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1 Scope of this document

This document specifies requirements of the AUTOSAR Adaptive Platform on the Execution Management. The motivation is to provide a standardized way to start, stop and police applications platform wide.

1.1 Document Conventions

The representation of requirements in AUTOSAR documents follows the table specified in [TPS_STDT_00078], see Standardization Template, chapter Support for Traceability ([1]).

The verbal forms for the expression of obligation specified in [TPS_STDT_00053] shall be used to indicate requirements, see Standardization Template, chapter Support for Traceability ([1]).

2 Acronyms and abbreviations

All technical terms used throughout this document – except the ones listed here – can be found in the official [2, AUTOSAR glossary] or [3, TPS Manifest Specification].

| Term | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Process | A process is a loaded instance of an Executable to be executed on a Machine. |
| Execution Dependency | Dependencies between Executable instances can be configured to define a sequence for starting and terminating them. |
| Execution Management | The element of the Adaptive Platform responsible for the ordered startup and shutdown of the Adaptive Platform and the Applications. |
| State Management | The element of the Execution Management defining modes of operation for Adaptive Platform. It allows flexible definition of functions which are active on the platform at any given time. Architecture and functionality of State Management are still under discussion. State Management will be covered by a new functional cluster in a later release. |
| Machine State | The element of the State Management which characterize the current status of the machine. It defines a set of active Applications for any certain situation. The set of Machine States is machine specific and it will be deployed in the Machine Manifest. Machine States are mainly used to control machine lifecycle (startup/shut-down/restart) and platform-level processes. |
| Function Group State | The element of State Management that characterizes the current status of a set of (functionally coherent) user-level Applications. The set of Function Groups and their Function Group States is machine specific and are deployed as part of the Machine Manifest. |
| Time Determinism | The results of a calculation are guaranteed to be available before a given deadline. |
| Data Determinism | The results of a calculation only depend on the input data and are reproducible, assuming a given initial internal state. |
| Full Determinism | Combination of Time and Data Determinism. |

Table 2.1: Technical Terms

3 Requirements Tracing

The following tables reference the requirements specified in [4] and links to the fulfillment of these. Please note that if column “Satisfied by” is empty for a specific requirement this means that this requirement is not fulfilled by this document.

| Requirement | Description | Satisfied by |
|-----------------|---|--|
| [RS_EM_NA] | No description | [RS_EM_00011] |
| [RS_Main_00002] | AUTOSAR shall provide a software platform for high performance computing platforms | [RS_EM_00005] [RS_EM_00010] [RS_EM_00100] |
| [RS_Main_00010] | AUTOSAR shall support the development of safety related systems. | [RS_EM_00002] [RS_EM_00004] [RS_EM_00005] [RS_EM_00008] [RS_EM_00009] [RS_EM_00013] [RS_EM_00053] |
| [RS_Main_00011] | AUTOSAR shall support the development of reliable systems | [RS_EM_00009] |
| [RS_Main_00012] | AUTOSAR shall provide a software platform to support the development of highly available systems. | [RS_EM_00013] |
| [RS_Main_00049] | AUTOSAR shall provide an Execution Management for running multiple applications | [RS_EM_00002] [RS_EM_00003] [RS_EM_00009] [RS_EM_00010] [RS_EM_00100] [RS_EM_00103] |
| [RS_Main_00050] | AUTOSAR shall provide an Execution Framework towards applications to implement concurrent application internal control flows. | [RS_EM_00008] [RS_EM_00051] [RS_EM_00052] [RS_EM_00103] |
| [RS_Main_00060] | AUTOSAR shall provide a standardized software interface for communication between Applications | [RS_EM_00051] |
| [RS_Main_00080] | AUTOSAR shall provide means to describe a component model for Application Software | [RS_EM_00002] |
| [RS_Main_00106] | AUTOSAR shall provide the possibility to extend the software with new SWCs without recompiling the platform foundation | [RS_EM_00005] [RS_EM_00008] [RS_EM_00010] [RS_EM_00103] |
| [RS_Main_00170] | AUTOSAR shall provide secure access to ECU | [RS_EM_00003] [RS_EM_00004] |
| [RS_Main_00260] | AUTOSAR shall provide diagnostics means during runtime, for production and services purposes | [RS_EM_00110] |
| [RS_Main_00320] | AUTOSAR shall provide formats to specify system development | [RS_EM_00002] [RS_EM_00008] |
| [RS_Main_00330] | No description | [RS_EM_00002] [RS_EM_00009] |
| [RS_Main_00340] | AUTOSAR shall support the continuous timing requirement analysis | [RS_EM_00005] [RS_EM_00052] [RS_EM_00100] |

