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# 1 Scope

The System Package Data Exchange (SPDX®) specification defines an open standard for communicating bill of materials (BOM) information for different topic areas.

SPDX defines an underlying data model as well as multiple serialization formats to encode that data model.

SPDX metadata includes details about creation and distribution, including the following:

- software composition, for collections of software (Packages), individual Files, and portions of files (Snippets)
- software build information
- artificial intelligence (AI) models
- · datasets
- creator, supplier and distributor identity information
- · provenance and integrity
- licenses and copyrights, including a curated list of licenses and exceptions
- security vulnerabilities, defects, and other quality data
- relationships between system elements
- software usage and lifecycle
- mechanisms to enable annotating SPDX elements and linking between multiple SPDX Documents

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# 3 Symbols

List of symbols/abbreviations.

3T-SBOM	Tool-to-Tool Software Bill of Materials Exchange
ABNF	Augmented Backus-Naur form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
BNF	Backus–Naur form
BOM	Bill of Materials
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
CISQ	Consortium for Information & Software Quality
CPE	Common Platform Enumeration
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System
EPSS	Exploit Prediction Scoring System
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JSON-LD	JavaScript Object Notation for Linking Data
KEV	Known Exploited Vulnerabilities
ML	Machine Learning
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NISTIR	NIST Internal or Interagency Report
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information
	Administration
OSI	Open Source Initiative
OWL	Web Ontology Language
PAS	Publicly Available Specification
POSIX	Portable Operating System Interface
PTF	Platform Task Force
PURL	Package URL
RDF	Resource Description Framework
RFC	Request For Comments
SBOM	Software Bill of Materials
SHA	Secure Hash Algorithms
SHACL	Shapes Constraint Language
SPDX	System Package Data Exchange (previously Software
	Package Data Exchange)
SSVC	Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization
SWHID	SoftWare Hash IDentifier
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
VEX	Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange
XML	Extensible Markup Language

#### 4 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp
- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

#### profile

A scope of usage for SPDX targeting support for particular use cases and scenarios (e.g., software, licensing, security, etc.). A profile identifies which particular SPDX namespaces, classes, and properties it leverages, along with any custom constraints unique to its use.

#### 5 Conformance

### 5.1 Alternate notation for some conformance requirements

This standard contains more than a few cardinality assertions, each of which indicates the minimum and maximum number of times a property may appear. These are represented by using "minCount" and "maxCount" respectively. The absolute minimum number of occurrences is zero (0), while for an unbounded maximum number of occurrences a star (\*) is being used.

Here are some examples:

- minCount: 1
- maxCount: \*
- Cardinality: 0..1
- Cardinality: 0..\*
- Cardinality: 1..1
- Cardinality: 1..\*

Each of these assertions can easily be understood as to whether a feature is required, and if so, how many occurrences are required; also, whether a feature is permitted, and if so, in what number. As this is the format long familiar to the SPDX community, it has been preserved in this specification.

#### 5.2 Introduction to Profiles

Profile is the term for a compliance point within the SPDX community across The Linux Foundation and OMG. The System Package Data Exchange (SPDX) specification defines the following nine compliance points, defined as "Profiles":

- · Core Profile
- · Software Profile
- · Security Profile
- · Licensing Profile
- · Dataset Profile
- AI Profile
- · Build Profile
- Lite Profile
- Extension Profile

The Core Profile is mandatory. All others are optional.

#### 5.3 Core Profile compliance point

The Core Profile includes the definitions of classes properties and vocabularies usable by all SPDX profiles when producing or consuming SPDX content. Although the classes, properties and vocabularies are somewhat extensive, the required fields are rather minimal to allow maximum flexibility while meeting minimum SBOM requirements. Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Core Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the defined SPDX serialization formats.

Conformance to the Core Profile compliance point is mandatory for all other SPDX profiles.

This compliance point, in combination with the Software Profile compliance point, provides a baseline of functionality that facilitates interchange of the bills of materials information produced by tools supporting SPDX.

# 5.4 Software Profile compliance point

The Software Profile includes the definitions of classes, properties and vocabularies for referring to and conveying information about software and is usable by all SPDX profiles when producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Software Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats.

Conformance to the Software Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Licensing, Dataset, AI, Build, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point, in combination with the Core Profile compliance point, provides a baseline of functionality that facilitates interchange of the bills of materials information produced by tools supporting SPDX.

### 5.5 Security Profile compliance point

The Security Profile captures security-related information when producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the security profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including the properties and relationships specified in the security profile, which are in support of exchanging information about software vulnerabilities that may exist, the severity of those vulnerabilities, and a mechanism to express how a vulnerability may affect a specific software element including if a fix is available.

Conformance to the Security Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Licensing, Dataset, AI, Build, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of the security information produced by tools supporting SPDX.

# 5.6 Licensing Profile compliance point

The Licensing Profile includes capturing details relevant to software licensing and intellectual property information when producing or consuming SPDX content. Specifically, software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Licensing profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including the classes and fields that comprise the SPDX License Expression syntax and that relate to the SPDX License List.

There are two associated profiles, the SimpleLicensing Profile and the ExpandedLicensing profiles. Both allow expression of the same information, albeit in different ways.

Conformance to the Licensing Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Software, Security, Dataset, AI, Build, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of the licensing documents expressing which licenses and copyright notices are determined by persons or automated tooling to apply to distributions of software that are produced by tools supporting SPDX.

# 5.7 Dataset Profile compliance point

The Dataset Profile captures the relevant information about the datasets used in an AI system or other applications when producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Dataset Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including details such as dataset names, versions, sources, associated metadata, licensing information, and any other relevant attributes. The Dataset Profile can covey a description or summary of a dataset, including metadata, characteristics, and statistical information about the data. The Dataset Profile can convey insights into the structure, format, content, and properties of a dataset, helping users understand and analyze the data more effectively.

Conformance to the Dataset Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Software, Licensing, Security, AI, Build, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of the information about datasets produced by tools supporting SPDX.

#### 5.8 Al Profile compliance point

The AI Profile captures an inventory list of software components and dependencies associated with an AI system when producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the AI Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including the information about software components and dependencies associated with artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) models and systems. This inventory includes the software frameworks, libraries, and other components used to build or deploy the AI system, along with relevant information about their versions, licenses, and useful security references including ethical and security information.

Conformance to the AI Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Software, Licensing, Security, Dataset, Build, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of the AI model related information produced by tools supporting SPDX.

# 5.9 Build Profile compliance point

The Build Profile captures build-related information when producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Build Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including associated definitions to help express how software is generated and transformed. This includes encoding the inputs, outputs, procedures/instructions, environments and actors from the build process along with the associated evidence.

Conformance to the Build Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Software, Licensing, Security, Dataset, AI, Lite, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of the build information produced by tools supporting SPDX.

### 5.10 Lite Profile compliance point

The Lite Profile captures the minimum set of information required for license compliance in the software supply chain for producing or consuming SPDX content.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Lite Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including creation of the SBOM, package lists with licensing and other related items, and their relationships.

Conformance to the Lite Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Software, Licensing, Security, Dataset, AI, Build, or Extension profiles of the SPDX.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of minimal licensing information when produced by tools supporting SPDX.

#### 5.11 Extension Profile compliance point

The Extension Profile captures extended tailored information when producing or consuming non-standard SPDX content in three ways:

- Support Profile-based extended characterization of Elements. Enables specification and expression of Element characterization extensions within any profile and namespace of SPDX without requiring changes to other profiles or namespaces and without requiring local subclassing of remote classes (which could inhibit ecosystem interoperability in some cases).
- Support extension of SPDX by adopting individuals or communities with Element characterization details uniquely specialized to their particular context. Enables adopting individuals or communities to utilize SPDX expressive capabilities along with expressing more arcane Element characterization details specific to them and not appropriate for standardization across SPDX.
- Support structured capture of expressive solutions for gaps in SPDX coverage from real-world use. Enables adopting individuals or communities to express Element characterization details they require that are not currently defined in SPDX but likely should be. Enables a practical pipeline that identifies gaps in SPDX that should be filled, expresses solutions to those gaps in a way that allows the identifying adopters to use the extended solutions with SPDX and does not conflict with current SPDX, can be clearly detected among the SPDX content exchange ecosystem, provides a clear and structured definition of gap solution that can be used as submission for revision to the SPDX standard.

Software that conforms to the SPDX specification at the Extension Profile compliance point shall be able to import and export serialized documents that conform with one of the SPDX serialization formats defined SPDX serialization formats, including the abstract Extension class serving as the base for all defined Extension subclasses.

Conformance to the Extension Profile compliance point does not entail support for the Licensing, Security, Dataset, AI, Build, or profiles of the SPDX but is expected to be used in combination with the other profiles to extend them.

This compliance point facilitates interchange of extended information that goes beyond the standard SPDX produced by tools supporting SPDX and is used between cooperating parties that understand the form of the extension and can produce and consume its non-standard content.

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#### 6 Model and serializations

### 6.1 Overview

This specification defines the data model of the SPDX standard, describing every piece of information about systems with software components. The data model is based on the Resource Description Framework (RDF) extensible knowledge representation data model, which provides a flexible and extensible way to represent and exchange information.

The data may be serialized in a variety of formats for storage and transmission.

#### 6.2 RDF serialization

Since the data model is based on RDF, any SPDX data can be serialized in any of the multiple RDF serialization formats, including but not limited to:

- JSON-LD format as defined in JSON-LD 1.1;
- Turtle (Terse RDF Triple Language) format as defined in RDF 1.1 Turtle;
- N-Triples format as defined in RDF 1.1 N-Triples; and
- RDF/XML format as defined in RDF 1.1 XML Syntax.

The SPDX specification is accompanied by a JSON-LD context definition file that can be used to serialize SPDX in a much simpler and more human-readable JSON-LD format.

#### 6.3 Canonical serialization

Canonical serialization is a single, consistent, normalized, deterministic, and reproducible form.

Such a canonical form normalizes things like ordering and formatting.

The content of the canonical serialization is exactly the same as the JSON-LD serialization of RDF data (see 4.2), just represented in a consistent way.

Canonical serialization is in JSON format, as defined in RFC 8259 (IETF STD 90), with the following additional characteristics:

- · No line breaks
- Key names MUST be wrapped in double quotes
- No whitespace outside of strings
- true, false and null: the literal names must be lowercase; no other literal names are allowed

- Integers: represented in base 10 using decimal digits. This designates an integer component that may be prefixed with an optional minus sign. Leading zeros are not allowed.
- Strings: UTF-8 representation without specific canonicalisation. A string begins and ends with quotation marks (%x22). Any Unicode characters may be placed within the quotation marks, except for the two characters that MUST be escaped by a reverse solidus: quotation mark, reverse solidus, and the control characters (U+0000 through U+001F).
- Arrays: An array structure is represented as square brackets surrounding zero or more items. Items are separated by commas.
- Objects: An object structure is represented as a pair of curly brackets surrounding zero or more name/value pairs (or members). A name is a string containing only ASCII characters (0x21-0x7F). The names within an object must be unique. A single colon comes after each name, separating the name from the value. A single comma separates a value from a following name. The name/value pairs are ordered by name.

#### 6.4 Serialization information

A collection of elements may be serialized in multiple formats.

An SpdxDocument element represents a collection of elements across all serialization data formats within the model.

The actual serialized bytes is represented by an Artifact element within the model.

A Relationship of type serializedInArtifact links an SpdxDocument to one or more serialized forms of itself.

When serializing a physical SpdxDocument, any property of the logical element that can be natively represented within the chosen serialization format (e.g., @context prefixes in JSON-LD instead of the namespaceMap) may utilize these native mechanisms. All remaining properties shall be serialized within the SpdxDocument element itself.

A serialization must not contain more than one SpdxDocument.

A given instance of serialization must not define more than one SpdxDocument element.

#### 6.5 Serialization in JSON-LD

#### 6.5.1 JSON-LD context file

JSON-LD contexts allow JSON documents to use simple, human-readable, locally defined terms while ensuring data interoperability across different systems.

The SPDX global JSON-LD context file must be used universally for all SPDX documents in JSON-LD format that adhere to a specific SPDX version.

SPDX global JSON-LD context file is available at: https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/spdx-context.jsonld

All SPDX documents in JSON-LD format must include a reference to the SPDX global context file at the top level. This reference is achieved using the following JSON construct:

```
"@context": "https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/spdx-context.jsonld"
```

The SPDX context file defines aliases for specific JSON-LD properties to improve compatibility with the SPDX model. These aliases are:

- spdxId: An alias for the @id property.
- type: An alias for the @type property.

Additional namespace mappings may be defined within a separate object within the context.

#### 6.5.2 JSON-LD validation

An SPDX serialization in JSON-LD format is considered conformant to the SPDX specification if it adheres to the following two validation criteria:

- Structural validation: The JSON-LD document must structurally validate against the SPDX JSON Schema. This schema defines the expected structure of the JSON-LD document, including the required elements, data types, and permissible values.
- Semantic validation: The JSON-LD document must successfully validate against the SPDX OWL ontology. This ontology defines the expected relationships and constraints between SPDX elements. The SPDX OWL ontology also incorporates SHACL shape restrictions to further specify these constraints.

The SPDX JSON Schema is available at: https://spdx.org/schema/3.0.1/spdx-json-schema.json

The SPDX OWL ontology is available at: https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/spdx-model.ttl

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# 8 Core

### **Summary**

The basis for all SPDX profiles.

# Description

The Core namespace defines foundational concepts serving as the basis for all SPDX-3.0 profiles.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core

Name: Core

#### 8.1 Classes

### 8.1.1 Agent

#### **Summary**

Agent represents anything with the potential to act on a system.

# Description

The Agent class represents anything that has the potential to act on a system.

This could be a person, organization, software agent, etc.

This is not to be confused with tools that are used to perform tasks.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Agent

Name:	Agent
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Element

#### **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

All properties (informative)

		/	
Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

#### 8.1.2 Annotation

#### **Summary**

An assertion made in relation to one or more elements.

#### **Description**

An Annotation is an assertion made in relation to one or more elements.

The contentType property describes the format of the statement property.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Annotation

Name:	Annotation
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Element

# **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
annotationType	AnnotationType	1	1
contentType	MediaType	0	1
statement	xsd:string	0	1
subject	Element	1	1

#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
annotationType	AnnotationType	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentType	MediaType	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
statement	xsd:string	0	1
subject	Element	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.3 Artifact

#### **Summary**

A distinct article or unit within the digital domain.

# Description

An artifact is a distinct article or unit within the digital domain, such as an electronic file, a software package, a device or an element of data.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Artifact

Name:	Artifact
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	Element

#### Superclasses

• /Core/Element

#### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1

# **All properties** (informative)

Туре	minCount	maxCount
DateTime	0	1
xsd:string	0	1
CreationInfo	1	1
xsd:string	0	1
/Extension/Extension	0	*
ExternalIdentifier	0	*
ExternalRef	0	*
xsd:string	0	1
Agent	0	*
DateTime	0	1
xsd:anyURI	1	1
xsd:string	0	*
xsd:string	0	1
Agent	0	1
SupportType	0	*
DateTime	0	1
IntegrityMethod	0	*
	DateTime xsd:string CreationInfo xsd:string /Extension/Extension ExternalIdentifier ExternalRef xsd:string Agent DateTime xsd:anyURI xsd:string xsd:string Agent SupportType DateTime	DateTime         0           xsd:string         0           CreationInfo         1           xsd:string         0           /Extension/Extension         0           ExternalIdentifier         0           ExternalRef         0           xsd:string         0           Agent         0           DateTime         0           xsd:anyURI         1           xsd:string         0           Agent         0           Agent         0           SupportType         0           DateTime         0

#### 8.1.4 Bom

### **Summary**

A container for a grouping of SPDX-3.0 content characterizing details (provenence, composition, licensing, etc.) about a product.

# Description

A Bill of Materials (BOM) is a container for a grouping of SPDX-3.0 content characterizing details about a product.

This could include details of the content and composition of the product, provenence details of the product and/or its composition, licensing information, known quality or security issues, etc.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Bom

Name:	Bom
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Bundle

# **Superclasses**

- /Core/Bundle
- /Core/ElementCollection
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

	* * `		
Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
context	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
element	Element	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.5 **Bundle**

#### **Summary**

A collection of Elements that have a shared context.

# Description

A bundle is a collection of Elements that have a shared context.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Bundle

Name:	Bundle
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	ElementCollection

# **Superclasses**

- /Core/ElementCollection
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
context	xsd:string	0	1

# $\boldsymbol{All\ properties}\ (\text{informative})$

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
context	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
element	Element	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

#### 8.1.6 CreationInfo

### **Summary**

Provides information about the creation of the Element.

#### **Description**

The CreationInfo provides information about who created the Element, and when and how it was created.

The dateTime created is often the date of last change (e.g., a git commit date), not the date when the SPDX data was created, as doing so supports reproducible builds.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/CreationInfo

Name:	CreationInfo
Instantiability:	Concrete

#### **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
created	DateTime	1	1
createdBy	Agent	1	*
createdUsing	Tool	0	*
specVersion	SemVer	1	1

#### All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
created	DateTime	1	1
createdBy	Agent	1	*
createdUsing	Tool	0	*
specVersion	SemVer	1	1

# 8.1.7 DictionaryEntry

# **Summary**

A key with an associated value.

#### **Description**

The class used for implementing a generic string mapping (also known as associative array, dictionary, or hash map) in SPDX.

Each DictionaryEntry contains a key-value pair which maps the key to its associated value.

To implement a dictionary, this class is to be used in a collection with unique keys.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/DictionaryEntry

Name:	DictionaryEntry
Instantiability:	Concrete

#### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
key	xsd:string	1	1
value	xsd:string	0	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
key	xsd:string	1	1
value	xsd:string	0	1

#### 8.1.8 Element

#### **Summary**

Base domain class from which all other SPDX-3.0 domain classes derive.

#### **Description**

An Element is a representation of a fundamental concept either directly inherent to the Bill of Materials (BOM) domain or indirectly related to the BOM domain and necessary for contextually characterizing BOM concepts and relationships. Within SPDX-3.0 structure this is the base class acting as a consistent, unifying, and interoperable foundation for all explicit and inter-relatable content objects.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Element

Name:	Element
Instantiability:	Abstract

### **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
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#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.9 ElementCollection

#### **Summary**

A collection of Elements, not necessarily with unifying context.

#### Description

An ElementCollection is a collection of Elements, not necessarily with unifying context.

Note that all ElementCollections must conform to the Core profile even if the Core profile is not specified in the profileConformance property.

If the profileConformance property is not provided, "core" is to be assumed as the default.

#### Constraints

- If the ElementCollection has at least 1 element, it must also have at least 1 rootElement.
- The element must not be of type SpdxDocument.
- The rootElement must not be of type SpdxDocument.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ElementCollection

Name:	ElementCollection
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	Element

# **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
element	Element	0	*
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*

# **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
element	Element	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.10 Externalldentifier

# **Summary**

A reference to a resource identifier defined outside the scope of SPDX-3.0 content that uniquely identifies an Element.

# Description

An ExternalIdentifier is a reference to a resource outside the scope of SPDX-3.0 content that provides a unique key within an established domain that can uniquely identify an Element.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ExternalIdentifier

Name:	ExternalIdentifier
Instantiability:	Concrete

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
externalIdentifierType	ExternalIdentifierType	1	1
identifier	xsd:string	1	1
identifierLocator	xsd:anyURI	0	*
issuingAuthority	xsd:string	0	1

#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
externalIdentifierType	ExternalIdentifierType	1	1
identifier	xsd:string	1	1
identifierLocator	xsd:anyURI	0	*
issuingAuthority	xsd:string	0	1

#### 8.1.11 ExternalMap

#### **Summary**

A map of Element identifiers that are used within an SpdxDocument but defined external to that SpdxDocument.

#### **Description**

An external map is a map of Element identifiers that are used within an SpdxDocument but defined external to that SpdxDocument. The external map provides details about the externally-defined Element such as its provenance, where to retrieve it, and how to verify its integrity.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ExternalMap

Name:	ExternalMap
Instantiability:	Concrete

#### **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
definingArtifact	Artifact	0	1
externalSpdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
locationHint	xsd:anyURI	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

#### **All properties** (informative)

		/	
Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
definingArtifact	Artifact	0	1
externalSpdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
locationHint	xsd:anyURI	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

#### 8.1.12 ExternalRef

#### **Summary**

A reference to a resource outside the scope of SPDX-3.0 content related to an Element.

#### **Description**

An External Reference points to a general resource outside the scope of the SPDX-3.0 content that provides additional context, characteristics or related information about an Element.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ExternalRef

Name:	ExternalRef
Instantiability:	Concrete

#### **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentType	MediaType	0	1
externalRefType	ExternalRefType	0	1
locator	xsd:string	0	*

**All properties** (informative)

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Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentType	MediaType	0	1
externalRefType	ExternalRefType	0	1
locator	xsd:string	0	*

#### 8.1.13 Hash

#### **Summary**

A mathematically calculated representation of a grouping of data.

# **Description**

A hash is a grouping of characteristics unique to the result of applying a mathematical algorithm that maps data of arbitrary size to a bit string (the hash) and is a one-way function, that is, a function which is practically infeasible to invert.

This is commonly used for integrity checking of data.

Please note that different profiles may also provide additional methods for verifying the integrity of specific subclasses of Elements.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Hash

Name:	Hash
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	IntegrityMethod

# Superclasses

• /Core/IntegrityMethod

### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
algorithm	HashAlgorithm	1	1
hashValue	xsd:string	1	1

#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
algorithm	HashAlgorithm	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
hashValue	xsd:string	1	1

### 8.1.14 IndividualElement

# **Summary**

A concrete subclass of Element used by Individuals in the Core profile.

#### **Description**

Individuals, such as NoneElement and NoAssertionElement, need to reference a concrete subclass of Element.

This class provides the type used by the individuals defined in the Core profile.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/IndividualElement

Name:	IndividualElement
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Element

#### **Superclasses**

/Core/Element

#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

### 8.1.15 IntegrityMethod

#### **Summary**

Provides an independently reproducible mechanism that permits verification of a specific Element.

#### **Description**

An IntegrityMethod provides an independently reproducible mechanism that permits verification of a specific Element that correlates to the data in this SPDX document. This identifier enables a recipient to determine if anything in the original Element has been changed and eliminates confusion over which version or modification of a specific Element is referenced.

Please note that different profiles may also provide additional methods for verifying the integrity of specific subclasses of Elements.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/IntegrityMethod

Name:	IntegrityMethod
Instantiability:	Abstract

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1

#### 8.1.16 LifecycleScopedRelationship

#### **Summary**

Provide context for a relationship that occurs in the lifecycle.

#### **Description**

Certain relationships are sensitive to where they occur in the lifecycle. This parameter lets us avoid a proliferation of relationships, by parameterizing this context information for a relationship.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/LifecycleScopedRelationship

Name:LifecycleScopedRelationshipInstantiability:ConcreteSubclassOf:Relationship

### **Superclasses**

- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

### **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
scope	LifecycleScopeType	0	1

All properties (informative)

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Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
scope	LifecycleScopeType	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

### 8.1.17 NamespaceMap

### **Summary**

A mapping between prefixes and namespace partial URIs.

#### **Description**

A namespace map allows the creator of a collection of serializable Elements to suggest shorter identifiers ("prefixes") for specific namespace portions of Element IDs. This map is used in SPDX content serialization to provide a more human-readable and smaller serialized representation of the Elements.

For details of how NamespaceMap content is to be serialized please refer to the Model and serializations<sup>1</sup> clause and the various serialization format-specific files within the spdx-3-model repository<sup>2</sup>.

Namespace maps support a variety of relevant use cases such as:

1. An SPDX content producer wishing to provide clarity of their serialization of an SPDX 2.X simple style collection where all content is newly minted and a single prefix-namespace is used. The consumer of SPDX content wishes to preserve the name space mapping provided by such a producer.

In this case, the consumer would record the namespace map prefixes in the NamespaceMap such that subsequent serializations could reproduce the prefixes / namespaces in the native serialization format.

 $<sup>^1../../../</sup>serializations.md$ 

 $<sup>^2</sup> https://github.com/spdx/spdx-3-model/tree/main/serialization\\$ 

- 2. An SPDX content producer wishing to maintain consistent prefix use and understanding across multiple different serialization formats of the produced content.
  - For example, an SBOM producer wishes to share/publish the SBOM as JSON-LD and XML. The producer can specify the preferred prefix mappings in the native serialization format using information from a single NamespaceMap accessible local to the producer.
- 3. An SPDX content consumer/producer wishing to maintain consistent prefix use while round tripping from SPDX content received, deserialized, modified/extended in some way, and then reserialized in the same serialization form.
  - In this case the prefix-namespace mappings utilized in the content are transformed from the original native namespace/prefix into the in memory NamespaceMap then transformed from the NamespaceMap back into the resultant serialization native namespace / prefix format.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/NamespaceMap

Name:	NamespaceMap
Instantiability:	Concrete

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
namespace	xsd:anyURI	1	1
prefix	xsd:string	1	1

#### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
namespace	xsd:anyURI	1	1
prefix	xsd:string	1	1

#### 8.1.18 Organization

#### Summary

A group of people who work together in an organized way for a shared purpose.

#### **Description**

An Organization is a group of people who work together in an organized way for a shared purpose.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Organization

Name:	Organization
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Agent

#### **Superclasses**

- /Core/Agent
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.19 PackageVerificationCode

#### **Summary**

An SPDX version 2.X compatible verification method for software packages.

#### **Description**

This verification method is provided for compatibility with SPDX 2.X.

Use of this verification code method is discouraged except for scenarios where the contentIdentifier property on Artifact can not be used.

This verification method provides an independently reproducible mechanism identifying specific contents of a package based on the actual files (except the SPDX document itself, if it is included in the package) that make up each package and that correlates to the data in this SPDX document.

This identifier enables a recipient to determine if any file in the original package (that the analysis was done on) has been changed and permits inclusion of an SPDX document as part of a package.

Algorithm:

```
templist = ""

for all files in the package {
    if file is a packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile
        skip it /* exclude SPDX analysis file */
    else
        append "algorithm(file)/n" to templist
}

sort templist in ascending order by value

/* remove separators from ordered sequence */
valueslist = remove "/n"s from templist

if valueslist is empty
    hashValue = 0
else
    hashValue = algorithm(valueslist)
```

where algorithm (string) applies a hash algorithm on a string and returns the result in lowercase hexadecimal digits.

Required sort order: '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f' (ASCII order)

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/PackageVerificationCode

Name:	PackageVerificationCode
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Core/IntegrityMethod

#### **Superclasses**

• /Core/IntegrityMethod

#### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
algorithm	HashAlgorithm	1	1
hashValue	xsd:string	1	1
package Verification Code Excluded File	xsd:string	0	*

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
algorithm	HashAlgorithm	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
hashValue	xsd:string	1	1
packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile	xsd:string	0	*

#### 8.1.20 Person

#### **Summary**

An individual human being.

# **Description**

A Person is an individual human being.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Person

Name:	Person
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Agent

# **Superclasses**

- /Core/Agent
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.21 PositiveIntegerRange

### **Summary**

A tuple of two positive integers that define a range.

# **Description**

PositiveIntegerRange is a tuple of two positive integers that define a range. "beginIntegerRange" must be less than or equal to "endIntegerRange".

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/PositiveIntegerRange

Name:	PositiveIntegerRange
Instantiability:	Concrete

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
beginIntegerRange	xsd:positiveInteger	1	1
endIntegerRange	xsd:positiveInteger	1	1

## **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
beginIntegerRange	xsd:positiveInteger	1	1
endIntegerRange	xsd:positiveInteger	1	1

# 8.1.22 Relationship

## **Summary**

Describes a relationship between one or more elements.

## **Description**

A Relationship is a grouping of characteristics unique to an assertion that one Element is related to one or more other Elements in some way.

To explicitly assert that no such relationships exist, the to property should contain the NoneElement individual and no other elements.

A relationship that contains NoneElement and additional elements in the to property is not valid.

To explicitly assert that no assertions are being made regarding the existence of such relationships, the to property should contain the NoAssertionElement individual.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Relationship

Name:	Relationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Element

## **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
from	Element	1	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
to	Element	1	*

# All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.23 SoftwareAgent

# **Summary**

A software agent.

# Description

A SoftwareAgent is a software program that is given the authority (similar to a user's authority) to act on a system.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/SoftwareAgent

Name:	SoftwareAgent
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Agent

# Superclasses

- /Core/Agent
- /Core/Element

# **All properties** (informative)

		,	
Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.1.24 SpdxDocument

## **Summary**

A collection of SPDX Elements that could potentially be serialized.

## **Description**

The SpdxDocument provides a convenient way to express information about collections of SPDX Elements that could potentially be serialized as complete units (e.g., all in-scope SPDX data within a single JSON-LD file).

SpdxDocument is independent of any particular serialization format or instance.

Information we wish to preserve about a specific instance of serialization of this SPDX content is NOT expressed using the SpdxDocument but rather using an associated Artifact representing a particular instance of SPDX data physical serialization.

Any instance of serialization of SPDX data MUST NOT contain more than one SpdxDocument element definition.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/SpdxDocument

Name:	SpdxDocument
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	ElementCollection

## **Superclasses**

- /Core/ElementCollection
- /Core/Element

### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
dataLicense	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	0	1
import	ExternalMap	0	*
namespaceMap	NamespaceMap	0	*

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
dataLicense	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	0	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
element	Element	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
import	ExternalMap	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
namespaceMap	NamespaceMap	0	*
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

### 8.1.25 Tool

#### Summary

An element of hardware and/or software utilized to carry out a particular function.

