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**STEP Integration and Interpretation Methods**

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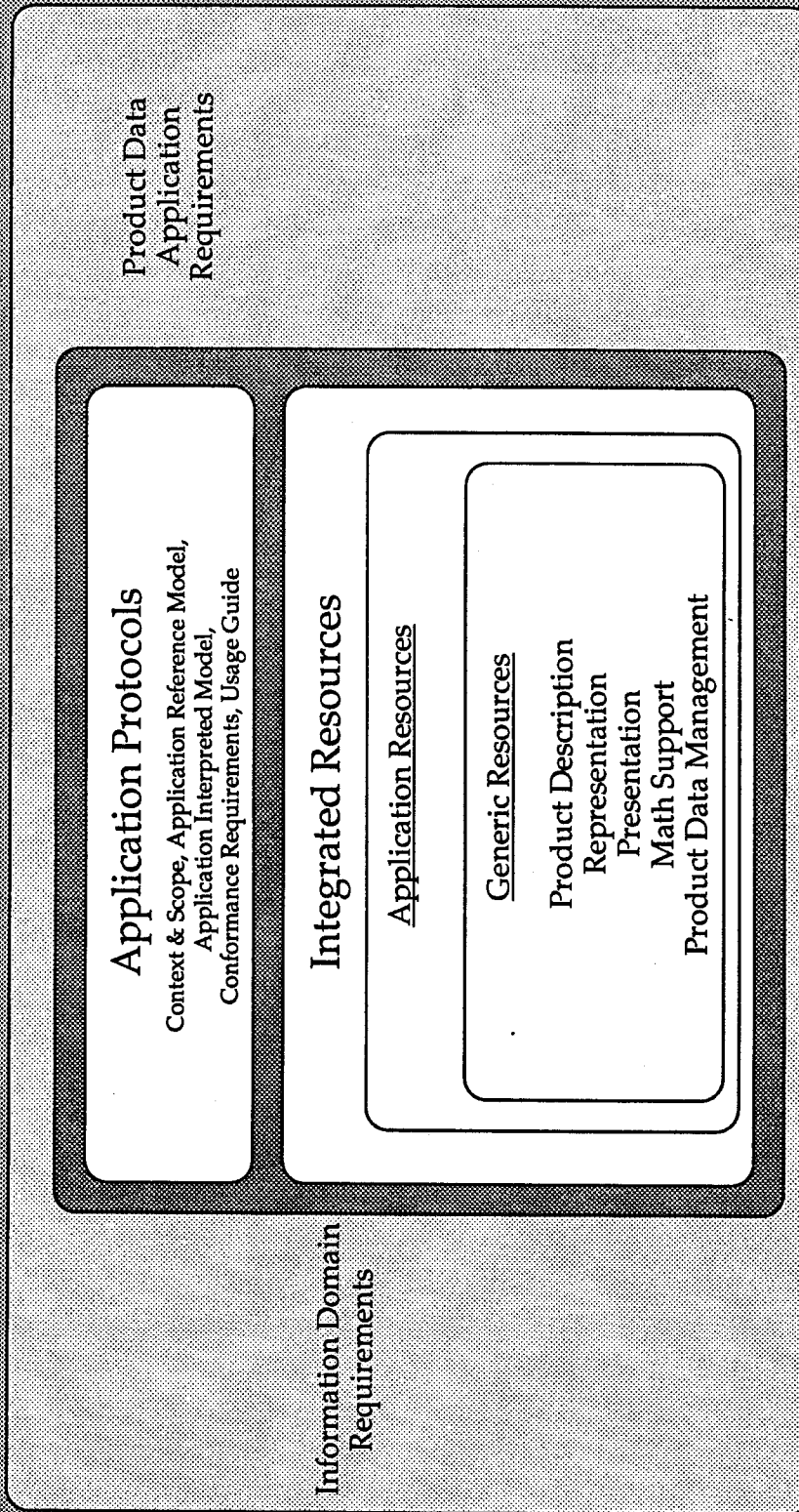
## STEP -- the STandard for the Exchange of Product model data

