

7.7 Topic Naming

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DDS topic names should follow a consistent, architecture-facing convention. Topic names should identify the plane, domain, and subject of the topic.

The recommended topic naming pattern is:

`<Plane>.<Domain>.<Subject>`

Representative examples include:

- `Control.Node.Status`
- `Control.Node.Command`
- `Data.Reference.FxTransaction`
- `Data.Financial.CashFlow`
- `Data.Audit.Provenance`
- `Release.External.Package`

The first element should identify the plane or major interaction category. For Phase 0, the team should distinguish at least the [Control Plane](#) and [Data Plane](#) topics. If the implementation later adds release or external exchange topics, those names should remain consistent with the architectural meaning.

Topic names should use stable business or architectural concepts rather than implementation-specific class names. A topic name should not change because the team refactors a class, moves a file, or renames a container.

The team should document every Phase 0 topic in the Topic Catalogue. A topic should not enter the [Baseline](#) unless the team can identify its purpose, data structure, participating [Nodes](#), QoS expectations, and relationship to the Phase 0 demonstration.

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