

# The Software Package Data Exchange® (SPDX®) Specification Version 3.0-DRAFT

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### Introduction

Companies and organizations (collectively "Organizations") are widely using and reusing open source and other software packages. Accurate identification of software is key for many supply chain processes. Vulnerability remediation starts with knowing the details of which version of software is in use on a system. Compliance with the associated licenses requires a set of analysis activities and due diligence that each Organization performs independently, which may include a manual and/or automated scan of software and identification of associated licenses followed by manual verification. Software development teams across the globe use the same open source packages, but little infrastructure exists to facilitate collaboration on the analysis or share the results of these analysis activities. As a result, many groups are performing the same work leading to duplicated efforts and redundant information. With this document, the SPDX workgroup has created a data exchange format so that information about software packages and related content may be collected and shared in a common format with the goal of saving time and improving data accuracy.



# 1 Scope

This Software Package Data Exchange® (SPDX®) specification defines a standard data format for communicating the component and metadata information associated with software packages. An SPDX document can be associated with a set of software packages, files or snippets and contains information about the software in the SPDX format described in this specification.



### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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RFC-3986, *Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax*, The Internet Society Network Working Group, https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986



### 3 Terms and definitions

To do: Need to fill this in to align to the terms and definitions that apply in this revision of the specification.

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/



# **Bibliography**

The following documents are useful references for implementers and users of this document:

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[2] Open Source Initiative (OSI); https://opensource.org/licenses

### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core

Name Core



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Agent

Name Agent Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf Element

### **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



### **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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Annotation

Name	Annotation
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	Element

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



### **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Artifact

Name	Artifact
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	Element

Property	Type	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



#### **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Bom

Name Bom Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf Bundle

### **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Bundle

Name	Bundle
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	ElementCollection

<b>Property</b>	Type	minCount	maxCount
context	xsd:string	0	1



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/CreationInfo

Name	CreationInfo
Instantiability	Concrete

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



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/DictionaryEntry

Name	DictionaryEntry
Instantiability	Concrete

<b>Property</b>	Type	minCount	maxCount
key	xsd:string	1	1
value	xsd:string	0	1



### **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Element

Name Element Instantiability Abstract

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



### **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 no 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ElementCollection

Name	ElementCollection
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	Element

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



### **ExternalIdentifier**

### **Summary**

A reference to a resource 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 uniquely identifies an Element.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ExternalIdentifier

Name	Externalldentifier
Instantiability	Concrete

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



# ExternalMap

#### **Summary**

A map of Element identifiers that are used within a Document but defined external to that Document.

# **Description**

An External Map is a map of Element identifiers that are used within a Document but defined external to that Document. 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ExternalMap

Name	ExternalMap
Instantiability	Concrete

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



### **ExternalRef**

#### **Summary**

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

# **Description**

An External Reference points to a resource outside the scope of the SPDX-3.0 content that provides additional characteristics of an Element.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ExternalRef

Name	ExternalRef
Instantiability	Concrete

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



### 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Hash

Name	Hash
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	IntegrityMethod

<b>Property</b>	Туре	minCount	maxCount
algorithm	HashAlgorithm	1	1
hashValue	xsd:string	1	1



# **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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/IntegrityMethod

Name IntegrityMethod Instantiability Abstract

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
comment	xsd:string	0	1

# LifecycleScopedRelationship

#### **Summary**

Provide context for a relationship that occurs in the software lifecycle.

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/LifecycleScopedRelationship

Name	LifecycleScopedRelationship
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	Relationship

<b>Property</b>	Туре	minCount	maxCount
scope	LifecycleScopeType	0	1



# **NamespaceMap**

#### **Summary**

A mapping between prefixes and namespace partial URIs.

### **Description**

A namespace map allows the creator of a collection of Elements that could be serialized to suggest a set of shorter identifiers ("prefixes") for particular namespace portions of ElementIDs to be used in SPDX content serialization in order 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 general SPDX serialization guidance at https://spdx.github.io/spdx-3-model/serialization/readme.md and the various serialization format specific .md filed under https://spdx.github.io/spdx-3-model/serialization/ (TODO: update the URLs as soon as the context is publicly available)

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

<<<<< HEAD 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. 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</p>



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Organization

Name Organization Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf Agent

### **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



# 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 gitoid 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:
```

```
verificationcode = 0
filelist = templist = ""
for all files in the package {
```