## **Description**

A Tool is an element of hardware and/or software utilized to carry out a particular function.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/Tool

Name:	Tool
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Element

## **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

# **All properties** (informative)

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Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 8.2 Properties

# 8.2.1 algorithm

## **Summary**

Specifies the algorithm used for calculating the hash value.

# **Description**

An algorithm specifies the algorithm that was used for calculating the hash value.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/algorithm

Name:	algorithm
Nature:	ObjectProperty
Range:	HashAlgorithm

# Referenced

- /Core/Hash
- /Core/PackageVerificationCode

# 8.2.2 annotationType

### **Summary**

Describes the type of annotation.

# **Description**

An annotationType describes the type of an annotation.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/annotationType

Name:	annotationType
Nature:	ObjectProperty
Range:	AnnotationType

## Referenced

• /Core/Annotation

# 8.2.3 beginIntegerRange

## **Summary**

Defines the beginning of a range.

## **Description**

beginIntegerRange is a positive integer that defines the beginning of a range.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/beginIntegerRange

Name:	beginIntegerRange
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	xsd:positiveInteger

## Referenced

• /Core/PositiveIntegerRange

# 8.2.4 builtTime

### **Summary**

Specifies the time an artifact was built.

# Description

A builtTime specifies the time an artifact was built.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/builtTime

Name:	builtTime
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	DateTime

## Referenced

• /Core/Artifact

# 8.2.5 comment

# **Summary**

Provide consumers with comments by the creator of the Element about the Element.

# **Description**

A comment is an optional field for creators of the Element to provide comments to the readers/reviewers of the document.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/comment

Name:	comment
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	xsd:string

#### Referenced

- /Core/CreationInfo
- /Core/Element
- /Core/ExternalIdentifier
- /Core/ExternalRef
- · /Core/IntegrityMethod

## 8.2.6 completeness

#### **Summary**

Provides information about the completeness of relationships.

### **Description**

Completeness gives information about whether the provided relationships are complete, known to be incomplete or if no assertion is made either way.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/completeness

Name: completeness Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: RelationshipCompleteness

#### Referenced

· /Core/Relationship

## 8.2.7 contentType

## Summary

Provides information about the content type of an Element or a Property.

### **Description**

This field is a reasonable estimation of the content type of the Element or the Property, from a creator perspective.

Content type is intrinsic to the Element or the Property, independent of how it is being used.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/contentType

Name: contentType
Nature: DataProperty
Range: MediaType

## Referenced

- /Core/Annotation
- /Core/ExternalRef
- /Software/File

## 8.2.8 context

### Summary

Gives information about the circumstances or unifying properties that Elements of the bundle have been assembled under.

### Description

A context gives information about the circumstances or unifying properties that Elements of the bundle have been assembled under.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/context

Name:contextNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Core/Bundle

## 8.2.9 created

## **Summary**

Identifies when the Element was originally created.

## **Description**

Created is a date that identifies when the Element was originally created.

The time stamp can serve as an indication as to whether the analysis needs to be updated.

This is often the date of last change (e.g., a git commit date), not the date when the SPDX data was created, as doing so supports reproducible builds.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/created

Name: created
Nature: DataProperty
Range: DateTime

#### Referenced

• /Core/CreationInfo

## 8.2.10 createdBy

## **Summary**

Identifies who or what created the Element.

# Description

CreatedBy identifies who or what created the Element.

The generation method will assist the recipient of the Element in assessing the general reliability/accuracy of the analysis information.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/createdBy

Name: createdBy
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Agent

### Referenced

• /Core/CreationInfo

# 8.2.11 createdUsing

# **Summary**

Identifies the tooling that was used during the creation of the Element.

### **Description**

CreatedUsing identifies the tooling that was used during the creation of the Element.

The generation method will assist the recipient of the Element in assessing the general reliability/accuracy of the analysis information.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/createdUsing

Name: createdUsing
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Tool

#### Referenced

• /Core/CreationInfo

#### 8.2.12 creationInfo

## **Summary**

Provides information about the creation of the Element.

### **Description**

CreationInfo provides information about the creation of the Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/creationInfo

Name: creationInfo
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: CreationInfo

### Referenced

• /Core/Element

### 8.2.13 dataLicense

#### **Summary**

Provides the license under which the SPDX documentation of the Element can be used.

#### **Description**

The data license provides the license under which the SPDX documentation of the Element can be used.

This is to alleviate any concern that content (the data or database) in an SPDX file is subject to any form of intellectual property right that could restrict the re-use of the information or the creation of another SPDX file for the same project(s).

This approach avoids intellectual property and related restrictions over the SPDX file, however individuals can still contract with each other to restrict release of specific collections of SPDX files (which map to software bill of materials) and the identification of the supplier of SPDX files.

Compliance with this document includes populating the SPDX fields therein with data related to such fields ("SPDX-Metadata").

This document contains numerous fields where an SPDX file creator may provide relevant explanatory text in SPDX-Metadata. Without opining on the lawfulness of "database rights" (in jurisdictions where applicable), such explanatory text is copyrightable subject matter in most Berne Convention countries.

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### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/dataLicense

Name: dataLicense
Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

#### Referenced

• /Core/SpdxDocument

# 8.2.14 definingArtifact

## **Summary**

Artifact representing a serialization instance of SPDX data containing the definition of a particular Element.

## **Description**

A definingArtifact property is used to link the Element identifier for an Element defined external to a given SpdxDocument to an Artifact Element representing the SPDX serialization instance which contains the definition for the Element.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/definingArtifact

Name: definingArtifact
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Artifact

### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalMap

# 8.2.15 description

### **Summary**

Provides a detailed description of the Element.

# Description

This field is a detailed description of the Element. It may also be extracted from the Element itself.

The intent is to provide recipients of the SPDX file with a detailed technical explanation of the functionality, anticipated use, and anticipated implementation of the Element.

This field may also include a description of improvements over prior versions of the Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/description

Name: description
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/Element

## 8.2.16 element

### **Summary**

Refers to one or more Elements that are part of an ElementCollection.

## **Description**

This field refers to one or more Elements that are part of an ElementCollection.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/element

Name: element
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Element

#### Referenced

• /Core/ElementCollection

# 8.2.17 endIntegerRange

### **Summary**

Defines the end of a range.

# Description

endIntegerRange is a positive integer that defines the end of a range.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/endIntegerRange

Name: endIntegerRange
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:positiveInteger

## Referenced

/Core/PositiveIntegerRange

## 8.2.18 endTime

## Summary

Specifies the time from which an element is no longer applicable / valid.

# Description

An endTime specifies the time from which element is no longer applicable / valid.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/endTime

Name: endTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: DateTime

# Referenced

• /Core/Relationship

### 8.2.19 extension

### **Summary**

Specifies an Extension characterization of some aspect of an Element.

# **Description**

extension specifies an Extension-based characterization of a particular aspect of an Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/extension

Nature: extension
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Extension/Extension

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element

#### 8.2.20 externalldentifier

### **Summary**

Provides a reference to a resource outside the scope of SPDX-3.0 content that uniquely identifies an Element.

### **Description**

ExternalIdentifier points to a resource outside the scope of SPDX-3.0 content that uniquely identifies an Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/externalIdentifier

Name: externalIdentifier
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExternalIdentifier

## Referenced

• /Core/Element

# 8.2.21 externalldentifierType

### **Summary**

Specifies the type of the external identifier.

# Description

An externalIdentifierType specifies the type of the external identifier.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/externalIdentifierType

Name: externalIdentifierType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExternalIdentifierType

### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalIdentifier

## 8.2.22 externalRef

### **Summary**

Points to a resource outside the scope of the SPDX-3.0 content that provides additional characteristics of an Element.

## Description

This field points to a resource outside the scope of the SPDX-3.0 content that provides additional characteristics of an Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/externalRef

Name: externalRef
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExternalRef

#### Referenced

· /Core/Element

# 8.2.23 externalRefType

### **Summary**

Specifies the type of the external reference.

# Description

An externalRefType specifies the type of the external reference.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/externalRefType

Name: externalRefType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExternalRefType

## Referenced

• /Core/ExternalRef

## 8.2.24 externalSpdxld

## Summary

Identifies an external Element used within an SpdxDocument but defined external to that SpdxDocument.

## Description

An externalSpdxId identifies an external Element used within an SpdxDocument but defined external to that SpdxDocument.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/externalSpdxId

Name:externalSpdxIdNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalMap

### 8.2.25 from

## **Summary**

References the Element on the left-hand side of a relationship.

# **Description**

This field references the Element on the left-hand side of a relationship.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/from

Name: from
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Element

#### Referenced

· /Core/Relationship

## 8.2.26 hashValue

### **Summary**

The result of applying a hash algorithm to an Element.

# **Description**

A hashValue is the result of applying a hash algorithm to an Element.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/hashValue

Name: hashValue
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

- /Core/Hash
- /Core/PackageVerificationCode

# 8.2.27 identifier

# **Summary**

Uniquely identifies an external element.

## **Description**

An identifier uniquely identifies an external element.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/identifier

Name: identifier
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /Core/ExternalIdentifier

## 8.2.28 identifierLocator

### **Summary**

Provides the location for more information regarding an external identifier.

# Description

Identifiers are not always structured as URIs. An identifierLocator is a location hint (a URL) that provides contextual information relevant to the identifier.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/identifierLocator

Name: identifierLocator
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalIdentifier

# 8.2.29 import

## **Summary**

Provides an ExternalMap of Element identifiers.

### **Description**

An import provides an ExternalMap of an Element identifier that is used within a document but defined external to that document.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/import

Name: import
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExternalMap

#### Referenced

/Core/SpdxDocument

## 8.2.30 issuingAuthority

#### **Summary**

An entity that is authorized to issue identification credentials.

### Description

An issuingAuthority is an entity that is authorized to issue identification credentials.

The entity may be a government, non-profit, educational institution, or commercial enterprise.

The string provides a unique identifier for the issuing authority.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/issuingAuthority

Name: issuingAuthority
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalIdentifier

# 8.2.31 key

## **Summary**

A key used in a generic key-value pair.

## **Description**

A key used in generic a key-value pair.

A key-value pair can be used to implement a dictionary which associates a key with a value.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/key

Name: key
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/DictionaryEntry

### 8.2.32 locationHint

### **Summary**

Provides an indication of where to retrieve an external Element.

# **Description**

A locationHint provides an indication of where to retrieve an external Element.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/locationHint

Name: locationHint Nature: DataProperty Range: xsd:anyURI

## Referenced

• /Core/ExternalMap

### 8.2.33 locator

### **Summary**

Provides the location of an external reference.

# Description

A locator provides the location of an external reference.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/locator

Name: locator
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

/Core/ExternalRef

### 8.2.34 name

### **Summary**

Identifies the name of an Element as designated by the creator.

### **Description**

This field identifies the name of an Element as designated by the creator.

The name of an Element is an important convention and easier to refer to than the URI.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/name

Name: name
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/Element

### 8.2.35 namespace

#### **Summary**

Provides an unambiguous mechanism for conveying a URI fragment portion of an Element ID.

#### **Description**

A namespace provides an unambiguous mechanism for conveying a URI fragment portion of an Element ID.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/namespace

Name: namespace
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Core/NamespaceMap

# 8.2.36 namespaceMap

### **Summary**

Provides a NamespaceMap of prefixes and associated namespace partial URIs applicable to an SpdxDocument and independent of any specific serialization format or instance.

# Description

This field provides a NamespaceMap of prefixes and associated namespace partial URIs applicable to an SpdxDocument and independent of any specific serialization format or instance.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/namespaceMap

Name: namespaceMap
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: NamespaceMap

## Referenced

• /Core/SpdxDocument

# 8.2.37 originatedBy

### **Summary**

Identifies from where or whom the Element originally came.

## **Description**

An originatedBy identifies from where or whom the Element originally came.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/originatedBy

Name: originatedBy
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Agent

#### Referenced

/Core/Artifact

# 8.2.38 packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile

## **Summary**

The relative file name of a file to be excluded from the 'Package Verification Code'.

## **Description**

A relative filename with the root of the package archive or directory referencing a file to be excluded from the PackageVerificationCo-Every filename is preceded with a ./.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile

Name: packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/PackageVerificationCode

## 8.2.39 prefix

### **Summary**

A substitute for a URI.

### **Description**

A prefix is a substitute for a URI.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/prefix

Name: prefix
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /Core/NamespaceMap

### 8.2.40 profileConformance

#### Summary

Describes one a profile which the creator of this ElementCollection intends to conform to.

### **Description**

Describes a profile to which the creator of this ElementCollection intends to conform.

The profileConformance will apply to all Elements contained within the collection as well as the collection itself.

Conformance to a profile is defined by the additional restrictions documented in the profile specific documentation and schema files.

Use of this property allows the creator of an ElementCollection to communicate to consumers their intent to adhere to the profile additional restrictions.

The profileConformance has a default value of "core" if no other profileConformance is specified since all ElementCollections and Element must adhere to the Core profile.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/profileConformance

Name: profileConformance
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ProfileIdentifierType

#### Referenced

• /Core/ElementCollection

## 8.2.41 relationshipType

### **Summary**

Information about the relationship between two Elements.

### **Description**

This field provides information about the relationship between two Elements.

For example, you can represent a relationship between two different Files, between a Package and a File, between two Packages, or between one SpdxDocument and another SpdxDocument.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/relationshipType

Name: relationshipType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: RelationshipType

### Referenced

/Core/Relationship

### 8.2.42 releaseTime

### **Summary**

Specifies the time an artifact was released.

# Description

A releaseTime specifies the time an artifact was released.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/releaseTime

Name: releaseTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: DateTime

#### Referenced

/Core/Artifact

### 8.2.43 rootElement

## **Summary**

This property is used to denote the root Element(s) of a tree of elements contained in a BOM.

## **Description**

This property is used to denote the root Element(s) of a tree of elements contained in a BOM. The tree consists of other elements directly and indirectly related through properties or Relationships from the root.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/rootElement

Name: rootElement
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Element

### Referenced

• /Core/ElementCollection

### 8.2.44 scope

## **Summary**

Capture the scope of information about a specific relationship between elements.

# Description

A scope is additional context about a relationship, that clarifies the relationship between elements.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/scope

Name: scope
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: LifecycleScopeType

#### Referenced

/Core/LifecycleScopedRelationship

## 8.2.45 spdxld

### **Summary**

Identifies an Element to be referenced by other Elements.

### **Description**

An spdxId uniquely identifies an Element which may thereby be referenced by other Elements. These references may be internal or external. While there may be several versions of the same Element, each one needs to be able to be referred to uniquely so that relationships between Elements can be clearly articulated.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/spdxId

Name: spdxId
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Core/Element

### 8.2.46 specVersion

#### **Summary**

Provides a reference number that can be used to understand how to parse and interpret an Element.

### **Description**

The specVersion provides a reference number that can be used to understand how to parse and interpret an Element. It will enable both future changes to the specification and to support backward compatibility.

The major version number shall be incremented when incompatible changes between versions are made (one or more sections are created, modified or deleted). The minor version number shall be incremented when backwards compatible changes are made. The patch version number shall be incremented when backward compatible bug fixes are made.

Here, parties exchanging information in accordance with the SPDX specification need to provide 100% transparency as to which SPDX specification version such information is conforming to.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/specVersion

Name: specVersion
Nature: DataProperty
Range: SemVer

#### Referenced

· /Core/CreationInfo

## 8.2.47 standardName

# **Summary**

The name of a relevant standard that may apply to an artifact.

# Description

Various standards may be relevant or useful to capture for specific artifacts.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/standardName

Name:standardNameNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:string

## Referenced

• /Core/Artifact

# 8.2.48 startTime

## Summary

Specifies the time from which an element is applicable / valid.

## **Description**

A startTime specifies the time from which an element is applicable / valid.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/startTime

Name: startTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: DateTime

### Referenced

· /Core/Relationship

### 8.2.49 statement

### **Summary**

Commentary on an assertion that an annotator has made.

# Description

A statement is a commentary on an assertion that an annotator has made.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/statement

Name: statement
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/Annotation

# 8.2.50 **subject**

### **Summary**

An Element an annotator has made an assertion about.

## **Description**

A subject is an Element an annotator has made an assertion about.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/subject

Name: subject
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Element

## Referenced

• /Core/Annotation

# 8.2.51 summary

# **Summary**

A short description of an Element.

### **Description**

A summary is a short description of an Element. Here, the intent is to allow the Element creator to provide concise information about the function or use of the Element.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/summary

Name: summary
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element

## 8.2.52 suppliedBy

### **Summary**

Identifies who or what supplied the artifact or VulnAssessmentRelationship referenced by the Element.

### **Description**

Identify the actual distribution source for the artifact (e.g., snippet, file, package, vulnerability) or VulnAssessmentRelationship being referenced.

This might or might not be different from the originating distribution source for the artifact (e.g., snippet, file, package, vulnerability) or VulnAssessmentRelationship.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/suppliedBy

Name: suppliedBy
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Agent

# Referenced

- /Core/Artifact
- $\bullet \ / Security/Vuln Assessment Relationship$

### 8.2.53 supportLevel

## **Summary**

Specifies the level of support associated with an artifact.

# Description

supportLevel provides an indication of what support expectations that the supplier of an artifact is providing to the user.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/supportLevel

Name:supportLevelNature:ObjectPropertyRange:SupportType

# Referenced

• /Core/Artifact

## 8.2.54 to

## **Summary**

References an Element on the right-hand side of a relationship.

## **Description**

This field references an Element on the right-hand side of a relationship.

If it is not provided, it indicates that there are no known relationships of the given type.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/to

Name: to
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: Element

### Referenced

• /Core/Relationship

### 8.2.55 validUntilTime

### **Summary**

Specifies until when the artifact can be used before its usage needs to be reassessed.

# Description

A validUntilTime specifies until when the artifact can be used before its usage needs to be reassessed.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/validUntilTime

Name: validUntilTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: DateTime

# Referenced

• /Core/Artifact

### 8.2.56 value

## **Summary**

A value used in a generic key-value pair.

## **Description**

A value used in a generic key-value pair.

A key-value pair can be used to implement a dictionary which associates a key with a value.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/value

Name: value
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

/Core/DictionaryEntry

## 8.2.57 verifiedUsing

#### **Summary**

Provides an IntegrityMethod with which the integrity of an Element can be asserted.

### **Description**

A verifiedUsing provides an IntegrityMethod with which the integrity of an Element can be asserted.

Please note that different profiles may also provide additional methods for verifying the integrity of specific subclasses of Elements.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/verifiedUsing

Name: verifiedUsing
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: IntegrityMethod

#### Referenced

- /Core/Element
- /Core/ExternalMap

### 8.3 Vocabularies

## 8.3.1 AnnotationType

#### **Summary**

Specifies the type of an annotation.

### **Description**

AnnotationType specifies the type of an annotation.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/AnnotationType

Name: AnnotationType

#### **Entries**

**other** Used to store extra information about an Element which is not part of a review (e.g. extra information provided during the creation of the Element).

review Used when someone reviews the Element.

## 8.3.2 ExternalIdentifierType

## **Summary**

Specifies the type of an external identifier.

## **Description**

ExternalIdentifierType specifies the type of an external identifier.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ExternalIdentifierType

Name: ExternalIdentifierType

#### **Entries**

- cpe22 Common Platform Enumeration Specification 2.2<sup>3</sup>
- cpe23 Common Platform Enumeration: Naming Specification Version 2.34
- **cve** Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures identifiers, an identifier for a specific software flaw defined within the official CVE Dictionary and that conforms to the CVE specification<sup>5</sup>.

email Email address, as defined in RFC 3696<sup>6</sup> Section 3.

gitoid Gitoid<sup>7</sup>, stands for Git Object ID<sup>8</sup>. A gitoid of type blob is a unique hash of a binary artifact. A gitoid may represent either an Artifact Identifier<sup>9</sup> for the software artifact or an Input Manifest Identifier<sup>10</sup> for the software artifact's associated Artifact Input Manifest<sup>11</sup>; this ambiguity exists because the Artifact Input Manifest is itself an artifact, and the gitoid of that artifact is its valid identifier. Gitoids calculated on software artifacts (Snippet, File, or Package Elements) should be recorded in the SPDX 3.0 SoftwareArtifact's contentIdentifier property. Gitoids calculated on the Artifact Input Manifest (Input Manifest Identifier) should be recorded in the SPDX 3.0 Element's externalIdentifier property. See OmniBOR Specification<sup>12</sup>, a minimalistic specification for describing software Artifact Dependency Graphs<sup>13</sup>.

**other** Used when the type does not match any of the other options.

packageUrl Package URL, as defined in the corresponding Annex<sup>14</sup> of this specification.

securityOther Used when there is a security related identifier of unspecified type.

swhid SoftWare Hash IDentifier, a persistent intrinsic identifier for digital artifacts, such as files, trees (also known as directories or folders), commits, and other objects typically found in version control systems. The format of the identifiers is defined in the SWHID specification<sup>15</sup> (ISO/IEC DIS 18670). They typically look like swh:1:cnt:94a9ed024d3859793618152ea559a16

swid Concise Software Identification (CoSWID) tag, as defined in RFC 9393<sup>16</sup> Section 2.3.

**urlScheme** Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) Schemes<sup>17</sup>. The scheme used in order to locate a resource.

## 8.3.3 ExternalRefType

#### Summary

Specifies the type of an external reference.

# **Description**

ExternalRefType specifies the type of an external reference.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ExternalRefType

Name: ExternalRefType

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://cpe.mitre.org/files/cpe-specification 2.2.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/nistir/7695/final

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/glossary/term/cve id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc3986/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes/prov/gitoid

<sup>8</sup>https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Git-Internals-Git-Objects

<sup>9</sup>https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md#artifact-identifier-types

<sup>10</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md#input-manifest-identifier

 $<sup>^{11}</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md\#artifact-input-manifest$ 

<sup>12</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/

 $<sup>^{13}</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md\#artifact-dependency-graph-adgeted from the properties of the properties of$ 

<sup>14../../</sup>annexes/pkg-url-specification.md

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>https://www.swhid.org/specification/v1.1/4.Syntax

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc9393/

<sup>17</sup>https://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes/uri-schemes.xhtml

### **Entries**

altDownloadLocation A reference to an alternative download location.

altWebPage A reference to an alternative web page.

binaryArtifact A reference to binary artifacts related to a package.

**bower** A reference to a Bower package. The package locator format, looks like package #version, is defined in the "install" section of Bower API documentation<sup>18</sup>.

buildMeta A reference build metadata related to a published package.

**buildSystem** A reference build system used to create or publish the package.

**certificationReport** A reference to a certification report for a package from an accredited/independent body.

**chat** A reference to the instant messaging system used by the maintainer for a package.

componentAnalysisReport A reference to a Software Composition Analysis (SCA) report.

**cwe** Common Weakness Enumeration<sup>19</sup>. A reference to a source of software flaw defined within the official CWE List<sup>20</sup> that conforms to the CWE specification<sup>21</sup>.

documentation A reference to the documentation for a package.

**dynamicAnalysisReport** A reference to a dynamic analysis report for a package.

eolNotice A reference to the End Of Sale (EOS) and/or End Of Life (EOL) information related to a package.

**exportControlAssessment** A reference to a export control assessment for a package.

**funding** A reference to funding information related to a package.

issueTracker A reference to the issue tracker for a package.

license A reference to additional license information related to an artifact.

mailingList A reference to the mailing list used by the maintainer for a package.

mavenCentral A reference to a Maven repository artifact. The artifact locator format is defined in the Maven documentation<sup>22</sup> and looks like <code>groupId:artifactId[:version]</code>.

metrics A reference to metrics related to package such as OpenSSF scorecards.

**npm** A reference to an npm package. The package locator format is defined in the npm documentation<sup>23</sup> and looks like package@version.

**nuget** A reference to a NuGet package. The package locator format is defined in the NuGet documentation<sup>24</sup> and looks like package/version.

**other** Used when the type does not match any of the other options.

privacyAssessment A reference to a privacy assessment for a package.

productMetadata A reference to additional product metadata such as reference within organization's product catalog.

purchaseOrder A reference to a purchase order for a package.

qualityAssessmentReport A reference to a quality assessment for a package.

releaseHistory A reference to a published list of releases for a package.

**releaseNotes** A reference to the release notes for a package.

<sup>18</sup>https://bower.io/docs/api/#install

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/glossary/term/common\_weakness\_enumeration

<sup>20</sup> https://cwe.mitre.org/data/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>https://cwe.mitre.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>https://maven.apache.org/guides/mini/guide-naming-conventions.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/v10/configuring-npm/package-json

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>https://docs.nuget.org

riskAssessment A reference to a risk assessment for a package.

runtimeAnalysisReport A reference to a runtime analysis report for a package.

secureSoftwareAttestation A reference to information assuring that the software is developed using security practices as defined by NIST SP 800-218 Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF) Version 1.1<sup>25</sup> or CISA Secure Software Development Attestation Form<sup>26</sup>.

securityAdversaryModel A reference to the security adversary model for a package.

**securityAdvisory** A reference to a published security advisory (where advisory as defined per ISO 29147:2018<sup>27</sup>) that may affect one or more elements, e.g., vendor advisories or specific NVD entries.

securityFix A reference to the patch or source code that fixes a vulnerability.

**securityOther** A reference to related security information of unspecified type.

**securityPenTestReport** A reference to a penetration test<sup>28</sup> report for a package.

**securityPolicy** A reference to instructions for reporting newly discovered security vulnerabilities for a package.

**securityThreatModel** A reference the security threat model<sup>29</sup> for a package.

**socialMedia** A reference to a social media channel for a package.

**sourceArtifact** A reference to an artifact containing the sources for a package.

staticAnalysisReport A reference to a static analysis report for a package.

**support** A reference to the software support channel or other support information for a package.

vcs A reference to a version control system related to a software artifact.

**vulnerabilityDisclosureReport** A reference to a Vulnerability Disclosure Report (VDR) which provides the software supplier's analysis and findings describing the impact (or lack of impact) that reported vulnerabilities have on packages or products in the supplier's SBOM as defined in NIST SP 800-161 Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations<sup>30</sup>.

**vulnerabilityExploitabilityAssessment** A reference to a Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) statement which provides information on whether a product is impacted by a specific vulnerability in an included package and, if affected, whether there are actions recommended to remediate. See also NTIA VEX one-page summary<sup>31</sup>.

## 8.3.4 HashAlgorithm

## Summary

A mathematical algorithm that maps data of arbitrary size to a bit string.

### **Description**

A HashAlgorithm is a mathematical algorithm that maps data of arbitrary size to a bit string (the hash) and is a one-way function, that is, a function which is practically infeasible to invert.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/HashAlgorithm

Name: HashAlgorithm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/sp/800/218/final

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/secure-software-development-attestation-form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>https://www.iso.org/standard/72311.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penetration\_test

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Threat\_model

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/sp/800/161/r1/final

<sup>31</sup> https://ntia.gov/files/ntia/publications/vex one-page summary.pdf

### **Entries**

adler32 Adler-32 checksum is part of the widely used zlib compression library as defined in RFC 1950<sup>32</sup> Section 2.3.

blake2b256 BLAKE2b algorithm with a digest size of 256, as defined in RFC 7693<sup>33</sup> Section 4.

blake2b384 BLAKE2b algorithm with a digest size of 384, as defined in RFC 7693<sup>34</sup> Section 4.

blake2b512 BLAKE2b algorithm with a digest size of 512, as defined in RFC 7693<sup>35</sup> Section 4.

blake3 BLAKE3<sup>36</sup>

crystalsDilithium Dilithium<sup>37</sup>

crystalsKyber Kyber<sup>38</sup>

falcon FALCON39

md2 MD2 message-digest algorithm, as defined in RFC 1319<sup>40</sup>.

md4 MD4 message-digest algorithm, as defined in RFC 1186<sup>41</sup>.

md5 MD5 message-digest algorithm, as defined in RFC 1321<sup>42</sup>.

md6 MD6 hash function<sup>43</sup>

other any hashing algorithm that does not exist in this list of entries

**sha1** SHA-1, a secure hashing algorithm, as defined in RFC 3174<sup>44</sup>.

sha224 SHA-2 with a digest length of 224, as defined in RFC 3874<sup>45</sup>.

sha256 SHA-2 with a digest length of 256, as defined in RFC 6234<sup>46</sup>.

**sha384** SHA-2 with a digest length of 384, as defined in RFC 6234<sup>47</sup>.

sha3 224 SHA-3 with a digest length of 224, as defined in FIPS 202<sup>48</sup>.

sha3 256 SHA-3 with a digest length of 256, as defined in FIPS 202<sup>49</sup>.

sha3 384 SHA-3 with a digest length of 384, as defined in FIPS 202<sup>50</sup>.

sha3 512 SHA-3 with a digest length of 512, as defined in FIPS 202<sup>51</sup>.

sha512 SHA-2 with a digest length of 512, as defined in RFC 6234<sup>52</sup>.

#### 8.3.5 LifecycleScopeType

#### **Summary**

Provide an enumerated set of lifecycle phases that can provide context to relationships.

<sup>32</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc1950/

<sup>33</sup> https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc7693/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc7693/

<sup>35</sup> https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc7693/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>https://github.com/BLAKE3-team/BLAKE3-specs/blob/master/blake3.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup>https://pq-crystals.org/dilithium/

<sup>38</sup>https://pq-crystals.org/kyber/

<sup>39</sup>https://falcon-sign.info/falcon.pdf

<sup>40</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc1319/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc1186/

<sup>42</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc1321/

<sup>43</sup> https://people.csail.mit.edu/rivest/pubs/RABCx08.pdf

<sup>44</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc3174/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc3874/

<sup>46</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc6234/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc6234/

<sup>48</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/fips/202/final

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/fips/202/final

<sup>50</sup> https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/fips/202/final <sup>51</sup>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/fips/202/final

<sup>52</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc6234/

## **Description**

This enumeration summarizes common phases when dependency and other relationships, have different implications, based on their context. For example, a build dependency, may have different implications than a operational dependency.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/LifecycleScopeType

Name: LifecycleScopeType

#### **Entries**

build A relationship has specific context implications during an element's build phase, during development.

design A relationship has specific context implications during an element's design.