| Requirement | Description | Satisfied by |
|-----------------|--|--|
| [RS_Main_00460] | AUTOSAR shall standardize methods to organize mode management on Application, ECU and System level | [RS_EM_00050] [RS_EM_00100] [RS_EM_00101] [RS_EM_00103] |
| [RS_Main_00501] | AUTOSAR shall support redundancy concepts | [RS_EM_00008] [RS_EM_00010] [RS_EM_00053] |
| [RS_Main_00514] | AUTOSAR shall support the development of secure systems | [RS_EM_00003] [RS_EM_00004] |

4 Constraints and assumptions

4.1 Known Limitations

This chapter lists known limitations of [Execution Management](#) in terms of unimplemented requirements with the intent to provide an indication how [Execution Management](#) within the context of the Adaptive Platform will evolve in future releases.

The following requirements are described within this document but not otherwise considered in this release:

- [\[RS_EM_00003\]](#) – Application integrity management.
- [\[RS_EM_00004\]](#) – Application authentication and authorization.
- [\[RS_EM_00050\]](#) – System-wide coordination
- [\[RS_EM_00051\]](#) – External trigger conditions
- [\[RS_EM_00110\]](#) – Provision of last reset cause

The functionality described above is subject to modification and will be considered for inclusion in a future release of this document.

4.2 Applicability to car domains

No restrictions to applicability.

5 Functional overview

The AUTOSAR Adaptive Platform provides services to influence the lifecycle of Applications based on configuration. This document therefore includes requirements that determine the facilities provided by Execution Management to affect the machine-wide startup, shutdown and restart of an Application based on configuration.

Execution Management is responsible for all aspects of platform lifecycle management and application lifecycle management, including:

- Machine startup and shutdown.
 - Execution Management is the initial (“boot”) process of the operating system.
- Required process hierarchy of started services, e.g., init and its child process.
 - after booting. The boot process in this case corresponds to machine init process.
- Provision of process isolation with each instance of an Executable managed as a single process.
- Startup and shutdown of Applications.
 - Loading Executable based on a defined Execution Dependency.
 - Specific requirements until starting an Executable main function (i.e. entry point)
- Privileges and use of access control
 - description and semantics of access control in manifest files
- State management
 - Conditions for the execution of Applications

6 Requirements specification

This chapter describes all requirements driving the work to define the execution manager's functionality.

6.1 Startup and Shutdown of Applications

[RS_EM_00002] **Execution Management** shall set-up one process for the execution of each Executable instance [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | For each instance of an Executable, Execution Management shall allocate one POSIX process. Furthermore process specific properties (like priority, scheduling policy and access rights) shall be assigned based on the Application Manifest. |
| Rationale: | Isolation of Executable instances from each other. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Safety and security related Applications require isolation. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

](RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00049, RS_Main_00080, RS_Main_00320, RS_Main_00330)

[RS_EM_00003] **Execution Management** shall support the checking of the integrity of Executables at startup of Executable. [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Before executing the Executable, Execution Management shall check whether the Executable has been corrupted, was accidentally changed or has been subject to intentional tampering. |
| Rationale: | Executable of an Application could get changed after installation. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Security |
| Supporting Material: | Note: It is still to be decided if external stored data (outside the Executable of the Application) is to be used by the Executable. |