```
if file is an "excludes" file, skip it /* exclude SPDX analysis file(s) */
    append templist with "SHA1(file)/n"
}
```



#### Person

### **Summary**

An individual human being.

# **Description**

A Person is an individual human being.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Person

Name Person Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf Agent

# **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/PositiveIntegerRange

Name	PositiveIntegerRange
Instantiability	Concrete

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



# 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Relationship

Name	Relationship
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	Element

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	0	*



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/SoftwareAgent

Name SoftwareAgent Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf Agent

### **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/SpdxDocument

Name	SpdxDocument
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	ElementCollection

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



### **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/Tool

Name	Tool
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	Element

# **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/algorithm

Name algorithm
Nature ObjectProperty
Range HashAlgorithm

#### Referenced

• /Core/Hash



# annotationType

#### **Summary**

Describes the type of annotation.

# **Description**

An annotationType describes the type of an annotation.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/annotationType

Name annotationType Nature ObjectProperty Range AnnotationType

#### Referenced

/Core/Annotation



# beginIntegerRange

### **Summary**

Defines the beginning of a range.

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/beginIntegerRange

Name beginIntegerRange Nature DataProperty Range xsd:positiveInteger

#### Referenced

/Core/PositiveIntegerRange



# **builtTime**

#### **Summary**

Specifies the time an artifact was built.

# **Description**

A builtTime specifies the time an artifact was built.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/builtTime

Name builtTime
Nature DataProperty
Range DateTime

#### Referenced

/Core/Artifact



#### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/comment

Name comment Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

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



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/completeness

Name completeness
Nature ObjectProperty
Range RelationshipCompleteness

Referenced

/Core/Relationship



# contentType

### **Summary**

Specifies the media type of an Element or Property.

# **Description**

ContentType specifies the media type of an Element or Property.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/contentType

Name contentType Nature DataProperty Range MediaType

#### Referenced

- /Core/Annotation
- /Core/ExternalRef



#### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/context

Name context Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Core/Bundle



#### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/created

Name created Nature DataProperty Range DateTime

#### Referenced

/Core/CreationInfo



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/createdBy

Name createdBy Nature ObjectProperty Range Agent

#### Referenced

/Core/CreationInfo



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/createdUsing

Name createdUsing
Nature ObjectProperty
Range Tool

#### Referenced

/Core/CreationInfo



## creationInfo

### **Summary**

Provides information about the creation of the Element.

# **Description**

CreationInfo provides information about the creation of the Element.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/creationInfo

Name creationInfo Nature ObjectProperty Range CreationInfo

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element



### 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. By using the SPDX specification, or any portion hereof, you hereby agree that any copyright rights (as determined by your jurisdiction) in any SPDX-Metadata, including without limitation explanatory text, shall be subject to the terms of the Creative Commons CCO 1.0 Universal license. For SPDX-Metadata not containing any copyright rights, you hereby agree and acknowledge that the SPDX-Metadata is provided to you "as-is" and without any representations or warranties of any kind concerning the SPDX-Metadata, express, implied, statutory or otherwise, including without limitation warranties of title, merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement, or the absence of latent or other defects, accuracy, or the presence or absence of errors, whether or not discoverable, all to the greatest extent permissible under applicable law.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/dataLicense

Name dataLicense



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/definingArtifact

Name definingArtifact Nature ObjectProperty Range Artifact

#### Referenced

/Core/ExternalMap



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/description

Name description Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/Element



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/element

Name element Nature ObjectProperty Range Element

#### Referenced

• /Core/ElementCollection



# endIntegerRange

### **Summary**

Defines the end of a range.

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/endIntegerRange

Name endIntegerRange Nature DataProperty Range xsd:positiveInteger

#### Referenced

/Core/PositiveIntegerRange



## endTime

### **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/endTime

Name endTime Nature DataProperty Range DateTime

#### Referenced

• /Core/Relationship



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/extension

Name extension
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Extension/Extension

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element



### externalIdentifier

### **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/externalIdentifier

Name externalldentifier Nature ObjectProperty Range Externalldentifier

#### Referenced

/Core/Element



# externalIdentifierType

### **Summary**

Specifies the type of the external identifier.

# **Description**

An externalIdentifierType specifies the type of the external identifier.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/externalIdentifierType

Name externalIdentifierType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range ExternalIdentifierType

#### Referenced

/Core/ExternalIdentifier



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/externalRef

Name externalRef Nature ObjectProperty Range ExternalRef

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element



# externalRefType

### **Summary**

Specifies the type of the external reference.

# **Description**

An externalRefType specifies the type of the external reference.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/externalRefType

Name externalRefType Nature ObjectProperty Range ExternalRefType

#### Referenced

/Core/ExternalRef



# externalSpdxId

### **Summary**

Identifies an external Element used within a Document but defined external to that Document.

# **Description**

ExternalSpdxId identifies an external Element used within a Document but defined external to that Document.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/externalSpdxId

Name externalSpdxId Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Core/ExternalMap



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/from

Name from Nature ObjectProperty Range Element

#### Referenced

• /Core/Relationship



## hashValue

### **Summary**

The result of applying a hash algorithm to an Element.

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/hashValue

Name hashValue Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

- /Core/Hash
- /Core/PackageVerificationCode



## identifier

### **Summary**

Uniquely identifies an external element.

# **Description**

An identifier uniquely identifies an external element.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/identifier

Name identifier Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Core/ExternalIdentifier



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/identifierLocator

Name identifierLocator Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

/Core/ExternalIdentifier



# imports

### **Summary**

Provides an ExternalMap of Element identifiers.

## **Description**

Imports provides an ExternalMap of Element identifiers that are used within a document but defined external to that document.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/imports

Name imports Nature ObjectProperty Range ExternalMap

#### Referenced

/Core/SpdxDocument



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/issuingAuthority

Name issuingAuthority Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/ExternalIdentifier



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/key

Name key Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/DictionaryEntry



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/locationHint

Name locationHint Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

• /Core/ExternalMap



### locator

### **Summary**

Provides the location of an external reference.

# **Description**

A locator provides the location of an external reference.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/locator

Name locator Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Core/ExternalRef



#### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/name

Name name Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Core/Element



### namespace

### **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/namespace

Name namespace Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

/Core/NamespaceMap



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/namespaceMap

Name namespaceMap Nature ObjectProperty Range NamespaceMap

#### Referenced

/Core/SpdxDocument



# originatedBy

### **Summary**

Identifies from where or whom the Element originally came.

## **Description**

OriginatedBy identifies from where or whom the Element originally came.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/originatedBy

Name originatedBy Nature ObjectProperty Range Agent

#### Referenced

/Core/Artifact

# 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 PackageVerificationCode.

In general, every filename is preceded with a ./, see http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986.txt for syntax.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile

Name packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/PackageVerificationCode



# prefix

### **Summary**

A substitute for a URI.

# **Description**

A prefix is a substitute for a URI.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/prefix

Name prefix
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

### Referenced

• /Core/NamespaceMap



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/profileConformance

Name profileConformance Nature ObjectProperty Range ProfileIdentifierType

#### Referenced

/Core/ElementCollection



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/relationshipType

Name relationshipType Nature ObjectProperty Range RelationshipType

#### Referenced

/Core/Relationship



## releaseTime

## **Summary**

Specifies the time an artifact was released.

# **Description**

A releaseTime specifies the time an artifact was released.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/releaseTime

Name releaseTime Nature DataProperty Range DateTime

### Referenced

/Core/Artifact



## rootElement

## **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/rootElement

Name rootElement Nature ObjectProperty Range Element

#### Referenced

/Core/ElementCollection



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/scope

Name scope
Nature ObjectProperty
Range LifecycleScopeType

#### Referenced

/Core/LifecycleScopedRelationship



# spdxId

## **Summary**

Identifies an Element to be referenced by other Elements.

## **Description**

Spdxld 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/spdxId

Name spdxld Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Core/Element



# **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.

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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/specVersion

Name specVersion Nature DataProperty Range SemVer

## Referenced

/Core/CreationInfo



## standardName

## **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/standardName

Name standardName Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Core/Artifact



## startTime

## **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/startTime

Name startTime
Nature DataProperty
Range DateTime

#### Referenced

• /Core/Relationship



#### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/statement

Name statement Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Core/Annotation



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/subject

Name subject
Nature ObjectProperty
Range Element

### Referenced

/Core/Annotation



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/summary

Name summary Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/Element



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/suppliedBy

Name suppliedBy
Nature ObjectProperty
Range Agent

#### Referenced

- /Core/Artifact
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/supportLevel

Name supportLevel Nature DataProperty Range SupportType

## Referenced

/Core/Artifact



#### 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/to

Name to Nature ObjectProperty Range Element

### Referenced

• /Core/Relationship



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/validUntilTime

Name validUntilTime Nature DataProperty Range DateTime

## Referenced

/Core/Artifact



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/value

Name value Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Core/DictionaryEntry



# verifiedUsing

## **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/verifiedUsing

Name verifiedUsing Nature ObjectProperty Range IntegrityMethod

#### Referenced

- /Core/Element
- /Core/ExternalMap



# **AnnotationType**

## **Summary**

Specifies the type of an annotation.

# **Description**

AnnotationType specifies the type of an annotation.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/AnnotationType

Name AnnotationType

- 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.



# ExternalIdentifierType

## **Summary**

Specifies the type of an external identifier.

## **Description**

ExteralldentifierType specifies the type of an external identifier.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ExternalIdentifierType

Name ExternalIdentifierType

- cpe22: https://cpe.mitre.org/files/cpe-specification\_2.2.pdf
- cpe23: https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/IR/nistir7695.pdf
- cve: An identifier for a specific software flaw defined within the official CVE Dictionary and that conforms to the CVE specification as defined by https://csrc.nist.gov/glossary/ term/cve\_id.
- email: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc3696#section-3
