How are do you select Assessors?



# Competencies and all that





# Why am I here?

- Describe the development of the CASS Assessor Competency scheme
- ABB Eutech project management of the CASS Scheme





- Why is competence important?
  - Organisations have a corporate responsibility
  - Professional have a personal responsibility
  - Standards such as IEC 61508





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# Definitions



- IEC 61508 Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems
- Abbreviated to E/E/PES



# IEC 61508

- Concerned with the performance of E/E/PES safety-related systems
- Where might these systems be found?
  - Process plant emergency shut-down systems
  - Power stations boiler management systems
  - Offshore Fire & gas systems on oil platforms
  - Trains Railway signalling systems
  - Factories Machinery guards/access interlocking systems
  - Fairgrounds roller-coaster control systems
  - Cars ABS, engine management systems



# **IEC 61508**

- Why do we need IEC 61508?
  - Rapid development of microprocessor based systems
  - Common approach to design and implementation





# IEC 61508 - example from Process Sector





## **IEC 61508 - example of Procedure Failure**





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### **IEC 16508 - Software Failure**





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# IEC 61508 - ATP System Failure





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# IEC61508 - Scope

**E/E/PE safety-related systems** 

Where failure could have an impact on the safety of

Persons

Environment



And where failure could have

**Serious economic implications** 





### IEC 61508 - Lifecycle



# **CASS - Convincing others**

- Your Organisation
  - How do you convince others that you understand IEC61508 and its requirements
  - How do you show that are capable of operating within the guidelines of IEC 61508





# **CASS - Convincing You**

- Other Organisations
  - How do they convince <u>you</u> that they understand IEC61508 and its requirements
  - How do they show <u>you</u> that they are capable of operating within the guidelines of IEC 61508





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# **The CASS Project - Industry Support**

#### Stakeholders - Advisory Group

- EEMUA, GAMBICA, EIC, MIRA, FIG+, GAMP, CAA, FEI,
- RIA, UKOOA, MTTA

**Observers** 

- HSE, UKAS
- Consultative Group

• IEE, BCS, ICSE, Hazards Forum, HMRI

• InstMC, SaRS, IGasE, Inst RSE, IChemE

#### Technical Group

- Eutech, CSE, Lloyds Register, NEL, Ideo, CAA, HSE, EECS
- Honeywell, SI Process Control, ICS Triplex, Rotork, Hima-Sella
- Yokogawa, Railtrack, Moore, AEA, Praxis, Moore Hamlyn

#### Project Management

- Eutech
  - Virkonnen







Type 4

Type 2b

Type 2a

Type 1

Type 3



# **CASS Supply Chain**



FSCA is also required by each organisation





# **Recap - CASS & IEC 61508**

- We have the standard IEC 61508
- We have a mechanism for measuring compliance CASS
- How do we select the right people to carry out these independent assessments?
- Hence the need for the CASS Assessor Competency Scheme



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# **Assessor Competency**

First meeting to start to develop ideas Oct 1999

Series of workshops to gain feedback from industry





# How do you measure competency?

- Assessors
- Different backgrounds
- Different industries
- Different phases of the lifecycle
- All shapes and sizes
- How do we cater for all these?
- Assessor profile but against what?





# **Reference Sources**

- IRCA TICKIT scheme ISO 9000
- BSI C:CURE scheme BS 7799
- IRSE scheme
- IEE/BCS competency guidelines





# **Proposed - Assessor Grades**

- Provisional Assessor
- Assessor
- Lead Assessor



**Assessor Grades - structure** 

# Assessor Grade

- Experience
- Competence
- -Maintaining Competence



#### Competence (1 of 2)

- Have a broad understanding and working knowledge of all aspects of CASS and safety-related systems coupled with possession of at least one area of safety-related systems specialism to substantial depth
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of the range and capability of safety-related systems, safety management systems, and the relationship between hardware and software at all levels
- Be aware of the legal framework associated with safety-related systems
- Under supervision, be able to apply organisational and relevant technical skills to the analysis, examination and validation processes involved in carrying out a CASS assessment across a wide spectrum of organisations of varying size and complexity



# Evidence

- How would you demonstrate your competency against these descriptions?
- How many statements would we need to generate to cover the scheme adequately?
- How would we address areas such as supply chain, industry sector, phases of the lifecycle?





# **Number of Assessors**

- 3 Assessor Grades
- 5 Assessment Types
- Many different industry sectors

#### 3 x 5 x ? = Too many differing grades of Assessor





### **Proposed - Assessor Grades**



# **IEE/BCS** Guidelines

 IEE/BCS Study - Competency Guidelines for Safety-Related System Practitioners





# **IEE Professional Brief**

- Competence requires all practitioners to have qualifications, experience, and qualities appropriate to their duties. These include:
  - such training as would ensure acquisition of the necessary knowledge of the field which they are required to perform
  - adequate knowledge of the hazards and failures of the equipment for which they are responsible
  - knowledge and understanding of the working practices used in the organisation for which they work
  - the ability to communicate effectively with their peers, with staff working under their supervision, and with their supervisors
  - an apprecaition of their own limitations and constraints, whether of knowledge, experience, facilities, resources, etc. and a willingness to point these out