ISO 10303 is an international Standard for the computer-sensible representation and exchange (transfer, sharing, and archiving) of product data

- product support throughout its life cycle
- system independence
- single, neutral representation form
- multiple implementation methods

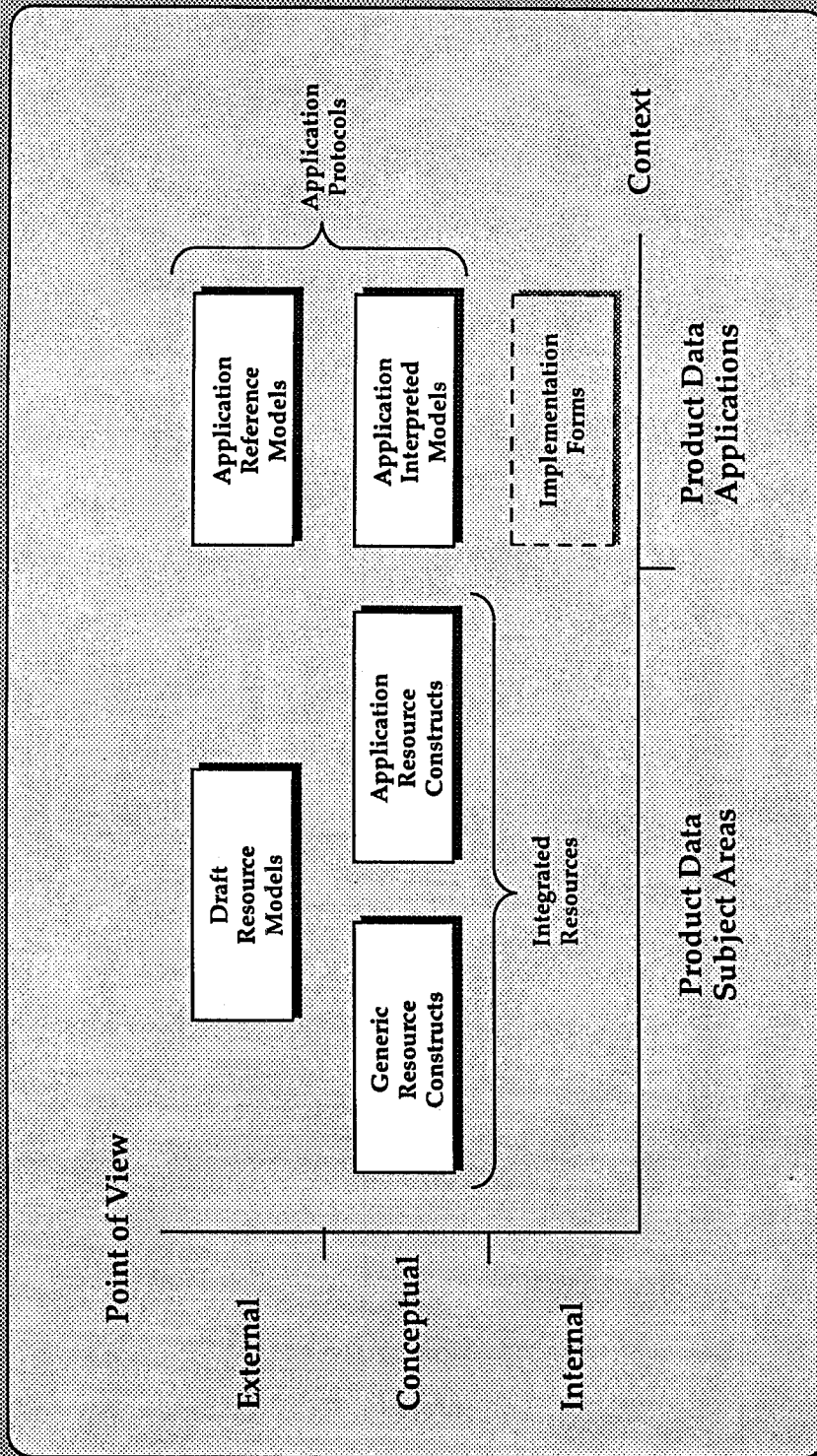
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# STEP Integration Architecture