**development** A relationship has specific context implications during development phase of an element.

other A relationship has other specific context information necessary to capture that the above set of enumerations does not handle.

runtime A relationship has specific context implications during the execution phase of an element.

test A relationship has specific context implications during an element's testing phase, during development.

## 8.3.6 PresenceType

#### Summary

Categories of presence or absence.

#### **Description**

This type is used to indicate if a given field is present or absent or unknown.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/PresenceType

Name: PresenceType

### **Entries**

no Indicates absence of the field.

**noAssertion** Makes no assertion about the field.

yes Indicates presence of the field.

## 8.3.7 ProfileIdentifierType

## **Summary**

Enumeration of the valid profiles.

#### **Description**

There are a set of profiles that have been defined by a profile team.

A profile consists of a namespace that may add properties and classes to the Core profile unique to the domain covered by the profile.

The profile may also contain additional restrictions on existing properties and classes defined in other profiles.

If the creator of an SPDX collection of elements includes a profile in the list of profileConformance, they are claiming that all contained elements conform to all restrictions defined for that profile.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/ProfileIdentifierType

Name: ProfileIdentifierType

#### **Entries**

ai the element follows the AI profile specification

**build** the element follows the Build profile specification

**core** the element follows the Core profile specification

dataset the element follows the Dataset profile specification

expandedLicensing the element follows the ExpandedLicensing profile specification

extension the element follows the Extension profile specification

lite the element follows the Lite profile specification

security the element follows the Security profile specification

simpleLicensing the element follows the SimpleLicensing profile specification

software the element follows the Software profile specification

### 8.3.8 RelationshipCompleteness

### Summary

Indicates whether a relationship is known to be complete, incomplete, or if no assertion is made with respect to relationship completeness.

### **Description**

RelationshipCompleteness indicates whether the provided relationship is known to be complete, known to be incomplete, or if no assertion is made by the relationship creator.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/RelationshipCompleteness

Name: RelationshipCompleteness

#### **Entries**

complete The relationship is known to be exhaustive.

**incomplete** The relationship is known not to be exhaustive.

**noAssertion** No assertion can be made about the completeness of the relationship.

## 8.3.9 RelationshipType

### Summary

Information about the relationship between two Elements.

## **Description**

Provides information about the relationship between two Elements. For example, you can represent a relationship between two different Files, between a Package and a File, between two Packages, or between one SpdxDocument and another SpdxDocument.

Relationship names should be descriptive enough to easily deduce the correct direction from their name. The best way to do this is to make sure that the relationship name completes the sentence:

from (is) (a) RELATIONSHIP to

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/RelationshipType

Name: RelationshipType

#### Entries

**affects** The from Vulnerability affects each to Element. The use of the affects type is constrained to VexAffectedVulnAssessment classed relationships.

amendedBy The from Element is amended by each to Element.

**ancestorOf** The from Element is an ancestor of each to Element.

availableFrom The from Element is available from the additional supplier described by each to Element.

configures The from Element is a configuration applied to each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

contains The from Element contains each to Element.

coordinatedBy The from Vulnerability is coordinatedBy the to Agent(s) (vendor, researcher, or consumer agent).

copiedTo The from Element has been copied to each to Element.

**delegatedTo** The from Agent is delegating an action to the Agent of the to Relationship (which must be of type invokedBy), during a LifecycleScopeType (e.g. the to invokedBy Relationship is being done on behalf of from).

**dependsOn** The from Element depends on each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

**descendantOf** The from Element is a descendant of each to Element.

**describes** The from Element describes each to Element. To denote the root(s) of a tree of elements in a collection, the rootElement property should be used.

**doesNotAffect** The from Vulnerability has no impact on each to Element. The use of the doesNotAffect is constrained to VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship classed relationships.

**expandsTo** The from archive expands out as an artifact described by each to Element.

exploitCreatedBy The from Vulnerability has had an exploit created against it by each to Agent.

**fixedBy** Designates a from Vulnerability has been fixed by the to Agent(s).

**fixedIn** A from Vulnerability has been fixed in each to Element. The use of the fixedIn type is constrained to VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship classed relationships.

**foundBy** Designates a from Vulnerability was originally discovered by the to Agent(s).

generates The from Element generates each to Element.

hasAddedFile Every to Element is a file added to the from Element (from hasAddedFile to).

hasAssessmentFor Relates a from Vulnerability and each to Element with a security assessment. To be used with VulnAssessmentRelationship types.

has Associated Vulnerability Used to associate a from Artifact with each to Vulnerability.

hasConcludedLicense The from SoftwareArtifact is concluded by the SPDX data creator to be governed by each to license.

hasDataFile The from Element treats each to Element as a data file. A data file is an artifact that stores data required or optional for the from Element's functionality. A data file can be a database file, an index file, a log file, an AI model file, a calibration data file, a temporary file, a backup file, and more. For AI training dataset, test dataset, test artifact, configuration data, build input data, and build output data, please consider using the more specific relationship types: trainedOn, testedOn, hasTest, configures, hasInput, and hasOutput, respectively. This relationship does not imply dependency.

**hasDeclaredLicense** The from SoftwareArtifact was discovered to actually contain each to license, for example as detected by use of automated tooling.

hasDeletedFile Every to Element is a file deleted from the from Element (from hasDeletedFile to).

hasDependencyManifest The from Element has manifest files that contain dependency information in each to Element.

hasDistributionArtifact The from Element is distributed as an artifact in each to Element (e.g. an RPM or archive file).

hasDocumentation The from Element is documented by each to Element.

hasDynamicLink The from Element dynamically links in each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasEvidence Every to Element is considered as evidence for the from Element (from hasEvidence to).

hasExample Every to Element is an example for the from Element (from hasExample to).

hasHost The from Build was run on the to Element during a LifecycleScopeType period (e.g. the host that the build runs on).

hasInput The from Build has each to Element as an input, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasMetadata Every to Element is metadata about the from Element (from hasMetadata to).

hasOptionalComponent Every to Element is an optional component of the from Element (from hasOptionalComponent to).

hasOptionalDependency The from Element optionally depends on each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasOutput The from Build element generates each to Element as an output, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasPrerequisite The from Element has a prerequisite on each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

**hasProvidedDependency** The from Element has a dependency on each to Element, dependency is not in the distributed artifact, but assumed to be provided, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasRequirement The from Element has a requirement on each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

has Specification Every to Element is a specification for the from Element (from has Specification to), during a Lifecycle-Scope Type period.

hasStaticLink The from Element statically links in each to Element, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasTest Every to Element is a test artifact for the from Element (from hasTest to), during a LifecycleScopeType period.

hasTestCase Every to Element is a test case for the from Element (from hasTestCase to).

has Variant Every to Element is a variant the from Element (from has Variant to).

**invokedBy** The from Element was invoked by the to Agent, during a LifecycleScopeType period (for example, a Build element that describes a build step).

modifiedBy The from Element is modified by each to Element.

other Every to Element is related to the from Element where the relationship type is not described by any of the SPDX relationship types (this relationship is directionless).

packagedBy Every to Element is a packaged instance of the from Element (from packagedBy to).

patchedBy Every to Element is a patch for the from Element (from patchedBy to).

publishedBy Designates a from Vulnerability was made available for public use or reference by each to Agent.

**reportedBy** Designates a from Vulnerability was first reported to a project, vendor, or tracking database for formal identification by each to Agent.

**republishedBy** Designates a from Vulnerability's details were tracked, aggregated, and/or enriched to improve context (i.e. NVD) by each to Agent.

serializedInArtifact The from SpdxDocument can be found in a serialized form in each to Artifact.

**testedOn** The from Element has been tested on the to Element(s).

trainedOn The from Element has been trained on the to Element(s).

underInvestigationFor The from Vulnerability impact is being investigated for each to Element. The use of the underInvestigationFortype is constrained to VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship classed relationships.

usesTool The from Element uses each to Element as a tool, during a LifecycleScopeType period.

## 8.3.10 SupportType

# Summary

Indicates the type of support that is associated with an artifact.

### **Description**

SupportType is an enumeration of the various types of support commonly found for artifacts in the software supply chain. Specific details of what that support entails are provided by agreements between the producer and consumer of the artifact.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/SupportType

*Name:* SupportType

### **Entries**

**deployed** in addition to being supported by the supplier, the software is known to have been deployed and is in use. For a software as a service provider, this implies the software is now available as a service.

**development** the artifact is in active development and is not considered ready for formal support from the supplier.

**endOfSupport** there is a defined end of support for the artifact from the supplier. This may also be referred to as end of life. There is a validUntilDate that can be used to signal when support ends for the artifact.

**limitedSupport** the artifact has been released, and there is limited support available from the supplier. There is a validUntilDate that can provide additional information about the duration of support.

**no**Assertion no assertion about the type of support is made. This is considered the default if no other support type is used.

**noSupport** there is no support for the artifact from the supplier, consumer assumes any support obligations.

**support** the artifact has been released, and is supported from the supplier. There is a validUntilDate that can provide additional information about the duration of support.

### 8.4 Individuals

### 8.4.1 NoAssertionElement

## **Summary**

An Individual Value for Element representing a set of Elements of unknown identify or cardinality (number).

### **Description**

NoAssertionElement should be used if

- the SPDX creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination;
- the SPDX creator has made no attempt to determine this field; or
- the SPDX creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

For example, a Relationship with relationshipType="ancestorOf", from=Element1, and to=NoAssertionElement is explicitly expressing that no assertion is being made about any potential descendants of Element1.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/NoAssertionElement

Name: NoAssertionElement
Type: IndividualElement

IRI: https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/NoAssertionElement

#### 8.4.2 NoneElement

#### **Summary**

An Individual Value for Element representing a set of Elements with cardinality (number/count) of zero.

## **Description**

NoneElement should be used if the SPDX creator desires to assert that there are NO elements for the given context of use.

For example, a Relationship with relationshipType="ancestorOf", from=Element1, and to=NoneElement is explicitly expressing an assertion that Element1 has no descendants.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/NoneElement

Name: NoneElement
Type: IndividualElement

IRI: https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/NoneElement

## 8.4.3 SpdxOrganization

#### Summary

An Organization representing the SPDX Project.

#### **Description**

SpdxOrganization is an Organization representing the SPDX Project. It is by definition the creator of all Element type individuals defined by the SPDX Project. These individuals include licences and exceptions defined in the SPDX License List, as well as individuals defined in the specification.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/SpdxOrganization

Name: SpdxOrganization
Type: Organization

IRI: https://spdx.org/

# 8.5 Datatypes

#### 8.5.1 DateTime

#### **Summary**

A string representing a specific date and time.

### **Description**

A DateTime is a string representation of a specific date and time.

It has resolution of seconds and is always expressed in UTC time zone.

The specific format is one of the most commonly used ISO-8601 formats.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/DateTime

Name: DateTime SubclassOf: xsd:dateTimeStamp

## Format pattern

 $\aligned \aligned \$ 

### 8.5.2 MediaType

### **Summary**

Standardized way of indicating the type of content of an Element or a Property. A String constrained to the RFC 2046 specification.

### Description

A Media Type is a string constrained to the RFC 2046 MIME Part Two: Media Types<sup>53</sup>. It provides a standardized way of indicating the type of content of an Element or a Property.

Example

• application/java-archive

<sup>53</sup> https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc2046/

- application/vcard+json
- application/vnd.oasis.opendocument.text
- image/avif
- text/csv;charset=UTF-8
- text/javascript
- text/spdx

A list of all possible media types is available at IANA Protocol Registries<sup>54</sup>.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/MediaType

Name: MediaType SubclassOf: xsd:string

### Format pattern

^[^\/]+\/[^\/]+\$

### 8.5.3 SemVer

## **Summary**

A string constrained to the SemVer 2.0.0 specification.

# **Description**

A semantic version is a string that is following the specification of Semantic Versioning 2.0.0<sup>55</sup>.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Core/SemVer

Name: SemVer SubclassOf: xsd:string

## Format pattern

 $^{(0|[1-9]\d^*)} \\ . (0|[1-9]\d^*) \\ . (0|[1-9]\d^*) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]^*) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]) \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-9a-zA-Z-]] \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-2a-zA-Z-]] \\ (?:-((?:0|[1-9]\d^*)\d^*[a-zA-Z-][0-2a-zA-Z-]$ 

 $<sup>^{54}</sup> https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml\\$ 

<sup>55</sup> https://semver.org/

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## 9 Software

### **Summary**

Everything having to do with software.

## **Description**

The Software namespace defines concepts related to software artifacts.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software

Name: Software

# 9.1 Classes

### 9.1.1 ContentIdentifier

# **Summary**

A canonical, unique, immutable identifier

### **Description**

A ContentIdentifier is a canonical, unique, immutable identifier of the content of a software artifact, such as a package, a file, or a snippet.

It can be used for verifying its identity and integrity.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/ContentIdentifier

Name: ContentIdentifier
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: /Core/IntegrityMethod

## **Superclasses**

• /Core/IntegrityMethod

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
contentIdentifierType	ContentIdentifierType	1	1
contentIdentifierValue	xsd:anyURI	1	1

**All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifierType	ContentIdentifierType	1	1
contentIdentifierValue	xsd:anyURI	1	1

## 9.1.2 File

## **Summary**

Refers to any object that stores content on a computer.

# **Description**

Refers to any object that stores content on a computer. The type of content can optionally be provided in the content Type property.

The fileKind property can be set to directory to indicate the file represents a directory and all content stored in that directory.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/File

Name: File
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: /Software/SoftwareArtifact

# **Superclasses**

- /Software/SoftwareArtifact
- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
/Core/contentType	/Core/MediaType	0	1
fileKind	FileKindType	0	1

# **External properties cardinality updates**

Property	minCount	maxCount
/Core/Element/name	1	

# **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
contentType	/Core/MediaType	0	1
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
fileKind	FileKindType	0	1
name	xsd:string	1	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 9.1.3 Package

# **Summary**

Refers to any unit of content that can be associated with a distribution of software.

# **Description**

A package refers to any unit of content that can be associated with a distribution of software.

Typically, a package is composed of one or more files.

Any of the following non-limiting examples may be (but are not required to be) represented in SPDX as a package:

- a tarball, zip file or other archive
- a directory or sub-directory
- a separately distributed piece of software which another Package or File uses or depends upon (e.g., a Python package, a Go module, ...)
- a container image, and/or each image layer within a container image
- a collection of one or more sub-packages
- a Git repository snapshot from a particular point in time

Note that some of these could be represented in SPDX as a file as well.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/Package

Name:	Package
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Software/SoftwareArtifact

# **Superclasses**

- /Software/SoftwareArtifact
- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
downloadLocation	xsd:anyURI	0	1
homePage	xsd:anyURI	0	1
packageUrl	xsd:anyURI	0	1
packageVersion	xsd:string	0	1
sourceInfo	xsd:string	0	1

# External properties cardinality updates

Property	minCount	maxCount
/Core/Element/name	1	

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
downloadLocation	xsd:anyURI	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
homePage	xsd:anyURI	0	1
name	xsd:string	1	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
packageUrl	xsd:anyURI	0	1
packageVersion	xsd:string	0	1
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
sourceInfo	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

### 9.1.4 Sbom

## **Summary**

A collection of SPDX Elements describing a single package.

# Description

A Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) is a collection of SPDX Elements describing a single package.

This could include details of the content and composition of the product, provenance details of the product and/or its composition, licensing information, known quality or security issues, etc.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/Sbom

Name:	Sbom
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Core/Bom

# Superclasses

- /Core/Bom
- /Core/Bundle
- /Core/ElementCollection
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
sbomType	SbomType	0	*

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
context	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
element	Element	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
profileConformance	ProfileIdentifierType	0	*
rootElement	Element	0	*
sbomType	SbomType	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 9.1.5 Snippet

## **Summary**

Describes a certain part of a file.

# Description

A Snippet describes a certain part of a file and can be used when the file is known to have some content that has been included from another original source.

Snippets are useful for denoting when part of a file may have been originally created under another license or copied from a place with a known vulnerability.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/Snippet

Name:	Snippet
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Software/SoftwareArtifact

# **Superclasses**

- /Software/SoftwareArtifact
- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
byteRange	/Core/PositiveIntegerRange	0	1
lineRange	/Core/PositiveIntegerRange	0	1
snippetFromFile	File	1	1

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
byteRange	/Core/PositiveIntegerRange	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
lineRange	/Core/PositiveIntegerRange	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
snippetFromFile	File	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

## 9.1.6 SoftwareArtifact

## **Summary**

A distinct article or unit related to Software.

# Description

A software artifact is a distinct article or unit related to software such as a package, a file, or a snippet.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/SoftwareArtifact

Name:	SoftwareArtifact
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	/Core/Artifact

# **Superclasses**

- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1

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Property	Туре	minCount	
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 9.2 Properties

## 9.2.1 additionalPurpose

#### Summary

Provides additional purpose information of the software artifact.

# Description

An additional Purpose provides information about the additional purpose of the software artifact in addition to the primary Purpose.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/additionalPurpose

Name:	additionalPurpose
Nature:	ObjectProperty
Range:	SoftwarePurpose

#### Referenced

• /Software/SoftwareArtifact

### 9.2.2 attributionText

### **Summary**

Provides a place for the SPDX data creator to record acknowledgement text for a software Package, File or Snippet.

## **Description**

An attributionText for a software Package, File or Snippet provides a consumer of SPDX data with acknowledgement content, to assist redistributors of the Package, File or Snippet with reproducing those acknowledgements.

For example, this field may include a statement that is required by a particular license to be reproduced in end-user documentation, advertising materials, or another form.

This field may describe where, or in which contexts, the acknowledgements need to be reproduced, but it is not required to do so. The SPDX data creator may also explain elsewhere (such as in a comment field) how they intend for data in this field to be used.

An attributionText is not meant to include the software Package, File or Snippet's actual complete license text. Use hasConcludedLicense to identify the corresponding license.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/attributionText

Name: attributionText
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Software/SoftwareArtifact

## 9.2.3 byteRange

#### **Summary**

Defines the byte range in the original host file that the snippet information applies to.

### **Description**

This field defines the byte range in the original host file that the snippet information applies to.

A range of bytes is independent of various formatting concerns, and the most accurate way of referring to the differences. The choice was made to start the numbering of the byte range at 1 to be consistent with the W3C pointer method vocabulary.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/byteRange

Name: byteRange
Nature: DataProperty

*Range:* /Core/PositiveIntegerRange

# Referenced

· /Software/Snippet

## 9.2.4 contentIdentifier

## Summary

A canonical, unique, immutable identifier of the artifact content, that may be used for verifying its identity and/or integrity.

# Description

A contentIdentifier is a canonical, unique, immutable identifier of the content of a software artifact, such as a package, a file, or a snippet.

It may be used for verifying its identity and/or integrity.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/contentIdentifier

Name: contentIdentifier
Nature: DataProperty
Range: ContentIdentifier

# Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact

# 9.2.5 contentIdentifierType

#### **Summary**

Specifies the type of the content identifier.

## **Description**

A contentIdentifierType specifies the type of the content identifier.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/contentIdentifierType

Name: contentIdentifierType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ContentIdentifierType

#### Referenced

• /Software/ContentIdentifier

## 9.2.6 contentIdentifierValue

#### **Summary**

Specifies the value of the content identifier.

#### **Description**

A contentIdentifierValue specifies the value of a content identifier.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/contentIdentifierValue

Name:contentIdentifierValueNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Software/ContentIdentifier

# 9.2.7 copyrightText

#### **Summary**

Identifies the text of one or more copyright notices for a software Package, File or Snippet, if any.

### **Description**

A copyrightText consists of the text(s) of the copyright notice(s) found for a software Package, File or Snippet, if any.

If a copyrightText contains text, then it may contain any text related to one or more copyright notices (even if not complete) for that software Package, File or Snippet.

If a copyrightText has a "NONE" value, this indicates that the software Package, File or Snippet contains no copyright notice whatsoever.

If a copyrightText has a "NOASSERTION" value, this indicates that one of the following applies:

- the SPDX data creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination;
- the SPDX data creator has made no attempt to determine this field; or
- the SPDX data creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

If a copyrightText is present, but consists of solely an empty string or a string with no substantive content (e.g., a string that contains only whitespace), then this should be interpreted as equivalent to a "NOASSERTION" value as described above.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/copyrightText

Name: copyrightText
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact

#### 9.2.8 downloadLocation

### **Summary**

Identifies the download Uniform Resource Identifier for the package at the time that the document was created.

### **Description**

A downloadLocation identifies the download Uniform Resource Identifier for the package at the time that the document was created.

Where and how to download the exact package being referenced is critical for verification and tracking data.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/downloadLocation

Name:downloadLocationNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Software/Package

## 9.2.9 fileKind

#### Summary

Describes if a given file is a directory or non-directory kind of file.

# **Description**

An SPDX file may represent a specific file or a directory of files.

In the future, this may be extended to other kinds (e.g. network based files).

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/fileKind

Name: fileKind
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: FileKindType

### Referenced

• /Software/File

## 9.2.10 homePage

# **Summary**

A place for the SPDX document creator to record a website that serves as the package's home page.

## **Description**

A homePage is a place for the SPDX document creator to record a website that serves as the package's home page.

This saves the recipient of the SPDX document who is looking for more info from having to search for and verify a match between the package and the associated project home page.

This link can also be used to reference further information about the package referenced by the SPDX document creator.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/homePage

Name: homePage
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

· /Software/Package

### 9.2.11 lineRange

### Summary

Defines the line range in the original host file that the snippet information applies to.

### **Description**

This field defines the line range in the original host file that the snippet information applies to.

If there is a disagreement between the byte range and line range, the byte range values will take precedence.

A range of lines is a convenient reference for those files where there is a known line delimiter. The choice was made to start the numbering of the lines at 1 to be consistent with the W3C pointer method vocabulary.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/lineRange

Name: lineRange
Nature: DataProperty

Range: /Core/PositiveIntegerRange

### Referenced

/Software/Snippet

### 9.2.12 packageUrl

## **Summary**

Provides a place for the SPDX data creator to record the package URL string (in accordance with the Package URL specification) for a software Package.

## **Description**

A package URL (commonly pronounced and referred to as "purl") is an attempt to standardize package representations in order to reliably identify and locate software packages. A packageUrl is a URL string which represents a package in a mostly universal and uniform way across programming languages, package managers, packaging conventions, tools, APIs and databases.

A packageUrl is composed of seven components:

scheme:type/namespace/name@version?qualifiers#subpath

The definition for each component can be found in the corresponding Annex<sup>56</sup> of this specification. Known type definitions can be found in the Package URL type definitions<sup>57</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>../../annexes/pkg-url-specification.md

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup>https://github.com/package-url/purl-spec/blob/b33dda1cf4515efa8eabbbe8e9b140950805f845/PURL-TYPES.rst

Components are designed such that they form a hierarchy from the most significant on the left to the least significant components on the right.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/packageUrl

Name: packageUrl
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

· /Software/Package

### 9.2.13 packageVersion

### **Summary**

Identify the version of a package.

## **Description**

A package Version is useful for identification purposes and for indicating later changes of the package version.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/packageVersion

Name: package Version
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

· /Software/Package

# 9.2.14 primaryPurpose

# Summary

Provides information about the primary purpose of the software artifact.

## **Description**

primaryPurpose provides information about the primary purpose of the software artifact.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/primaryPurpose

Name:primaryPurposeNature:ObjectPropertyRange:SoftwarePurpose

## Referenced

• /Software/SoftwareArtifact

## **9.2.15 sbomType**

# **Summary**

Provides information about the type of an SBOM.

## **Description**

This field is a reasonable estimation of the type of SBOM created from a creator perspective.

It is intended to be used to give guidance on the elements that may be contained within it.

Aligning with the guidance produced in Types of Software Bill of Material (SBOM) Documents<sup>58</sup>.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/sbomType

Name: sbomType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: SbomType

### Referenced

/Software/Shom

# 9.2.16 snippetFromFile

### **Summary**

Defines the original host file that the snippet information applies to.

### **Description**

The field identifies the file which contains the snippet.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/snippetFromFile

Name: snippetFromFile
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: File

#### Referenced

• /Software/Snippet

## 9.2.17 sourceInfo

### **Summary**

Records any relevant background information or additional comments about the origin of the package.

# Description

A sourceInfo records any relevant background information or additional comments about the origin of the package.

For example, this field might include comments indicating whether the package was pulled from a source code management system or has been repackaged.

The creator can provide additional information to describe any anomalies or discoveries in the determination of the origin of the package.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/sourceInfo

Name: sourceInfo
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

 $<sup>^{58}</sup> https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/sbom-types-document-508c.pdf$ 

#### Referenced

· /Software/Package

### 9.3 Vocabularies

# 9.3.1 ContentIdentifierType

#### Summary

Specifies the type of a content identifier.

### **Description**

ContentIdentifierType specifies the type of a content identifier.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/ContentIdentifierType

Name: ContentIdentifierType

#### **Entries**

gitoid Gitoid<sup>59</sup>, stands for Git Object ID<sup>60</sup>. A gitoid of type blob is a unique hash of a binary artifact. A gitoid may represent either an Artifact Identifier<sup>61</sup> for the software artifact or an Input Manifest Identifier<sup>62</sup> for the software artifact's associated Artifact Input Manifest<sup>63</sup>; this ambiguity exists because the Artifact Input Manifest is itself an artifact, and the gitoid of that artifact is its valid identifier. Gitoids calculated on software artifacts (Snippet, File, or Package Elements) should be recorded in the SPDX 3.0 SoftwareArtifact's contentIdentifier property. Gitoids calculated on the Artifact Input Manifest (Input Manifest Identifier) should be recorded in the SPDX 3.0 Element's externalIdentifier property. See OmniBOR Specification<sup>64</sup>, a minimalistic specification for describing software Artifact Dependency Graphs<sup>65</sup>.

swhid SoftWare Hash IDentifier, a persistent intrinsic identifier for digital artifacts, such as files, trees (also known as directories or folders), commits, and other objects typically found in version control systems. The format of the identifiers is defined in the SWHID specification<sup>66</sup> (ISO/IEC DIS 18670). They typically look like swh:1:cnt:94a9ed024d3859793618152ea559a1681

## 9.3.2 FileKindType

## **Summary**

Enumeration of the different kinds of SPDX file.

## Description

An SPDX file may represent a file on disk or a directory of files.

In the future, this may be extended to other kinds (e.g. network based files).

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/FileKindType

Name: FileKindType

### Entries

**directory** The file represents a directory and all content stored in that directory.

file The file represents a single file (default).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup>https://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes/prov/gitoid

<sup>60</sup> https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Git-Internals-Git-Objects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup>https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md#artifact-identifier-types

 $<sup>^{62}</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md\#input-manifest-identifier$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md#artifact-input-manifest

<sup>64</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/

 $<sup>^{65}</sup> https://github.com/omnibor/spec/blob/eb1ee5c961c16215eb8709b2975d193a2007a35d/spec/SPEC.md\#artifact-dependency-graph-adg$ 

<sup>66</sup>https://www.swhid.org/specification/v1.1/4.Syntax

# 9.3.3 SbomType

#### **Summary**

Provides a set of values to be used to describe the common types of SBOMs that tools may create.

## **Description**

The set of SBOM types with definitions as defined in Types of Software Bill of Material (SBOM) Documents<sup>67</sup>, published on April 21, 2023.

An SBOM type describes the most likely type of an SBOM from the producer perspective, so that consumers can draw conclusions about the data inside an SBOM.

A single SBOM can have multiple SBOM document types associated with it.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/SbomType

Name: SbomType

### **Entries**

**analyzed** SBOM generated through analysis of artifacts (e.g., executables, packages, containers, and virtual machine images) after its build. Such analysis generally requires a variety of heuristics. In some contexts, this may also be referred to as a "3rd party" SBOM.

**build** SBOM generated as part of the process of building the software to create a releasable artifact (e.g., executable or package) from data such as source files, dependencies, built components, build process ephemeral data, and other SBOMs.

**deployed** SBOM provides an inventory of software that is present on a system. This may be an assembly of other SBOMs that combines analysis of configuration options, and examination of execution behavior in a (potentially simulated) deployment environment.

**design** SBOM of intended, planned software project or product with included components (some of which may not yet exist) for a new software artifact.

**runtime** SBOM generated through instrumenting the system running the software, to capture only components present in the system, as well as external call-outs or dynamically loaded components. In some contexts, this may also be referred to as an "Instrumented" or "Dynamic" SBOM.

**source** SBOM created directly from the development environment, source files, and included dependencies used to build an product artifact.

## 9.3.4 SoftwarePurpose

# **Summary**

Provides information about the primary purpose of an Element.

#### **Description**

This field provides information about the primary purpose of an Element.

Software Purpose is intrinsic to how the Element is being used rather than the content of the Element.

This field is a reasonable estimate of the most likely usage of the Element from the producer and consumer perspective from which both parties can draw conclusions about the context in which the Element exists.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Software/SoftwarePurpose

Name: SoftwarePurpose

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/sbom-types-document-508c.pdf

## **Entries**

**application** The Element is a software application.

archive The Element is an archived collection of one or more files (.tar, .zip, etc.).