](RS_Main_00049, RS_Main_00170, RS_Main_00514)

[RS_EM_00004] **Execution Management** shall support the authentication and authorization of Executables at startup of Executable [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Before executing the Executable, Execution Management shall validate the authenticity of the Executable and check whether the Executable is given access and user rights to required resources. |
| Rationale: | Different access rights for different Executables. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Security |
| Supporting Material: | – |

](RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00170, RS_Main_00514)

[RS_EM_00005] Execution Management shall support the configuration of OS resource budgets for Executable and groups of Executables [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Based on the Application Manifest, Execution Management shall allocate OS resources to the Executable. The allocation shall be possible for single Executable and groups of Executables. |
| Rationale: | Real-time guarantees shall be defined |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Like cgroups (based on containers which contain one or more processes) and ulimit. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

](RS_Main_00002, RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00106, RS_Main_00340)

[RS_EM_00008] Execution Management shall support the binding of Executable threads to a specified set of processor cores. [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall allow the binding of threads to specific set of processor cores based on configuration in the Application Manifest. |
| Rationale: | Mechanism to influence load balancing, reaction times, and latencies. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Assign two parallel threads to two processor cores to achieve true parallelism. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

](RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00050, RS_Main_00106, RS_Main_00320, RS_Main_00501)

[RS_EM_00009] Only Execution Management shall start Executables [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall prevent Executables from directly starting other Executables. |
| Rationale: | Execution Management needs full control of starting applications to ensure required isolation of temporal and spatial properties. Only Execution Management shall start Executable instances. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Segregation between applications with different safety and/or security properties. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

](RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00011, RS_Main_00049, RS_Main_00330)

[RS_EM_00010] Execution Management shall support multiple instances of Executables [

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| Type: | draft |
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| Description: | It shall be possible to start more than one process from a single Application Executable. |
| Rationale: | Avoid code duplication. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Redundancy of an Executable by parallel execution of two instances. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

|(RS_Main_00002, RS_Main_00049, RS_Main_00106, RS_Main_00501)

[RS_EM_00011] Execution Management shall support self-initiated graceful shutdown of Executable instances |

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall support self-initiated graceful shutdown of Executable instances. This contains freeing of allocated dedicated resources and inform other interacting entities about its shutdown (e.g. de-registering a service) to create a consistent state within the Machine/vehicle. Executable instance shutdown shall only be initiated by the Executable itself or by Execution Management. |
| Rationale: | — |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | The process of an Executable instance is finished and shuts down itself. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

|(RS_EM_NA)

[RS_EM_00013] Execution Management shall support configurable recovery actions |

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall support recovery actions (e.g. Application, Executable or Machine restart, degradation) in case an Executable deviates from normal behavior. The recovery action shall be configurable in the Application Manifest. |
| Rationale: | – |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | – |
| Supporting Material: | – |

|(RS_Main_00010, RS_Main_00012)

[RS_EM_00100] Execution Management shall support the ordered startup and shutdown of Executables |

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall support the ordered startup and shutdown of Executable instances. |

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| Rationale: | Ensure that startup and shutdown dependencies between <code>Executable</code> instances are respected, if an execution dependency is specified in the <code>Application Manifest</code> of an <code>Executable</code> instance. If no execution dependency is specified between <code>Executable</code> instances, they can be started and stopped in an arbitrary order. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | An <code>Executable</code> needs a specific functional cluster to be up and running before it can be started. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00002](#), [RS_Main_00049](#), [RS_Main_00340](#), [RS_Main_00460](#))