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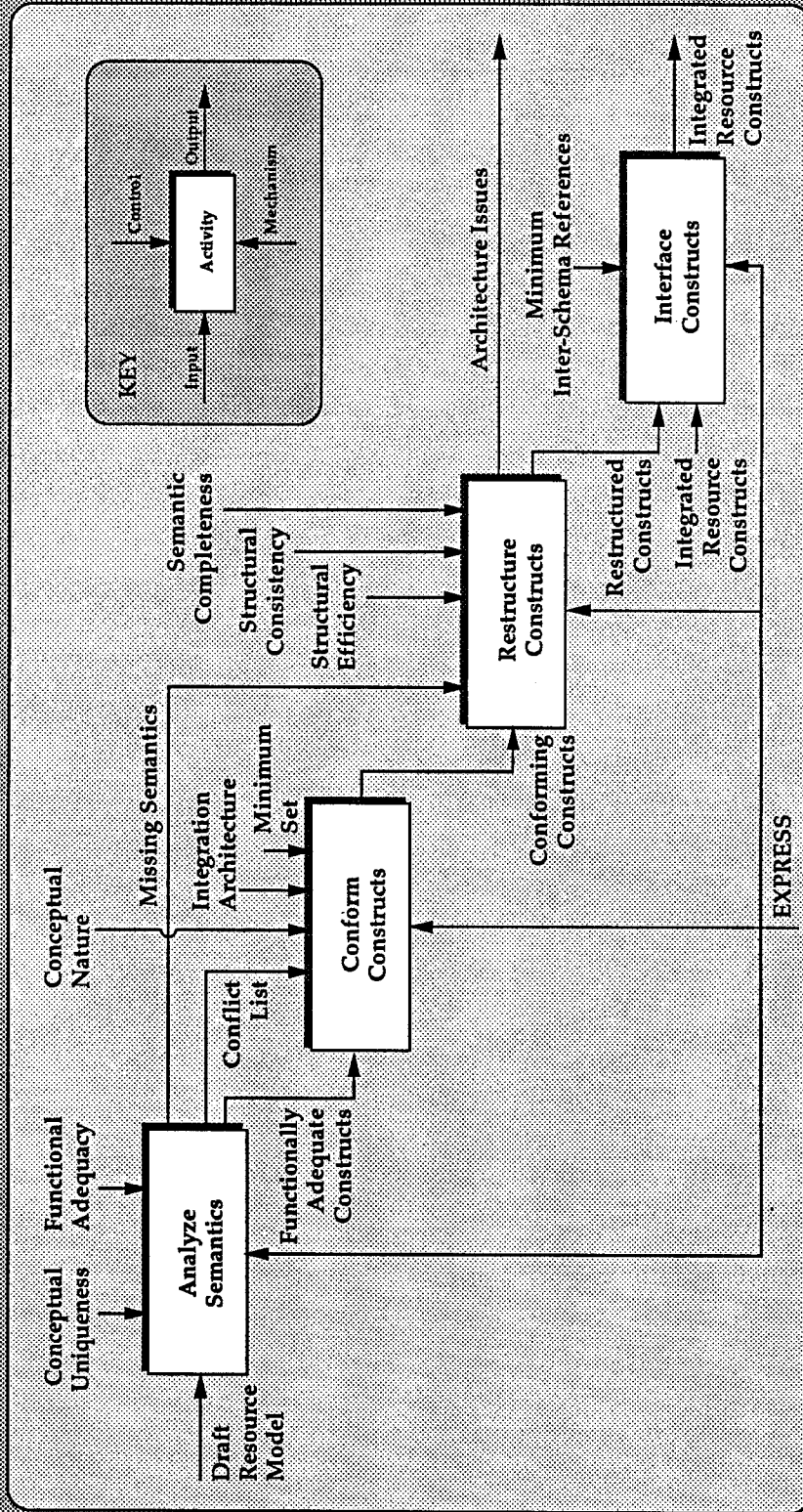
# Categorization of Elements of the STEP Architecture