- gitoid: https://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes/prov/gitoid Gitoid stands for Git Object ID and a gitoid of type blob is a unique hash of a binary artifact. A gitoid may represent the software Artifact ID or the OmniBOR Identifier for the software artifact's associated OmniBOR Document; this ambiguity exists because the OmniBOR Document is itself an artifact, and the gitoid of that artifact is its valid identifier. Omnibor is a minimalistic schema to describe software Artifact Dependency Graphs. 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 OmniBOR Document (OmniBOR Identifiers) should be recorded in the SPDX 3.0 Element's ExternalIdentifier property.
- other: Used when the type doesn't match any of the other options.
- packageUrl: https://github.com/package-url/purl-spec
- securityOther: Used when there is a security related identifier of unspecified type.



# ExternalRefType

## **Summary**

Specifies the type of an external reference.

## **Description**

ExternalRefType specifies the type of an external reference.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ExternalRefType

Name ExternalRefType

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/HashAlgorithm

Name HashAlgorithm

- blake2b256: blake2b algorithm with a digest size of 256 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ html/rfc7693#section-4
- blake2b384: blake2b algorithm with a digest size of 384 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ html/rfc7693#section-4
- blake2b512: blake2b algorithm with a digest size of 512 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7693#section-4
- blake3: https://github.com/BLAKE3-team/BLAKE3-specs/blob/master/blake3.pdf
- crystalsDilithium: https://pq-crystals.org/dilithium/index.shtml
- crystalsKyber: https://pq-crystals.org/kyber/index.shtml
- falcon: https://falcon-sign.info/falcon.pdf
- md2: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc1319/
- md4: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1186
- md5: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1321
- md6: https://people.csail.mit.edu/rivest/pubs/RABCx08.pdf
- other: any hashing algorithm that does not exist in this list of entries
- sha1: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc3174



# LifecycleScopeType

## **Summary**

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

## **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 runtime dependency.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/LifecycleScopeType

Name LifecycleScopeType

- 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.



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/PresenceType

Name PresenceType

- no: Indicates absence of the field.
- noAssertion: Makes no assertion about the field.
- yes: Indicates presence of the field.



# 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 conformanceProfiles, they are claiming that all contained elements conform to all restrictions defined for that profile.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/ProfileIdentifierType

Name ProfileIdentifierType

- 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 expanded Licensing profile specification
- extension: the element follows the Extension profile specification
- security: the element follows the Security profile specification
- simpleLicensing: the element follows the simple Licensing profile specification
- software: the element follows the Software profile specification
- usage: the element follows the Usage profile specification

# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/RelationshipCompleteness

Name RelationshipCompleteness

- 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.



# 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 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/RelationshipType

Name RelationshipType

- affects: (Security/VEX) The from vulnerability affect each to Element
- 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: (Security) The from Vulnerability is coordinatedBy the to Agent(s) (vendor, researcher, or consumer agent)



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/SupportType

Name SupportType

- 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.
- noAssertion: 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.



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

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/DateTime

Name DateTime SubclassOf xsd:string

#### **Format**

• Pattern: \\d\d\d\d-\d\d-\d\dT\d\d:\d\dz\$



# **MediaType**

## **Summary**

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

# **Description**

A MediaType is a string constrained to the RFC 2046 specification. It provides a standardized way of indicating the type of content of an Element.

A list of all possible media types is available at https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Core/MediaType

Name MediaType SubclassOf xsd:string

#### **Format**

Pattern: ^[^\/]+\/[^\/]+\$



## **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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/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-]\*))\*))?(?:\+([0-9a-zA-Z-]+(?:\.
[0-9a-zA-Z-]+)\*))?\$



## **Software**

## **Summary**

Everything having to do with software.

# **Description**

The Software namespace defines concepts related to software artifacts.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software

Name Software



## 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 contentType property.

If the isDirectory property is specified and set to true, then the file represents a directory and all content stored in that directory.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/File

Name	File
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Software/SoftwareArtifact

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
contentType	/Core/MediaType	0	1
isDirectory	xsd:boolean	0	1



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/Package

Name	Package
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Software/SoftwareArtifact

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



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/Sbom

Name	Sbom
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Core/Bom

<b>Property</b>	Type	minCount	maxCount
sbomType	SbomType	0	*



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/Snippet

Name	Snippet
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Software/SoftwareArtifact

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



## **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/SoftwareArtifact

Name	SoftwareArtifact
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	/Core/Artifact

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
additionalPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	*
attributionText	xsd:string	0	*
copyrightText	xsd:string	0	1
gitoid	xsd:anyURI	0	2
primaryPurpose	SoftwarePurpose	0	1



# additionalPurpose

## **Summary**

Provides additional purpose information of the software artifact.

# **Description**

Additional purpose provides information about the additional purposes of the software artifact in addition to the primaryPurpose.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/additionalPurpose

Name additionalPurpose Nature ObjectProperty Range SoftwarePurpose

#### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact



### 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 licenseComment field) how they intend for data in this field to be used.

An attributionText is is not meant to include the software Package, File or Snippet's actual complete license text (see concludedLicense to identify the corresponding license).

#### **Metadata**

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/attributionText

Name attributionText Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/byteRange

Name byteRange Nature DataProperty Range /Core/PositiveIntegerRange

#### Referenced

/Software/Snippet



# contentType

### **Summary**

Provides information about the content type of an Element.

# **Description**

This field is a reasonable estimation of the content type of the Element, from a creator perspective. Content type is intrinsic to the Element, independent of how the Element is being used.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/contentType

Name contentType
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/MediaType

#### Referenced

• /Software/File



# 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).

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/copyrightText

Name copyrightText Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact



## downloadLocation

### **Summary**

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

# **Description**

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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/downloadLocation

Name downloadLocation Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Software/Package



# gitoid

### **Summary**

Used to record the artifact's gitoid: a canonical, unique, immutable identifier that can be used for software integrity verification.

## **Description**

The gitoid is a canonical, unique, immutable artifact identifier for each software artifact. The gitoid for any software artifact can be calculated and recorded in SPDX 3.0 Snippet, File, or Package Elements.

The gitoid is defined as the Git Object Identifier of type blob of the software artifact, expressed in the gitoid URI scheme.

The OmniBOR ID for the OmniBOR Document associated with a software artifact should not be recorded in this field. Rather, OmniBOR IDs should be recorded in the SPDX Element's Externalldentifier property.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/gitoid

Name gitoid Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact



# homePage

### **Summary**

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

## **Description**

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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/homePage

Name homePage Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

#### Referenced

/Software/Package



# **isDirectory**

# **Summary**

If true, denotes the Element is a directory.

# **Description**

If true, denotes the Element is a directory.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/isDirectory

Name isDirectory Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

• /Software/File



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/lineRange

Name lineRange Nature DataProperty Range /Core/PositiveIntegerRange

#### Referenced

/Software/Snippet



# packageUrl

### **Summary**

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

## **Description**

A packageUrl (commonly pronounced and referred to as "purl") is an attempt to standardize package representations in order to reliably identify and locate software packages. A purl 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.

the purl URL string is defined by seven components:

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

The definition for each component can be found in the purl specification. Components are designed such that they form a hierarchy from the most significant on the left to the least significant components on the right.

Parsing a purl string into its components works from left to right. Some extra type-specific normalizations are required. For more information, see How to parse a purl string in its components.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/packageUrl

Name packageUrl Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI



# packageVersion

### **Summary**

Identify the version of a package.

# **Description**

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

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/packageVersion

Name packageVersion Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /Software/Package



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/primaryPurpose

Name primaryPurpose Nature ObjectProperty Range SoftwarePurpose

#### Referenced

/Software/SoftwareArtifact



# 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/sbomType

Name sbomType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range SbomType

#### Referenced

/Software/Sbom



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/snippetFromFile

Name snippetFromFile Nature ObjectProperty Range File

#### Referenced

/Software/Snippet



### sourceInfo

### **Summary**

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

## **Description**

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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/sourceInfo

Name sourceInfo Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Software/Package



## 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, 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/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



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Software/SoftwarePurpose

Name SoftwarePurpose

#### **Entries**

- application: the Element is a software application
- archive: the Element is an archived collection of one or more files (.tar, .zip, etc)
- bom: Element is a bill of materials
- configuration: Element is configuration data
- container: the Element is a container image which can be used by a container runtime application
- data: Element is data
- device: the Element refers to a chipset, processor, or electronic board
- deviceDriver: 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: Element is documentation
- evidence: the Element is the evidence that a specification or requirement has been fulfilled



# **Security**

### **Summary**

The Security Profile captures security related information.

# **Description**

The Security Profile captures security related information.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security

Name Security



# CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 2.0 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score and vector of a vulnerability using version 2.0 of the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) as defined at https://www.first.org/cvss/v2/guide. It is intended to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

#### **Constraints**

• The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.



# CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 3 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score, severity, and vector of a vulnerability using version 3.0 or 3.1 of the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS). It is intended to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

#### **Constraints**

- The value of severity must be one of 'NONE', 'LOW', 'MEDIUM', 'HIGH' or 'CRITICAL'.
- The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.



# CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Provides a CVSS version 4 assessment for a vulnerability.

## **Description**

A CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship relationship describes the determined score, severity, and vector of a vulnerability using version 4 of the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) as defined on https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/specification-document. It is intented to communicate the results of using a CVSS calculator.

#### **Constraints**

- The value of severity must be one of 'NONE', 'LOW', 'MEDIUM', 'HIGH' or 'CRITICAL'.
- The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

# **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 using the Exploit Prediction Scoring System (EPSS) as defined at https://www.first.org/epss/model.

#### **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.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:epss-CVE-2020-28498",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "probability": 0.00105,
  "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"
}
```

