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Abstract

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0 Document Information

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0.2 Status

This document specifies a Measurement API for the Open Services Gateway Initiative, and requests discussion and suggestions for improvements. Distribution of this document is unlimited within OSGi.

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0.3 Acknowledgement

This work began in VEG which did performed the lion share of the work while CPEG was busy completing SPR2.

0.4 Terminology and Document Conventions

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY" and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [1].

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0.5 Revision History

The last named individual in this history is currently responsible for this document.

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1 Introduction

These classes provide a standardized way to encapsulate measurements.

2 Motivation and Rationale

Data sources, such as electrical measuring instruments, speedometers and water tanks (pressure, level, etc) will generate state and measurement information. This RFC presents a simple and general API that provides a standardized encapsulation of measurements and states.

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3.1 Package org.osgi.util.measurement Description

The OSGi Measurement Package. Specification Version 1.0.

Bundles wishing to use this package must list the package in the Import-Package header of the bundle's manifest. For example:

```
Import-Package: org.osgi.util.measurement; specification-version=1.0
```

3.2 org.osgi.util.measurement Class Measurement

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java.lang.Object
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```
  |
  +-org.osgi.util.measurement.Measurement
```

All Implemented Interfaces:

java.lang.Comparable

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public class **Measurement**
extends java.lang.Object
implements java.lang.Comparable

Groups a value, error, unit and timestamp.

A Measurement is used for maintaining the tuple of value, error, unit and timestamp. The value and error are represented as doubles and the time is measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

Mathememetic methods are provided that correctly calculate taking the error into account. A runtime error will occur when two measurements are used in an incompatible way. *e.g.* when a speed (m/s) is added to a distance (m). The measurement class will correctly track changes in unit during multiplication and division, always coercing the result to the most simple form. See `Unit` for more information on the supported units.

Errors in the measurement class are absolute errors. Measurement errors should use the P95 rule. Actual values must fall in the range value error 95% or more of the time.

A `Measurement` object is immutable in order to be easily shared.

Note: This class has a natural ordering that is inconsistent with equals. See `compareTo(java.lang.Object)`.

Version:

$Revision: 1.6 $

Author:

Open Services Gateway Initiative

Constructor Summary
`Measurement``(double value)` Create a new `Measurement` object with an error of 0.0, a unit of `Unit.unity` and a time of 0.
`Measurement``(double value, double error, Unit unit)` Create a new `Measurement` object with a time of 0.
`Measurement``(double value, double error, Unit unit, long time)` Create a new `Measurement` object.
`Measurement``(double value, Unit unit)` Create a new `Measurement` object with an error of 0.0 and a time of 0.

Method Summary	
`Measurement`	**`add`**`(double d)` Returns a new `Measurement` object that is the sum of this object added to the specified value.

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Measurement	**add**(double d, Unit u) Returns a new Measurement object that is the sum of this object added to the specified value.
Measurement	**add**(Measurement m) Returns a new Measurement object that is the sum of this object added to the specified object.
int	**compareTo**(java.lang.Object obj) Compares this object with the specified object for order.
Measurement	**div**(double d) Returns a new Measurement object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified value.
Measurement	**div**(double d, Unit u) Returns a new Measurement object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified value.
Measurement	**div**(Measurement m) Returns a new Measurement object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified object.
boolean	**equals**(java.lang.Object obj) Return whether the specified object is equal to this object.
double	**getError**() Returns the error of this Measurement.
long	**getTime**() Returns the time at which this Measurement was taken.
Unit	**getUnit**() Returns the Unit of this Measurement.
double	**getValue**() Returns the value of this Measurement.
int	**hashCode**() Returns a hash code value for this object.
Measurement	**mul**(double d) Returns a new Measurement object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value.
Measurement	**mul**(double d, Unit u) Returns a new Measurement object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value.
Measurement	**mul**(Measurement m) Returns a new Measurement object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified object.
Measurement	**sub**(double d) Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object.
Measurement	**sub**(double d, Unit u) Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object.

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Measurement	**sub**(Measurement m) Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified object from this object.
java.lang.String	**toString**() Returns a String representation of this Measurement

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object
clone, finalize, getClass, notify, notifyAll, wait, wait, wait

Constructor Detail

3.2.1 Measurement

```
public Measurement(double value,
                   double error,
                   Unit unit,
                   long time)
```

Create a new Measurement object.

Parameters:

value - The value of the Measurement.

error - The error of the Measurement.

unit - The Unit in which the Measurement. If this argument is null, then the unit will be set to Unit.unity.

time - The time measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

3.2.2 Measurement