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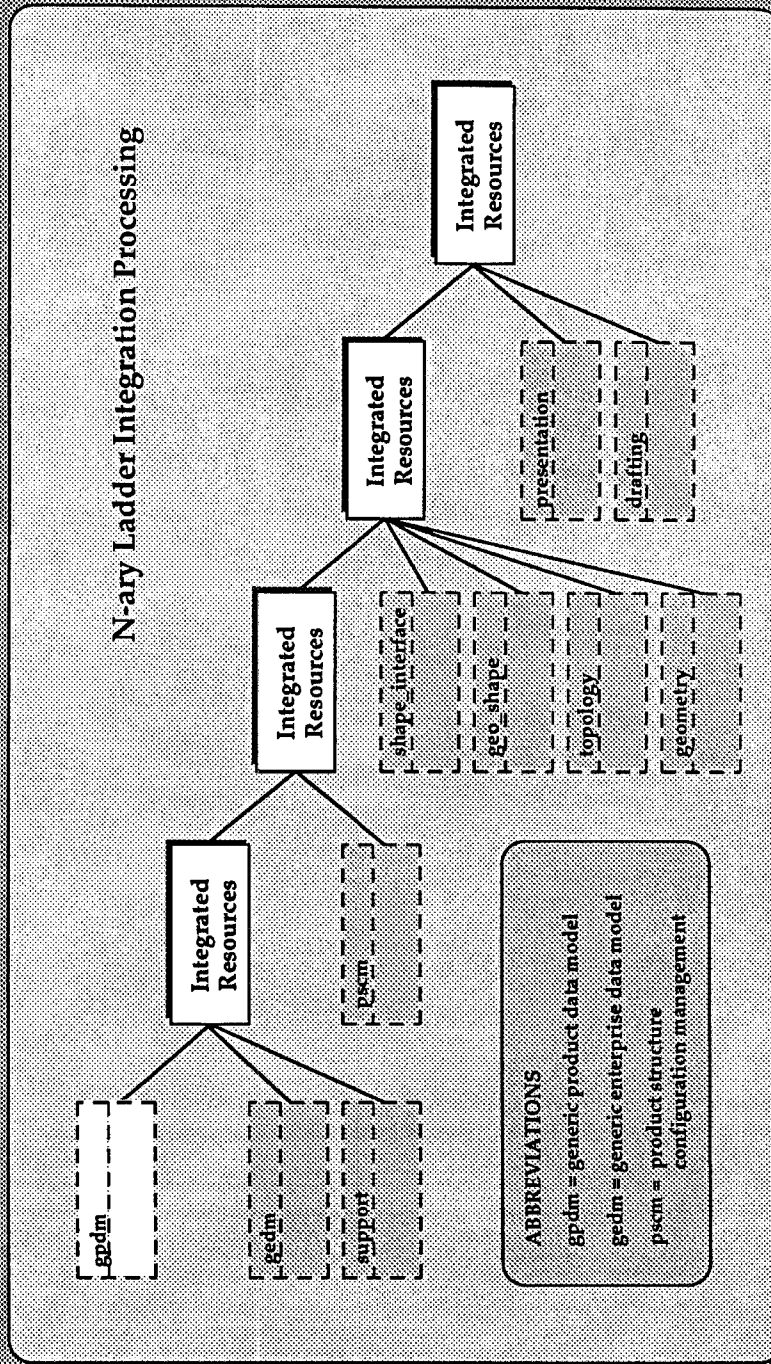