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name	EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	VulnAssessmentRelationship



# 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 Catalog (KEV) https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog.

#### **Constraints**

The relationship type must be set to hasAssessmentFor.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:exploit-catalog-1",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "catalogType": "kev",
  "locator": "https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog",
  "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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name	${\sf Exploit Catalog Vuln Assess ment Relationship}$
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	VulnAssessmentRelationship

# 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 on https://www.cisa.gov/stakeholder-specific-vulnerability-categorization-ssvc. It is intended to communicate the results of using the CISA SSVC Calculator.

#### **Constraints**

• The relationship type must be set to has Assessment For.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:ssvc-1",
  "relationshipType": "hasAssessmentFor",
  "decisionType": "act",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
}
```

### **Metadata**

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name	SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	VulnAssessmentRelationship



# 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.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-affected-1",
  "relationshipType": "affects",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "actionStatement": "Upgrade to version 1.4 of ACME application.",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
}
```

### Metadata



# 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 ve a /Security/Vulnerability classed element.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "VexFixedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-fixed-in-1",
  "relationshipType": "fixedIn",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.4",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
}
```

#### Metadata

# VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship

### **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.

```
{
  "@type": "VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-not-affected-1",
  "relationshipType": "doesNotAffect",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "justificationType": "componentNotPresent",
  "impactStatement": "Not using this vulnerable part of this library.",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
}
```



# VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship

#### **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 underInvestigationFor relationship type.
- The from: end of the relationship must ve a /Security/Vulnerability classed element.

#### **Syntax**