**bom** The Element is a bill of materials.

**configuration** The Element is configuration data.

container The Element is a container image which can be used by a container runtime application.

data The Element is data.

device The Element refers to a chipset, processor, or electronic board.

deviceDriver The Element represents software that controls hardware devices.

**diskImage** The Element refers to a disk image that can be written to a disk, booted in a VM, etc. A disk image typically contains most or all of the components necessary to boot, such as bootloaders, kernels, firmware, userspace, etc.

**documentation** The Element is documentation.

evidence The Element is the evidence that a specification or requirement has been fulfilled.

executable The Element is an Artifact that can be run on a computer.

**file** The Element is a single file which can be independently distributed (configuration file, statically linked binary, Kubernetes deployment, etc.).

filesystemImage The Element is a file system image that can be written to a disk (or virtual) partition.

**firmware** The Element provides low level control over a device's hardware.

**framework** The Element is a software framework.

install The Element is used to install software on disk.

**library** The Element is a software library.

manifest The Element is a software manifest.

**model** The Element is a machine learning or artificial intelligence model.

module The Element is a module of a piece of software.

operatingSystem The Element is an operating system.

other The Element doesn't fit into any of the other categories.

patch The Element contains a set of changes to update, fix, or improve another Element.

**platform** The Element represents a runtime environment.

**requirement** The Element provides a requirement needed as input for another Element.

**source** The Element is a single or a collection of source files.

specification The Element is a plan, guideline or strategy how to create, perform or analyze an application.

**test** The Element is a test used to verify functionality on an software element.

# 10 Security

### **Summary**

The Security Profile captures security related information.

### **Description**

The Security Profile captures security related information.

#### Metadata

```
https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security
    Name: Security
```

### 10.1 Classes

## 10.1.1 CvssV2VuInAssessmentRelationship

#### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 2.0 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score and vector of a vulnerability as defined in A Complete Guide to the Common Vulnerability Scoring System Version 2.0<sup>68</sup>.

It is intended to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

Constraints

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

# Example

```
"type": "CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship",
 "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv2-cve-2020-28498",
 "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
 "security score": "4.3",
 "security vectorString": "(AV:N/AC:M/Au:N/C:P/I:N/A:N)",
 "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
 "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "externalRef": [
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-28498"
    },
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://snyk.io/vuln/SNYK-JS-ELLIPTIC-1064899"
    },
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityFix",
      "locator": "https://github.com/indutny/elliptic/commit/441b742"
 ],
 "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-my-security-vendor"],
  "publishedTime": "2023-05-06T10:06:13Z"
},
```

<sup>68</sup> https://www.first.org/cvss/v2/guide

```
"type": "Relationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vulnAgentRel-1",
  "relationshipType": "publishedBy",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv2-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-snyk"],
  "startTime": "2021-03-08T16:06:50Z"
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship

Name:	CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	VulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
score	xsd:decimal	1	1
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
score	xsd:decimal	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.2 CvssV3VuInAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 3 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score, severity, and vector of a vulnerability as defined in Common Vulnerability Scoring System v3.0: Specification Document<sup>69</sup> or Common Vulnerability Scoring System v3.1: Specification Document<sup>70</sup>.

It is intended to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

Constraints

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

### Example

```
"type": "CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv3-cve-2020-28498",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "security_score": "6.8",
  "security severity": "medium",
  "security vectorString": "CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:N/A:N",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "security assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "externalRef": [
    {
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-28498"
    },
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://snyk.io/vuln/SNYK-JS-ELLIPTIC-1064899"
    },
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityFix",
      "locator": "https://github.com/indutny/elliptic/commit/441b742"
  ],
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-my-security-vendor"],
  "publishedTime": "2023-05-06T10:06:13Z"
},
  "type": "Relationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vulnAgentRel-1",
  "relationshipType": "publishedBy",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv3-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-snyk"],
  "startTime": "2021-03-08T16:06:50Z"
```

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: VulnAssessmentRelationship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.0/specification-document

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.1/specification-document

### **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
score	xsd:decimal	1	1
severity	CvssSeverityType	1	1
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1

### **All properties** (informative)

	An properties (informative)				
Property	Type	minCount	maxCount		
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1		
comment	xsd:string	0	1		
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1		
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1		
description	xsd:string	0	1		
endTime	DateTime	0	1		
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*		
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*		
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*		
from	Element	1	1		
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1		
name	xsd:string	0	1		
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1		
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1		
score	xsd:decimal	1	1		
severity	CvssSeverityType	1	1		
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1		
startTime	DateTime	0	1		
summary	xsd:string	0	1		
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1		
to	Element	1	*		
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1		
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*		
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1		

# 10.1.3 CvssV4VuInAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 4 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score, severity, and vector of a vulnerability as defined in Common Vulnerability Scoring System version 4.0: Specification Document<sup>71</sup>.

It is intended to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

Constraints

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

## Example

```
{
    "type": "CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship",
```

<sup>71</sup> https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/specification-document

```
"spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv4-cve-2021-44228",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "security_severity": "medium",
  "security score": "10.0",
  "security vectorString": "CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/AR:N/UI:N/VCH/VI:H/VA:H/SC:H/SI:H/SA:H/E:A",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2021-44228",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "security assessedElement": "urn:apache-log4j-2.14.1",
  "externalRef": [
      "@type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-44228"
    },
      "@type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/security.html"
    },
      "@type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityOther",
      "locator": "https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/examples#Apache-log4j-Vulnerability-CVE-2021-44228"
  ],
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-my-security-vendor"],
  "publishedTime": "2023-10-05T23:09:13Z"
},
  "type": "Relationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vulnAgentRel-1",
  "relationshipType": "publishedBy",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:cvssv4-cve-2021-44228",
  "to": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-apache.org"],
  "startTime": "2021-12-11T18:39:00Z"
}
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: VulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
score	xsd:decimal	1	1
severity	CvssSeverityType	1	1
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
score	xsd:decimal	1	1
severity	CvssSeverityType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
vectorString	xsd:string	1	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

## 10.1.4 EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Summary**

Provides an EPSS assessment for a vulnerability.

# Description

An EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the likelihood or probability that a vulnerability will be exploited in the wild, and the percentile ranking of probability relative to all other vulnerabilities' EPSS scores, using the Exploit Prediction Scoring System (EPSS) as defined at The EPSS Model<sup>72</sup>.

Constraints

- The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.
- The probability must be between 0 and 1.
- The percentile must be between 0 and 1.

# Example

```
"type": "EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:epss-CVE-2020-28498",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "security_probability": "0.00105",
  "security_percentile": "0.42356",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2023-10-05T00:00:30Z"
}
```

<sup>72</sup> https://www.first.org/epss/model

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name:	EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	VulnAssessmentRelationship

# **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
percentile	xsd:decimal	1	1
probability	xsd:decimal	1	1

# **External properties cardinality updates**

Property	minCount	maxCount
/Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship/publishedTime	1	

# **All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
percentile	xsd:decimal	1	1
probability	xsd:decimal	1	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	1	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.5 ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Summary**

Provides an exploit assessment of a vulnerability.

# **Description**

An ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship describes if a vulnerability is listed in any exploit catalog such as the CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) Catalog<sup>73</sup>.

<sup>73</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog

### Constraints

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

# Example

```
"type": "ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship",
"spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:exploit-catalog-1",
"relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
"security_catalogType": "kev",
"locator": "https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog",
"security_exploited": "true",
"from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2023-2136",
"to": ["urn:product-google-chrome-112.0.5615.136"],
"suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
"publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: VulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
catalogType	ExploitCatalogType	1	1
exploited	xsd:boolean	1	1
locator	xsd:anyURI	1	1

**All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
catalogType	ExploitCatalogType	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
exploited	xsd:boolean	1	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
locator	xsd:anyURI	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

## 10.1.6 SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship

# **Summary**

Provides an SSVC assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

An SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship describes the decision made using the Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization (SSVC) decision tree as defined by CISA Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization Guide<sup>74</sup>.

It is intended to communicate the results of using the CISA SSVC Calculator.

Constraints

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

## Example

```
"@type": "SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship",
"@id": "urn:spdx.dev:ssvc-1",
"relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
"security_decisionType": "act",
"from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
"to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
"security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
"suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
"publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/stakeholder-specific-vulnerability-categorization-ssvc

Name: SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship

Instantiability: Concrete

SubclassOf: VulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- · /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
decisionType	SsvcDecisionType	1	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
decisionType	SsvcDecisionType	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.7 VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

#### Summary

Connects a vulnerability and an element designating the element as a product affected by the vulnerability.

### **Description**

VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship connects a vulnerability and a number of elements. The relationship marks these elements as products affected by the vulnerability. This relationship corresponds to the VEX affected status.

#### Constraints

When linking elements using a VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship, the following requirements must be observed:

• Elements linked with a VulnVexAffectedAssessmentRelationship are constrained to the affects relationship type.

# Example

```
{
  "type": "VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-affected-1",
  "relationshipType": "affects",
```

```
"from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
"to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
"security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
"security_actionStatement": "Upgrade to version 1.4 of ACME application.",
"suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
"publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name:	VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
actionStatement	xsd:string	1	1
action Statement Time	/Core/DateTime	0	1

All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
actionStatement	xsd:string	1	1
actionStatementTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.8 VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship

# **Summary**

Links a vulnerability and elements representing products (in the VEX sense) where a fix has been applied and are no longer affected.

## **Description**

VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship links a vulnerability to a number of elements representing VEX products where a vulnerability has been fixed and are no longer affected. It represents the VEX fixed status.

#### Constraints

When linking elements using a VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship, the following requirements must be observed:

- Elements linked with a VulnVexFixedAssessmentRelationship are constrained to using the fixedIn relationship type.
- The from: end of the relationship must be a /Security/Vulnerability classed element.

# Example

```
"type": "VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-fixed-in-1",
  "relationshipType": "fixedIn",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.4",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- · /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.9 VexNotAffectedVuInAssessmentRelationship

# **Summary**

Links a vulnerability and one or more elements designating the latter as products not affected by the vulnerability.

### **Description**

VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship connects a vulnerability and a number of elements designating them as products not affected by the vulnerability. This relationship corresponds to the VEX not\_affected status.

#### Constraints

When linking elements using a VexNotVulnAffectedAssessmentRelationship, the following requirements must be observed:

- Relating elements with a VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship is restricted to the doesNotAffect relationship type.
- The from: end of the relationship must be a /Security/Vulnerability classed element.
- Both impactStatement and justificationType properties have a cardinality of 0..1 making them optional. Nevertheless, to produce a valid VEX not\_affected statement, one of them MUST be defined. This is specified in the Minimum Elements for VEX.

### Example

```
"type": "VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
"spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-not-affected-1",
"relationshipType": "doesNotAffect",
"from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
"to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
"security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
"security_justificationType": "componentNotPresent",
"security_impactStatement": "Not using this vulnerable part of this library.",
"suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
"publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name:	VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Superclasses**

- /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
impactStatement	xsd:string	0	1
impactStatementTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
justificationType	VexJustificationType	0	1

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
impactStatement	xsd:string	0	1
impactStatementTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
justificationType	VexJustificationType	0	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.10 VexUnderInvestigationVuInAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Designates elements as products where the impact of a vulnerability is being investigated.

# **Description**

VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship links a vulnerability to a number of products stating the vulnerability's impact on them is being investigated. It represents the VEX under\_investigation status.

### Constraints

When linking elements using a VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship the following requirements must be observed:

- Elements linked with a VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship are constrained to using the underInvestigation-For relationship type.
- The from: end of the relationship must be a /Security/Vulnerability classed element.

## Example

```
"type": "VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship",
"spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-underInvestigation-1",
"relationshipType": "underInvestigationFor",
"from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
"to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
"security_assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
"suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
"publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name:	VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

# **Superclasses**

- /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.11 VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Summary**

Abstract ancestor class for all VEX relationships

# Description

VexVulnAssessmentRelationship is an abstract subclass that defined the common properties shared by all the SPDX-VEX status relationships.

# Constraints

When linking elements using a VexVulnAssessmentRelationship, the following requirements must be observed:

- The from: end must be a /Security/Vulnerability classed element
- The to: end must point to elements representing the VEX *products*.

To specify a different element where the vulnerability was detected, the VEX relationship can optionally specify *subcomponents* using the assessedElement property.

VEX inherits information from the document level down to its statements. When a statement is missing information it can be completed by reading the equivalent field from the containing document. For example, if a VEX relationship is missing data in

its createdBy property, tools must consider the entity listed in the CreationInfo section of the document as the VEX author. In the same way, when a VEX relationship does not have a created property, the document's date must be considered as authoritative.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability: Abstract
SubclassOf: VulnAssessmentRelationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
statusNotes	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
vexVersion	xsd:string	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.12 VulnAssessmentRelationship

# **Summary**

Abstract ancestor class for all vulnerability assessments

# Description

VulnAssessmentRelationship is the ancestor class common to all vulnerability assessment relationships. It factors out the common properties shared by them.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship

Name: VulnAssessmentRelationship

Instantiability: Abstract

SubclassOf: /Core/Relationship

## **Superclasses**

- /Core/Relationship
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
/Core/suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

**All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
assessedElement	/Software/SoftwareArtifact	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
completeness	RelationshipCompleteness	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
endTime	DateTime	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
from	Element	1	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
relationshipType	RelationshipType	1	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
startTime	DateTime	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
to	Element	1	*
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.1.13 Vulnerability

# **Summary**

Specifies a vulnerability and its associated information.

## **Description**

Specifies a vulnerability and its associated information.