# Resource Integration

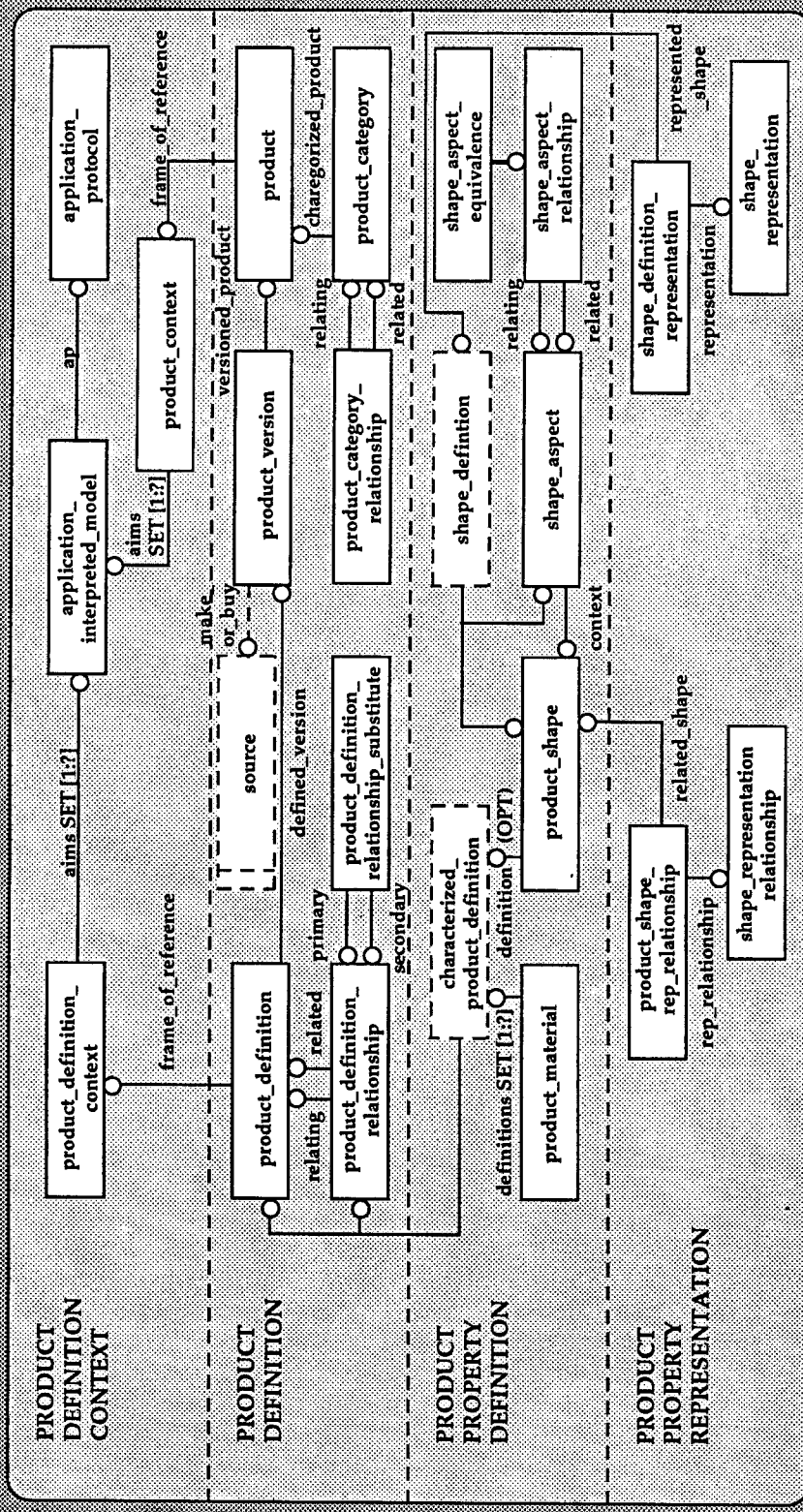


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# Development of Integrated Resources



# Generic Product Data Model (GPDM)



EXPRESS-G Notation

- name Entity Type
- name Attribute
- name Select Type
- name Enumeration Type
- name SuperType/Subtype