```
public Measurement(double value,
                   double error,
                   Unit unit)
```

Create a new Measurement object with a time of 0.

Parameters:

value - The value of the Measurement.

error - The error of the Measurement.

unit - The Unit in which the Measurement. If this argument is null, then the unit will be set to Unit.unity.

3.2.3 Measurement

```
public Measurement(double value,
                   Unit unit)
```

Create a new Measurement object with an error of 0.0 and a time of 0.

Parameters:

value - The value of the Measurement.

unit - The Unit in which the Measurement. If this argument is null, then the unit will be set to Unit.unity.

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3.2.4 Measurement

`public` **`Measurement`**`(double value)`

Create a new `Measurement` object with an error of 0.0, a unit of `Unit.unity` and a time of 0.

Parameters:

`value` - The value of the `Measurement`.

Method Detail

3.2.5 getValue

`public final double` **`getValue`**`()`

Returns the value of this `Measurement`.

Returns:

The value of this `Measurement` as a double.

3.2.6 getError

`public final double` **`getError`**`()`

Returns the error of this `Measurement`. The error is always a positive value.

Returns:

The error of this `Measurement` as a double.

3.2.7 getUnit

`public final Unit` **`getUnit`**`()`

Returns the `Unit` of this `Measurement`.

Returns:

The `Unit` of this `Measurement`.

See Also:

`Unit`

3.2.8 getTime

`public final long` **`getTime`**`()`

Returns the time at which this `Measurement` was taken. The time is measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

Returns:

the time at which this `Measurement` was taken.

3.2.9 mul

`public Measurement` **`mul`**`(Measurement m)`

Returns a new `Measurement` object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified object.

Parameters:

`m` - The `Measurement` object that will be multiplied with this object.

Returns:

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A new `Measurement` that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified object. The error and `Unit` of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.
Throws:
`ArithmeticException` - If the `Unit`s of this object and the specified object cannot be multiplied.
See Also:
`Unit`

3.2.10 mul

```
public Measurement mul(double d,
                       Unit u)
```

Returns a new `Measurement` object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value.
Parameters:
`d` - The value that will be multiplied with this object.
`u` - The `Unit` of the specified value.
Returns:
A new `Measurement` that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value. The error and `Unit` of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.
Throws:
`ArithmeticException` - If the `Unit`s of this object and the specified value cannot be multiplied.
See Also:
`Unit`

3.2.11 mul

```
public Measurement mul(double d)
```

Returns a new `Measurement` object that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value.
Parameters:
`d` - The value that will be multiplied with this object.
Returns:
A new `Measurement` that is the product of this object multiplied by the specified value. The error of the new object is computed. The `Unit` and time of the new object is set to the `Unit` and time of this object.

3.2.12 div

```
public Measurement div(Measurement m)
```

Returns a new `Measurement` object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified object.
Parameters:
`m` - The `Measurement` object that will be the divisor of this object.
Returns:
A new `Measurement` that is the quotient of this object dividied by the specified object. The error and `Unit` of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.
Throws:
`ArithmeticException` - If the `Unit`s of this object and the specified object cannot be divided.
See Also:
`Unit`

3.2.13 div

```
public Measurement div(double d,
```

Unit u)

Returns a new Measurement object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified value.

Parameters:

d - The value that will be the divisor of this object.

u - The Unit of the specified value.

Returns:

A new Measurement that is the quotient of this object dividied by the specified value. The error and Unit of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.

Throws:

ArithmeticException - If the Units of this object and the specified object cannot be divided.

See Also:

Unit

3.2.14 div

```
public Measurement div(double d)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the quotient of this object divided by the specified value.

Parameters:

d - The value that will be the divisor of this object.

Returns:

A new Measurement that is the quotient of this object dividied by the specified value. The error of the new object is computed. The Unit and time of the new object is set to the Unit and time of this object.

3.2.15 add

```
public Measurement add(Measurement m)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the sum of this object added to the specified object.

Parameters:

m - The Measurement object that will be added with this object.

Returns:

A new Measurement that is the sum of this object added to the specified object. The error and Unit of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.

Throws:

ArithmeticException - If the Units of this object and the specified object cannot be added.

See Also:

Unit

3.2.16 add

```
public Measurement add(double d,
                       Unit u)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the sum of this object added to the specified value.

Parameters:

d - The value that will be added with this object.

u - The Unit of the specified value.