Example

```
"type": "Vulnerability",

"spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-1",

"summary": "Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm",

"description": "The package `elliptic` before version 6.5.4 are vulnerable to ..."

"modifiedTime": "2021-03-08T16:06:43Z",

"publishedTime": "2021-03-08T16:02:50Z",

"externalIdentifier": [
```

```
"type": "ExternalIdentifier",
      "externalIdentifierType": "cve",
      "identifier": "CVE-2020-2849",
      "identifierLocator": [
       "https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2020-28498",
        "https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2020-28498"
     ],
      "issuingAuthority": "urn:spdx.dev:agent-cve.org"
    },
     "type": "ExternalIdentifier",
      "externalIdentifierType": "securityOther",
      "identifier": "GHSA-r9p9-mrjm-926w",
      "identifierLocator": "https://github.com/advisories/GHSA-r9p9-mrjm-926w"
    },
      "type": "ExternalIdentifier",
      "externalIdentifierType": "securityOther",
      "identifier": "SNYK-JS-ELLIPTIC-1064899",
      "identifierLocator": "https://security.snyk.io/vuln/SNYK-JS-ELLIPTIC-1064899"
 ],
  "externalRef": [
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-28498"
   },
     "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityAdvisory",
      "locator": "https://ubuntu.com/security/CVE-2020-28498"
   },
     "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityOther",
      "locator": "https://github.com/indutny/elliptic/pull/244/commits"
   },
      "type": "ExternalRef",
      "externalRefType": "securityOther",
      "locator": "https://github.com/christianlundkvist/blog/2020 05 26 secp256k1 twist attacks.md"
 ]
},
 "type": "Relationship",
 "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vulnRelationship-1",
 "relationshipType": "hasAssociatedVulnerability",
 "from": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
 "to": ["urn:spdx.dev:vuln-1"],
 "startTime": "2021-03-08T16:06:50Z"
},
 "type": "Relationship",
 "spdxId": "urn:spdx.dev:vulnAgentRel-1",
 "relationshipType": "publishedBy",
 "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-1",
 "to": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-snyk"],
  "startTime": "2021-03-08T16:06:50Z"
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/Vulnerability

Name:	Vulnerability
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Core/Artifact

# **Superclasses**

- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

## **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
releaseTime	DateTime	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1

# 10.2 Properties

# 10.2.1 actionStatement

# **Summary**

Provides advise on how to mitigate or remediate a vulnerability when a VEX product is affected by it.

# **Description**

When an element is referenced with a VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship, the relationship MUST include one actionStatement that SHOULD describe actions to remediate or mitigate the vulnerability.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/actionStatement

Name:	actionStatement
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	xsd:string

# Referenced

 $\bullet \ / Security / Vex Affected Vuln Assessment Relationship$ 

## 10.2.2 actionStatementTime

### **Summary**

Records the time when a recommended action was communicated in a VEX statement to mitigate a vulnerability.

# **Description**

When a VEX statement communicates an affected status, the author MUST include an action statement with a recommended action to help mitigate the vulnerability's impact. The actionStatementTime property records the time when the action statement was first communicated.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/actionStatementTime

Name: actionStatementTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

#### Referenced

/Security/VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

#### 10.2.3 assessedElement

### **Summary**

Specifies an Element contained in a piece of software where a vulnerability was found.

### **Description**

Specifies subpackages, files or snippets referenced by a security assessment to specify the precise location where a vulnerability was found.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/assessedElement

Name: assessedElement
Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: /Software/SoftwareArtifact

### Referenced

/Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.4 catalogType

# **Summary**

Specifies the exploit catalog type.

### **Description**

A catalogType is a mandatory value and must select one of the existing entries in the ExploitCatalogType<sup>75</sup> vocabulary.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/catalogType

Name: catalogType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExploitCatalogType

 $<sup>^{75}../</sup>Vocabularies/ExploitCatalogType.md\\$ 

### Referenced

• /Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.5 decisionType

#### **Summary**

Provide the enumeration of possible decisions in the [Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization (SSVC) decision tree](https://www.cisa.gov/stakeholder-specific-vulnerability-categorization-ssvc).

## **Description**

A decisionType is a mandatory value and must select one of the four entries in the  $SsvcDecisionType^{76}$  vocabulary.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/decisionType

Name: decisionType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: SsvcDecisionType

### Referenced

• /Security/SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship

### 10.2.6 exploited

## Summary

Describe that a CVE is known to have an exploit because it's been listed in an exploit catalog.

## **Description**

This field is set when a CVE is listed in an exploit catalog.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/exploited

Name: exploited
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:boolean

# Referenced

• /Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.7 impactStatement

## **Summary**

Explains why a VEX product is not affected by a vulnerability. It is an alternative in VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship to the machine-readable justification label.

## **Description**

When a VEX product element is related with a VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship and a machine readable justification label is not provided, then an impactStatement that further explains how or why the product(s) are not affected by the vulnerability must be provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup>../Vocabularies/SsvcDecisionType.md

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/impactStatement

Name: impactStatement
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.8 impactStatementTime

#### **Summary**

Timestamp of impact statement.

# Description

Specifies the time when the impact statement was recorded.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/impactStatementTime

Name: impactStatementTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

#### Referenced

• /Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

## 10.2.9 justificationType

### Summary

Impact justification label to be used when linking a vulnerability to an element representing a VEX product with a VexNotAffect-edVulnAssessmentRelationship relationship.

## Description

When stating that an element is not affected by a vulnerability, the VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship must include a justification from the machine-readable labels catalog informing the reason the element is not impacted.

impactStatement which is a string with English prose can be used instead or as complementary to the justification label, but one of both MUST be defined.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/justificationType

Name: justificationType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: VexJustificationType

#### Referenced

• /Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

## 10.2.10 locator

# **Summary**

Provides the location of an exploit catalog.

## **Description**

A locator provides the location of an exploit catalog.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/locator

Name:	locator
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

### 10.2.11 modifiedTime

### **Summary**

Specifies a time when a vulnerability assessment was modified

#### **Description**

Specifies a time when a vulnerability assessment was last modified.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/modifiedTime

Name:	modifiedTime
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	/Core/DateTime

## Referenced

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/Vulnerability

### 10.2.12 percentile

# **Summary**

The percentile of the current probability score.

### **Description**

The percentile between 0 and 1 (0 and 100%) of the current probability score, the proportion of all scored vulnerabilities with the same or a lower probability score. The definition follows "percentile" in EPSS Data<sup>77</sup>.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/percentile

Name:	percentile
Nature:	DataProperty
Range:	xsd:decimal

# Referenced

• /Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.13 probability

### **Summary**

A probability score between 0 and 1 of a vulnerability being exploited.

<sup>77</sup>https://www.first.org/epss/data stats

## **Description**

The probability score between 0 and 1 (0 and 100%) estimating the likelihood of exploitation in the wild in the next 30 days (following score publication). The definition follows "epss" in EPSS Data<sup>78</sup>.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/probability

Name: probability
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:decimal

### Referenced

/Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship

### 10.2.14 publishedTime

#### Summary

Specifies the time when a vulnerability was published.

### **Description**

Specifies the time when a vulnerability was first published.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/publishedTime

Nature: publishedTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

# Referenced

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/Vulnerability

#### 10.2.15 score

#### **Summary**

Provides a numerical (0-10) representation of the severity of a vulnerability.

### **Description**

The score provides information on the severity of a vulnerability per the Common Vulnerability Scoring System as defined by Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams<sup>79</sup>.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/score

Name: score
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:decimal

#### Referenced

- /Security/CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup>https://www.first.org/epss/data\_stats

<sup>79</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/

# 10.2.16 severity

### **Summary**

Specifies the CVSS qualitative severity rating of a vulnerability in relation to a piece of software.

## **Description**

The severity field provides a human readable string of the resulting numerical CVSS score.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/severity

Nature: Severity
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: CvssSeverityType

### Referenced

- /Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship

### 10.2.17 statusNotes

## **Summary**

Conveys information about how VEX status was determined.

## **Description**

A VEX statement may convey information about how status was determined and may reference other VEX information.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/statusNotes

Name: statusNotes
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

## Referenced

• /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

# 10.2.18 vectorString

# **Summary**

Specifies the CVSS vector string for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

Specifies any combination of the CVSS Base, Temporal, Threat, Environmental, and/or Supplemental vector string values for a vulnerability.

Supports vectorStrings specified in all CVSS versions.

#### Constraints

String values for the vectorString range must only include the abbreviated form of metric names specified in CVSS specifications, e.g. Common Vulnerability Scoring System Vector String<sup>80</sup>.

<sup>80</sup> https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/specification-document#Vector-String

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/vectorString

Name: vectorString
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

- /Security/CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship

#### 10.2.19 vexVersion

#### Summary

Specifies the version of a VEX statement.

# Description

The statement version default value is zero. When any VEX-related content changes, the version must be incremented.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/vexVersion

Name: vexVersion
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

## Referenced

• /Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

## 10.2.20 withdrawnTime

## **Summary**

Specified the time and date when a vulnerability was withdrawn.

## **Description**

Specified the time and date when a vulnerability was withdrawn.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/withdrawnTime

Name: withdrawnTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

# Referenced

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- · /Security/Vulnerability

## 10.3 Vocabularies

# 10.3.1 CvssSeverityType

## **Summary**

Specifies the CVSS base, temporal, threat, or environmental severity type.

## **Description**

CvssSeverityType specifies the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) severity type, defined in the CVSS specifications as the textual representation of the numeric CVSS score.

The severity type entries are inclusive of and applicable to enumerations found in Common Vulnerability Scoring System v3.0: Specification Document<sup>81</sup> and Common Vulnerability Scoring System version 4.0: Specification Document<sup>82</sup>.

CvssSeverityType is a mandatory field because baseSeverity is required in the CVSS 3.0 schema<sup>83</sup>, CVSS 3.1 schema<sup>84</sup>, and CVSS 4.0 schema<sup>85</sup>.

The field can be used to document the base, temporal, threat, or environmental severity.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/CvssSeverityType

Name: CvssSeverityType

#### Entries

critical When a CVSS score is between 9.0 - 10.0

high When a CVSS score is between 7.0 - 8.9

low When a CVSS score is between 0.1 - 3.9

medium When a CVSS score is between 4.0 - 6.9

none When a CVSS score is 0.0

## 10.3.2 ExploitCatalogType

### **Summary**

Specifies the exploit catalog type.

## **Description**

ExploitCatalogType specifies the type of exploit catalog that a vulnerability is listed in.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/ExploitCatalogType

Name: ExploitCatalogType

# **Entries**

kev CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerability (KEV) Catalog

other Other exploit catalogs

## 10.3.3 SsvcDecisionType

# Summary

Specifies the SSVC decision type.

## **Description**

SsvcDecisionType specifies the type of decision that's been made according to the Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization (SSVC)<sup>86</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.0/specification-document#Qualitative-Severity-Rating-Scale

<sup>82</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/specification-document#Qualitative-Severity-Rating-Scale

<sup>83</sup> https://www.first.org/cvss/cvss-v3.0.json

<sup>84</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/cvss-v3.1.json

<sup>85</sup> https://www.first.org/cvss/cvss-v4.0.json

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/stakeholder-specific-vulnerability-categorization-ssvc

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/SsvcDecisionType

Name: SsvcDecisionType

### **Entries**

- act The vulnerability requires attention from the organization's internal, supervisory-level and leadership-level individuals. Necessary actions include requesting assistance or information about the vulnerability, as well as publishing a notification either internally and/or externally. Typically, internal groups would meet to determine the overall response and then execute agreed upon actions. CISA recommends remediating Act vulnerabilities as soon as possible.
- **attend** The vulnerability requires attention from the organization's internal, supervisory-level individuals. Necessary actions include requesting assistance or information about the vulnerability, and may involve publishing a notification either internally and/or externally. CISA recommends remediating Attend vulnerabilities sooner than standard update timelines.
- **track** The vulnerability does not require action at this time. The organization would continue to track the vulnerability and reassess it if new information becomes available. CISA recommends remediating Track vulnerabilities within standard update timelines.
- **trackStar** ("Track\*" in the SSVC spec) The vulnerability contains specific characteristics that may require closer monitoring for changes. CISA recommends remediating Track\* vulnerabilities within standard update timelines.

# 10.3.4 VexJustificationType

### **Summary**

Specifies the VEX justification type.

#### **Description**

VexJustificationType specifies the type of Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) justification.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Security/VexJustificationType

Name: VexJustificationType

#### **Entries**

componentNotPresent The software is not affected because the vulnerable component is not in the product.

inlineMitigationsAlreadyExist Built-in inline controls or mitigations prevent an adversary from leveraging the vulnerability.

- **vulnerableCodeCannotBeControlledByAdversary** The vulnerable component is present, and the component contains the vulnerable code. However, vulnerable code is used in such a way that an attacker cannot mount any anticipated attack.
- vulnerableCodeNotInExecutePath The affected code is not reachable through the execution of the code, including non-anticipated states of the product.

vulnerableCodeNotPresent The product is not affected because the code underlying the vulnerability is not present in the product.

# 11 Licensing

### Summary

The Licensing Profile defines a minimum set of license information to facilitate compliance with typical license use cases.

### **Description**

The Licensing profile only contains the additional requirement that any Software Artifact must have a Relationship of type hasConcludedLicense.

Classes and Property restrictions are defined in the SimpleLicensing Profile (Classes and Properties associated with license expression strings<sup>87</sup>) and in the ExpandedLicensing Profile (Classes and Properties used for a fully parsed syntax tree of license expressions).

There are 2 relationship types related to licensing - hasDeclaredLicense and hasConcludedLicense.

If the hasConcludedLicense for a Software Artifact is not the same as its hasDeclaredLicense, a written explanation SHOULD be provided in the hasConcludedLicense relationship comment field.

A written explanation of a relationship to a NoAssertionLicense MAY be provided in the comment field for the relationship.

#### hasDeclaredLicense

A hasDeclaredLicense identifies the license information actually found in the Software Artifact, for example as detected by use of automated tooling.

This field is not intended to capture license information obtained from an external source, such as a package's website. Such information can be included, as needed, in the hasConcludedLicense field.

A hasDeclaredLicense may be expressed differently in practice for different types of Software Artifacts. For example:

- for Packages, it would include license info for the Package as a whole, found in the Package itself (e.g., LICENSE file, README file, metadata in the Package, etc.), but it would not include any license information that is not in the Package itself (e.g., license information from the project's website or from a third party repository or website).
- for Files, it would include license info found in the File itself (e.g., license header or notice, comments indicating the license, SPDX-License-Identifier expression), but it would not include license info found in a different file (e.g., LICENSE file in the top directory of a repository).
- for Snippets, it would include license info found in the Snippet itself (e.g., license notice, comments, SPDX-License-Identifier expression), but it would not include license info found elsewhere in the File or in a different File (e.g., comment at top of File if it is not within the Snippet, LICENSE file in the top directory of a repository).

A hasDeclaredLicense relationship to NoneLicense indicates that the corresponding Package, File or Snippet contains no license information whatsoever.

A hasDeclaredLicense relationship to NoAssertionLicense indicates that one of the following applies:

- the SPDX data creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination;
- the SPDX data creator has made no attempt to determine this field; or
- the SPDX data creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

If a hasDeclaredLicense relationship is not present, no assumptions can be made about whether or not a hasDeclaredLicense exists.

Note that a missing hasDeclaredLicense is not the same as a relationship to NoAssertionLicense since the latter is a "known unknown" whereas no assumptions can be made from a missing hasDeclaredLicense relationship.

### hasConcludedLicense

A hasConcludedLicense is the license identified by the SPDX data creator, based on analyzing the license information in the Software Artifact and other information to arrive at a reasonably objective conclusion as to what license governs the Software Artifact.

A hasConcludedLicense relationship to NoneLicense indicates that the SPDX data creator has looked and did not find any license information for this Software Artifact.

A hasConcludedLicense relationship to NoAssertionLicense indicates that one of the following applies:

<sup>87../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

- the SPDX data creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination;
- the SPDX data creator has made no attempt to determine this field; or
- the SPDX data creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

If a hasConcludedLicense is not present, no assumptions can be made about whether or not a hasConcludedLicense exists.

Note that a missing hasConcludedLicense is not the same as a relationship to a NoAssertionLicense since the latter is a "known unknown" whereas no assumptions can be made from a missing hasConcludedLicense relationship.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Licensing

Name: Licensing

## **Profile conformance**

For an element collection to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

1. for every /Software/SoftwareArtifact there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasConcludedLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.

# 12 SimpleLicensing

#### **Summary**

Additional metadata relating to software licensing.

## **Description**

The SimpleLicensing profile provides classes and properties to express licenses as a license expression<sup>88</sup> string.

It also provides the base abstract class, AnyLicenseInfo, used for references to license information.

The SimpleLicensingText class provides a place to record any license text found that does not match a license on the SPDX License List<sup>89</sup>.

The ExpandedLicensing profile can be used to represent the complete parsed license expressions.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing

Name: SimpleLicensing

## 12.1 Classes

# 12.1.1 AnyLicenseInfo

#### **Summary**

Abstract class representing a license combination consisting of one or more licenses.

# Description

AnyLicenseInfo is an abstract class representing a license combination consisting of one or more licenses (optionally including additional text), which may be combined according to the SPDX license expression syntax<sup>90</sup>.

An AnyLicenseInfo is used by licensing properties of software artifacts.

It can be:

- · a NoneLicense;
- a NoAssertionLicense;
- a single license (either on the SPDX License List<sup>91</sup> or a custom-defined license<sup>92</sup>);
- a single license with an "or later" operator applied;
- · the foregoing with additional text applied; or
- a set of licenses combined by applying "AND" and "OR" operators recursively.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

Name: AnyLicenseInfo
Instantiability: Abstract
SubclassOf: /Core/Element

### **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

<sup>88../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

<sup>89</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

<sup>90 ../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

<sup>91</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

 $<sup>^{92}../../</sup>Expanded Licensing/Classes/Custom License.md \\$ 

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

## 12.1.2 LicenseExpression

## **Summary**

An SPDX Element containing an SPDX license expression string.

## **Description**

A LicenseExpression enables the representation, in a single string, of a combination of one or more licenses, together with additions such as license exceptions.

The syntax for a licenseExpression string is set forth in the corresponding Annex of this specification ("SPDX license expressions"<sup>93</sup>). A licenseExpression string is not valid if it does not conform to the grammar set forth in that Annex.

The ExpandedLicensing profile can be used to represent the complete parsed license expression as a combination of license objects.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

Name:	LicenseExpression
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	AnyLicenseInfo

# Superclasses

- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
customIdToUri	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
licenseExpression	xsd:string	1	1
licenseListVersion	/Core/SemVer	0	1

<sup>93 ../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
customIdToUri	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
licenseExpression	xsd:string	1	1
licenseListVersion	/Core/SemVer	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 12.1.3 SimpleLicensingText

## **Summary**

A license or addition that is not listed on the SPDX License List.

# Description

A SimpleLicensingText represents a License or Addition that is not listed on the SPDX License List<sup>94</sup>, and is therefore defined by an SPDX data creator.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/SimpleLicensingText

Name:	SimpleLicensingText
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/Core/Element

# Superclasses

• /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
licenseText	xsd:string	1	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

<sup>94</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses

# 12.2 Properties

#### 12.2.1 customIdToUri

### Summary

Maps a LicenseRef or AdditionRef string for a Custom License or a Custom License Addition to its URI ID.

### Description

Within a License Expression, references can be made to a Custom License or a Custom License Addition.

The License Expression syntax<sup>95</sup> dictates any reference starting with a "LicenseRef-" or "AdditionRef-" refers to license or addition text not found in the official SPDX License List<sup>96</sup>.

These custom licenses must be a CustomLicense, a CustomLicenseAddition, or a SimpleLicensingText which are identified with a unique URI identifier.

The key for the DictionaryEntry is the string used in the license expression and the value is the URI for the corresponding Custom-License, CustomLicenseAddition, or SimpleLicensingText.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/customIdToUri

Name: customIdToUri
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

#### Referenced

• /SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

## 12.2.2 licenseExpression

# Summary

A string in the license expression format.

## **Description**

A licenseExpression enables the representation, in a single string, of a combination of one or more licenses, together with additions such as license exceptions.

The syntax for a licenseExpression string is set forth in the corresponding Annex of this specification ("SPDX license expressions"<sup>97</sup>). A licenseExpression string is not valid if it does not conform to the grammar set forth in that Annex.

The ExpandedLicensing profile can be used to represent the complete parsed license expression as a combination of license objects.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/licenseExpression

Name: licenseExpression
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

#### 12.2.3 licenseListVersion

### **Summary**

The version of the SPDX License List used in the license expression.

<sup>95 ../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

<sup>96</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/

<sup>97../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

## **Description**

Recognizing that licenses are added to the SPDX License List<sup>98</sup> with each subsequent version, the intent is to provide consumers with the version of the SPDX License List used.

This anticipates that in the future, license expression might have used a version of the SPDX License List that is older than the then current one.

The specified version of the SPDX License List must include all listed licenses and exceptions referenced in the expression.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/licenseListVersion

Nature: licenseListVersion
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/SemVer

### Referenced

• /SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

## 12.2.4 licenseText

## **Summary**

Identifies the full text of a License or Addition.

## **Description**

A licenseText contains the plain text of the License or Addition, without templating or other similar markup.

Users of the licenseText for a License can apply the SPDX License List Matching Guidelines<sup>99</sup> when comparing it to another text for matching purposes.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/SimpleLicensing/licenseText

Name: licenseText
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

## Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /SimpleLicensing/SimpleLicensingText

<sup>98</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/

<sup>99../../</sup>annexes/license-matching-guidelines-and-templates.md

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# 13 ExpandedLicensing

# **Summary**

Fully expanded license expressions.

## **Description**

This profile supports representing a fully expanded license expression<sup>100</sup> in object form.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing

Name: ExpandedLicensing

## 13.1 Classes

## 13.1.1 ConjunctiveLicenseSet

### **Summary**

Portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing a set of licensing information where all elements apply.

# **Description**

A ConjunctiveLicenseSet indicates that *each* of its subsidiary AnyLicenseInfos apply. In other words, a ConjunctiveLicenseSet of two or more licenses represents a licensing situation where *all* of the specified licenses are to be complied with. It is represented in the SPDX License Expression Syntax by the AND operator.

It is syntactically correct to specify a ConjunctiveLicenseSet where the subsidiary AnyLicenseInfos may be "incompatible" according to a particular interpretation of the corresponding Licenses. The SPDX License Expression Syntax<sup>101</sup> does not take into account interpretation of license texts, which is left to the consumer of SPDX data to determine for themselves.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/ConjunctiveLicenseSet

Name:	ConjunctiveLicenseSet
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

### **Superclasses**

- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
member	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	2	*

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
member	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	2	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

<sup>100../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

<sup>101../../</sup>annexes/spdx-license-expressions.md

## 13.1.2 CustomLicense

## **Summary**

A license that is not listed on the SPDX License List.

## **Description**

A CustomLicense represents a License that is not listed on the SPDX License List<sup>102</sup>, and is therefore defined by an SPDX data creator.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/CustomLicense

Name:	CustomLicense
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	License

## **Superclasses**

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense
- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
isDeprecatedLicenseId	xsd:boolean	0	1
isFsfLibre	xsd:boolean	0	1
isOsiApproved	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardLicenseHeader	xsd:string	0	1
standardLicenseTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.3 CustomLicenseAddition

# Summary

A license addition that is not listed on the SPDX Exceptions List.

# Description

A CustomLicense Addition represents an addition to a License that is not listed on the SPDX License Exceptions  $^{103}$ , and is therefore defined by an SPDX data creator.

It is intended to represent additional language which is meant to be added to a License, but which is not itself a standalone License.

<sup>102</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses

<sup>103</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/CustomLicenseAddition

Name:	CustomLicenseAddition
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	LicenseAddition

## **Superclasses**

- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionText	xsd:string	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	Ô	*
isDeprecatedAdditionId	xsd:boolean	Ô	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardAdditionTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
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# 13.1.4 DisjunctiveLicenseSet

# **Summary**

Portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing a set of licensing information where only one of the elements applies.

# **Description**

A DisjunctiveLicenseSet indicates that *only one* of its subsidiary AnyLicenseInfos is required to apply. In other words, a DisjunctiveLicenseSet of two or more licenses represents a licensing situation where *only one* of the specified licenses are to be complied with.

A consumer of SPDX data would typically understand this to permit the recipient of the licensed content to choose which of the corresponding license they would prefer to use. It is represented in the SPDX License Expression Syntax by the OR operator.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/DisjunctiveLicenseSet

Name:	DisjunctiveLicenseSet
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

# Superclasses

- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
member	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	2	*

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
member	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	2	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

## 13.1.5 ExtendableLicense

## **Summary**

Abstract class representing a License or an OrLaterOperator.

# Description

The WithAdditionOperator can have a License or an OrLaterOperator as the license property value. This class is used for the value.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense

Name:	ExtendableLicense
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

## **Superclasses**

- · /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

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Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.6 IndividualLicensingInfo

### **Summary**

A concrete subclass of AnyLicenseInfo used by Individuals in the ExpandedLicensing profile.

# Description

Individuals, such as NoneLicense and NoAssertionLicense, need to reference a concrete subclass of AnyLicenseInfo.

This class provides the type used by the individuals.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/IndividualLicensingInfo

Name:	IndividualLicensingInfo
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

# **Superclasses**

- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

# All properties (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

## 13.1.7 License

## **Summary**

Abstract class for the portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing a license.

# **Description**

A License represents a license text, whether listed on the SPDX License List<sup>104</sup> (ListedLicense) or defined by an SPDX data creator (CustomLicense).

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/License

Name:	License
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	ExtendableLicense

# Superclasses

- /ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense
- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
/SimpleLicensing/licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
isDeprecatedLicenseId	xsd:boolean	0	1
isFsfLibre	xsd:boolean	0	1
isOsiApproved	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
standardLicenseHeader	xsd:string	0	1
standardLicenseTemplate	xsd:string	0	1

<sup>104</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
isDeprecatedLicenseId	xsd:boolean	0	1
isFsfLibre	xsd:boolean	0	1
isOsiApproved	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardLicenseHeader	xsd:string	0	1
standardLicenseTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.8 LicenseAddition

### **Summary**

Abstract class for additional text intended to be added to a License, but which is not itself a standalone License.

# **Description**

A License Addition represents text which is intended to be added to a License as additional text, but which is not itself intended to be a standalone License.

It may be an exception which is listed on the SPDX License Exceptions<sup>105</sup> (ListedLicenseException), or may be any other additional text (as an exception or otherwise) which is defined by an SPDX data creator (CustomLicenseAddition).

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

Name:	LicenseAddition
Instantiability:	Abstract
SubclassOf:	/Core/Element

# **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionText	xsd:string	1	1
isDeprecatedAdditionId	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
standard Addition Template	xsd:string	0	1

<sup>105</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionText	xsd:string	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
isDeprecatedAdditionId	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardAdditionTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.9 ListedLicense

## **Summary**

A license that is listed on the SPDX License List.

# Description

A ListedLicense represents a License that is listed on the SPDX License List<sup>106</sup>.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense

Name:	ListedLicense
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	License

# **Superclasses**

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense
- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1

<sup>106</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
isDeprecatedLicenseId	xsd:boolean	0	1
isFsfLibre	xsd:boolean	0	1
isOsiApproved	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardLicenseHeader	xsd:string	0	1
standardLicenseTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.10 ListedLicenseException

## **Summary**

A license exception that is listed on the SPDX Exceptions list.

# **Description**

A ListedLicenseException represents an exception to a License (in other words, an exception to a license condition or an additional permission beyond those granted in a License) which is listed on the SPDX License Exceptions<sup>107</sup>.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException

Name:	ListedLicenseException
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	LicenseAddition

# Superclasses

- $\bullet \ / Expanded Licensing / License Addition$
- /Core/Element

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1

<sup>107</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
additionText	xsd:string	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
isDeprecatedAdditionId	xsd:boolean	0	1
licenseXml	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1
name	xsd:string	0	1
obsoletedBy	xsd:string	0	1
seeAlso	xsd:anyURI	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardAdditionTemplate	xsd:string	0	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.11 OrLaterOperator

## **Summary**

Portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing this version, or any later version, of the indicated License.

# **Description**

An OrLaterOperator indicates that this portion of the AnyLicenseInfo represents either (1) the specified version of the corresponding License, or (2) any later version of that License. It is represented in the SPDX License Expression Syntax by the + operator.

It is context-dependent, and unspecified by SPDX, as to what constitutes a "later version" of any particular License. Some Licenses may not be versioned, or may not have clearly-defined ordering for versions. The consumer of SPDX data will need to determine for themselves what meaning to attribute to a "later version" operator for a particular License.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/OrLaterOperator

Name:	OrLaterOperator
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	ExtendableLicense

# **Superclasses**

- /ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense
- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
subjectLicense	License	1	1

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
subjectLicense	License	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 13.1.12 WithAdditionOperator

## **Summary**

Portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing a License which has additional text applied to it.

## **Description**

A WithAdditionOperator indicates that the designated License is subject to the designated LicenseAddition, which might be a license exception on the SPDX License Exceptions<sup>108</sup> (ListedLicenseException) or may be other additional text (CustomLicenseAddition). It is represented in the SPDX License Expression Syntax by the WITH operator.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

Name:	WithAdditionOperator
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

# Superclasses

- /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
subjectAddition	LicenseAddition	1	1
subject Extendable License	ExtendableLicense	1	1

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
subjectAddition	LicenseAddition	1	1
subjectExtendableLicense	ExtendableLicense	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

 $<sup>^{108}</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html \\$ 

## 13.2 Properties

### 13.2.1 additionText

### **Summary**

Identifies the full text of a LicenseAddition.

### **Description**

An additionText contains the plain text of the LicenseAddition, without templating or other similar markup.

Users of the additionText for a License can apply the SPDX License List Matching Guidelines<sup>109</sup> when comparing it to another text for matching purposes.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/additionText

Name: additionText
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

## 13.2.2 deprecatedVersion

### **Summary**

Specifies the SPDX License List version in which this license or exception identifier was deprecated.

# Description

A deprecatedVersion, for a ListedLicense on the SPDX License List<sup>110</sup> or a ListedLicenseException on the SPDX License Exceptions<sup>111</sup>, specifies which version release of the License List was the first one in which it was marked as deprecated.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/deprecatedVersion

Nature: deprecated Version
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

## Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense
- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException

# 13.2.3 isDeprecatedAdditionId

#### **Summary**

Specifies whether an additional text identifier has been marked as deprecated.

#### **Description**

The isDeprecatedAdditionId property specifies whether an identifier for a LicenseAddition has been marked as deprecated. If the property is not defined, then it is presumed to be false (i.e., not deprecated).

If the License Addition is included on the SPDX License Exceptions<sup>112</sup>, then the deprecated Version property indicates on which version release of the Exceptions List it was first marked as deprecated.

<sup>109../../</sup>annexes/license-matching-guidelines-and-templates.md

<sup>110</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

<sup>111</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html

<sup>112</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html

"Deprecated" in this context refers to deprecating the use of the *identifier*, not the underlying license addition. In other words, even if a LicenseAddition's author or steward has stated that a particular LicenseAddition generally should not be used, that would *not* mean that the LicenseAddition's identifier is "deprecated." Rather, a LicenseAddition operator is typically marked as "deprecated" when it is determined that use of another identifier is preferable.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/isDeprecatedAdditionId

Name: isDeprecatedAdditionId
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

## 13.2.4 isDeprecatedLicenseld

#### **Summary**

Specifies whether a license or additional text identifier has been marked as deprecated.

#### **Description**

The isDeprecatedLicenseId property specifies whether an identifier for a License or LicenseAddition has been marked as deprecated. If the property is not defined, then it is presumed to be false (i.e., not deprecated).

If the License or LicenseAddition is included on the SPDX License List<sup>113</sup>, then the deprecatedVersion property indicates on which version release of the License List it was first marked as deprecated.

"Deprecated" in this context refers to deprecating the use of the *identifier*, not the underlying license. In other words, even if a License's author or steward has stated that a particular License generally should not be used, that would *not* mean that the License's identifier is "deprecated." Rather, a License or LicenseAddition operator is typically marked as "deprecated" when it is determined that use of another identifier is preferable.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/isDeprecatedLicenseId

Name: isDeprecatedLicenseId
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

## 13.2.5 isFsfLibre

## Summary

Specifies whether the License is listed as free by the Free Software Foundation (FSF).

### **Description**

isFsfLibre specifies whether the Free Software Foundation (FSF)<sup>114</sup> has listed this License as "free" in their commentary on licenses, located at the time of this writing at Various Licenses and Comments about Them<sup>115</sup>.

A value of "true" indicates that the license is in the list of licenses that FSF publishes as libre.

A value of "false" indicates that the license is explicitly not in the corresponding list of FSF libre licenses (e.g., FSF has the license on a non-free list).

If the isFsfLibre field is not specified, the SPDX data creator makes no assertions about whether the License is listed in the FSF's commentary.

<sup>113</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

<sup>114</sup>https://fsf.org

<sup>115</sup> https://www.gnu.org/licenses/license-list.en.html

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/isFsfLibre

Name: isFsfLibre
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

## 13.2.6 isOsiApproved

### **Summary**

Specifies whether the License is listed as approved by the Open Source Initiative (OSI).

## **Description**

isOsiApproved specifies whether the Open Source Initiative (OSI)<sup>116</sup> has listed this License as "approved" in their list of OSI Approved Licenses, located at the time of this writing at OSI Approved Licenses<sup>117</sup>.

A value of "true" indicates that the license is in the list of licenses that OSI publishes as approved.

A value of "false" indicates that the license is explicitly not in the corresponding list of OSI licenses (e.g., OSI has stated publicly that a license is not approved).

If the isOsiApproved field is not specified, the SPDX data creator makes no assertions about whether the License is approved by the OSI.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/isOsiApproved

Name: isOsiApproved Nature: DataProperty Range: xsd:boolean

### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

# 13.2.7 licenseXml

# **Summary**

Identifies all the text and metadata associated with a license in the license XML format.

### **Description**

The license XML format is defined and used by the SPDX legal team.

The formal schema definition is available at SPDX License List XML Schema<sup>118</sup>.

For a text description of the XML fields, see XML template fields<sup>119</sup>.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/licenseXml

Name: licenseXml
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

<sup>116</sup> https://opensource.org

<sup>117</sup> https://opensource.org/licenses

<sup>118</sup> https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/v3.25.0/schema/ListedLicense.xsd

<sup>119</sup> https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/v3.25.0/DOCS/xml-fields.md

#### Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

### 13.2.8 listVersionAdded

#### **Summary**

Specifies the SPDX License List version in which this ListedLicense or ListedLicenseException identifier was first added.

#### Description

A listVersionAdded for a ListedLicense or ListedLicenseException on the SPDX License List<sup>120</sup> specifies which version release of the License List was the first one in which it was included.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/listVersionAdded

Name: listVersionAdded
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense
- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException

### 13.2.9 member

#### **Summary**

A license expression participating in a license set.

# Description

A member is a license expression participating in a conjunctive (of type ConjunctiveLicenseSet) or a disjunctive (of type DisjunctiveLicenseSet) license set.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/member

Name: member
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

### Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/ConjunctiveLicenseSet
- /ExpandedLicensing/DisjunctiveLicenseSet

# 13.2.10 obsoletedBy

#### **Summary**

Specifies the licenseId that is preferred to be used in place of a deprecated License or LicenseAddition.

### **Description**

An obsoletedBy value for a deprecated License or LicenseAddition specifies the licenseId of the replacement License or LicenseAddition that is preferred to be used in its place. It should use the same format as specified for a licenseId.

The License's or LicenseAddition's comment value may include more information about the reason why the licenseId specified in the obsoletedBy value is preferred.

<sup>120</sup> https://spdx.org/licenses/

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/obsoletedBy

Name: obsoletedBy
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

### 13.2.11 seeAlso

### **Summary**

Contains a URL where the License or LicenseAddition can be found in use.

## **Description**

A seeAlso defines a cross-reference with a URL where the License or LicenseAddition can be found in use by one or a few projects.

If applicable, it should include a URL where the license text is posted by the license steward, particularly if the license steward has made available a "canonical" primary URL for the license text.

If the license is OSI approved, a seeAlso should be included with the URL for the license's listing on the OSI website.

The seeAlso URL may refer to a previously-available URL for the License or LicenseAddition which is no longer active.

Where applicable, the seeAlso URL should include the license text in its native language. seeAlso URLs to English or other translations may be included where multiple, equivalent official translations exist.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/seeAlso

Name: seeAlso
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

## 13.2.12 standardAdditionTemplate

#### **Summary**

Identifies the full text of a LicenseAddition, in SPDX templating format.

## **Description**

A standardAdditionTemplate contains a license addition template which describes sections of the LicenseAddition text which can be varied.

See the Legacy Text Template format section of the SPDX License List Matching Guidelines<sup>121</sup> for format information.

It is recommended to use licenseXml<sup>122</sup> instead, as it can capture all the text and metadata associated with a license.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/standardAdditionTemplate

Name: standardAdditionTemplate
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

121 ../../annexes/license-matching-guidelines-and-templates.md

<sup>122./</sup>licenseXml.md

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

### 13.2.13 standardLicenseHeader

#### **Summary**

Provides a License author's preferred text to indicate that a file is covered by the License.

### **Description**

A standardLicenseHeader contains the plain text of the License author's preferred wording to be used, typically in a source code file's header comments or similar location, to indicate that the file is subject to the specified License.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/standardLicenseHeader

Name: standardLicenseHeader
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

### 13.2.14 standardLicenseTemplate

### **Summary**

Identifies the full text of a License, in SPDX templating format.

### **Description**

A standardLicenseTemplate contains a license template which describes sections of the License text which can be varied.

See the Legacy Text Template format section of the SPDX License List Matching Guidelines<sup>123</sup> for format information.

It is recommended to use licenseXml<sup>124</sup> instead, as it can capture all the text and metadata associated with a license.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/standardLicenseTemplate

Name: standardLicenseTemplate
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

## 13.2.15 subjectAddition

#### **Summary**

A LicenseAddition participating in a 'with addition' model.

### **Description**

A subjectAddition is a LicenseAddition which is subject to a 'with additional text' effect (WithAdditionOperator).

<sup>123 ../../</sup>annexes/license-matching-guidelines-and-templates.md

<sup>124./</sup>licenseXml.md

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/subjectAddition

Name:subjectAdditionNature:ObjectPropertyRange:LicenseAddition

### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

# 13.2.16 subjectExtendableLicense

## **Summary**

A License participating in a 'with addition' model.

### **Description**

A subjectExtendableLicense is a License which is subject to a 'with additional text' effect (WithAdditionOperator).

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/subjectExtendableLicense

Name: subjectExtendableLicense
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: ExtendableLicense

### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

# 13.2.17 subjectLicense

# **Summary**

A License participating in an 'or later' model.

# **Description**

A subjectLicense is a License which is subject an 'or later' effect (OrLaterOperator).

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/subjectLicense

Name: subjectLicense
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: License

## Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/OrLaterOperator

### 13.3 Individuals

### 13.3.1 NoAssertionLicense

# **Summary**

An Individual Value for License when no assertion can be made about its actual value.

## **Description**

NoAssertionLicense should be used if

- the SPDX creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination;
- the SPDX creator has made no attempt to determine this field; or
- the SPDX creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/NoAssertionLicense

Name:	NoAssertionLicense
Туре:	IndividualLicensingInfo
IRI:	https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Licensing/NoAssertion

### 13.3.2 NoneLicense

### **Summary**

An Individual Value for License where the SPDX data creator determines that no license is present.

## **Description**

NoneLicense should be used if the SPDX creator determines there is no license available for this Artifact.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/ExpandedLicensing/NoneLicense

Name:	NoneLicense	
Туре:	IndividualLicensingInfo	
IRI:	https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Licensing/None	

### 14 Dataset

### **Summary**

The Dataset Profile provides additional metadata, based on Software Profile, that is useful for datasets.

### **Description**

The Dataset namespace defines concepts related to dataset, including its preparation process, its characteristics, and its access methods.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset

Name: Dataset

#### **Profile conformance**

For an element collection to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

- 1. for every /Dataset/DatasetPackage there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasConcludedLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.
- 2. for every /Dataset/DatasetPackage there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasDeclaredLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.

### 14.1 Classes

# 14.1.1 DatasetPackage

# Summary

Specifies a data package and its associated information.

## **Description**

Metadata information that can be added to a dataset that may be used in a software or to train/test an AI package.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/DatasetPackage

Name: DatasetPackage
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: /Software/Package

## Superclasses

- · /Software/Package
- /Software/SoftwareArtifact
- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
anonymizationMethodUsed	xsd:string	0	*
confidentialityLevel	ConfidentialityLevelType	0	1
dataCollectionProcess	xsd:string	0	1
dataPreprocessing	xsd:string	0	*
datasetAvailability	DatasetAvailabilityType	0	1
datasetNoise	xsd:string	0	1
datasetSize	xsd:nonNegativeInteger	0	1
datasetType	DatasetType	1	*
datasetUpdateMechanism	xsd:string	0	1
hasSensitivePersonalInformation	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
intendedUse	xsd:string	0	1
knownBias	xsd:string	0	*
sensor	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*

# **External properties cardinality updates**

Property	minCount	maxCount
/Core/Artifact/builtTime	1	
/Core/Artifact/originatedBy	1	1
/Core/Artifact/releaseTime	1	
/Software/Package/downloadLocation	1	
/Software/SoftwareArtifact/primaryPurpose	1	

# **All properties** (informative)

All properties (informative)			
Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
anonymizationMethodUsed	xsd:string	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
builtTime	DateTime	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
confidentialityLevel	ConfidentialityLevelType	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
dataCollectionProcess	xsd:string	0	1
dataPreprocessing	xsd:string	0	*
datasetAvailability	DatasetAvailabilityType	0	1
datasetNoise	xsd:string	0	1
datasetSize	xsd:nonNegativeInteger	0	1
datasetType	DatasetType	1	*
datasetUpdateMechanism	xsd:string	0	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
downloadLocation	xsd:anyURI	1	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
hasSensitivePersonalInformation	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
homePage	xsd:anyURI	0	1
intendedUse	xsd:string	0	1
knownBias	xsd:string	0	*
name	xsd:string	1	1
originatedBy	Agent	1	1
packageUrl	xsd:anyURI	0	1
packageVersion	xsd:string	0	1
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	1	1
releaseTime	DateTime	1	1
sensor	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
sourceInfo	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	0	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*
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# 14.2 Properties

# 14.2.1 anonymizationMethodUsed

# **Summary**

Describes the anonymization methods used.

# Description

A free-form text that describes the methods used to anonymize the dataset or fields in the dataset.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/anonymizationMethodUsed

Name: anonymizationMethodUsed

Nature: DataProperty Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Dataset/DatasetPackage

# 14.2.2 confidentialityLevel

#### **Summary**

Describes the confidentiality level of the data points contained in the dataset.

### **Description**

Describes the levels of confidentiality of the data points contained in the dataset.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/confidentialityLevel

Name: confidentialityLevel Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: ConfidentialityLevelType

#### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

#### 14.2.3 dataCollectionProcess

#### **Summary**

Describes how the dataset was collected.

## **Description**

A free-form text that describes how a dataset was collected.

Examples include the sources from which a dataset was scrapped and the interview protocol that was used for data collection.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/dataCollectionProcess

Name: dataCollectionProcess
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

# 14.2.4 dataPreprocessing

### **Summary**

Describes the preprocessing steps that were applied to the raw data to create the given dataset.

### **Description**

A free-form text that describes the various preprocessing steps that were applied to the raw data to create the dataset.

Examples include standardization, normalization, deduplication, tokenization, and removal of tokens.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/dataPreprocessing

Name:dataPreprocessingNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

# 14.2.5 datasetAvailability

### **Summary**

The field describes the availability of a dataset.

# **Description**

Some datasets are publicly available and can be downloaded directly. Others are only accessible behind a clickthrough, or after filling a registration form. This field will describe the dataset availability from that perspective.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/datasetAvailability

Name: datasetAvailability
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: DatasetAvailabilityType

### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

### 14.2.6 datasetNoise

# **Summary**

Describes potentially noisy elements of the dataset.

# Description

Describes what kinds of noises a dataset might encompass.

The free-form text specifies fields or samples that might be noisy.

Alternatively, it can also be used to describe various noises that could impact the whole dataset.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/datasetNoise

Name: datasetNoise
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

## Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

### 14.2.7 datasetSize

# **Summary**

Captures the size of the dataset.

# **Description**

Captures how large a dataset is.

The size is to be measured in bytes.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/datasetSize

Name: datasetSize Nature: DataProperty

Range: xsd:nonNegativeInteger

#### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

## 14.2.8 datasetType

# **Summary**

Describes the type of the given dataset.

## **Description**

Describes the datatype contained in the dataset.

For example, a dataset can be an image dataset for computer vision applications, a text dataset such as the contents of a book or Wikipedia article, or sometimes a multimodal dataset that contains multiple types of data.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/datasetType

Name: datasetType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: DatasetType

### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

## 14.2.9 datasetUpdateMechanism

### **Summary**

Describes a mechanism to update the dataset.

### **Description**

A free-form text that describes a mechanism to update the dataset.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/datasetUpdateMechanism

Name:datasetUpdateMechanismNature:DataPropertyRange:xsd:string

## Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

# 14.2.10 hasSensitivePersonalInformation

# **Summary**

Describes if any sensitive personal information is present in the dataset.

# Description

Indicates the presence of sensitive personal data or information that allows drawing conclusions about a person's identity.

Related: useSensitivePersonalInformation in /AI/AIPackage

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/hasSensitivePersonalInformation

Name: hasSensitivePersonalInformation
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/PresenceType

#### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

## 14.2.11 intendedUse

#### **Summary**

Describes what the given dataset should be used for.

## **Description**

A free-form text that describes what the given dataset should be used for.

Some datasets are collected to be used only for particular purposes.

For example, medical data collected from a specific demography might only be applicable for training machine learning models to make predictions for that demography. In such a case, the intendedUse field would capture this information. Similarly, if a dataset is collected for building a facial recognition model, the intendedUse field would specify that.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/intendedUse

Name: intendedUse
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

### 14.2.12 knownBias

## **Summary**

Records the biases that the dataset is known to encompass.

### **Description**

A free-form text that describes the different biases that the dataset encompasses.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/knownBias

Name: knownBias
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

# 14.2.13 sensor

# **Summary**

Describes a sensor used for collecting the data.

### **Description**

Describes a sensor that was used for collecting the data and its calibration value as a key-value pair.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/sensor

Name: sensor

Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

#### Referenced

• /Dataset/DatasetPackage

## 14.3 Vocabularies

# 14.3.1 ConfidentialityLevelType

#### **Summary**

Categories of confidentiality level.

### **Description**

Describes the different confidentiality levels as given by the Traffic Light Protocol 125.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/ConfidentialityLevelType

Name: ConfidentialityLevelType

### **Entries**

amber Data points in the dataset can be shared only with specific organizations and their clients on a need to know basis.

clear Dataset may be distributed freely, without restriction.

green Dataset can be shared within a community of peers and partners.

red Data points in the dataset are highly confidential and can only be shared with named recipients.

# 14.3.2 DatasetAvailabilityType

# Summary

Availability of dataset.

## **Description**

Describes the possible types of availability of a dataset, indicating whether the dataset can be directly downloaded, can be assembled using a script for scraping the data, is only available after a clickthrough or a registration form.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/DatasetAvailabilityType

Name: DatasetAvailabilityType

<sup>125</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traffic\_Light\_Protocol

#### **Entries**

**clickthrough** the dataset is not publicly available and can only be accessed after affirmatively accepting terms on a clickthrough webpage.

**directDownload** the dataset is publicly available and can be downloaded directly.

query the dataset is publicly available, but not all at once, and can only be accessed through queries which return parts of the dataset.

**registration** the dataset is not publicly available and an email registration is required before accessing the dataset, although without an affirmative acceptance of terms.

**scrapingScript** the dataset provider is not making available the underlying data and the dataset must be reassembled, typically using the provided script for scraping the data.

# 14.3.3 DatasetType

#### **Summary**

Enumeration of dataset types.

### **Description**

Describes the different structures of data within a given dataset. A dataset can have multiple types of data, or even a single type of data but still match multiple types, for example sensor data could also be timeseries or labeled image data could also be considered categorical.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Dataset/DatasetType

Name: DatasetType

### **Entries**

audio data is audio based, such as a collection of music from the 80s.

categorical data that is classified into a discrete number of categories, such as the eye color of a population of people.

**graph** data is in the form of a graph where entries are somehow related to each other through edges, such a social network of friends

image data is a collection of images such as pictures of animals.

**noAssertion** data type is not known.

**numeric** data consists only of numeric entries.

other data is of a type not included in this list.

sensor data is recorded from a physical sensor, such as a thermometer reading or biometric device.

**structured** data is stored in tabular format or retrieved from a relational database.

syntactic data describes the syntax or semantics of a language or text, such as a parse tree used for natural language processing.

text data consists of unstructured text, such as a book, Wikipedia article (without images), or transcript.

timeseries data is recorded in an ordered sequence of timestamped entries, such as the price of a stock over the course of a day.

**timestamp** data is recorded with a timestamp for each entry, but not necessarily ordered or at specific intervals, such as when a taxi ride starts and ends.

**video** data is video based, such as a collection of movie clips featuring Tom Hanks.

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### 15 AI

## **Summary**

The AI Profile is designed to provide a standardized way of documenting and sharing information about AI software packages (i.e. systems).

## **Description**

The AI namespace defines a set of concepts and data elements related to AI system and model artifacts. These artifacts are the tangible outputs of the AI development process, such as software packages, models, and datasets.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI

Name: AI

### **Profile conformance**

For an element collection to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

- 1. for every /AI/AIPackage there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasConcludedLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.
- 2. for every /AI/AIPackage there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasDeclaredLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.

# 15.1 Classes

## 15.1.1 AlPackage

### **Summary**

Specifies an AI package and its associated information.

# **Description**

Metadata information that can be added to a package to describe an AI application or trained AI model.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/AIPackage

Name: AIPackage
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: /Software/Package

## **Superclasses**

- · /Software/Package
- /Software/SoftwareArtifact
- /Core/Artifact
- /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
autonomyType	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
domain	xsd:string	0	*
energyConsumption	EnergyConsumption	0	1
hyperparameter	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
informationAboutApplication	xsd:string	0	1
informationAboutTraining	xsd:string	0	1
limitation	xsd:string	0	1
metric	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
metricDecisionThreshold	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
modelDataPreprocessing	xsd:string	0	*
modelExplainability	xsd:string	0	*
safetyRiskAssessment	SafetyRiskAssessmentType	0	1
standardCompliance	xsd:string	0	*
typeOfModel	xsd:string	0	*
use Sensitive Personal Information	/Core/PresenceType	0	1

# **External properties cardinality updates**

Property	minCount	maxCount
/Core/Artifact/releaseTime	1	
/Core/Artifact/suppliedBy	1	
/Software/Package/downloadLocation	1	
/Software/Package/packageVersion	1	
/Software/SoftwareArtifact/primaryPurpose	1	

**All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
autonomyType	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
builtTime	DateTime	0	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
contentIdentifier	ContentIdentifier	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
domain	xsd:string	0	*
downloadLocation	xsd:anyURI	1	1
energyConsumption	EnergyConsumption	0	1
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
homePage	xsd:anyURI	0	1
hyperparameter	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
informationAboutApplication	xsd:string	0	1
informationAboutTraining	xsd:string	0	1
limitation	xsd:string	0	1
metric	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
metricDecisionThreshold	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
modelDataPreprocessing	xsd:string	0	*
modelExplainability	xsd:string	0	*
name	xsd:string	1	1
originatedBy	Agent	0	*
packageUrl	xsd:anyURI	0	1
packageVersion	xsd:string	1	1
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	1	1
releaseTime	DateTime	1	1
safetyRiskAssessment	SafetyRiskAssessmentType	0	1
sourceInfo	xsd:string	0	1
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
standardCompliance	xsd:string	0	*
standardName	xsd:string	0	*
summary	xsd:string	0	1
suppliedBy	Agent	1	1
supportLevel	SupportType	0	*
typeOfModel	xsd:string	0	*
useSensitivePersonalInformation	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
validUntilTime	DateTime	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 15.1.2 EnergyConsumption

# **Summary**

A class for describing the energy consumption incurred by an AI model in different stages of its lifecycle.

# Description

A class to denote the known or estimated energy consumption of an AI model during its training, fine-tuning, and inference stages.

Example

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/EnergyConsumption

Name:	EnergyConsumption
Instantiability:	Concrete

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
finetuningEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*
inferenceEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*
trainingEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*

# All properties (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
finetuningEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*
inferenceEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*
trainingEnergyConsumption	EnergyConsumptionDescription	0	*

# 15.1.3 EnergyConsumptionDescription

# **Summary**

The class that helps note down the quantity of energy consumption and the unit used for measurement.

## **Description**

This class is designed to store energy consumption data, including the quantity and the unit of measurement.

The energyQuantity property stores the amount of energy consumed, and the energyUnit property stores the unit used for measurement.

For example, 0.0042 kilowatt-hour of energy will have 0.042 as a value for property energyQuantity, and "kilowattHour" as a value for property energyUnit.

# Example