```
{
  "@type": "VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship",
  "@id": "urn:spdx.dev:vex-underInvestigation-1",
  "relationshipType": "underInvestigationFor",
  "from": "urn:spdx.dev:vuln-cve-2020-28498",
  "to": ["urn:product-acme-application-1.3"],
  "assessedElement": "urn:npm-elliptic-6.5.2",
  "suppliedBy": ["urn:spdx.dev:agent-jane-doe"],
  "publishedTime": "2021-03-09T11:04:53Z"
}
```

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/VexUnderInvestigationVulnAssessmentRelationship



# VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

### **Summary**

Asbtract 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship

Name	VexVulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	VulnAssessmentRelationship

# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship

Name	VulnAssessmentRelationship
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	/Core/Relationship

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
/Core/suppliedBy	/Core/Agent	0	1
assessedElement	/Core/Element	0	1
modifiedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
publishedTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
withdrawnTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1



# **Vulnerability**

### **Summary**

Specifies a vulnerability and its associated information.

# **Description**

Specifies a vulnerability and its associated information.



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/actionStatement

Name actionStatement Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced

/Security/VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/actionStatementTime

Name actionStatementTime
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/DateTime

#### Referenced

/Security/VexAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/assessedElement

Name assessedElement Nature ObjectProperty Range /Core/Element

#### Referenced

/Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship



# catalogType

### **Summary**

Specifies the exploit catalog type.

## **Description**

A catalogType is a mandatory value and must select one of the existing entries in the <code>ExploitCatalogType.md</code> vocabulary.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/catalogType

Name catalogType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range ExploitCatalogType

#### Referenced

/Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship



# decisionType

### **Summary**

Provide the enumeration of possible decisions in the Stakeholder-Specific Vulnerability Categorization (SSVC) decision tree https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/cisa-ssvc-guide%20508c.pdf

## **Description**

A decisionType is a mandatory value and must select one of the four entries in the SsvcDecisionType.md vocabulary.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/decisionType

Name decisionType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range SsvcDecisionType

### Referenced

/Security/SsvcVulnAssessmentRelationship



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/exploited

Name exploited Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

/Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship



## 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 prouct(s) are not affected by the vulnerability must be provided.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/impactStatement

Name impactStatement Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship



## impactStatementTime

### **Summary**

Timestamp of impact statement.

## **Description**

Specifies the time when the impact statement was recorded.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/impactStatementTime

Name impactStatementTime
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/DateTime

#### Referenced

/Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship



## justificationType

### **Summary**

Impact justification label to be used when linking a vulnerability to an element representing a VEX product with a VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/justificationType

Name justificationType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range VexJustificationType

#### Referenced

/Security/VexNotAffectedVulnAssessmentRelationship



## locator

### **Summary**

Provides the location of an exploit catalog.

## **Description**

A locator provides the location of an exploit catalog.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/locator

Name locator Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

### Referenced

/Security/ExploitCatalogVulnAssessmentRelationship



## modifiedTime

### **Summary**

Specifies a time when a vulnerability assessment was modified

## **Description**

Specifies a time when a vulnerability assessment was last modified.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/modifiedTime

Name modifiedTime
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/DateTime

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/Vulnerability



## 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 EPSS score. https://www.first.org/epss/data\_stats

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/percentile

Name percentile Nature DataProperty Range xsd:decimal

#### Referenced

/Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship



## probability

### **Summary**

A probability score between 0 and 1 of a vulnerability being exploited.

## **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). https://www.first.org/epss/data\_stats

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/probability

Name probability Nature DataProperty Range xsd:decimal

#### Referenced

/Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship



## publishedTime

### **Summary**

Specifies the time when a vulnerability was published.

## **Description**

Specifies the time when a vulnerability was first published.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/publishedTime

Name publishedTime Nature DataProperty Range /Core/DateTime

- /Security/EpssVulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/Vulnerability



#### 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 on https://www.first.org/cvss.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/score

Name score Nature DataProperty Range xsd:decimal

- /Security/CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/severity

Name severity
Nature DataProperty
Range CvssSeverityType

- /Security/CvssV3VuInAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship



### **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/statusNotes

Name statusNotes Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship



## 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. https://www.first.org/cvss/v4.0/specification-document#Vector-String

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/vectorString

Name vectorString
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

- /Security/CvssV2VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV3VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/CvssV4VulnAssessmentRelationship



## vexVersion

### **Summary**

Specifies the version of the VEX document.

## **Description**

The document version default value is zero. When any VEX-related content changes, the version must be incremented.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/vexVersion

Name vexVersion Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/Security/VexVulnAssessmentRelationship



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/withdrawnTime

Name withdrawnTime Nature DataProperty Range /Core/DateTime

- /Security/VulnAssessmentRelationship
- /Security/Vulnerability



## CvssSeverityType

### **Summary**

Specifies the CVSS base, temporal, threat, or environmental severity type.

## **Description**

CvssSeverityType specifies the 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 CVSS versions 3 and 4. CvssSeverityType is a mandatory field because baseSeverity is required in the CVSS version 3.0, 3.1, and 4.0 schemas. The field can be used to document the base, temporal, threat, or environmental severity.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/CvssSeverityType

Name CvssSeverityType

- 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 3.9
- medium: When a CVSS score is between 4 6.9
- none: When a CVSS score is 0



## ExploitCatalogType

## **Summary**

Specifies the exploit catalog type.

## **Description**

ExploitCatalogType specifies the type of exploit catalog that a vulnerability is listed in.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/ExploitCatalogType

Name ExploitCatalogType

- kev: CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerability (KEV) Catalog
- other: Other exploit catalogs



## **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) system https://www.cisa.gov/stakeholder-specific-vulnerability-categorization-ssvc

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/SsvcDecisionType

Name SsvcDecisionType

- 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.

## VexJustificationType

### **Summary**

Specifies the VEX justification type.

## **Description**

VexJustificationType specifies the type of Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) justification.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Security/VexJustificationType

Name VexJustificationType

- 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.

## 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 concludedLicense Relationship.

Classes and Property restrictions are defined in the SimpleLicensingProfile (Classes and Properties associated with string license expressions) and in the ExpandedLicensingProfile (Classes and Properties used for a fully parsed syntax tree of license expressions).

There are 2 relationship types related to licensing - declaredLicense and concludedLicense.

A declaredLicense 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 concludedLicense field.

A declaredLicense may be expressed differently in practice for different types of Software Artifacts. For example:

- for Packages:
- 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.)
- 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:
- would include license info found in the File itself (e.g., license header or notice, comments indicating the license, SPDX-License-Identifier expression)



## **SimpleLicensing**

### **Summary**

Additional metadata relating to software licensing.

## **Description**

The SimpleLicensing profile provides classes and properties to express licenses as a license expression 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.

The ExpandingLicensing profile can be used to represent the complete parsed license expressions.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing

Name SimpleLicensing



## **AnyLicenseInfo**

### **Summary**

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.

## **Description**

An AnyLicenseInfo is used by licensing properties of software artifacts. It can be a NoneLicense, a NoAssertionLicense, single license (either on the SPDX License List or a custom-defined license); 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

Name AnyLicenseInfo
Instantiability Abstract
SubclassOf /Core/Element

#### **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



## LicenseExpression

#### **Summary**

An SPDX Element containing an SPDX license expression string.

### **Description**

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 an SPDX License Expression in this section.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

Name	LicenseExpression
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	AnyLicenseInfo

## **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
customIdToUri	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*
licenseExpression	xsd:string	1	1

## **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 at https://spdx.org/licenses, and is therefore defined by an SPDX data creator.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/SimpleLicensingText

Name	SimpleLicensingText
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Core/Element

## **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
licenseText	xsd:string	1	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 dictates any refence starting with a "LicenseRef-" or "AdditionRef-" refers to license or addition text not found in the SPDX list of licenses. These custom licenses must be a CustomLicense, a CustomLicenseAddtion, 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 corrosponding CustomLicense, CustomLicenseAddition, or SimpleLicensingText.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/customIdToUri

Name customIdToUri
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

#### Referenced

/SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

## licenseExpression

### **Summary**

A string in the license expression format.

## **Description**

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 an SPDX License Expression in this section.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/licenseExpression

Name licenseExpression Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression

### **licenseListVersion**

### **Summary**

The version of the SPDX License List used in the license expression.

## **Description**

Recognizing that licenses are added to the SPDX License List 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/licenseListVersion

Name licenseListVersion Nature DataProperty Range /Core/SemVer

#### Referenced

/SimpleLicensing/LicenseExpression



## 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 Matching Guidelines when comparing it to another text for matching purposes.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/SimpleLicensing/licenseText

Name licenseText Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /SimpleLicensing/SimpleLicensingText



# **ExpandedLicensing**

### **Summary**

Fully expanded license expressions.