# **IEE/BCS Guidelines**

- www.iee.org.uk/PAB/CompSafe/scc\_snip.html
- Help organisations assess competencies of staff working on safetyrelated systems
- Framework for the development of a competency scheme within an organisation
- Used for company scheme, self assessment, professional development, or an industry wide scheme



THE SAFETY FUNCTIONS	CODE
Corporate Functional Safety Management	CFM
Human Factors Safety Engineering	HF
ndependent Safety Assessment	ISA
Project Safety Assurance Management	PSM
Safety Hazard and Risk Analysis	HRA
Safety Requirements Specification	SRS
Safety Validation	SV
Safety-Related System Hardware Realisation	SHR
Safety-Related System Architectural Design	SAD
Safety-Related System Maintenance and Modification	SRM
Safety-Related System or Services Procurement	SRP
Safety-Related System Software Realisation	SSR



Competencies	Safety Hazard and Risk Analysis							
TASK-RELATED								
Defining the scope of a hazard and risk analysis	HRA1							
Identifying hazards	HRA2							
Hazard analysis	HRA3							
Risk assessment	HRA4							
Eliminating or mitigating hazards	HRA5							
Formation and control of hazard log	HRA6							
FUNCTION-RELATED								
Principles of functional safety assurance	HRA7							
Application domain knowledge	HRA8							
Systematic approach	HRA9							
Systems viewpoint	HRA10							
Professional standing and personal integrity	HRA11							
Team-working	HRA12							



# **IEE/BCS - Competency statements**

#### HRA3 Hazard analysis

Analyses whether a hazard can be caused by the behaviour of the safety-related system and how a hazard might lead to an accident by:

- systematically deriving, collecting and analysing relevant information in determining hazardous system behaviours
- analysing the operation and maintenance aspects of the system
- determining and analysing accident sequences

Supervised Practitioner	Practitioner	Expert
Can describe the range of hazard analysis techniques normally employed within the organisation or industry sector. Given a typical project scenario, is able to select an appropriate set of hazard analysis techniques.	Car illustrate, through hazard analysis reports, how the relevant hazard analysis techniques have been correctly employed. Can justify the use of selected hazard analysis techniques by correctly referencing relevant standards and information regarding the capabilities of the organisation.	Can illustrate project situations in which the selected hazard analysis techniques were not appropriate to the specific requirements of a project. Can illustrate, through hazard analysis review procedures, how actions have been taken to ensure that the appropriateness of selected hazard analysis techniques is adequately considered.
Has successfully performed review work requiring a high degree of conceptual thinking.	Has analysed hazardous event sequences using o hazard analysis reports and related system docu	conceptual thinking and can illustrate this by reference to mentation.
Can describe the role of operators and maintainers in typical safety- related systems developed or operated by the organisation.	Can illustrate, through hazard analysis reports, how human factors have been addressed in the performance of hazard analysis activities.	Can illustrate the importance of paying sufficient attention to human factors issues in hazard analysis activities. Can show the actions which have been taken (e.g. development of hazard analysis procedures, organisation of training courses, recruitment of human factors specialists) to ensure human factors issues are addressed properly.

# **Competency Functions**

- C1 Corporate Functional Safety Management (CFM)
- C2 Project Safety Assurance Management (PSM)
- C3 .Safety-Related System Maintenance (SRM)
- C4 Safety-Related System Procurement (SRP)
- C5 Independent Safety Assessment (ISA)
- C6 Safety Hazard and Risk Analysis (HRA)
- C7 Safety Requirements Specification (SRS)
- C8 Safety Validation (SV)
- C9 Safety-Related System Architectural Design (SAD)
- C10 Safety-Related System Software Realisation (SSR)
- C11 Safety-Related System Hardware Realisation (SHR)
- C12 Human Factors Safety Engineering (HF).





# **CASS Supply Chain**



# **Common - Competency Functions**

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## **Common Functions - ISA/CFM Levels**

Levels	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM	CFM
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Super.	$\checkmark$			N/A				N/A							
Pract.															
Expert															

Levels	ISA1	ISA2	ISA3	ISA4	ISA5	ISA6	ISA7	ISA8	ISA9	<b>I</b> SA 10	ISA 11	ISA 12	<b>I</b> SA 13	ISA 14	ISA 15
Super.						N/A			N/A					$\checkmark$	
Pract.							$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
Expert															



# **CASS Assessor scheme model**

- One grade of assessor
- IEE/BCS key reference document
- Interview panel
- Operate within a defined scope
  - Industry sector(s)
  - IEC 61508 Lifecycle phase(s)
  - SIL



# **CASS** Application form

Select from the 10 safety functions the functions you wish to claim for your CASS registration

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# **CASS Application Form**

For each function, complete the profile and evidence to support your claim





# **CASS Assessor - Application Process**





#### CASS Guide - www.cass.uk.net





## **CASS Assessor's Certificate**





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# Conclusions

- Seek many sources of help
- Seek advice from piers
- Keep it simple



Any questions?