```
{
  "type": "ai_EnergyConsumptionDescription",
  "ai_energyQuantity": "0.042",
  "ai_energyUnit": "kilowattHour"
}
```

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/EnergyConsumptionDescription

Name:	EnergyConsumptionDescription
Instantiability:	Concrete

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
energyQuantity	xsd:decimal	1	1
energyUnit	EnergyUnitType	1	1

### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
energyQuantity	xsd:decimal	1	1
energyUnit	EnergyUnitType	1	1

# 15.2 Properties

## 15.2.1 autonomyType

#### **Summary**

Indicates whether the system can perform a decision or action without human involvement or guidance.

### **Description**

Indicates if the system is fully automated or a human is involved in any of the decisions of the AI system.

- yes: Indicates that the system is fully automated.
- no: Indicates that a human is involved in any of the decisions of the AI system.
- noAssertion: Makes no assertion about the autonomy.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/autonomyType

Name: autonomyType
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/PresenceType

#### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.2 domain

### **Summary**

Captures the domain in which the AI package can be used.

### **Description**

A free-form text that describes the domain where the AI model contained in the AI software can be expected to operate successfully. Examples include computer vision, natural language processing, etc.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/domain

Name: domain
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.3 energyConsumption

### **Summary**

Indicates the amount of energy consumption incurred by an AI model.

## **Description**

Captures the energy consumption of an AI model, either known or estimated.

In the absence of direct measurements, an SPDX data creator may choose to estimate the energy consumption based on information about computational resources (e.g., number of floating-point operations), training time, and other relevant training details.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/energyConsumption

Name:energyConsumptionNature:ObjectPropertyRange:EnergyConsumption

#### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.4 energyQuantity

### **Summary**

Represents the energy quantity.

## **Description**

Provides the quantity information of the energy.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/energyQuantity

Name: energyQuantity
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:decimal

### Referenced

• /AI/EnergyConsumptionDescription

# 15.2.5 energyUnit

### **Summary**

Specifies the unit in which energy is measured.

## **Description**

Provides the unit information of the energy.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/energyUnit

Name: energyUnit
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: EnergyUnitType

### Referenced

• /AI/EnergyConsumptionDescription

# 15.2.6 finetuningEnergyConsumption

# **Summary**

Specifies the amount of energy consumed when finetuning the AI model that is being used in the AI system.

# Description

The field specifies the amount of energy consumed when finetuning the AI model that is being used in the AI system.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/finetuningEnergyConsumption

Name: finetuningEnergyConsumption

Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: EnergyConsumptionDescription

### Referenced

• /AI/EnergyConsumption

# 15.2.7 hyperparameter

#### **Summary**

Records a hyperparameter used to build the AI model contained in the AI package.

## **Description**

Records a hyperparameter value.

Hyperparameters are settings defined before the training process that control the learning algorithm's behavior. They differ from model parameters, which are learned from the data during training. Developers typically set hyperparameters manually or through a process of hyperparameter tuning (also known as trial and error).

Examples of hyperparameters include learning rate, batch size, and the number of layers in a neural network.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/hyperparameter

Name: hyperparameter
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

# Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

## 15.2.8 inferenceEnergyConsumption

## **Summary**

Specifies the amount of energy consumed during inference time by an AI model that is being used in the AI system.

### **Description**

The field specifies the amount of energy consumed during inference time by an AI model that is being used in the AI system.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/inferenceEnergyConsumption

Name: inferenceEnergyConsumption

Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: EnergyConsumptionDescription

## Referenced

• /AI/EnergyConsumption

# 15.2.9 informationAboutApplication

# **Summary**

Provides relevant information about the AI software, not including the model description.

### **Description**

A free-form text description of how the AI model is used within the software.

It should include any relevant information, such as pre-processing steps, third-party APIs, and other pertinent details.

It can also include:

- Functionality provided by the AI model within the software application, including: any specific tasks or decisions it is designed to perform; any pre-processing steps that are applied to the input data before it is fed into the AI model for inference, such as data cleaning, normalization, or feature extraction; and any third-party APIs or services that are used in conjunction with the AI model, such as data sources, cloud services, or other AI models.
- Description of any dependencies or requirements needed to run the AI model within the software application, including: specific hardware, software libraries, and operating systems.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/informationAboutApplication

Name: informationAboutApplication

Nature: DataProperty Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

## 15.2.10 informationAboutTraining

#### **Summary**

Describes relevant information about different steps of the training process.

### **Description**

A detailed explanation of the training process, including the specific techniques, algorithms, and methods employed.

Examples include:

- training data used to train the AI model, along with any relevant details about its source, quality, and pre-processing steps;
- specific training algorithms employed, including stochastic gradient descent, backpropagation, and reinforcement learning;
- specific training techniques used to improve the performance or accuracy of the AI model, such as transfer learning, fine-tuning, or active learning; and
- any evaluation metrics used to assess the performance of the AI model during the training process, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/informationAboutTraining

Name: informationAboutTraining Nature: DataProperty

Range: DataProperty xsd:string

# Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

## 15.2.11 limitation

# **Summary**

Captures a limitation of the AI software.

## **Description**

A free-form text that captures a limitation of the AI package (or of the AI models present in the AI package).

Note that this is not guaranteed to be exhaustive.

For instance, a limitation might be that the AI package cannot be used on datasets from a certain demography.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/limitation

Name: limitation
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

· /AI/AIPackage

#### 15.2.12 metric

## **Summary**

Records the measurement of prediction quality of the AI model.

# Description

Records the measurement with which the AI model was evaluated.

This makes statements about the prediction quality including uncertainty, accuracy, characteristics of the tested population, quality, fairness, explainability, robustness etc.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/metric

Name: metric
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

#### 15.2.13 metricDecisionThreshold

### **Summary**

Captures the threshold that was used for computation of a metric described in the metric field.

## **Description**

Each metric might be computed based on a decision threshold.

For instance, precision or recall is typically computed by checking if the probability of the outcome is larger than 0.5.

Each decision threshold should match with a metric field defined in the AI package.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/metricDecisionThreshold

Nature: metricDecisionThreshold
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.14 modelDataPreprocessing

#### **Summary**

Describes all the preprocessing steps applied to the training data before the model training.

### **Description**

A free-form text that describes the preprocessing steps applied to the training data before training of the model(s) contained in the AI software.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/modelDataPreprocessing

Name: modelDataPreprocessing
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

/AI/AIPackage

### 15.2.15 modelExplainability

### **Summary**

Describes methods that can be used to explain the results from the AI model.

### **Description**

A free-form text that lists the different explainability mechanisms and how they can be used to explain the results from the AI model.

The mechanisms can be model-agnostic methods, such as SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) $^{126}$  and Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) $^{127}$ , and model-specific methods that applied to a limited category of models.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/modelExplainability

Name: modelExplainability
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

# Referenced

/AI/AIPackage

### 15.2.16 safetyRiskAssessment

### **Summary**

Records the results of general safety risk assessment of the AI system.

## Description

Records the results of general safety risk assessment of the AI system.

Using categorization according to the EU general risk assessment methodology <sup>128</sup>. The methodology implements Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 and is intended to assist authorities when they assess general product safety compliance.

It is important to note that this categorization differs from the one proposed in the EU AI Act's provisional agreement.

<sup>126</sup> https://shap.readthedocs.io/

<sup>127</sup> https://github.com/marcotcr/lime

<sup>128</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/17107

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/safetyRiskAssessment

Name: safetyRiskAssessment

Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: SafetyRiskAssessmentType

#### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.17 standardCompliance

### **Summary**

Captures a standard that is being complied with.

### **Description**

A free-form text that captures a standard that the AI software complies with.

This includes both published and unpublished standards, such as those developed by ISO, IEEE, and ETSI.

The standard may, but is not necessarily required to, satisfy a legal or regulatory requirement.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/standardCompliance

Name: standardCompliance
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

# 15.2.18 trainingEnergyConsumption

### **Summary**

Specifies the amount of energy consumed when training the AI model that is being used in the AI system.

### **Description**

The field specifies the amount of energy consumed when training the AI model that is being used in the AI system.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/trainingEnergyConsumption

Name: trainingEnergyConsumption

Nature: ObjectProperty

Range: EnergyConsumptionDescription

# Referenced

• /AI/EnergyConsumption

# 15.2.19 typeOfModel

# **Summary**

Records the type of the model used in the AI software.

### **Description**

A free-form text that records the type of the AI model(s) used in the software.

For instance, if it is a supervised model, unsupervised model, reinforcement learning model or a combination of those.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/typeOfModel

Name: typeOfModel
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

· /AI/AIPackage

#### 15.2.20 useSensitivePersonalInformation

### **Summary**

Records if sensitive personal information is used during model training or could be used during the inference.

### **Description**

Notes if sensitive personal information is used in the training or inference of the AI models.

This might include biometric data, addresses or other data that can be used to infer a person's identity.

Related: hasSensitivePersonalInformation in /Dataset/DatasetPackage

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/useSensitivePersonalInformation

Name: useSensitivePersonalInformation
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/PresenceType

### Referenced

• /AI/AIPackage

### 15.3 Vocabularies

# 15.3.1 EnergyUnitType

# Summary

Specifies the unit of energy consumption.

# Description

List the different acceptable units for measuring energy consumption.

If the unit in which the energy consumption has been recorded is not listed here, please select "other".

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/EnergyUnitType

Name: EnergyUnitType

#### **Entries**

kilowattHour Kilowatt-hour.

megajoule Megajoule.

other Any other units of energy measurement.

# 15.3.2 SafetyRiskAssessmentType

# **Summary**

Specifies the safety risk level.

# **Description**

Lists the different general safety risk levels that can be used to describe the general safety risk of an AI system.

Using categorization according to the EU general risk assessment methodology<sup>129</sup>. The methodology implements Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 and is intended to assist authorities when they assess general product safety compliance.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/AI/SafetyRiskAssessmentType

Name: SafetyRiskAssessmentType

## **Entries**

high The second-highest level of risk posed by an AI system.

low Low/no risk is posed by an AI system.

medium The third-highest level of risk posed by an AI system.

serious The highest level of risk posed by an AI system.

<sup>129</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/17107

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### 16 Build

# **Summary**

The Build Profile defines the set of information required to describe an instance of a Software Build.

### **Description**

A Software Build is defined here as the act of converting software inputs into software artifacts using software build tools. Inputs can include source code, config files, artifacts that are build environments, and build tools. Outputs can include intermediate artifacts to other build inputs or the final artifacts.

The Build profile provides a subclass of Element called Build.

It also provides a minimum set of required Relationship Types from the Core profile:

- hasInput: Describes the relationship from the Build element to its inputs.
- hasOutput: Describes the relationship from the Build element to its outputs.
- invokedBy: Describes the relationship from the Build element to the Agent that invoked it.

In addition, the following Relationship Types may be used to describe a Build.

- hasHost: Describes the relationship from the Build element to the build stage or host.
- configures: Describes the relationship from a configuration to the Build element.
- ancestorOf: Describes a relationship from a Build element to Build elements that describe its child builds.
- descendantOf: Describes a relationship from a child Build element to its parent.
- usesTool: Describes a relationship from a Build element to a build tool.

All relationships in the Build Profile are scoped to the "build" LifecycleScopeType period.

The has Input relationship can be applied to a config file or a build tool if the nature of these inputs are not known at the creation of an SPDX document.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build

Name: Build

## 16.1 Classes

#### 16.1.1 Build

### **Summary**

Class that describes a build instance of software/artifacts.

# Description

A build is a representation of the process in which a piece of software or artifact is built. It encapsulates information related to a build process and provides an element from which relationships can be created to describe the build's inputs, outputs, and related entities (e.g. builders, identities, etc.).

ExternalIdentifier of type "urlScheme" may be used to identify build logs. In this case, the comment of the ExternalIdentifier should be "LogReference".

Note that buildStartTime and buildEndTime are optional, and may be omitted to simplify creating reproducible builds.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/Build

Name: Build
Instantiability: Concrete
SubclassOf: /Core/Element

# **Superclasses**

• /Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
buildEndTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildId	xsd:string	0	1
buildStartTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildType	xsd:anyURI	1	1
configSourceDigest	/Core/Hash	0	*
configSourceEntrypoint	xsd:string	0	*
configSourceUri	xsd:anyURI	0	*
environment	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
parameter	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*

# **All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
buildEndTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildId	xsd:string	0	1
buildStartTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildType	xsd:anyURI	1	1
comment	xsd:string	0	1
configSourceDigest	/Core/Hash	0	*
configSourceEntrypoint	xsd:string	0	*
configSourceUri	xsd:anyURI	0	*
creationInfo	CreationInfo	1	1
description	xsd:string	0	1
environment	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
extension	/Extension/Extension	0	*
externalIdentifier	ExternalIdentifier	0	*
externalRef	ExternalRef	0	*
name	xsd:string	0	1
parameter	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
spdxId	xsd:anyURI	1	1
summary	xsd:string	0	1
verifiedUsing	IntegrityMethod	0	*

# 16.2 Properties

# 16.2.1 buildEndTime

# **Summary**

Property that describes the time at which a build stops.

# **Description**

buildEndTime describes the time at which a build stops or finishes.

This value is typically recorded by the builder.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/buildEndTime

Name: buildEndTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

# Referenced

• /Build/Build

## 16.2.2 buildld

### **Summary**

A buildId is a locally unique identifier used by a builder to identify a unique instance of a build produced by it.

### **Description**

A buildId is a locally unique identifier to identify a unique instance of a build, according to the buildType.

This identifier differs based on build toolchain, platform, or naming convention used by an organization or standard.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/buildId

Name: buildId
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

· /Build/Build

### 16.2.3 buildStartTime

# Summary

Property describing the start time of a build.

### **Description**

buildStartTime is the time at which a build is triggered.

The builder typically records this value.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/buildStartTime

Name: buildStartTime
Nature: DataProperty
Range: /Core/DateTime

## Referenced

• /Build/Build

# 16.2.4 buildType

#### **Summary**

A buildType is a hint that is used to indicate the toolchain, platform, or infrastructure that the build was invoked on.

#### **Description**

A buildType is an IRI expressing the toolchain, platform, or infrastructure that the build was invoked on.

The buildType is used to interpret the meaning of other build parameters by defining the "type" of build; if the same buildType is seen in different Build elements, it means they are the same kind of build, but difference instances and possible with different configurations.

If you are not using a well-known buildType, it should be namespaced to a domain you own to prevent conflicts with other buildType IRIs.

Examples of a buildType might be:

- · A GitHub action workflow
- · A step in a GitHub actions pipeline

- An invocation of a compiler or other tool
- · A script that orchestrates builds at a higher level

Keep in mind that builds can be "nested" using the ancestorOf relationship.

If the buildType IRI is not recognized, it is still possible to inspect other properties of the build, but it may not be possible to derive deeper meaning from them.

For more information, see the SLSA definition of buildType.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/buildType

Name: buildType
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

· /Build/Build

# 16.2.5 configSourceDigest

#### Summary

Property that describes the digest of the build configuration file used to invoke a build.

### **Description**

configSourceDigest is the checksum of the build configuration file used by a builder to execute a build, according to the buildType.

This Property uses the Core model's Hash<sup>130</sup> class.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/configSourceDigest

Name: configSourceDigest
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/Hash

# Referenced

· /Build/Build

# 16.2.6 configSourceEntrypoint

### **Summary**

Property describes the invocation entrypoint of a build.

### **Description**

A build entrypoint is the invoked executable of a build which always runs when the build is triggered, according to the buildType.

For example, when a build is triggered by running a shell script, the entrypoint is script.sh.

In terms of a declared build, the entrypoint is the position in a configuration file or a build declaration which is always run when the build is triggered.

For example, in the following configuration file, the entrypoint of the build is publish.

```
name: Publish packages to PyPI

on:
    create:
```

<sup>130 .../../</sup>Core/Classes/Hash.md

```
tags: "*"