## **Description**

This profile supports representing a fully expanded license expression in object form.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing

Name ExpandedLicensing

## 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 does not take into account interpretation of license texts, which is left to the consumer of SPDX data to determine for themselves.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/ConjunctiveLicenseSet

Name	ConjunctiveLicenseSet	
Instantiability	Concrete	
SubclassOf	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	

## **Properties**

Property Type	minCount	maxCount
member /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	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 at https://spdx.org/licenses, and is therefore defined by an SPDX data creator.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/CustomLicense

Name CustomLicense Instantiability Concrete SubclassOf License

## **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount

## **CustomLicenseAddition**

#### **Summary**

A license addition that is not listed on the SPDX Exceptions List.

## **Description**

A CustomLicenseAddition represents an addition to a License that is not listed on the SPDX Exceptions List at https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html, 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/CustomLicenseAddition

Name	CustomLicenseAddition
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	LicenseAddition

## **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount

## DisjunctiveLicenseSet

#### **Summary**

Portion of an AnyLicenseInfo representing a set of licensing information where only any 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/DisjunctiveLicenseSet

Name	DisjunctiveLicenseSet	
Instantiability	Concrete	
SubclassOf	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	

## **Properties**

Property Type	minCount	maxCount
member /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	2	*

## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/ExtendableLicense

Name	ExtendableLicense	
Instantiability	Abstract	
SubclassOf	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo	

## **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount

# 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/IndividualLicensingInfo

Name	IndividualLicensingInfo
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/SimpleLicensing/AnvLicenseInfo

## **Properties**

Property Type minCount maxCount



## 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 (ListedLicense) or defined by an SPDX data creator (CustomLicense).

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/License

Name	License
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	Extendablel icense

## **Properties**

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
/SimpleLicensing/licenseText	xsd:string	1	1
isDeprecatedLicenseld	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



## LicenseAddition

## **Summary**

/ LicenseAddition

Abstract class for additional text intended to be added to a License, but which is not itself a standalone License.

## **Description**

A LicenseAddition 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 Exceptions List (ListedLicenseException), or may be any other additional text (as an exception or otherwise) which is defined by an SPDX data creator (CustomLicenseAddition).

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

Name	LicenseAddition
Instantiability	Abstract
SubclassOf	/Core/Element

Property	Type	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	*
standardAdditionTemplate	xsd:string	0	1



## 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 at https://spdx.org/licenses.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense

Name	ListedLicense
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	License

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1

# 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 Exceptions List at https://spdx.org/licenses/exceptions-index.html.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException

Name	ListedLicenseException
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	LicenseAddition

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
deprecatedVersion	xsd:string	0	1
listVersionAdded	xsd:string	0	1

# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/OrLaterOperator

Name OrLaterOperator
Instantiability Concrete
SubclassOf ExtendableLicense

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
subjectLicense	License	1	1

# 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 Exceptions List (ListedLicenseException) or may be other additional text (CustomLicenseAddition). It is represented in the SPDX License Expression Syntax by the WITH operator.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

Name	WithAdditionOperator
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

Property	Type	minCount	maxCount
subjectAddition	LicenseAddition	1	1
subject Extendable License	ExtendableLicense	1	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 Matching Guidelines when comparing it to another text for matching purposes.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/additionText

Name additionText Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

# deprecatedVersion

### **Summary**

Specifies the SPDX License List version in which this license or exception identifier was deprecated.

## **Description**

A deprecated Version for a Listed License or Listed License Exception on the SPDX License List specifies which version release of the License List was the first one in which it was marked as deprecated.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/deprecatedVersion

Name deprecatedVersion Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense
- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException

# **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 LicenseAddition is included on the SPDX Exceptions List, then the deprecated version property indicates on which version release of the Exceptions List it was first marked as deprecated.

"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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/isDeprecatedAdditionId

Name isDeprecatedAdditionId Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

# isDeprecatedLicenseId

### **Summary**

Specifies whether a license or additional text identifier has been marked as deprecated.

## **Description**

The isDeprecatedLicenseld 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, then the <a href="deprecatedversion">deprecatedversion</a> 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/isDeprecatedLicenseId

Name isDeprecatedLicenseld Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/License



## 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 has listed this License as "free" in their commentary on licenses, located at the time of this writing at https://www.gnu.org/licenses/license-list.en.html.

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.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/isFsfLibre

Name isFsfLibre Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

## Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/License

# 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) has listed this License as "approved" in their list of OSI Approved Licenses, located at the time of this writing at https://opensource.org/licenses/.

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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/isOsiApproved

Name isOsiApproved Nature DataProperty Range xsd:boolean

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/License



## 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. See the XML fields defined at https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/main/DOCS/xml-fields.md for a text description. There is also an XML schema available at https://github.com/spdx/license-list-XML/blob/main/schema/ListedLicense.xsd.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/licenseXml

Name licenseXml Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

## **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 specifies which version release of the License List was the first one in which it was included.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/listVersionAdded

Name listVersionAdded Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicense
- /ExpandedLicensing/ListedLicenseException



## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/member

Name member
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /SimpleLicensing/AnyLicenseInfo

- /ExpandedLicensing/ConjunctiveLicenseSet
- /ExpandedLicensing/DisjunctiveLicenseSet



# obsoletedBy

## **Summary**

Specifies the licenseld 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 licenseld specified in the obsoletedBy value is preferred.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/obsoletedBy

Name obsoletedBy Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition



### 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/seeAlso

Name seeAlso Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

- /ExpandedLicensing/License
- /ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

# 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 specification for format information.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/standardAdditionTemplate

Name standardAdditionTemplate
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/LicenseAddition

## 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/standardLicenseHeader

Name standardLicenseHeader Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

# 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 specification for format information.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/standardLicenseTemplate

Name standardLicenseTemplate
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

#### Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/License

# 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).

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/subjectAddition

Name subjectAddition Nature ObjectProperty Range LicenseAddition

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/subjectExtendableLicense

Name subjectExtendableLicense Nature ObjectProperty Range ExtendableLicense

#### Referenced

/ExpandedLicensing/WithAdditionOperator

# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/subjectLicense

Name subjectLicense Nature ObjectProperty Range License

## Referenced

• /ExpandedLicensing/OrLaterOperator

## **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/NoAssertionLicense

Name	NoAssertionLicense
Type	IndividualLicensingInfo
IRI	https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Licensing/NoAssertion

## **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/ExpandedLicensing/NoneLicense

Name	NoneLicense
Type	IndividualLicensingInfo
IRI	https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Licensing/None



## **Dataset**

## **Summary**

Everything having to do with datasets.

# **Description**

The Dataset namespace defines tbd.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset

Name Dataset



## **Dataset**

## **Summary**

Provides information about the fields in the Dataset profile.

## **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/Dataset

Name	Dataset
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Software/Package

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
an onymization Method Used	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
intendedUse	xsd:string	0	1
knownBias	xsd:string	0	*
sensitivePersonalInformation	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
sensor	/Core/DictionaryEntry	0	*

# anonymizationMethodUsed

## **Summary**

Describes the anonymization methods used.

## **Description**

AnonymizationMethodUsed describes the methods used to anonymize the dataset (of fields in the dataset).

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/anonymizationMethodUsed

Name anonymizationMethodUsed Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced



# confidentialityLevel

## Summary

Describes the confidentiality level of the data points contained in the dataset.

## **Description**

ConfidentialityLevel describes the levels of confidentiality of the data points contained in the dataset.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/confidentialityLevel

Name confidentialityLevel Nature ObjectProperty

Range ConfidentialityLevelType

### Referenced



## dataCollectionProcess

## **Summary**

Describes how the dataset was collected.

## **Description**

DataCollectionProcess describes how a dataset was collected. Examples include the sources from which a dataset was scrapped or the interview protocol that was used for data collection.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/dataCollectionProcess

Name dataCollectionProcess
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

### Referenced



# dataPreprocessing

## **Summary**

Describes the preprocessing steps that were applied to the raw data to create the given dataset.

# **Description**

DataPreprocessing describes the various preprocessing steps that were applied to the raw data to create the dataset.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/dataPreprocessing

Name dataPreprocessing Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/datasetAvailability

Name datasetAvailability
Nature DataProperty
Range DatasetAvailabilityType

### Referenced



## datasetNoise

## **Summary**

Describes potentially noisy elements of the dataset.

## **Description**

DatasetNoise describes what kinds of noises a dataset might encompass. The field uses free form text to specify the fields or the samples that might be noisy. Alternatively, it can also be used to describe various noises that could impact the whole dataset.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/datasetNoise

