

# *Digital Manufacturing Certificate Toolkit: Adding Trust and Traceability to Product Data*

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## 1. Summary

The NIST Digital Manufacturing Certificate (DMC) Toolkit is a toolkit designed specifically to provide certification—digital signature using software and hardware certificates and verification—of manufacturing related data. The DMC toolkit supports signature and validation of data in the following formats: ISO 10303-21 (STEP) [1], ISO 6983 (G-code) [2], ISO 32000 (PDF) [3] and 14739 (PRC, a.k.a. 3D PDF) [4], and Quality Information Framework (QIF) [5]. The project offers the Toolkit as a .NET API (written in C#), a command-line tool, and a fully-functional demonstration application.

## 2. Software Specifications

<b>NIST Operating Unit(s)</b>	Systems Engineering Group, Engineering Laboratory
<b>Category</b>	Data certification and validation
<b>Targeted Users</b>	1) Software developers who want to provide customers with the ability to digitally sign manufacturing-related data within software systems. 2) End-users who want to digitally sign manufacturing-related data independent of the software system used.
<b>Operating System(s)</b>	Microsoft Windows only
<b>Programming Language</b>	C#.NET
<b>Inputs/Outputs</b>	Inputs: product data file and digital certificate. Output: electronically signed product data file
<b>Documentation</b>	Documentation available at <a href="https://doi.org/10.18434/T4P30K">https://doi.org/10.18434/T4P30K</a>
<b>Accessibility</b>	N/A
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### 3. Methods

This software provides source-code, an executable file with graphical user-interface, and a command-line tool for digitally signing manufacturing-related data. The user of this software may use any of the supplied options that best meet the user's need to digitally sign data. A general overview of the methodology implemented in the toolkit is available in Ref. [6]. More information and details on the specific use of each method is available at <https://doi.org/10.18434/T4P30K>.

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