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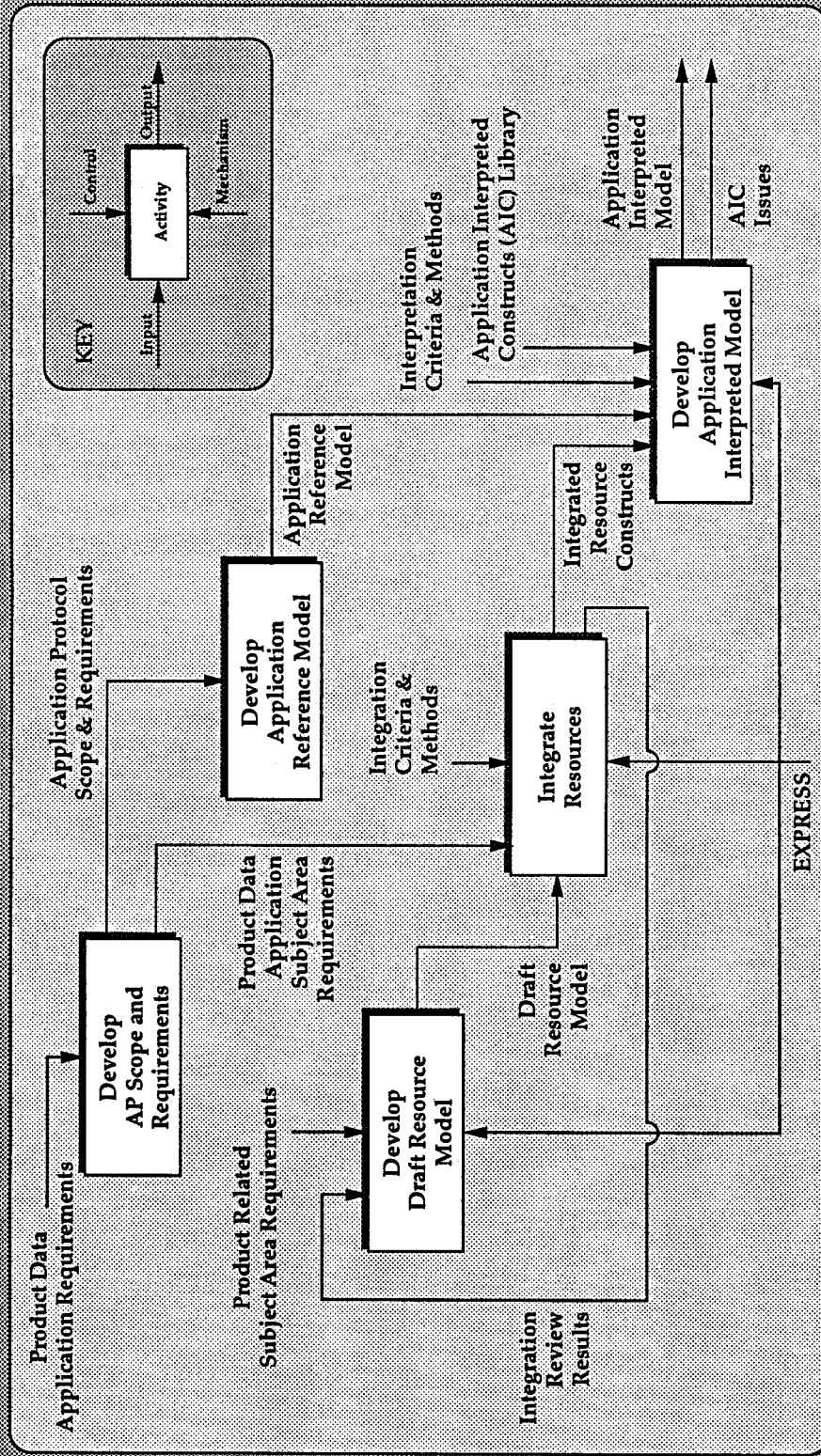
## Application Protocols

- Context, scope, & functional requirements  
Application Activity Model (AAM)
- Application Reference Model (ARM)
- Application Interpreted Model (AIM)
- Conformance requirements & test purposes.
- Usage Guide