Name datasetNoise Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

### Referenced



## datasetSize

## **Summary**

Captures the size of the dataset.

## **Description**

DatasetSize Captures how large a dataset is. The size is to be measured in bytes.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/datasetSize

Name datasetSize
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:nonNegativeInteger

### Referenced



# datasetType

## **Summary**

Describes the type of the given dataset.

## **Description**

Type 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/datasetType

Name datasetType Nature DataProperty Range DatasetType

### Referenced

# datasetUpdateMechanism

## **Summary**

Describes a mechanism to update the dataset.

## **Description**

DatasetUpdateMechanism describes a mechanism to update the dataset.

### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/datasetUpdateMechanism

Name datasetUpdateMechanism Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



## intendedUse

## **Summary**

Describes what the given dataset should be used for.

## **Description**

IntendedUse 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/intendedUse

Name intendedUse Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

#### Referenced



# knownBias

## **Summary**

Records the biases that the dataset is known to encompass.

# **Description**

KnownBias is a free form text field that describes the different biases that the dataset encompasses.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/knownBias

Name knownBias Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced

/Dataset/Dataset

# sensitivePersonalInformation

## **Summary**

Describes if any sensitive personal information is present in the dataset.

# **Description**

SensitivePersonalInformation indicates the presence of sensitive personal data or information that allows drawing conclusions about a person's identity.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/sensitivePersonalInformation

Name sensitivePersonalInformation
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/PresenceType

## Referenced

/Dataset/Dataset



#### sensor

## **Summary**

Describes a sensor used for collecting the data.

# **Description**

Sensor describes a sensor that was used for collecting the data and its calibration value as a key-value pair.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/sensor

Name sensor
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

#### Referenced

/Dataset/Dataset

# ConfidentialityLevelType

## **Summary**

Categories of confidentiality level.

# **Description**

Describes the different confidentiality levels as given by the Traffic Light Protocol.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/ConfidentialityLevelType

Name ConfidentialityLevelType

- 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.

# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/DatasetAvailabilityType

Name DatasetAvailabilityType

- 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.



# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Dataset/DatasetType

Name DatasetType

- 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.

# AI

# **Summary**

Additional metadata based on software profile, that is useful for ai applications and models.

# **Description**

The AI profile namespace defines concepts related to AI application and model artifacts.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI

Name Al



# **AIPackage**

## **Summary**

Provides information about the fields in the AI package profile.

# **Description**

Metadata information that can be added to a package to describe an AI application or trained Al model.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/AIPackage

Name	AlPackage
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Software/Package

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
autonomyType	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
domain	xsd:string	0	*
energyConsumption	xsd:string	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
sensitivePersonalInformation	/Core/PresenceType	0	1
standardCompliance	xsd:string	0	*
typeOfModel	xsd:string	0	*



# autonomyType

## **Summary**

States if a human is involved in the decisions of the AI software.

# **Description**

AutonomyType indicates if a human is involved in any of the decisions of the AI software or if that software is fully automatic.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/autonomyType

Name autonomyType
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/PresenceType

## Referenced



# domain

## **Summary**

Captures the domain in which the AI package can be used.

# **Description**

Domain describes the domain in which the AI model contained in the AI software can be expected to operate successfully. Examples include computer vision, natural language etc.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/domain

Name domain Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# energyConsumption

## **Summary**

Indicates the amount of energy consumed to build the AI package.

# **Description**

EnergyConsumption captures the amount of energy needed to train and operate the Al model. This value is also known as training energy consumption or inference energy consumption.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/energyConsumption

Name energyConsumption Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# hyperparameter

## **Summary**

Records a hyperparameter used to build the AI model contained in the AI package.

# **Description**

This field records a hyperparameter value. Hyperparameters are parameters of the machine learning model that are used to control the learning process, for example the optimization and learning rate used during the training of the model.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/hyperparameter

Name hyperparameter
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced

# informationAboutApplication

## **Summary**

Provides relevant information about the AI software, not including the model description.

# **Description**

InformationAboutApplication describes any relevant information in free form text about how the AI model is used inside the software, as well as any relevant pre-processing steps, third party APIs etc.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/informationAboutApplication

Name informationAboutApplication Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# informationAboutTraining

## **Summary**

Describes relevant information about different steps of the training process.

# **Description**

InformationAboutTraining describes the specific steps involved in the training of the AI model. For example, it can be specified whether supervised fine-tuning or active learning is used as part of training the model.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/informationAboutTraining

Name informationAboutTraining
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# limitation

## **Summary**

Captures a limitation of the AI software.

# **Description**

Limitation captures a limitation of the AI Package (or of the AI models present in the AI package), expressed as free form text. 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/limitation

Name limitation Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# metric

## **Summary**

Records the measurement of prediction quality of the AI model.

# **Description**

Metric 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/metric

Name metric

Nature ObjectProperty

Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/metricDecisionThreshold

Name metricDecisionThreshold
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced



# modelDataPreprocessing

## **Summary**

Describes all the preprocessing steps applied to the training data before the model training.

# **Description**

ModelDataPreprocessing is 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/modelDataPreprocessing

Name modelDataPreprocessing Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# modelExplainability

## **Summary**

Describes methods that can be used to explain the model.

# **Description**

ModelExplainability is a free form text that lists the different explainability mechanisms (such as SHAP, or other model specific explainability mechanisms) that can be used to explain the model.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/modelExplainability

Name modelExplainability
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# safetyRiskAssessment

## **Summary**

Categorizes safety risk impact of AI software.

# **Description**

SafetyRiskAssessment categorizes the safety risk impact of the AI software in accordance with Article 20 of EC Regulation No 765/2008.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/safetyRiskAssessment

Name safetyRiskAssessment

Nature ObjectProperty

Range SafetyRiskAssessmentType

## Referenced

# sensitivePersonalInformation

## **Summary**

Records if sensitive personal information is used during model training.

# **Description**

SensitivePersonalInformation 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.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/sensitivePersonalInformation

Name sensitivePersonalInformation
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/PresenceType

## Referenced



# standardCompliance

## **Summary**

Captures a standard that is being complied with.

# **Description**

StandardCompliance captures a standard that the AI software complies with. This includes both published and unpublished standards, for example ISO, IEEE, ETSI etc. The standard could (but not necessarily have to) be used to satisfy a legal or regulatory requirement.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/standardCompliance

Name standardCompliance Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# typeOfModel

## **Summary**

Records the type of the model used in the AI software.

# **Description**

TypeOfModel 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/typeOfModel

Name typeOfModel Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced

# SafetyRiskAssessmentType

## **Summary**

Categories of safety risk impact of the application.

# **Description**

Lists the different safety risk type values that can be used to describe the safety risk of Al software according to Article 20 of Regulation 765/2008/EC.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/AI/SafetyRiskAssessmentType

Name SafetyRiskAssessmentType

- high: The second-highest level of risk posed by an AI software.
- low: Low/no risk is posed by the AI software.
- medium: The third-highest level of risk posed by an AI software.
- serious: The highest level of risk posed by an AI software.

## **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:

- hasInputs: Describes the relationship from the Build element to its inputs.
- hasOutputs: 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 eelements that describe its child builds.
- decendentOf: 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 hasInputs 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.



## **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.).

Definitions of "buildType", "configSourceEntrypoint", "configSourceUri", "parameters" and "environment" follow those defined in SLSA provenance.

Externalldentifier of type "urlScheme" may be used to identify build logs. In this case, the comment of the Externalldentifier should be "LogReference".

Note that buildStartTime and buildEndTime are optional, and may be omitted to simplify creating reproducible builds.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/Build

Name	Build
Instantiability	Concrete
SubclassOf	/Core/Element

# **Properties**

Property	Туре	minCount	maxCount
buildEndTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildld	xsd:string	0	1
buildStartTime	/Core/DateTime	0	1
buildType	xsd:anyURI	1	1
configSourceDigest	/Core/Hash	0	*
configSourceEntrypoir	nt xsd:string	0	*



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/buildEndTime

Name buildEndTime
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/DateTime

## Referenced



# buildId

## **Summary**

A buildld 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. This identifier differs based on build toolchain, platform, or naming convention used by an organization or standard.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/buildId

Name buildId Nature DataProperty Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# 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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/buildStartTime

Name buildStartTime
Nature DataProperty
Range /Core/DateTime

## Referenced



# 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 a URI expressing the toolchain, platform, or infrastructure that the build was invoked on. For example, if the build was invoked on GitHub's CI platform using github actions, the buildType can be expressed as <a href="https://github.com/actions">https://github.com/actions</a>. In contrast, if the build was invoked on a local machine, the buildType can be expressed as <a href="file://username@host/path/to/build">file://username@host/path/to/build</a>.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/buildType

Name buildType Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

## Referenced



# 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. This Property uses the Core model's Hash class.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/configSourceDigest

Name configSourceDigest Nature ObjectProperty Range /Core/Hash

## Referenced



# 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. 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:
    tags: "*"

jobs:
    publish:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    if: startsWith(github.ref, 'refs/tags/')
    steps:
...
```