Returns:

A new Measurement that is the sum of this object added to the specified value. The Unit of the new object is computed. The error and time of the new object is set to the error and time of this object.

Throws:

ArithmeticException - If the Units of this object and the specified value cannot be added.

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See Also:
Unit

3.2.17 add

```
public Measurement add(double d)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the sum of this object added to the specified value.

Parameters:
d - The value that will be added with this object.

Returns:
A new Measurement that is the sum of this object added to the specified value. The error, Unit and time of the new object is set to the error, Unit and time of this object.

3.2.18 sub

```
public Measurement sub(Measurement m)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified object from this object.

Parameters:
m - The Measurement object that will be subtracted from this object.

Returns:
A new Measurement that is the subtraction of the specified object from this object. The error and Unit of the new object are computed. The time of the new object is set to the time of this object.

Throws:
ArithmeticException - If the Units of this object and the specified object cannot be subtracted.

See Also:
Unit

3.2.19 sub

```
public Measurement sub(double d,
                       Unit u)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object.

Parameters:
d - The value that will be subtracted from this object.
u - The Unit of the specified value.

Returns:
A new Measurement that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object. The Unit of the new object is computed. The error and time of the new object is set to the error and time of this object.

Throws:
ArithmeticException - If the Units of this object and the specified object cannot be subtracted.

See Also:
Unit

3.2.20 sub

```
public Measurement sub(double d)
```

Returns a new Measurement object that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object.

Parameters:
d - The value that will be subtracted from this object.

Returns:

A new `Measurement` that is the subtraction of the specified value from this object. The error, `Unit` and time of the new object is set to the error, `Unit` and time of this object.

3.2.21 toString

`public java.lang.String` **`toString`**`()`

Returns a `String` representation of this `Measurement`

Overrides:

`toString` in class `java.lang.Object`

Returns:

a `String` representation of this `Measurement`

3.2.22 compareTo

`public int` **`compareTo`**`(java.lang.Object obj)`

Compares this object with the specified object for order. Returns a negative integer, zero, or a positive integer if this object is less than, equal to, or greater than the specified object.

Note: This class has a natural ordering that is inconsistent with equals. For this method, another `Measurement` object is considered equal if there is some `x` such that

```
getValue()-getError() <= x <= getValue()□□□()
```

for both `Measurement` objects being compared.

Specified by:

`compareTo` in interface `java.lang.Comparable`

Parameters:

`obj` - The object to be compared.

Returns:

A negative integer, zero, or a positive integer if this object is less than, equal to, or greater than the specified object.

Throws:

`ClassCastException` - If the specified object is not of type `Measurement`.

`ArithmeticException` - If the `Unit` of the specified `Measurement` object is not equal to the `Unit` of this object.

3.2.23 hashCode

`public int` **`hashCode`**`()`

Returns a hash code value for this object.

Overrides:

`hashCode` in class `java.lang.Object`

Returns:

A hash code value for this object.

3.2.24 equals

`public boolean` **`equals`**`(java.lang.Object obj)`

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Return whether the specified object is equal to this object. Two `Measurement` objects are equal if they have same value, error and `Unit`.

Note: This class has a natural ordering that is inconsistent with equals. See `compareTo(java.lang.Object)`.

Overrides:
`equals` in class `java.lang.Object`
Parameters:
`obj` - The object to compare with this object.
Returns:
`true` if this object is equal to the specified object; `false` otherwise.

3.3 org.osgi.util.measurement
Class State

```
java.lang.Object
  |
  +-org.osgi.util.measurement.State
```

public class **State**
extends java.lang.Object

Groups a state name, value and timestamp.

The state itself is represented as an integer and the time is measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

A `State` object is immutable so that it may be easily shared.

Version:
$Revision: 1.5 $
Author:
Open Services Gateway Initiative

Constructor Summary	
State(int value, java.lang.String name)	Create a new `State` object with a time of 0.
State(int value, java.lang.String name, long time)	Create a new `State` object.

Method Summary	
boolean	**equals**(java.lang.Object obj) Return whether the specified object is equal to this object.
java.lang.String	**getName**() Returns the name of this `State`.
long	**getTime**() Returns the time with which this `State` was created.

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int	**getValue**() Returns the value of this State.
int	**hashCode**() Returns a hash code value for this object.
java.lang.String	**toString**() Returns a String representation of this object.

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object

clone, finalize, getClass, notify, notifyAll, wait, wait, wait

Constructor Detail

3.3.1 State

```
public State(int value,
             java.lang.String name,
             long time)
```

Create a new State object.

Parameters:

value - The value of the state.

name - The name of the state.

time - The time measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

3.3.2 State

