation of MIL-STD-2525 symbols for tracks, areas, equipment and contact reports
 - Reduces development, integration, test, verification and validation time
 - Lower costs
 - Better value for our customer



• Phase 1 – 2017 AVALON Air Show Concept Demonstrator





• Phase 2 – 2018 RAAF Amberley Air Base Prototype



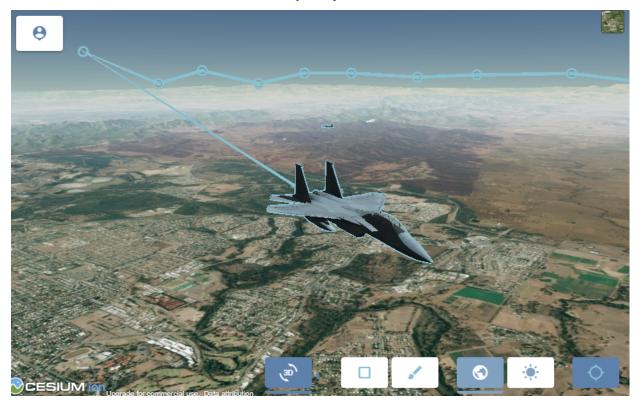


- Phase 3 2020 RAAF Amberley Air Base Live System
 - Currently In Progress
 - Focus on implementation of the CDS in preparation for connection into Defence Classified Networks
- Integrated with Multiple 3rd Party Systems
 - Saab, Rockwell Collins, Northrop Grumman, Elbit, Motorola, FLIR, MTData and DPRA

DMT-00949



- In House Development
 - Situational Awareness Display



Mobile device tracking with maps and routes



Any Questions?
Feel Free To Ask.

DMT-00949