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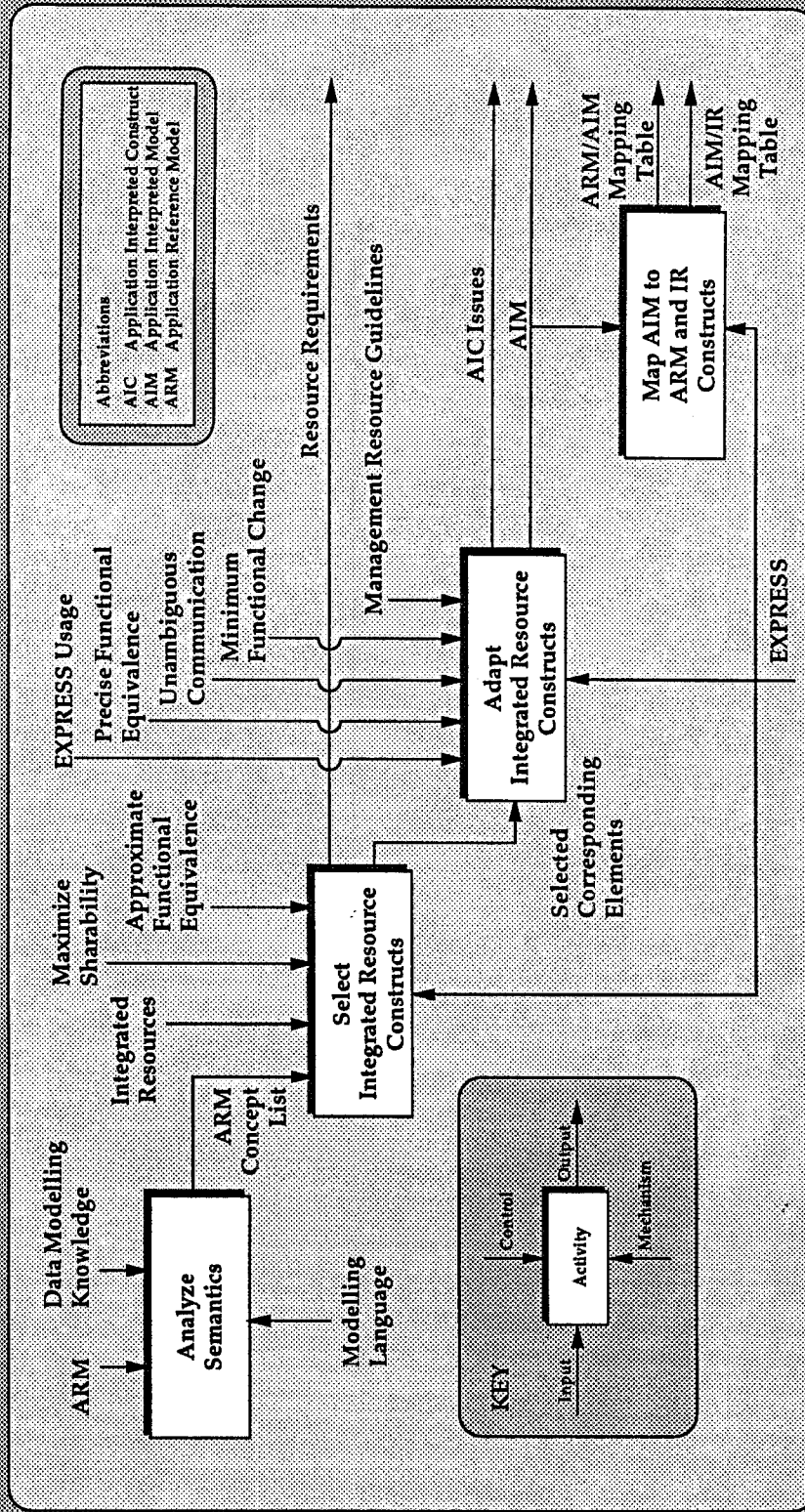