```
public State(int value,
             java.lang.String name)
```

Create a new State object with a time of 0.

Parameters:

value - The value of the state.

name - The name of the state.

Method Detail

3.3.3 getValue

```
public final int getValue()
```

Returns the value of this State.

Returns:

The value of this State object.

3.3.4 getTime

```
public final long getTime()
```

Returns the time with which this State was created.

Returns:

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The time with which this `State` was created. The time is measured in milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

3.3.5 getName

`public final java.lang.String` **`getName`**`()`

Returns the name of this `State`.

Returns:

The name of this `State` object.

3.3.6 toString

`public java.lang.String` **`toString`**`()`

Returns a `String` representation of this object.

Overrides:

`toString` in class `java.lang.Object`

Returns:

a `String` representation of this object.

3.3.7 hashCode

`public int` **`hashCode`**`()`

Returns a hash code value for this object.

Overrides:

`hashCode` in class `java.lang.Object`

Returns:

A hash code value for this object.

3.3.8 equals

`public boolean` **`equals`**`(java.lang.Object obj)`

Return whether the specified object is equal to this object. Two `State` objects are equal if they have same value and name.

Overrides:

`equals` in class `java.lang.Object`

Parameters:

`obj` - The object to compare with this object.

Returns:

`true` if this object is equal to the specified object; `false` otherwise.

3.4 org.osgi.util.measurement Class Unit

```
java.lang.Object
  |
  +--org.osgi.util.measurement.Unit
```

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public class **Unit**

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extends java.lang.Object

A unit system for measurements. This class contains definitions of the most common SI units.

Units in this class are unique.

For a description of the units and SI system see: http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/units.html

This class only support exponents for the base SI units in the range -64 to +63. Any operation which produces an exponent outside of this range will result in a `Unit` with undefined exponents.

Version:
$Revision: 1.7 $

Author:
Open Services Gateway Initiative

Field Summary

static Unit	**A** The electric current unit `ampere (A)`
static Unit	**Bq** The activity (of a radionuclide) unit `becquerel (Bq)`.
static Unit	**C** The electric charge unit `coulomb (C)`.
static Unit	**cd** The luminous intensity unit `candela (cd)`
static Unit	**F** The capacitance unit `farad (F)`.
static Unit	**Gy** The absorbed dose unit `gray (Gy)`.
static Unit	**Hz** The frequency unit `hertz (Hz)`.
static Unit	**J** The energy unit `joule (J)`.
static Unit	**K** The temperature unit `kelvin (K)`
static Unit	**kat** The catalytic activity unit `katal (kat)`.
static Unit	**kg** The mass unit `kilogram (kg)`
static Unit	**lx** The illuminance unit `lux (lx)`.
static Unit	**m** The length unit `meter (m)`
static Unit	**m_s** The speed unit `meter per second (m/s)`

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static Unit	**m_s2** The acceleration unit meter per second squared (m/s^2)
static Unit	**m2** The area unit square meter (m^2)
static Unit	**m3** The volume unit cubic meter (m^3)
static Unit	**mol** The amount of substance unit mole (mol)
static Unit	**N** The force unit newton (N).
static Unit	**Ohm** The electric resistance unit ohm.
static Unit	**Pa** The pressure unit pascal (Pa).
static Unit	**rad** The angle unit radians (rad)
static Unit	**s** The time unit second (s)
static Unit	**S** The electric conductance unit siemens (S).
static Unit	**T** The magnetic flux density unit tesla (T).
static Unit	**unity** Unspecified Unit
static Unit	**V** The electric potential difference unit volt (V).
static Unit	**W** The power unit watt (W).
static Unit	**Wb** The magnetic flux unit weber (Wb).

Method Summary

boolean	**equals**(java.lang.Object obj) Checks whether this Unit is equal to the specified Unit.
int	**hashCode**() Returns the hash code for this object.
java.lang.String	**toString**() Returns a String representation of the Unit

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object

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clone, finalize, getClass, notify, notifyAll, wait, wait, wait

Field Detail

3.4.1 unity

```
public static final Unit unity
```
Unspecified Unit

3.4.2 m

```
public static final Unit m
```
The length unit meter (m)

3.4.3 s

```
public static final Unit s
```
The time unit second (s)

3.4.4 kg

```
public static final Unit kg
```
The mass unit kilogram (kg)

3.4.5 K

```
public static final Unit K
```
The temperature unit kelvin (K)

3.4.6 A

```
public static final Unit A
```
The electric current unit ampere (A)

3.4.7 mol

