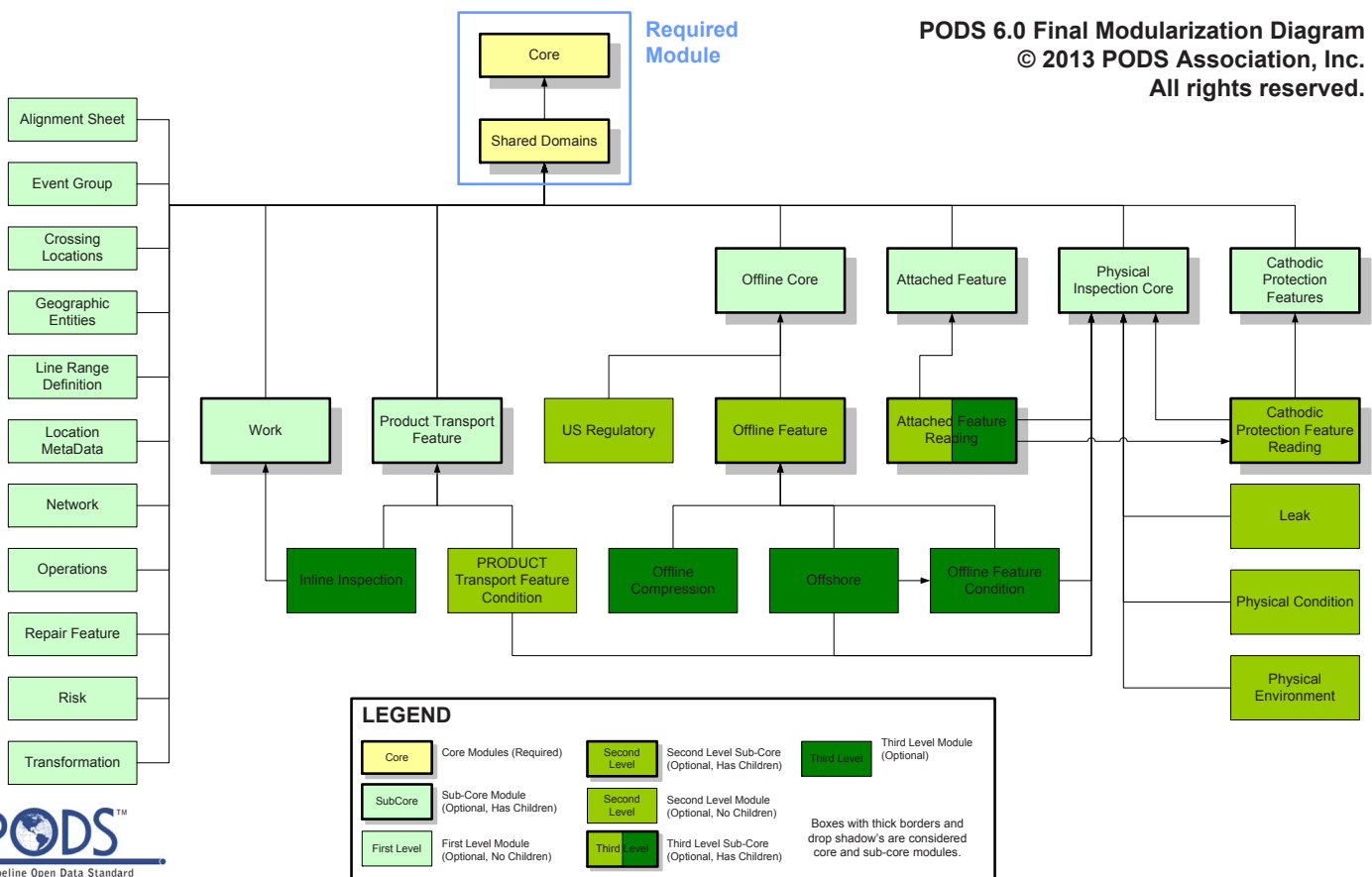


## What's new in PODS 6.0?

In the 6.0 release, the PODS standard has been broken down into 31 modular components which may be implemented independently with certain dependencies. This modular approach is meant to provide Operators with the flexibility to tailor their PODS implementation to their company's specific needs.

**PODS 6.0 Final Modularization Diagram**  
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## The PODS Standard

The PODS Data Model provides pipeline operators with an enterprise database architecture that is comprehensive, open, vendor-neutral, highly-scalable, and proven. It is the best practice integration platform for pipeline records and location information, and is supported and maintained by a large non-profit organization with over 130 member companies.

## Advantages of PODS 6.0

- Operators are able to select which parts of the PODS model to implement, and choose only those modules applicable to their operations and desired implementation.
- Operators are able to adopt only module-specific updates, so long as all implemented modules are compatible with any published dependencies.
- The PODS Association is able to release incremental additions and modifications to the model via minor releases of individual modules rather than the entire PODS Standard.
- The PODS Association is able to develop and release individual modules, with targeted functions specific to regional or industry segment needs.

The modular approach taken with PODS 6.0 is currently available in the Relational implementation and the same modular approach is currently being developed for the PODS Esri Spatial implementation and will be available with the future release of PODS Esri Spatial 6.0.

## How to get PODS 6.0

PODS 6.0 is available through membership in the PODS Association, the non-profit data standards organization responsible for supporting and maintaining the PODS Standard for the pipeline industry. Membership provides access to all releases of the PODS Data Model, PODS Data Dictionary and other documentation. Membership also provides your employees means to engage within an active community of pipeline data management experts through working groups, online forums, and conferences.

## How to Join PODS

Joining PODS is simple, just download a new member form at [www.pods.org](http://www.pods.org) and return it to the Executive Director along with your membership dues. Membership is renewed annually via invoice. If your company joins PODS mid-year, your next year's membership dues are pro-rated based on your anniversary date. Membership dues are non-refundable.

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- Small Pipeline Operator\*- \$2,000
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**Government Agency – \$500**

\*Pipeline Operators having less than 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of transmission, less than 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of gathering, and less than 100,000 customer distribution meters

\*\*All other Pipeline Operators

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