6.2 Execution

[RS_EM_00050] Execution Management shall perform system-wide coordination of Processes [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | <code>Execution Management</code> shall provide an API for an <code>Executable</code> to register its activities for being able to coordinate their execution. |
| Rationale: | Coordinated scheduling of activities across <code>Executables</code> . |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Usage of computation resources within the running <code>Executables</code> must be managed in the system to ensure that activities can be coordinated across <code>Executables</code> . Registration enables <code>Execution Management</code> to form the necessary system-wide view for the coordination. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00460](#))

[RS_EM_00051] Execution Management shall provide functions to the Executable for configuring external trigger conditions for its activities [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | <code>Execution Management</code> shall provide an API for configuring the trigger conditions of registered activities. |
| Rationale: | <code>Execution Management</code> must have the information when to schedule the activities. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Execution on data receipt, sequencing of activity execution. |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00050](#), [RS_Main_00060](#))

[RS_EM_00052] Execution Management shall provide functions to the Executable for configuring cyclic triggering of its activities [

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| Type: | draft |
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| Description: | Execution Management shall provide an API for configuring the cyclic triggering of registered activities. |
| Rationale: | Execution Management must have the information when to schedule the activities. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Cyclic execution of activities |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00050](#), [RS_Main_00340](#))

[RS_EM_00053] [Execution Management](#) shall provide functions to support deterministic redundant execution of Executables [

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall provide APIs to support deterministic redundant execution of high performance Executables . |
| Rationale: | High ASIL systems require safety mechanism like software lockstep to be implemented on non-automotive grade microprocessors. The redundant execution must guarantee deterministic, i.e. reproducible results. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Redundant execution of activities to implement software lockstep |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00010](#), [RS_Main_00501](#))

6.3 State Management

[RS_EM_00101] [Execution Management](#) shall support [State Management](#) functionality [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | Execution Management shall allow an Application to request a change in Machine State or Function Group State . |
| Rationale: | To support the starting and stopping of Applications based on declared state dependencies, Execution Management includes an interface to request Machine State and/or Function Group State changes by external State Management Applications . In response to state change requests, Execution Management ensures that only the required set of Applications (Process s) are running in any given operation conditions and therefore platform resources are saved for relevant Process s. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | Provide a mechanism to define modes of operation of the Machine . |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00460](#))

[RS_EM_00103] [Execution Management](#) shall support [Process](#) lifecycle management [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | The lifecycle of an <code>Process</code> consists of its startup, running and terminating (shutdown) phases. As well as supporting transitions between these phases of the <code>Process</code> lifecycle, <code>Execution Management</code> should ensure that phases, e.g. the startup and shutdown, of <code>Processes</code> can be coordinated between groups of <code>Processes</code> which shall run in the same <code>Machine State</code> or <code>Function Group State</code> . Coordination and tracking of lifecycle phases enables <code>Execution Management</code> to ensure that <code>Executable</code> processes are fully established and running before other <code>Executable</code> processes which depend on their functionality can be started. |
| Rationale: | Coordination and tracking of lifecycle phases enables <code>Execution Management</code> to ensure that <code>Executable Processes</code> are fully established and running before other executable <code>Processes</code> which depend on their functionality can be started. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00049](#), [RS_Main_00050](#), [RS_Main_00106](#), [RS_Main_00460](#))

6.4 Support for Diagnostics

[[RS_EM_00110](#)] `Execution Management` shall support diagnostic reset cause [

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| Type: | draft |
| Description: | <code>Execution Management</code> shall support the provision of the last reset cause to <code>Functional Clusters</code> , e.g. <code>Diagnostics</code> [5]. |
| Rationale: | (<code>Diagnostic Applications</code> need to determine the cause of the last reset cause, e.g. to support UDS service <code>ECUReset</code> . The information on what triggered a reset is required so that as after a reset <code>Diagnostics</code> can determine whether it was a planned (controlled, requested) reset or unplanned and have to react accordingly. |
| Dependencies: | – |
| Use Case: | – |
| Supporting Material: | – |

]([RS_Main_00260](#))

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