jobs:
  publish:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    if: startsWith(github.ref, 'refs/tags/')
    steps:
```

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/configSourceEntrypoint

Name: configSourceEntrypoint
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Build/Build

# 16.2.7 configSourceUri

## **Summary**

Property that describes the URI of the build configuration source file.

## **Description**

If a build configuration exists for the toolchain or platform performing the build, the configSourceUri of a build is the URI of that build configuration, according to the buildType.

For example, a build triggered by a GitHub Action is defined by a build configuration YAML file. In this case, the configSourceUri is the URL of that YAML file.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/configSourceUri

Name: configSourceUri
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:anyURI

# Referenced

• /Build/Build

# 16.2.8 environment

# **Summary**

Property describing the session in which a build is invoked.

# Description

environment is a map of environment variables and values that are set during a build session, according to the buildType.

This is different from the parameter<sup>131</sup> property in that it describes the environment variables set before a build is invoked rather than the variables provided to the builder.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/environment

Name:environmentNature:ObjectPropertyRange:/Core/DictionaryEntry

<sup>131</sup> parameter.md

### Referenced

• /Build/Build

# 16.2.9 parameter

## **Summary**

Property describing a parameter used in an instance of a build.

# Description

parameter is a key-value of a build parameter and its value that was provided to the builder for a build instance, according to the buildType.

This is different from the environment<sup>132</sup> property in that the key and value are provided as command line arguments or a configuration file to the builder.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Build/parameter

Name: parameter
Nature: ObjectProperty
Range: /Core/DictionaryEntry

### Referenced

• /Build/Build

<sup>132</sup> environment.md

### 17 Lite

### **Summary**

The SPDX Lite profile defines a simple view of SPDX data, from the point of view of use cases in some industries.

### **Description**

The SPDX Lite profile consists of mandatory and recommended information.

The mandatory data in SPDX Lite is basic but useful for complying with licenses. It is easy to understand licensing information by reading an SPDX Lite file.

SPDX Lite aims at a balance between the full SPDX data model and actual workflows in some industries.

An SPDX Lite document can also be used in parallel with other SPDX documents in software supply chains.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Lite

Name: Lite

# **Profile conformance**

In addition to the following mandatory requirements, please refer to the corresponding Annex for elements that should be included as part of a document conforming to the Lite profile.

For a /Software/Package to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

- 1. The minCount for copyrightText is 1
- 2. The minCount for packageVersion is 1
- 3. The minCount for suppliedBy is 1
- 4. At least one of downloadLocation or packageUrl must be present

# Additionally:

- 1. for every /Software/Package there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type hasConcludedLicense having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.
- 2. for every /Software/Package there MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship of type has Declared License having that element as its from property and a /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.

For a /Core/SpdxDocument to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

- 1. The minCount for element is 1
- 2. The minCount for rootElement is 1

For a /Software/Sbom to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

- 1. The minCount for element is 1
- 2. The minCount for rootElement is 1

Finally, for a /Core/Agent to be conformant with this profile, the following has to hold:

1. The minCount for name is 1

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### 18 Extension

### **Summary**

Everything having to do with SPDX extensions.

### **Description**

The Extension namespace defines the abstract Extension class serving as the base for all defined extension subclasses.

## Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension

Name: Extension

### 18.1 Classes

## 18.1.1 CdxPropertiesExtension

### **Summary**

A type of extension consisting of a list of name value pairs.

# **Description**

This extension provides a more structured extension using a name-value approach.

Unlike key-value stores, properties in CdxPropertiesExtension support duplicate names, each potentially having different values.

This is intended to be compatible with the CycloneDX property properties.

# Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/CdxPropertiesExtension

Name:	CdxPropertiesExtension
Instantiability:	Concrete
SubclassOf:	Extension

# Superclasses

• /Extension/Extension

# **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
cdxProperty	CdxPropertyEntry	1	*
All properties (informative)			
Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
cdxProperty	CdxPropertyEntry	1	*

# 18.1.2 CdxPropertyEntry

### **Summary**

A property name with an associated value.

### **Description**

Each CdxPropertyEntry contains a name-value pair which maps the name to its associated value.

Unlike key-value stores, properties in CdxPropertiesExtension support duplicate names, each potentially having different values.

This class can be used to implement CycloneDX compatible properties.

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/CdxPropertyEntry

Name:	CdxPropertyEntry
Instantiability:	Concrete

#### **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
cdxPropName	xsd:string	1	1
cdxPropValue	xsd:string	0	1

### **All properties** (informative)

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
cdxPropName	xsd:string	1	1
cdxPropValue	xsd:string	0	1

### 18.1.3 Extension

### **Summary**

A characterization of some aspect of an Element that is associated with the Element in a generalized fashion.

#### **Description**

An Extension is a characterization of some aspect of an Element that is associated with the Element in a generalized fashion.

Rather than being associated with a particular Element through the typical use of a purpose-specific object property an Extension is associated with the Element it characterizes using a single common generalized object property.

This approach serves multiple purposes:

- 1. Support profile-based extended characterization of Elements. Enables specification and expression of Element characterization extensions within any profile and namespace of SPDX without requiring changes to other profiles or namespaces and without requiring local subclassing of remote classes (which could inhibit ecosystem interoperability in some cases).
- 2. Support extension of SPDX by adopting individuals or communities with Element characterization details uniquely specialized to their particular context. Enables adopting individuals or communities to utilize SPDX expressive capabilities along with expressing more arcane Element characterization details specific to them and not appropriate for standardization across SPDX.
- 3. Support structured capture of expressive solutions for gaps in SPDX coverage from real-world use. Enables adopting individuals or communities to express Element characterization details they require that are not currently defined in SPDX but likely should be. Enables a practical pipeline that:
  - identifies gaps in SPDX that should be filled,
  - expresses solutions to those gaps in a way that allows the identifying adopters to use the extended solutions with SPDX and does not conflict with current SPDX,
  - can be clearly detected among the SPDX content exchange ecosystem,
  - provides a clear and structured definition of gap solution that can be used as submission for revision to SPDX standard

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/Extension

Name:	Extension
Instantiability:	Abstract

## 18.2 Properties

# 18.2.1 cdxPropName

# Summary

A name used in a CdxPropertyEntry name-value pair.

## **Description**

A cdxPropName is used in a CdxPropertyEntry name-value pair.

Unlike key-value stores, properties in CdxPropertiesExtension support duplicate names, each potentially having different values.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/cdxPropName

Name: cdxPropName
Nature: DataProperty
Range: xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Extension/CdxPropertyEntry

## 18.2.2 cdxPropValue

#### **Summary**

A value used in a CdxPropertyEntry name-value pair.

### **Description**

A cdxPropValue is used in a CdxPropertyEntry name-value pair.

Unlike key-value stores, properties in CdxPropertiesExtension support duplicate names, each potentially having different values.

#### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/cdxPropValue

Name: cdxPropValue Nature: DataProperty Range: xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Extension/CdxPropertyEntry

# 18.2.3 cdxProperty

# **Summary**

Provides a map of a property names to a values.

### **Description**

This field provides a mapping of a name to a value.

This is intended to be compatible with the CycloneDX property properties.

Unlike key-value stores, properties in CdxPropertiesExtension support duplicate names, each potentially having different values.

### Metadata

https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/terms/Extension/cdxProperty

Name:cdxPropertyNature:ObjectPropertyRange:CdxPropertyEntry

### Referenced

• /Extension/CdxPropertiesExtension

# Annex A

# RDF model definition and diagrams (Informative)

# A.1 Model definition

The SPDX RDF ontology is expressed in RDF/OWL/SHACL format and is published in online at SPDX 3.0.1 Model<sup>1</sup>

# A.2 Diagrams

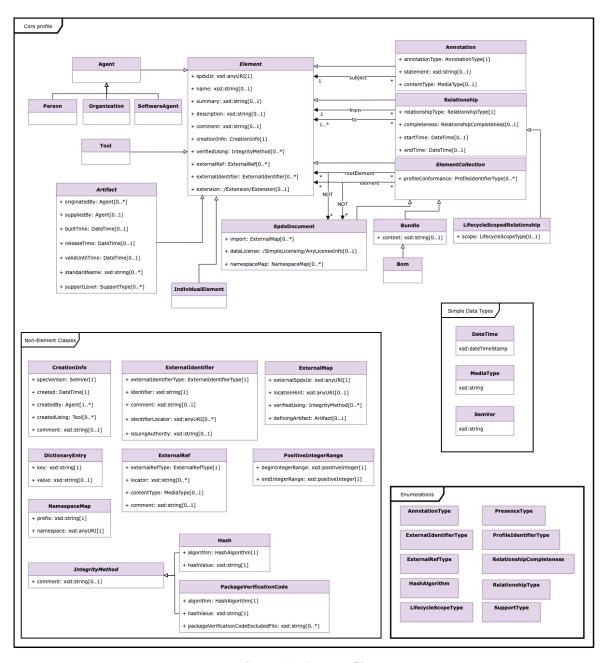


Figure A.1: Core Profile

<sup>1</sup>https://spdx.org/rdf/3.0.1/spdx-model.ttl

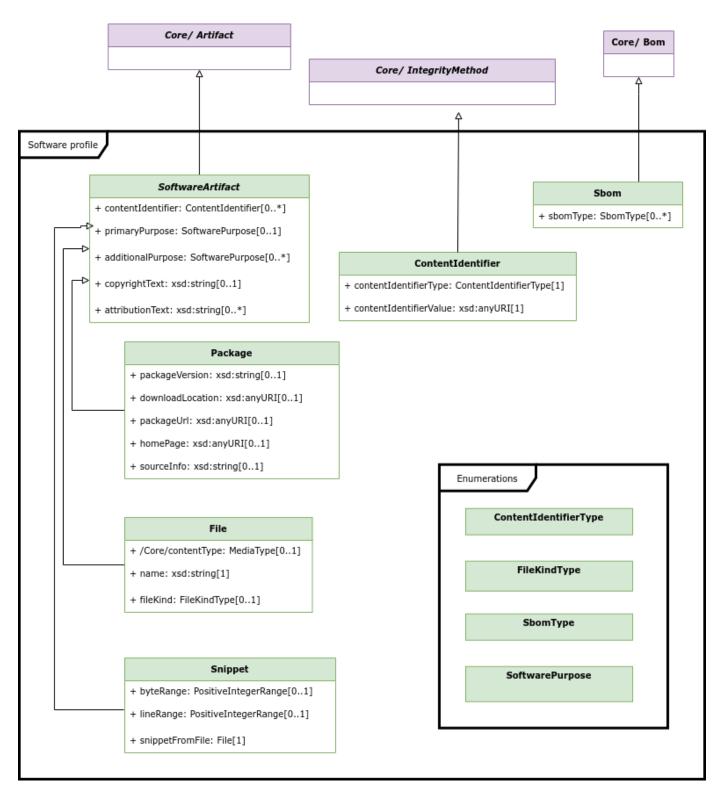


Figure A.2: Software Profile

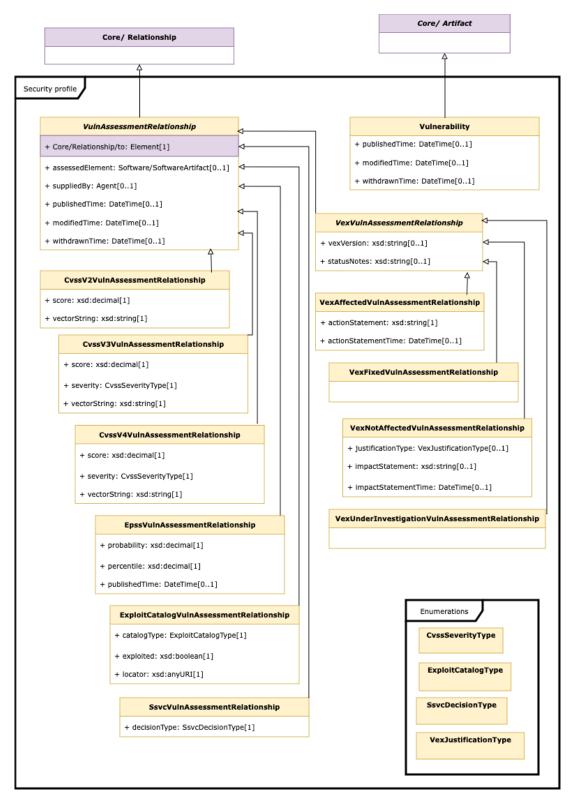


Figure A.3: Security Profile

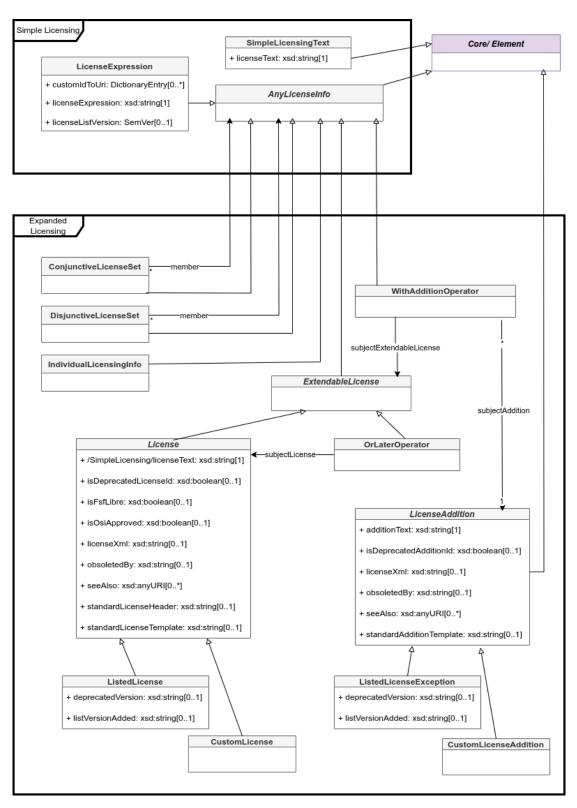


Figure A.4: Licensing Profile

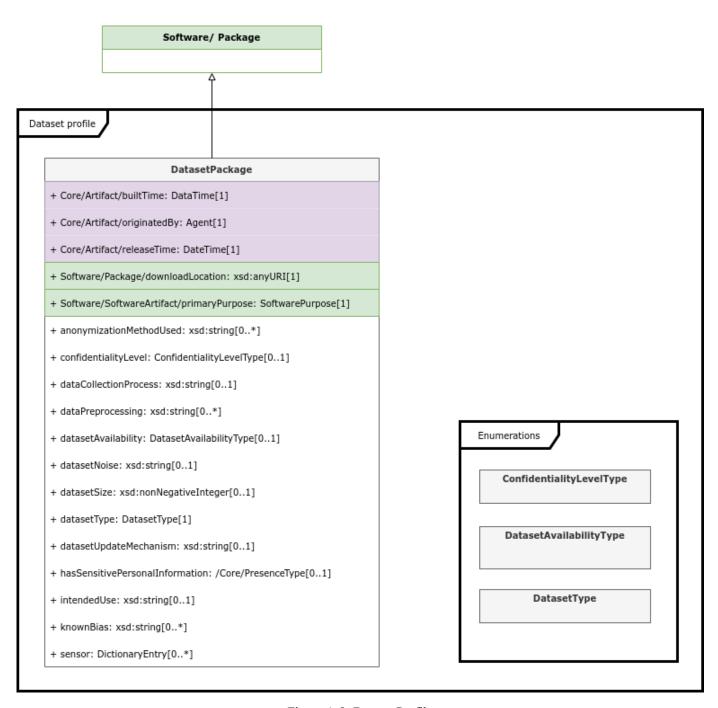


Figure A.5: Dataset Profile

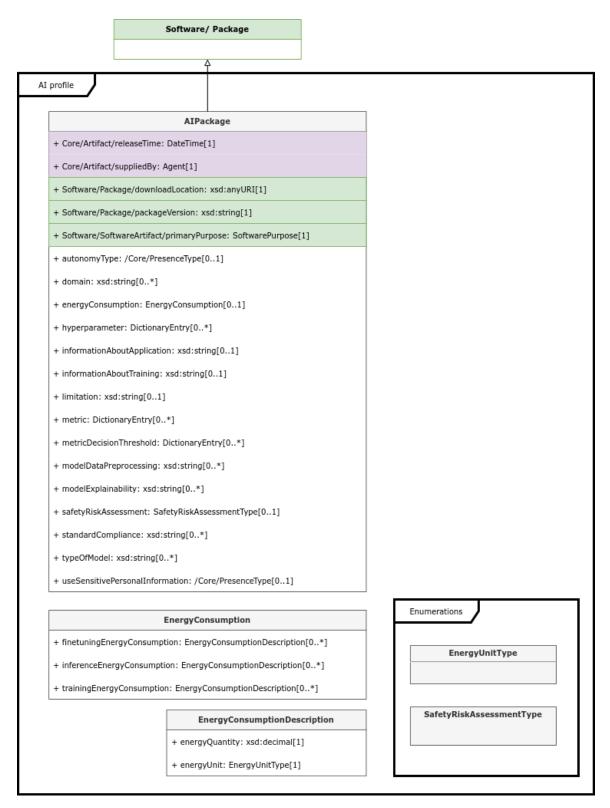


Figure A.6: AI Profile

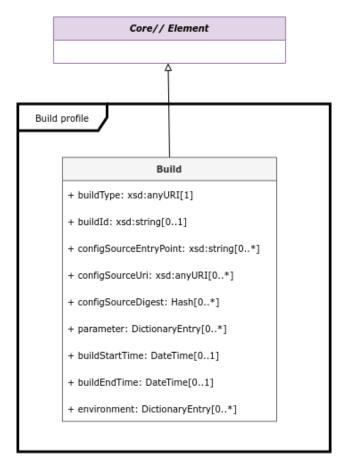


Figure A.7: Build Profile

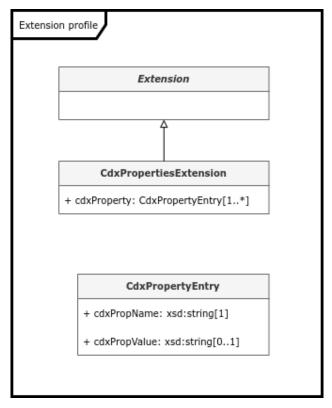


Figure A.8: Extension Profile

# **Annex B**

# **SPDX license expressions (Normative)**

# **B.1** Overview

Often a single license can be used to represent the licensing terms of a source code or binary file, but there are situations where a single license identifier is not sufficient. A common example is when software is offered under a choice of one or more licenses (e.g., GPL-2.0-only OR BSD-3-Clause). Another example is when a set of licenses is needed to represent a binary program constructed by compiling and linking two (or more) different source files each governed by different licenses (e.g., LGPL-2.1-only AND BSD-3-Clause).

SPDX License Expressions provide a way for one to construct expressions that more accurately represent the licensing terms typically found in open source software source code. A license expression could be a single license identifier found on the SPDX License List; a user defined license reference denoted by the LicenseRef-[idString]; a license identifier combined with an SPDX exception; or some combination of license identifiers, license references and exceptions constructed using a small set of defined operators (e.g., AND, OR, WITH and +). We provide the definition of what constitutes a valid SPDX License Expression in this section.

The exact syntax of license expressions is described below in ABNF, as defined in RFC 5234<sup>1</sup> and expanded in RFC 7405<sup>2</sup>.

```
idstring = 1*(ALPHA / DIGIT / "-" / "." )
license-id = <short form license identifier from SPDX License List>
license-exception-id = <short form license exception identifier from SPDX License List>
license-ref = [%s"DocumentRef-"(idstring)":"]%s"LicenseRef-"(idstring)
addition-ref = [%s"DocumentRef-"(idstring)":"]%s"AdditionRef-"(idstring)
simple-expression = license-id / license-id"+" / license-ref
addition-expression = license-exception-id / addition-ref
compound-expression = (simple-expression /
    simple-expression ( %s"WITH" / %s"with" ) addition-expression /
    compound-expression ( %s"AND" / %s"and" ) compound-expression /
    compound-expression ( %s"OR" / %s"or" ) compound-expression /
    "(" compound-expression ")" )
license-expression = (simple-expression / compound-expression)
```

In the following sections we describe in more detail license-expression> construct, a licensing expression string that enables a more accurate representation of the licensing terms of modern-day software.

A valid cense-expression> string consists of either:

- (i) a simple license expression, such as a single license identifier; or
- (ii) a more complex expression constructed by combining smaller valid expressions using Boolean license operators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc5234/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc7405/

There MUST NOT be white space between a license-id and any following +. This supports easy parsing and backwards compatibility. There MUST be white space on either side of the operator "WITH". There MUST be white space and/or parentheses on either side of the operators AND and OR.

In the tag: value format, a license expression MUST be on a single line, and MUST NOT include a line break in the middle of the expression.

# B.2 Case sensitivity

License expression operators (AND, and, OR, or, WITH and with) should be matched in a *case-sensitive* manner, i.e., letters must be all upper case or all lower case.

License identifiers (including license exception identifiers) used in SPDX documents or source code files should be matched in a *case-insensitive* manner. In other words, MIT, Mit and mIt should all be treated as the same identifier and referring to the same license.

However, please be aware that it is often important to match with the case of the canonical identifier on the SPDX License List<sup>3</sup>. This is because the canonical identifier's case is used in the URL of the license's or exception's entry on the List, and because the canonical identifier is translated to a URI in RDF documents.

For user defined license identifiers, only the variable part (after LicenseRef-) is case insensitive. This means, for example, that LicenseRef-Name and LicenseRef-name should be treated as the same identifier and considered to refer to the same license, while licenseref-name is not a valid license identifier.

The same applies to AdditionRef-user defined identifiers.

### **B.3** Simple license expressions

A simple cense-expression> is composed one of the following:

- An SPDX License List Short Form Identifier. For example: CDDL-1.0
- An SPDX License List Short Form Identifier with a unary "+" operator suffix to represent the current version of the license or any later version. For example: CDDL-1.0+
- An SPDX user defined license reference: ["DocumentRef-"1\*(idstring)":"]"LicenseRef-"1\*(idstring)

#### Some examples:

```
LicenseRef-MIT-Style-1

DocumentRef-spdx-tool-1.2:LicenseRef-MIT-Style-2
```

The current set of valid license identifiers can be found in spdx.org/licenses<sup>4</sup>.

# B.4 Composite license expressions

#### **B.4.1** Introduction

More expressive composite license expressions can be constructed using "OR", "AND", and "WITH" operators similar to constructing mathematical expressions using arithmetic operators.

For the tag:value format, any license expression that consists of more than one license identifier and/or LicenseRef, may optionally be encapsulated by parentheses: "()".

Nested parentheses can also be used to specify an order of precedence which is discussed in more detail in Order of precedence and parentheses.

<sup>3</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses

<sup>4</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses

### B.4.2 Disjunctive "OR" operator

If presented with a choice between two or more licenses, use the disjunctive binary "OR" operator to construct a new license expression, where both the left and right operands are valid license expression values.

For example, when given a choice between the LGPL-2.1-only or MIT licenses, a valid expression would be:

```
LGPL-2.1-only OR MIT
```

The "OR" operator is commutative, meaning that the above expression should be considered equivalent to:

```
MIT OR LGPL-2.1-only
```

An example representing a choice between three different licenses would be:

```
LGPL-2.1-only OR MIT OR BSD-3-Clause
```

It is allowed to use the operator in lower case form or.

# B.4.3 Conjunctive "AND" operator

If required to simultaneously comply with two or more licenses, use the conjunctive binary "AND" operator to construct a new license expression, where both the left and right operands are a valid license expression values.

For example, when one is required to comply with both the LGPL-2.1-only or MIT licenses, a valid expression would be:

```
LGPL-2.1-only AND MIT
```

The "AND" operator is commutative, meaning that the above expression should be considered equivalent to:

```
MIT AND LGPL-2.1-only
```

An example where all three different licenses apply would be:

```
LGPL-2.1-only AND MIT AND BSD-2-Clause
```

It is allowed to use the operator in lower case form and.

#### B.4.4 Additive "WITH" operator

Sometimes license texts are found with additional text, which might or might not modify the original license terms.

In this case, use the binary "WITH" operator to construct a new license expression to represent the special situation. A valid clicense-expression> is where the left operand is a <simple-expression> value and the right operand is a <addition-expression> that represents the additional text.

The <addition-expression> can be either a license-exception-id> from the SPDX License List, or a user defined addition reference in the form ["DocumentRef-"(idstring)":"]"AdditionRef-"(idstring)

For example, when the Bison exception is to be applied to GPL-2.0-or-later, the expression would be:

```
GPL-2.0-or-later WITH Bison-exception-2.2
```

The current set of valid license exceptions identifiers can be found in spdx.org/licenses<sup>5</sup>.

It is allowed to use the operator in lower case form with.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses

### B.4.5 Order of precedence and parentheses

The order of application of the operators in an expression matters (similar to mathematical operators). The default operator order of precedence of a cense-expression> a is:

+ WITH AND OR

where a lower order operator is applied before a higher order operator.

For example, the following expression:

```
LGPL-2.1-only OR BSD-3-Clause AND MIT
```

represents a license choice between either LGPL-2.1-only and the expression BSD-3-Clause AND MIT because the AND operator takes precedence over (is applied before) the OR operator.

When required to express an order of precedence that is different from the default order a ense-expression> can be encapsulated in pairs of parentheses: (), to indicate that the operators found inside the parentheses takes precedence over operators outside. This is also similar to the use of parentheses in an algebraic expression e.g., (5+7)/2.

For instance, the following expression:

```
MIT AND (LGPL-2.1-or-later OR BSD-3-Clause)
```

states the OR operator should be applied before the AND operator. That is, one should first select between the LGPL-2.1-or-later or the BSD-3-Clause license before applying the MIT license.

### B.4.6 License expressions in RDF

A conjunctive license can be expressed in RDF via a spdx:ConjunctiveLicenseSet> element, with an spdx:member property for each element in the conjunctive license. Two or more members are required.

A disjunctive license can be expressed in RDF via a spdx:DisjunctiveLicenseSet> element, with an spdx:member property for each element in the disjunctive license. Two or more members are required.

A License Exception can be expressed in RDF via a spdx:LicenseException> element. This element has the following unique mandatory (unless specified otherwise) attributes:

- comment An rdfs: comment element describing the nature of the exception.
- seeAlso (optional, one or more)- An rdfs: seeAlso element referencing external sources of information on the exception.
- example (optional) Text describing examples of this exception.
- name The full human readable name of the item.
- licenseExceptionId The identifier of an exception in the SPDX License List to which the exception applies.
- licenseExceptionText Full text of the license exception.

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about
 ="http://example.org#SPDXRef-ButIdDontWantToException">
   <rdfs:comment>This exception may be invalid in some
      jurisdictions.</rdfs:comment>
   <rdfs:seeAlso>http://dilbert.com/strip/1997-01-15</rdfs:seeAlso>
    <spdx:example>So this one time, I had a license exception
      ...</spdx:example>
    <spdx:licenseExceptionText>
       A user of this software may decline to follow any subset of
        the terms of this license upon finding any or all such terms
       unfavorable.
    </spdx:licenseExceptionText>
   <spdx:name>&quot;But I Don&apos;t Want To&quot; Exception/spdx:name>
   <spdx:licenseExceptionId>SPDXRef-ButIdDontWantToException/spdx:licenseExceptionId>
    <rdf:type rdf:resource
      ="http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#LicenseException"/>
</rdf:Description>
```

### **Annex C**

# SPDX License List matching guidelines and templates (Normative)

# C.1 SPDX License List matching guidelines

The SPDX License List Matching Guidelines provide guidelines to be used for the purposes of matching licenses and license exceptions against those included on the SPDX License List<sup>1</sup>. There is no intent here to make a judgment or interpretation, but merely to ensure that when one SPDX user identifies a license as "BSD-3-Clause," for example, it is indeed the same license as what someone else identifies as "BSD-3-Clause" and the same license as what is listed on the SPDX License List. As noted here, some of the matching guidelines are implemented in the XML files of the SPDX License List repository.

# C.2 How these guidelines are applied

### C.2.1 Purpose

To ensure consistent results by different SPDX document creators when matching license information that will be included in SPDX data. SPDX document creators or tools may match on the license or exception text itself, the official license header, or the SPDX License List short identifier.

#### C.2.2 Guideline: official license headers

The matching guidelines apply to license and exception text, as well as official license headers. Official license headers are defined by the SPDX License List as specific text specified within the license itself to be put in the header of files. (see explanation of SPDX License List fields<sup>2</sup> for more info).

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline: <standardLicenseHeader>

### C.3 Substantive text

#### C.3.1 Purpose

To ensure that when matching licenses and exceptions to the SPDX License List, there is an appropriate balance between matching against the substantive text and disregarding parts of the text that do not alter the substantive text or legal meaning. Further guidelines of what can be disregarded or considered replaceable for purposes of matching are listed below here and in the subsequent specific guidelines. A conservative approach is taken in regard to rules relating to disregarded or replaceable text.

#### C.3.2 Guideline: verbatim text

License and exception text should be the same verbatim text (except for the guidelines stated here). The text should be in the same order, e.g., differently ordered paragraphs would not be considered a match.

### C.3.3 Guideline: no additional text

Matched text should only include that found in the vetted license or exception text. Where a license or exception found includes additional text or clauses, this should not be considered a match.

#### C.3.4 Guideline: replaceable text

Some licenses include text that refers to the specific copyright holder or author, yet the rest of the license is exactly the same. The intent here is to avoid the inclusion of a specific name in one part of the license resulting in a non-match where the license is otherwise an exact match to the legally substantive terms (e.g., the third clause and disclaimer in the BSD licenses, or the third, fourth, and fifth clauses of Apache-1.1). In these cases, there should be a positive license match.

<sup>1</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/

 $<sup>^2</sup> https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/v3.25.0/DOCS/license-fields.md\\$ 

The text indicated as such can be replaced with similar values (e.g., a different name or generic term; different date) and still be considered a positive match. This rule also applies to text-matching in official license headers, see Guideline: official license headers.

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline. <alt> with 2 attributes:

- match a POSIX extended regular expression (ERE) to match the replaceable text
- name an identifier for the variable text unique to the license XML document

The original text is enclosed within the beginning and ending alt tags.

```
For example: <alt match="(?i:copyright.{0,200})." name="copyright1">Copyright The Linux Foundation</alt>
```

The original replaceable text appears on the SPDX License List webpage in red text.

#### C.3.5 Guideline: omittable text

Some licenses have text that can simply be ignored. The intent here is to avoid the inclusion of certain text that is superfluous or irrelevant in regards to the substantive license text resulting in a non-match where the license is otherwise an exact match (e.g., directions on how to apply the license or other similar exhibits). In these cases, there should be a positive license match.

The license should be considered a match if the text indicated is present and matches OR the text indicated is missing altogether.

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline: <optional>

For example: <optional>Apache License Version 2.0, January 2004 http://www.apache.org/licenses/<
Omittable text appears on the SPDX License List webpage in blue text.

# C.4 Whitespace

# C.4.1 Purpose

To avoid the possibility of a non-match due to different spacing of words, line breaks, or paragraphs.

### C.4.2 Guideline

All whitespace should be treated as a single blank space.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

# C.5 Capitalization

#### C.5.1 Purpose

To avoid the possibility of a non-match due to lowercase or uppercase letters in otherwise the same words.

#### C.5.2 Guideline

All uppercase and lowercase letters should be treated as lowercase letters.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

### C.6 Punctuation

#### C.6.1 Purpose

Because punctuation can change the meaning of a sentence, punctuation needs to be included in the matching process.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline, unless to indicate an exception to the guideline.

### C.6.2 Guideline: punctuation

Punctuation should be matched, unless otherwise stated in these guidelines or unless specific markup is added.

### C.6.3 Guideline: hyphens, dashes

Any hyphen, dash, en dash, em dash, or other variation should be considered equivalent.

#### C.6.4 Guideline: Quotes

Any variation of quotations (single, double, curly, etc.) should be considered equivalent.

### C.7 Code Comment Indicators or Separators

### C.7.1 Purpose

To avoid the possibility of a non-match due to the existence or absence of code comment indicators placed within the license text, e.g., at the start of each line of text, or repetitive characters to establish a separation of text, e.g., ---, ===, , or \*\*\*.

#### C.7.2 Guideline

Any kind of code comment indicator or prefix which occurs at the beginning of each line in a matchable section should be ignored for matching purposes.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

#### C.7.3 Guideline

A non-letter character repeated 3 or more times to establish a visual separation should be ignored for matching purposes.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

### C.8 Bullets and numbering

#### C.8.1 Purpose

To avoid the possibility of a non-match due to the otherwise same license using bullets instead of numbers, number instead of letter, or no bullets instead of bullet, etc., for a list of clauses.

#### C.8.2 Guideline

Where a line starts with a bullet, number, letter, or some form of a list item (determined where list item is followed by a space, then the text of the sentence), ignore the list item for matching purposes.

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline: <bullet>

For example: <bullet>1.0</bullet>

## C.9 Varietal word spelling

### C.9.1 Purpose

English uses different spelling for some words. By identifying the spelling variations for words found or likely to be found in licenses, we avoid the possibility of a non-match due to the same word being spelled differently. This list is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all spelling variations, but meant to capture the words most likely to be found in open source software licenses.

### C.9.2 Guideline

The words in each line of the text file available at the equivalent words list<sup>3</sup> are considered equivalent and interchangeable.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

# C.10 Copyright symbol

#### C.10.1 Purpose

By having a rule regarding the use of "©", "(c)", or "copyright", we avoid the possibility of a mismatch based on these variations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://spdx.org/licenses/equivalentwords.txt

#### C.10.2 Guideline

"©", "(c)", or "Copyright" should be considered equivalent and interchangeable.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline. The copyright symbol is part of the copyright notice, see implementation of that guideline in Copyright notice.

### C.11 Copyright notice

## C.11.1 Purpose

To avoid a license mismatch merely because the copyright notice (usually found above the actual license or exception text) is different. The copyright notice is important information to be recorded elsewhere in the SPDX document, but for the purposes of matching a license to the SPDX License List, it should be ignored because it is not part of the substantive license text.

### C.11.2 Guideline

Ignore copyright notices. A copyright notice consists of the following elements, for example: "2012 Copyright, John Doe. All rights reserved." or "(c) 2012 John Doe."

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline: <copyrightText>

For example: <copyrightText>Copyright 2022 The Linux Foundation</copyrightText>

### C.12 License name or title

### C.12.1 Purpose

To avoid a license mismatch merely because the name or title of the license is different than how the license is usually referred to or different than the SPDX full name. This also avoids a mismatch if the title or name of the license is simply not included.

#### C.12.2 Guideline

Ignore the license name or title for matching purposes, so long as what ignored is the title only and there is no additional substantive text added here.

The following XML tag is used to implement this guideline: <titleText>

For example: <titleText>Attribution Assurance License</titleText>

# C.13 Extraneous text at the end of a license

### C.13.1 Purpose

To avoid a license mismatch merely because extraneous text that appears at the end of the terms of a license is different or missing. This also avoids a mismatch if the extraneous text merely serves as a license notice example and includes a specific copyright holder's name.

### C.13.2 Guideline

Ignore any text that occurs after the obvious end of the license and does not include substantive text of the license, for example: text that occurs after a statement such as, "END OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or an exhibit or appendix that includes an example or instructions on to how to apply the license to your code. Do not apply this guideline or ignore text that is comprised of additional license terms (e.g., permitted additional terms under GPL-3.0, section 7).

To implement this guideline, use the <optional> XML element tag as described in Guideline: omittable text.

# C.14 HTTP protocol

### C.14.1 Purpose

To avoid a license mismatch due to a difference in a hyperlink protocol (e.g. HTTP vs. HTTPS).

#### C.14.2 Guideline

http://and https://should be considered equivalent.

XML files do not require specific markup to implement this guideline.