# STEP Development of Application Interpreted Models



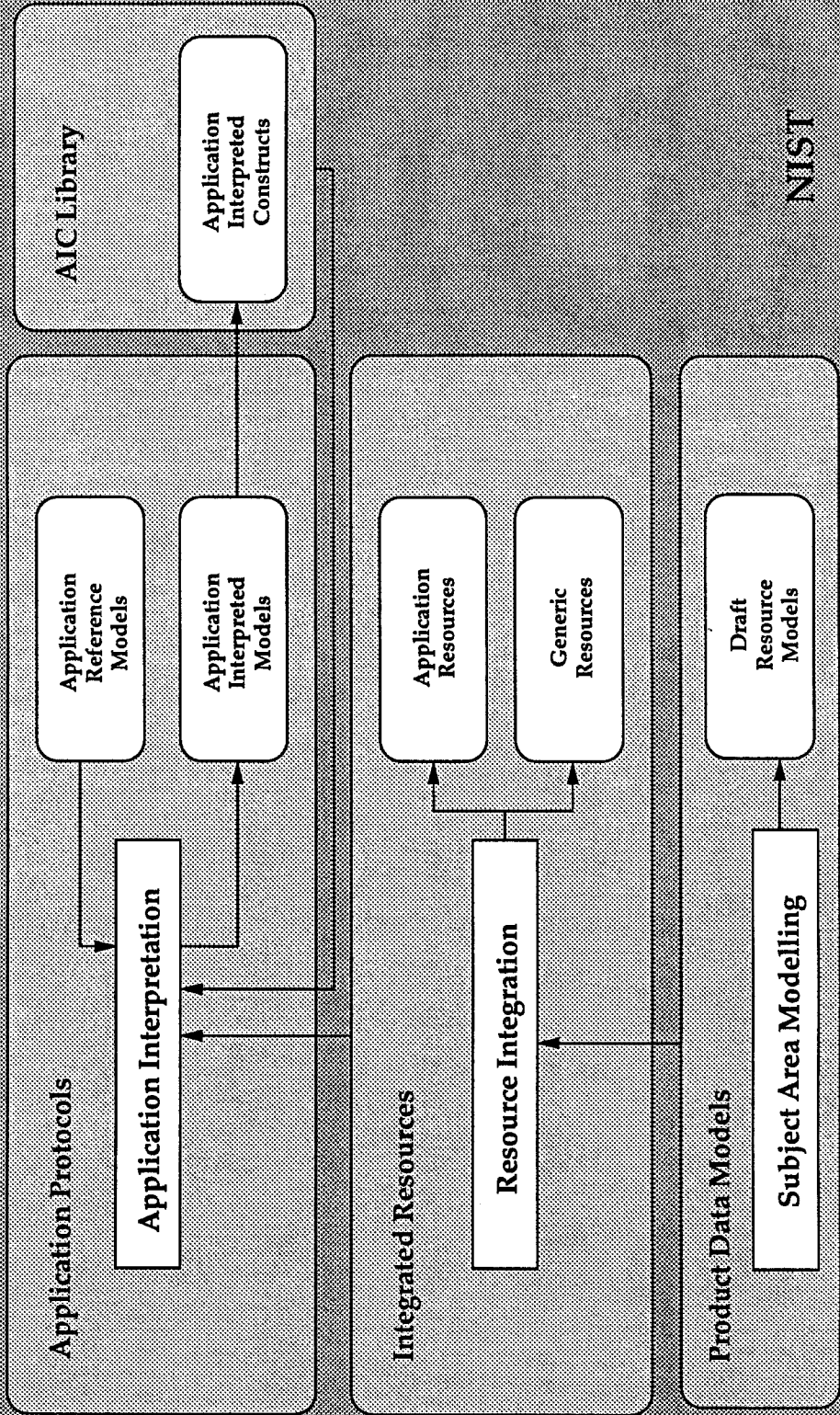
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# Application Interpretation



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# AIM Development and the AIC Library



## Some Challenges for the STEP Methodologies

- Can one neutral representation simultaneously fulfill the requirements of all implementation methods?
- Are two levels of resources (generic and application) sufficient?
- Can semantic data modeling and object-oriented data modeling be brought into one framework?
- Do static schemata suffice?

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