```
public static final Unit mol
```
The amount of substance unit mole (mol)

3.4.8 cd

```
public static final Unit cd
```
The luminous intensity unit candela (cd)

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3.4.9 m_s

`public static final Unit` **`m_s`**
The speed unit `meter per second (m/s)`

3.4.10 m_s2

`public static final Unit` **`m_s2`**
The acceleration unit `meter per second squared (m/s²)`

3.4.11 m2

`public static final Unit` **`m2`**
The area unit `square meter (m²)`

3.4.12 m3

`public static final Unit` **`m3`**
The volume unit `cubic meter (m³)`

3.4.13 Hz

`public static final Unit` **`Hz`**
The frequency unit `hertz (Hz)`.

`hertz` is expressed in SI units as **`1/s`**

3.4.14 N

`public static final Unit` **`N`**
The force unit `newton (N)`.

`N` is expressed in SI units as **`m·kg/s²`**

3.4.15 Pa

`public static final Unit` **`Pa`**
The pressure unit `pascal (Pa)`.

`Pa` is equal to **`N/m²`** or is expressed in SI units as `kg/m·s²`

3.4.16 J

`public static final Unit` **`J`**
The energy unit `joule (J)`.

`joule` is equal to **`N·m`** or is expressed in SI units as **`m²·kg/s²`**

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3.4.17 W

`public static final Unit W`
The power unit `watt (W)`.

`watt` is equal to **`J/s`** or is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{m^2 \cdot kg/s^3}$

3.4.18 C

`public static final Unit C`
The electric charge unit `coulomb (C)`.

`coulomb` is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{s \cdot A}$

3.4.19 V

`public static final Unit V`
The electric potential difference unit `volt (V)`.

`volt` is equal to **`W/A`** or is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{m^2 \cdot kg/s^3 \cdot A}$

3.4.20 F

`public static final Unit F`
The capacitance unit `farad (F)`.

`farad` is equal to **`C/V`** or is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{s^4 \cdot A^2/m^2 \cdot kg}$

3.4.21 Ohm

`public static final Unit Ohm`
The electric resistance unit `ohm`.

`ohm` is equal to **`V/A`** or is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{m^2 \cdot kg/s^3 \cdot A^2}$

3.4.22 S

`public static final Unit S`
The electric conductance unit `siemens (S)`.

`siemens` is equal to **`A/V`** or is expressed in SI units as $\mathbf{s^3 \cdot A^2/m^2 \cdot kg}$

3.4.23 Wb

`public static final Unit Wb`
The magnetic flux unit `weber (Wb)`.

weber is equal to **V·s** or is expressed in SI units as **m^2·kg/s^2·A**

3.4.24 T

```
public static final Unit T
```
The magnetic flux density unit tesla (T).

tesla is equal to **Wb/m^2** or is expressed in SI units as **kg/s^2·A**

3.4.25 lx

```
public static final Unit lx
```
The illuminance unit lux (lx).

lux is expressed in SI units as **cd/m^2**

3.4.26 Gy

```
public static final Unit Gy
```
The absorbed dose unit gray (Gy).

Gy is equal to **J/kg** or is expressed in SI units as **m^2·s^2**

3.4.27 kat

```
public static final Unit kat
```
The catalytic activity unit katal (kat).

katal is expressed in SI units as **mol/s**

3.4.28 rad

```
public static final Unit rad
```
The angle unit radians (rad)

3.4.29 Bq

```
public static final Unit Bq
```
The activity (of a radionuclide) unit becquerel (Bq).

Bq is expressed in SI units as **1/s**

Method Detail

3.4.30 equals

```
public boolean equals(java.lang.Object obj)
```

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Checks whether this `Unit` is equal to the specified `Unit`. The `Unit`s are considered equal if their types are equal.
Overrides:
`equals` in class `java.lang.Object`
Parameters:
`o` - the `Unit` that should be checked for equality
Returns:
true if the specified `Unit` is equal to this `Unit`

3.4.31 hashCode

`public int` **`hashCode`**`()`

Returns the hash code for this object.
Overrides:
`hashCode` in class `java.lang.Object`
Returns:
This object's hash code.

3.4.32 toString

`public java.lang.String` **`toString`**`()`

Returns a `String` representation of the `Unit`
Overrides:
`toString` in class `java.lang.Object`
Returns:
a `String` representation of the `Unit`

4 Security Considerations

These immutable classes have no security concerns.

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5.3 Acronyms and Abbreviations

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