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# What's new in S1000D version 6.0

S1000D Issue 6.0, released in September 2024, introduces several significant specifications updates and improvements. Here are the key changes in S1000D version 6.0:

## New Features

### Graphic Profiles

- A new SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics) profile for technical illustrations. This enhances the flexibility and scalability of visuals across different platforms and devices.
- This update brings several advantages to technical documentation:
  1. **Enhanced flexibility:** SVG allows for more adaptable illustrations that can be easily scaled and modified without loss of quality.
  2. **Improved scalability:** Technical illustrations can now be displayed across various platforms and devices while maintaining clarity and detail.
  3. **Future-proofing content:** The shift to SVG helps organizations create more versatile illustrations that are compatible with evolving technologies.
  4. **Interactivity potential:** While not explicitly mentioned in Issue 6, SVG generally supports interactive elements, which could enhance user engagement with technical documentation.
  5. **Standardization:** Introducing an SVG profile in S1000D provides a standardized approach for creating and managing vector graphics in technical publications.
- These improvements in graphic profiles aim to enhance the overall quality and usability of technical illustrations within S1000D-compliant documentation, potentially leading to more effective and efficient communication of complex technical information.

### Reference Enhancements

- Improved possibilities for references, allowing for more efficient linking and navigation within technical documentation.

### Branding Updates

- Introduction of a new, modernized S1000D logo.

## Versioning Convention

- Implementation of a new S1000D issue number convention, potentially simplifying version tracking and management.

## Technical Improvements

### XML Schema Updates

- The new version will include updated XML schemas to support the latest features and improvements.

### Business Rules Decision Groups (BRDGs)

- While not explicitly mentioned for Issue 6.0, recent updates have introduced BRDGs to help standardize the application of business rules across different projects.

## Additional Enhancements

While not explicitly mentioned for Issue 6.0, recent S1000D updates have typically included:

- Editorial corrections and improvements
- Link corrections
- Schema tweaks and refinements

It's worth noting that S1000D Issue 6.0 is still upcoming, and more details may emerge closer to its official release date. Organizations working with S1000D should prepare for these changes to ensure smooth adoption and compatibility with their existing technical documentation processes. As with previous updates, Issue 6.0 is expected to include various editorial corrections, link updates, and schema tweaks to improve the overall specification.

## MDDV fully supports S1000D Issue 6.0

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