#### C.15 SPDX License List

### C.15.1 Template access

The license XML can be accessed in the license-list-data repository under the license-list-XML directory. Although the license list XML files can also be found in the license-list-XML<sup>4</sup> repository, users are encouraged to use the published versions in the license-list-data<sup>5</sup> repository. The license-list-data repository is tagged by release. Only tagged released versions of the license list are considered stable.

#### C.15.2 License List XML format

A full schema for the License List XML can be found at SPDX License List XML Schema<sup>6</sup>.

### C.15.3 Legacy Text Template format

Prior to the XML format, a text template was used to express variable and optional text in licenses. This text template is still supported, however, users are encouraged to use the more expressive XML format.

A legacy template is composed of text with zero or more rules embedded in it.

A rule is a variable section of a license wrapped between double angle brackets <<>> and is composed of 4 fields. Each field is separated with a semi-colon; Rules cannot be embedded within other rules. Rule fields begin with a case sensitive tag followed by an equal sign =.

Rule fields:

- type: indicates whether the text is replaceable or omittable as per Substantive text guidelines.
  - Indicated by <<var; . . . >> or
  - Indicated by <<br/>beginOptional; . . .>> and <<endOptional>> respectively.
  - This field is the first field and is required.
- name: name of the field in the template.
  - This field is unique within each license template.
  - This field is required.
- original: the original text of the rule.
  - This field is required for a rule type: <<var; . . . >>
- match: a POSIX extended regular expression (ERE).
  - This field is required for a rule type: <<var; . . . >>

The POSIX ERE<sup>7</sup> in the match field has the following restrictions and extensions:

- Semicolons are escaped with \;
- POSIX Bracket Extensions are not allowed

For example: <<var; name=organizationClause3; original=the copyright holder; match=.+>>

<sup>4</sup>https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://github.com/spdx/license-list-data

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/v3.25.0/schema/ListedLicense.xsd

http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799/

# Annex D

# SPDX Lite (Normative)

# D.1 Explanation of the Lite profile

The Lite profile is designed to make it quick and easy to start a Software Bill of Materials in situations where a company may have limited capacity for introducing new items into their processes. The Lite profile captures the minimum set of information required for license compliance in the software supply chain. It contains information about the creation of the SBOM, package lists with licensing and other related information, and their relationships.

All elements in Lite profile are essential for complying with licenses. It is easy to use a SPDX document with the Lite profile for anyone who does not have enough knowledge about licensing information and easy to import license information from former versions of SPDX Lite format files. The Lite profile offers the flexibility to be used either alone or in combination with other SPDX profiles as a SPDX document in the software supply chain.

# D.2 Mandatory and recommended properties

The Lite profile specifies that some properties MUST be present and some others SHOULD be present, as much as possible.

The following lists collect and present this information for every class present in the SPDX data, in a concise and easy-to-follow format. The lists of properties are in alphabetical order, for easy reference.

### D.2.1 /Core/SpdxDocument

- · Mandatory
  - 1. creationInfo
  - 2. element (may be multiple), MUST have at least one /Core/Sbom object
  - 3. rootElement (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Core/Sbom
  - 4. spdxId
- Recommended
  - 1. comment
  - 2. dataLicense
  - 3. name
  - 4. namespaceMap (may be multiple)
  - 5. verifiedUsing (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Core/Hash

#### D.2.2 /Software/Sbom

- · Mandatory
  - creationInfo
  - 2. element (may be multiple), MUST have at least one /Software/Package object
  - 3. rootElement (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Software/Package
  - 4. spdxId
- Recommended
  - 1. sbomType (may be multiple)

### D.2.3 /Software/Package

- Mandatory
  - 1. copyrightText
  - 2. creationInfo
  - 3. name
  - 4. packageVersion

- 5. spdxId
- 6. suppliedBy, SHOULD be an object of type /Core/Agent
- Recommended
  - 1. attributionText (may be multiple)
  - 2. builtTime
  - 3. comment
  - 4. downloadLocation
  - 5. homepage
  - 6. originatedBy (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Core/Agent
  - 7. packageUrl
  - 8. releaseTime
  - 9. supportLevel (may be multiple)
  - 10. validUntilTime
  - 11. verifiedUsing (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Core/Hash

However, there MUST be at least a "downloadLocation" or "packageUrl" property.

#### Additionally:

- 1. for every /Software/Package object MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship object of type hasConcludedLicense having that element as its from property and an /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo as its to property.
- 2. for every /Software/Package object MUST exist exactly one /Core/Relationship object of type hasDeclaredLicense having that element as its from property and /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo object as its to property.

### D.2.4 /Core/Hash

- Mandatory
  - 1. algorithm
  - 2. hashValue
- Recommended
  - 1. comment

### D.2.5 /SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

- Mandatory
  - 1. creationInfo
  - 2. licenseExpression
  - 3. spdxId
- Recommended
  - 1. licenseListVersion

### D.2.6 /SimpleLicensing/SimpleLicensingText

- Mandatory
  - 1. creationInfo
  - 2. licenseText
  - 3. spdxId
- Recommended
  - 1. comment

# D.2.7 /Core/Agent (createdBy, suppliedBy, originatedBy)

- Mandatory
  - 1. creationInfo, SHOULD be "BlankNode"
  - name
  - 3. spdxId
- Recommended
  - 1. externalIdentifier (may be multiple)

#### D.2.8 /Core/CreationInfo

- Mandatory
  - 1. created
  - 2. createdBy (may be multiple), SHOULD be objects of type /Core/Agent
  - 3. specVersion, MUST be a fixed string, "3.0.1".
- Recommended
  - 1. comment

### D.2.9 /Core/ExternalIdentifier

- Mandatory
  - 1. externalIdentifierType
  - 2. identifier

# D.2.10 /Core/NameSpaceMap

- Mandatory
  - 1. namespace
  - 2. prefix

# D.2.11 /Core/Relationship

- Mandatory
  - 1. creationInfo
  - 2. from
  - 3. relationshipType
  - 4. spdxId
  - 5. to (may be multiple)

# Annex E

# Package URL specification v1 (Normative)

#### E.1 Introduction

The Package URL core specification defines a versioned and formalized format, syntax, and rules used to represent and validate package URLs.

A package URL or *purl* is an attempt to standardize existing approaches to reliably identify the location of software packages.

A *purl* is a URL string used to identify the location of a software package in a mostly universal and uniform way across programming languages, package managers, packaging conventions, tools, APIs and databases.

Such a package URL is useful to reliably reference the same software package using a simple and expressive syntax and conventions based on familiar URLs.

### E.2 Syntax definition

purl stands for package URL.

A purl is a URL composed of seven components:

scheme:type/namespace/name@version?qualifiers#subpath

Components are separated by a specific character for unambiguous parsing.

The definition for each components is:

- scheme: this is the URL scheme with the constant value of "pkg". One of the primary reason for this single scheme is to facilitate the future official registration of the "pkg" scheme for package URLs. Required.
- type: the package type or package protocol such as maven, npm, nuget, gem, pypi, etc. Required.
- namespace: some name prefix such as a Maven groupid, a Docker image owner, a GitHub user or organization. Optional and type-specific.
- name: the name of the package. Required.
- version: the version of the package. Optional.
- qualifiers: extra qualifying data for a package such as an OS, architecture, a distribution, etc. Optional and type-specific.
- subpath: extra subpath within a package, relative to the package root. Optional.

Components are designed such that they form a hierarchy from the most significant on the left to the least significant components on the right.

A *purl* is a valid URL and URI that conforms to the URL definitions and specifications in RFC 3986 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc3986.

A *purl* must not contain a URL Authority i.e. there is no support for username, password, host and port components. A namespace segment may sometimes look like a host but its interpretation is specific to a type.

The *purl* components are mapped to the following URL components:

- purl scheme: this is a URL scheme with a constant value: pkg
- purl type, namespace, name and version components: these are collectively mapped to a URL path
- purl qualifiers: this maps to a URL query
- purl subpath: this is a URL fragment

# E.3 Character encoding

For clarity and simplicity a *purl* is always an ASCII string. To ensure that there is no ambiguity when parsing a *purl*, separator characters and non-ASCII characters must be encoded in UTF-8, and then percent-encoded as defined in RFC 3986 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc3986.

Use these rules for percent-encoding and decoding *purl* components:

- the type must NOT be encoded and must NOT contain separators
- the #, ?, @ and : characters must NOT be encoded when used as separators. They may need to be encoded elsewhere
- the: scheme and type separator does not need to and must NOT be encoded. It is unambiguous unencoded everywhere
- the / used as type/namespace/name and subpath segments separator does not need to and must NOT be percent-encoded. It is unambiguous unencoded everywhere
- the @ version separator must be encoded as %40 elsewhere
- the ? qualifiers separator must be encoded as %3F elsewhere
- the = qualifiers key/value separator must NOT be encoded
- the # subpath separator must be encoded as %23 elsewhere
- All non-ASCII characters must be encoded as UTF-8 and then percent-encoded

It is OK to percent-encode any *purl* components, except for the type. Producers and consumers of *purl* data must always percent-decode and percent-encode components and component segments as explained in the "How to produce and consume *purl* data" section.

# E.4 Rules for each component

A purl string is an ASCII URL string composed of seven components.

Some components are allowed to use other characters beyond ASCII: these components must then be UTF-8-encoded strings and percent-encoded as defined in the "Character encoding" section.

The rules for each component are:

### E.4.1 Rules for scheme

- The scheme is a constant with the value "pkg"
- Since a *purl* never contains a URL Authority, its scheme must not be suffixed with double slash as in pkg:// and should use instead pkg:.
- purl parsers must accept URLs such as 'pkg://' and must ignore the '//'.
- purl builders must not create invalid URLs with such double slash '//'.
- The scheme is followed by a ':' separator.
- For example, the two purls pkg: gem/ruby-advisory-db-check@0.12.4 and pkg://gem/ruby-advisory-db-check@0.12.4 and pkg://gem/ruby-advisory-db-check@0.12.

### E.4.2 Rules for type

- The package type is composed only of ASCII letters and numbers, ., + and (period, plus, and dash).
- The type cannot start with a number.
- The type cannot contain spaces.
- The type must not be percent-encoded.
- The type is case insensitive, with the canonical form being lowercase.

#### E.4.3 Rules for namespace

- The optional namespace contains zero or more segments, separated by slash /.
- Leading and trailing slashes / are not significant and should be stripped in the canonical form. They are not part of the namespace.
- Each namespace segment must be a percent-encoded string.
- When percent-decoded, a segment must not contain a slash / and must not be empty.
- A URL host or Authority must NOT be used as a namespace. Use instead a repository\_url qualifier. Note however that for some types, the namespace may look like a host.

#### E.4.4 Rules for name

- The name is prefixed by a slash / separator when the namespace is not empty.
- This slash / is not part of the name.
- A name must be a percent-encoded string.

#### E.4.5 Rules for version

- The version is prefixed by a at-sign @ separator when not empty.
- This at-sign @ is not part of the version.
- A version must be a percent-encoded string.
- A version is a plain and opaque string. Some package types use versioning conventions such as SemVer for NPMs or NEVRA
  conventions for RPMS. A type may define a procedure to compare and sort versions, but there is no reliable and uniform
  way to do such comparison consistently.

### E.4.6 Rules for qualifiers

- The qualifiers string is prefixed by a ? separator when not empty.
- This? is not part of the qualifiers.
- This is a string composed of zero or more key=value pairs each separated by an ampersand &. A key and value are separated by an equal = character.
- These & are not part of the key=value pairs.
- Each key must be unique within the keys of the qualifiers string.
- A value cannot be an empty string; a key=value pair with an empty value is the same as no key/value at all for this key.
- Each key must be composed only of ASCII letters and numbers, ., and \\_ (period, dash and underscore).
- · A key cannot start with a number.
- A key must NOT be percent-encoded.
- A key is case insensitive, with the canonical form being lowercase.
- A key cannot contain spaces.
- A value must be a percent-encoded string.
- The = separator is neither part of the key nor of the value.

#### E.4.7 Rules for subpath

- The subpath string is prefixed by a # separator when not empty.
- This # is not part of the subpath.
- The subpath contains zero or more segments, separated by slash /.
- Leading and trailing slashes / are not significant and should be stripped in the canonical form.
- Each subpath segment must be a percent-encoded string.
- When percent-decoded, a segment must not contain a /, must not be any of . . or ., and must not be empty.
- The subpath must be interpreted as relative to the root of the package.

# E.5 Known types

There are several known *purl* package type definitions. The current list of known types is: alpm, apk, bitbucket, bitnami, cargo, cocoapods, composer, conan, conda, cpan, cran, deb, docker, gem, generic, github, golang, hackage, hex, huggingface, luarocks, maven, mlflow, npm, nuget, oci, pub, pypi, qpkg, rpm, swid, and swift.

The list, with definitions for each type, is maintained in the file named PURL-TYPES.rst in the online repository https://github.com/package-url/purl-spec.

# E.6 Known qualifiers key/value pairs

Qualifiers should be limited to the bare minimum for proper package identification, to ensure that a *purl* stays compact and readable in most cases. Separate external attributes stored outside of a *purl* are the preferred mechanism to convey extra long and optional information. API, database or web form.

The following keys are valid for use in all package types:

• repository\_url is an extra URL for an alternative, non-default package repository or registry. The default repository or registry of each type is documented in the "Known types" section.

- download url is an extra URL for a direct package web download URL.
- vcs url is an extra URL for a package version control system URL.
- file name is an extra file name of a package archive.
- checksum is a qualifier for one or more checksums stored as a comma-separated list. Each item in the list is in form of algorithm:hex\_value (all lowercase), such as shal:ad9503c3e994a4f611a4892f2e67ac82df727086.

# E.7 How to produce and consume *purl* data

The following provides rules to be followed when building or deconstructing *purl* instances.

# E.7.1 How to build *purl* string from its components

Building a purl ASCII string works from left to right, from type to subpath.

To build a *purl* string from its components:

- 1. Start a purl string with the "pkg:" scheme as a lowercase ASCII string
- 2. Append the type string to the *purl* as a lowercase ASCII string
- 3. Append / to the *purl*
- 4. If the namespace is not empty:
  - 1. Strip the namespace from leading and trailing /
  - 2. Split on / as segments
  - 3. Apply type-specific normalization to each segment, if needed
  - 4. Encode each segment in UTF-8-encoding
  - 5. Percent-encode each segment
  - 6. Join the segments with /
  - 7. Append this to the *purl*
  - 8. Append / to the *purl*
- 5. Strip the name from leading and trailing /
- 6. Apply type-specific normalization to the name, if needed
- 7. Encode the name in UTF-8-encoding
- 8. Percent-encode the name
- 9. Append the percent-encoded name to the purl
- 10. If the version is not empty:
  - 1. Append @ to the *purl*
  - 2. Encode the version in UTF-8-encoding
  - 3. Percent-encode the version
  - 4. Append the percent-encoded version to the purl
- 11. If the qualifiers are not empty and not composed only of key/value pairs where the value is empty:
  - 1. Append? to the purl
  - 2. Discard any pair where the value is empty
  - 3. Encode each value in UTF-8-encoding
  - 4. If the key is checksum and there are more than one checksums, join the list with, to create the qualifier value
  - 5. Create each qualifier string by joining the lowercased key, the equal = sign, and the percent-encoded value
  - 6. Sort this list of qualifier strings lexicographically
  - 7. Join this list of sorted qualifier strings with &
  - 8. Append this string to the *purl*
- 12. If the subpath is not empty and not composed only of empty, ., and .. segments:
  - 1. Append # to the *purl*
  - 2. Strip the subpath from leading and trailing /

- 3. Split the subpath on / as a list of segments
- 4. Discard empty, ., and . . segments
- 5. Encode each segment in UTF-8-encoding
- 6. Percent-encode each segment
- 7. Join the segments with /
- 8. Append this string to the *purl*

### E.7.2 How to parse a *purl* string to its components

Parsing a purl ASCII string into its components works by splitting the string on different characters.

To parse a *purl* string in its components:

- 1. Split the *purl* string once from right on #, if present; the left side is the remainder.
- 2. If the right side is not empty, it contains subpath information:
  - 1. Strip it from leading and trailing /.
  - 2. Split this on / in a list of segments.
  - 3. Discard empty, ., and . . segments.
  - 4. Percent-decode each segment.
  - 5. UTF-8-decode each of these.
  - 6. Join segments with /.
  - 7. This is the subpath.
- 3. Split the remainder once from right on ?, if present; the left side is the remainder.
- 4. If the right side is not empty, it contains qualifiers information:
  - 1. Split it on & in a list of key=value pairs.
  - 2. Split each pair once from left on = in key and value parts.
  - 3. The key is the lowercase left side.
  - 4. Percent-decode the right side.
  - 5. UTF-8-decode this to get the value.
  - 6. Discard any key/value pairs where the value is empty.
  - 7. If the key is checksum, split the value on , to create a list of checksums.
  - 8. This list of keys/values is the qualifiers.
- 5. Split the remainder once from left on :; the right side is the remainder.
- 6. The left side lowercased is the scheme. It should be exactly "pkg:".
- 7. Strip the remainder from leading and trailing /.
- 8. Split this once from left on /; the right side is the remainder.
- 9. The left side lowercased is the type.
- 10. Split the remainder once from right on @, if present; the left side is the remainder.
- 11. If the right side is not empty, it contains version information:
  - 1. Percent-decode the string.
  - 2. UTF-8-decode this.
  - 3. This is the version.
- 12. Split the remainder once from right on /, if present; the left side is the remainder.
- 13. The right side contains name information.
- 14. Percent-decode the name string.
- 15. UTF-8-decode this.
- 16. Apply type-specific normalization, if needed.
- 17. This is the name.

- 18. If the remainder is not empty, it contains namespace information:
  - 1. Split the remainder on / to a list of segments.
  - 2. Discard any empty segment.
  - 3. Percent-decode each segment.
  - 4. UTF-8-decode each of these.
  - 5. Apply type-specific normalization to each segment, if needed.
  - 6. Join segments with /.
  - 7. This is the namespace.

### E.8 Examples

The following list includes some valid *purl* examples:

- pkg:bitbucket/birkenfeld/pygments-main@244fd47e07d1014f0aed9c
- pkg:deb/debian/curl@7.50.3-1?arch=i386&distro=jessie
- pkg:gem/ruby-advisory-db-check@0.12.4
- pkg:github/package-url/purl-spec@244fd47e07d1004f0aed9c
- pkg:golang/google.golang.org/genproto#googleapis/api/annotations
- pkg:maven/org.apache.xmlgraphics/batik-anim@1.9.1?packaging=sources
- pkg:npm/foobar@12.3.1
- pkg:nuget/EnterpriseLibrary.Common@6.0.1304
- pkg:pypi/django@1.11.1
- pkg:rpm/fedora/curl@7.50.3-1.fc25?arch=i386&distro=fedora-25

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# **Annex F**

# **History with OMG, Motivation and Rational (Informative)**

The OMG and CISQ involvement in developing this specification had its start due to a need that came from the several years of work in the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in creating an Initiative to Improve Software Component Transparency in July of 2018 [6]. That effort actually was the culmination of several earlier attempts to get software transparency, updatability and bill of materials as requirements in safety critical sectors like automotive and healthcare as early as 2013/2014 [2, 3] with many talks and papers written for and against them and discussions. With the launch of the NTIA Software Component Transparency Initiative there was a major increase in the energy and coordination of those proposing software bill of materials (SBOM) as a key element of communication across the different participants in software supply chains. These meetings, which started with a public meeting in Washington DC consisted primarily of vendors of software and customers of those vendors. It was this mix of participants that struck us that these efforts were missing an important community member if they were to make SBOMs successful and useful – they seemed to be missing the organizations who create the tools for developing software.

To address this gap, over the winter and spring of 2019, we crafted a market analysis of the software development tooling ecosystem and documented usage scenarios to drive the functionality needed for an SBOM standard usable by tools to talk to other tools and bring speed and agility into the discussion of software transparency and assurance about the information itself. This information was used to present to the Systems Assurance Platform Task Force (PTF) and the Architecture Driven Modernization PTF in March and June of 2019. The paper "Standardizing SBOM within the SW Development Tooling Ecosystem", which captured this work, was later published by MITRE [1] and included 8 core usage scenarios for SBOMs as well as a discussion of the various roles were in the software creation tooling ecosystem. This paper and its various pre-publication drafts were used as a discussion starter to garner interest and participation in the Tool-to-Tool (3T) Software Bill of Materials Exchange effort [4]. The 3T-SBOM Exchange effort was co-sponsored by CISQ and OMG and launched in the fall of 2019 with three to four weekly meetings working the various facets of SBOMs. Over the next two years the 3T-SBOM community, which included over 30 organizations that develop and integrate software creation tooling and infrastructure, developed a 3T-SBOM core model (shown in Figure 13) in September of 2020 that had seven basic concepts connected together to address the usage scenarios outlined for the project.

While the 3T-SBOM community was working to develop their model, the work within the NTIA Software Component Transparency effort also met in numerous weekly virtual meetings to discuss the various aspects of SBOMs, their use, the roles of different players in the lifecycle of an SBOM and the need to educate the world about SBOMs. This was captured in the NTIA Software Bill Of Materials web page. [7]

In late 2020 and much of 2021 the world of software security turned its attention to the software supply chain attack on the Solar Winds Corporation [5] and the need to prevent similar types of attacks in the future. The United States Government responded to this and other similar attacks by issuing Executive Order 14028 in May 2021 [12] calling for stronger software security practices for products used by the government and that the software have SBOMs with them. The Executive Order required that "Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and the Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, shall publish minimum elements for an SBOM." This was done leveraging the community work that NTIA had been doing with industry for the past 34 months and set the new requirements for SBOM capabilities. [11]

Over the 2019-2020 timespan, some of the organization in the 3T-SBOM community were also working within the Linux Foundation's Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX®) open-source effort to evolve their previous work. Started in 2010 to help organizations developing software that planned to incorporate open source software make sure that the licenses for that open source software were appropriate for how the organizations planned to use them in their own offerings, the SPDX community developed a series of software products, specifications, and capabilities to address this area. The first published work was a version 1.0 specification in August of 2011; followed by 1.1 version a year later; a 1.2 version in October 2013; a 2.0 version in 2015; and 2.1 version in 2016. The 2.2 version of the specification was published in 2020 to address the required SBOM minimum elements. The 2.2.1 version of SPDX specification was published through the Linux Foundation's new Joint Development Foundation and sent to ISO under the Publicly Available Standard (PAS) process with it eventually being republished as "ISO/IEC 5962:2021 - Information technology — SPDX®" in 2021.

Through the common members in 3T-SBOM and the Linux Foundation's SPDX effort many of the concepts around SBOMs flowed back and forth between the two resulting in a draft core model for SPDX 3.0 in September of 2020 that had the same seven basic concepts connected together that were in the 3T-SBOM core model. Figure 14 shows the state of the SPDX 3.0 core model at that time.

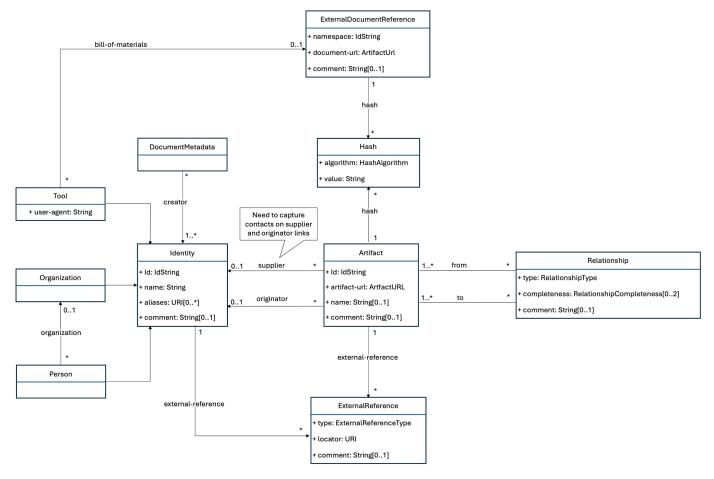


Figure F.1: 3T-SBOM draft core model (circa Sep 2020)

The similarities and alignment of the two group's work (shown in Figure 15 below) was brought to the attention of both teams and after long discussions about each other's efforts, goals, and approach to creating a standard for today, both agreed in principle to join together under the SPDX 3.0 label but to make several changes in the way the SPDX community activities were run as well as how the resulting specification would be vetted.

Specifically, the SPDX community revised their charter to align with the processes of a Standards Development Organization, electing new chairs and adding the OMG Architecture Board review as a gating factor in the publication of SPDX 3.0 and subsequent versions.

The merged activities of the two group slid together the beginning weeks of 2021 with activities generally moving forward but occasionally stalling while the larger group worked through issues that one or the other hadn't discussed or had a different opinion about. Eventually, after releasing SPDX 2.3 in August of 2022 with updates that brought some of the concepts and capabilities slated for SPDX 3.0 to the community in preparation of the shift that SPDX 3.0 represents, the first release candidate of SPDX 3.0 was released in May of 2023. Within the SPDX community, which is both a standards creation organization as well as a community of open source developers, a release candidate offers an opportunity for implementors of SPDX, both new and old, to review the work and determine whether there were parts that were unclear or that would be extremely burdensome to implement.

Based on the comments and change requests from the initial candidate release several areas of the model were revised and reworked, resulting in a release candidate 2 of SPDX 3.0 in February of 2024. This release candidate will give tool creators and those who maintain the support libraries for working with SPDX time to start revising their projects in advance of the final version of the specification. For those not following the inner workings, debates, and discussion of the combined 3T-SBOM and SPDX 3.0 working group for the last 3 years there will be a dramatic change in the SPDX model as it goes from SPDX 2.3 to SPDX 3.0, as shown by looking at Figure 16's left-side (SPDX 2.3 model) compared to its right-side (SPDX 3.0), shifting the SPDX name from Software Package Data Exchange to System Package Data Exchange and the scope of items it can convey in a bill of materials.

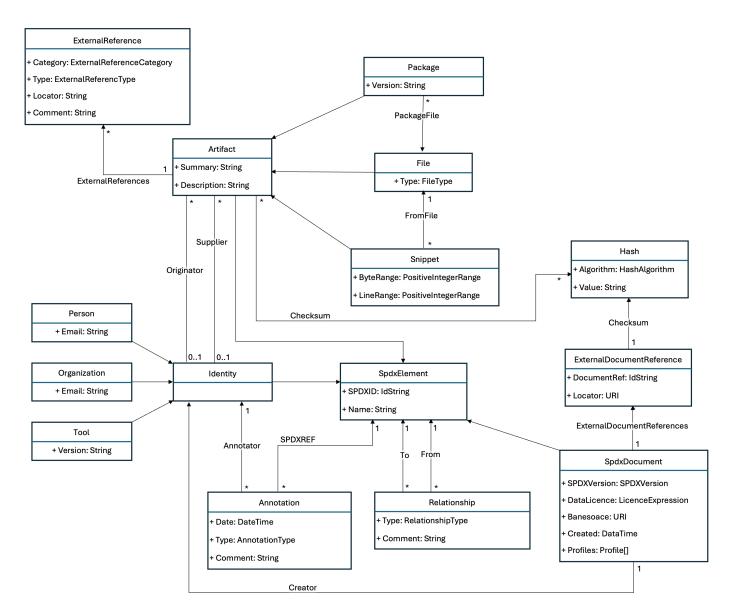


Figure F.2: SPDX 3.0 draft core model (circa Sep 2020)

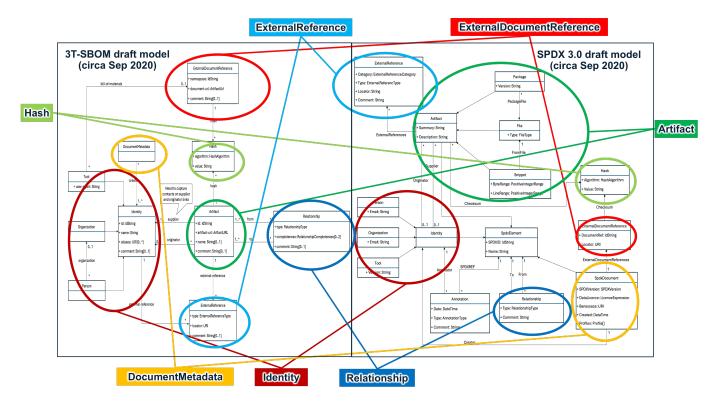


Figure F.3: Correspondence between 3T-SBOM and SPDX 3.0 draft models (circa Sep 2020)

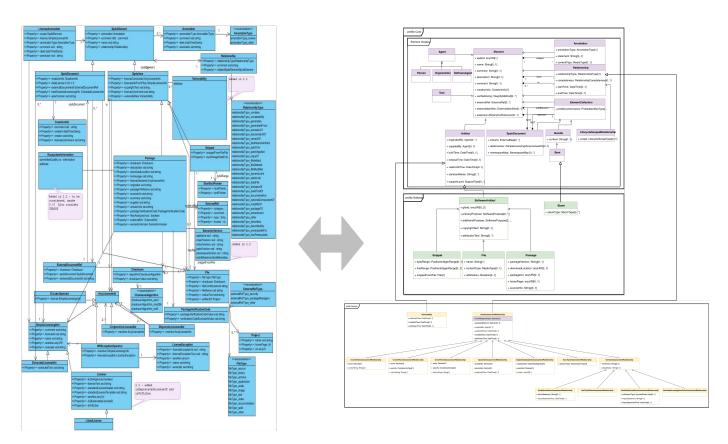


Figure F.4: SPDX 2.3 Model compared to the SPDX 3.0 Model

### Annex G

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