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/configSourceEntrypoint

Name configSourceEntrypoint
Nature DataProperty
Range xsd:string

## Referenced



# 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. 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. m

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/configSourceUri

Name configSourceUri Nature DataProperty Range xsd:anyURI

## Referenced



# 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. This is different from the parameters property in that it describes the environment variables set before a build is invoked rather than the variables provided to the builder.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/environment

Name environment
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced



# parameters

## **Summary**

Property describing the parameters used in an instance of a build.

# **Description**

parameters is a key-value map of all build parameters and their values that were provided to the builder for a build instance. This is different from the environment property in that the keys and values are provided as command line arguments or a configuration file to the builder.

#### Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Build/parameters

Name parameters
Nature ObjectProperty
Range /Core/DictionaryEntry

## Referenced

## Lite

## **Summary**

The SPDX Lite profile defines a subset of the SPDX specification, from the point of view of use cases in some industries. SPDX Lite aims at the balance between the SPDX standard and actual workflows in some industries.

# **Description**

The SPDX Lite profile consists of mandatory fields from the Document Creation and Package Information sections and other basic information.

The mandatory part of the Package information in SPDX Lite is basic but useful for complying with licenses. It is easy to understand licensing information by reading an SPDX Lite file. It is easy to create manually an SPDX Lite file by anyone who does not have enough knowledge about licensing information, so that tools are not necessarily required to create an SPDX Lite file.

SPDX Lite has affinity with SPDX tools due to its containing the mandatory part of the Document Creation and Package Information in the SPDX Lite definition.

An SPDX Lite document can be used in parallel with SPDX documents in software supply chains.

## Metadata

https://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Lite

Name Lite

# **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://rdf.spdx.org/v3/Extension

Name Extension



# **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 purposespecific 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
- 4. identifies gaps in SPDX that should be filled,
- 5. 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,
- 6. can be clearly detected among the SPDX content exchange ecosystem,



# Annex I Differences from previous editions (Informative)

# I.1 Differences between V3.0 and V2.3

TODO: This will be updated before the final release

## I.2 Differences between V2.3 and V2.2.2

V2.3 has added new fields to improve the ability to capture security related information and to improve interoperability with other SBOM formats.

#### Key changes include:

- Added fields to Clause 7 (Package Information) to describe "Primary Package Purpose" and standardize recording of "Built Date", "Release Date", "Valid Until Date".
- Added hash algorithms (SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512, BLAKE2b-256, BLAKE2b-384, BLAKE2b-512, BLAKE3, ADLER32) to the set recognized by 7.10 (Package Checksum field) and 8.4 (File checksum field)
- Update Clause 7, 8, and 9 to make several of the licensing properties optional rather than requiring the use of "NOASSERTION" when no value is provided.
- Update Clause 11 to add the new relationship types:
   REQUIREMENT\_DESCRIPTION\_FOR and SPECIFICATION\_FOR.
- Update Annex B (License matching guidelines and templates) to use the License List
   XML format
- Update Annex F (External Repository Identifiers) to expand security references to include advisory, fix, URL, SWID. Expand persistent identifiers to include gitoid.
- Update Annex G (SPDX Lite Profile) to include NTIA SBOM mandatory minimum fields as required.
- Update Annex H to documented how the snippet information in files to be consistent with REUSE recommendations.
- Added Annex K ( How To Use SPDX in Different Scenarios ) to illustrate linking to external security information, and illustrate how the NTIA SBOM mandatory minimum elements map to SPDX fields.



# Annex C RDF object model and identifier syntax (Normative)

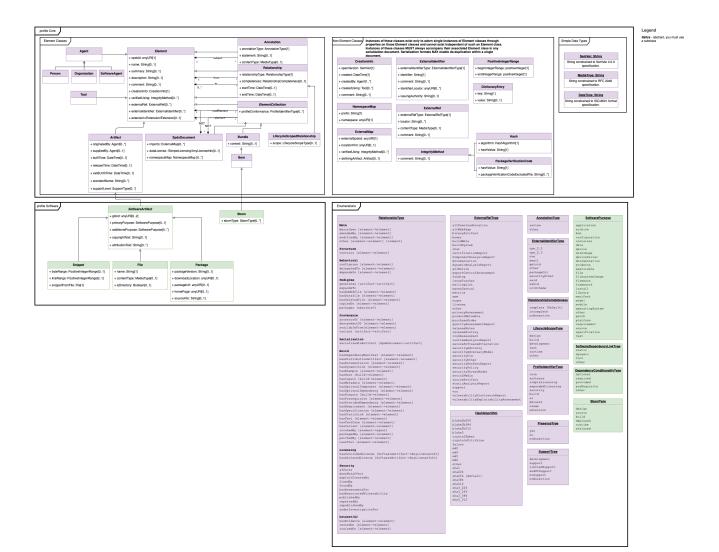
TODO: update for SPDXv3

# **C.1 Introduction**

SPDX ® Vocabulary Specification

#### SPDX 3.0 Model SHACL

Version: 3.0





# **Annex D SPDX license expressions (Normative)**

# **D.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-<code>[idstring]</code>; 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.



# Annex E Using SPDX license list short identifiers in source files (Informative)

TODO: update for SPDXv3

#### **E.1 Introduction**

Identifying the license for open source software is critical for both reporting purposes and license compliance. However, determining the license can sometimes be difficult due to a lack of information or ambiguous information. Even when licensing information is present, a lack of consistent notation can make automating the task of license detection very difficult, thus requiring vast amounts of human effort.

Short identifiers from the SPDX License List can be used to indicate license info at the file level. The advantages of doing this are numerous but include:

- It is precise.
- It is concise.
- It is language neutral.
- It is easy and more reliable to machine process.
- Leads to code that is easier to reuse.
- The license information travels with the file (as sometimes not entire projects are used or license files are removed).
- It is a standard and can be universal. There is no need for variation.
- An SPDX short identifier is immutable.
- Easy look-ups and cross-references to the SPDX License List website.

If using SPDX short identifiers in individual files, it is recommended to reproduce the full license in the projects LICENSE file and indicate that SPDX short identifiers are being used to refer to it. For links to projects illustrating these scenarios, see https://spdx.dev/ids-where.

## **E.2 Format for SPDX-License-Identifier**

The SPDX-License-Identifier tag declares the license the file is under and should be placed at or near the top of the file in a comment.



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