Tables of ADES Tags and Structures

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1 Table of ADES Elements

XML elements are the things which appear as XML tags, such as <permID> value </permID>. The ones in this table are all top-level elements, which means they can be the root of their own XML document and thus validated against XSD individually. The last element in the table, "ades," is intended to be used as the root element for every XML document used for interchange. All elements are written in camelCase with the first character not capitalized.

Elements and their Descriptions

ADES observation sub-elements		
Name	Type	Description
permID	PermIDType	IAU permanent designation,
		i.e., IAU number
provID	ProvIDType	MPC provisional designation
		(unpacked form) for
		unnumbered object
artSat	StringTypeW25	Name of an artificial satellite
${ m trkSub}$	TrkSubType	Observer-assigned tracklet
		identifier, unique within
		submission batch.
obsID	ObsIDType	Globally Unique Observation
		ID assigned by MPC.
${ m obsSubID}$	ObsIDType	Observation identifier,
		optionally included with the
		submission, that is unique to
		a given observing program.
		This element is intended to
		support extended analyses
		associated with major
		observing programs.
${ m trkID}$	TrkIDType	Globally Unique alphnumeric
		tracklet ID assigned by MPC

trkMPC	TrkIDType	MPC-internal tracklet
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		identifier, used in cases where the value of the trkSub
		element should be considered
1	M. 1 m	deprecated.
\mathbf{mode}	ModeType	Mode of optical and offset
	G T	observations.
stn	StationType	Obervatory code from MPC
	G	list.
trx	StationType	Station code of transmiting
		antenna.
rcv	StationType	Station code of receiving
		antenna.
sys	SysType	Coordinate system for station
		coordinates and covariance.
ctr	SPICEIDType	Origin of the reference
		system. Use public SPICE
		codes, e.g., 399 is the
		geocenter, 10 is the Sun
		center. Note; sys=WGS84
		implies ctr=399
pos1	DecimalTypeW14	Position of observer per sys,
		1st value
pos2	DecimalTypeW14	Position of observer per sys,
		2nd value
pos3	DecimalTypeW14	Position of observer per sys,
		3rd value
posCov11	DoubleTypeW21	11 covariance per sys
posCov12	DoubleTypeW21	12 covariance per sys
posCov13	DoubleTypeW21	13 covariance per sys
posCov22	DoubleTypeW21	22 covariance per sys
posCov23	DoubleTypeW21	23 covariance per sys
posCov33	DoubleTypeW21	33 covariance per sys
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prog	ProgType	Program code as assigned by

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obsTime	TimeType	UTC time of the observation
		in ISO 8601 format, i.e.,
		yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.ssZ.
${f rmsTime}$	PosDecimalTypeW8	Random component of the
		obsTime 1σ uncertainty in
		seconds as estimated by the
		observer.
ra	RAType	J2000.0 Astrometric
		equatorial right ascension in
		decimal degrees.
dec	DeclinationType	J2000.0 Astrometric
		equatorial declination in
		decimal degrees. Positive
		DEC values may optionally
		include a + sign
raStar	RAType	J2000.0 RA in decimal
		degrees of the occulted star
decStar	DeclinationType	J2000.0 DEC in decimal
		degrees of the occulted star
obsCenter	ObsCenterType	Center of offset observation
		may be planet or other body
		with PermID or ProvID
deltaRA	DecimalTypeW10	Measured $\Delta(RA\cos DEC)$ in
	7 -	arcseconds. For offset
		measurements of a satellite
		with respect to its primary,
		or for occultation
		observations with respect to
		the star in rectangular
		coordinates, J2000.0 frame.

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			the observer as part of the
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		distance 1σ uncertainty in
		arcseconds as estimated by
		the observer as part of the
		image processing and
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rmsPA	PosDecimalTypeW6	Random component of the
		polar angle 1σ uncertainty in
		degrees as estimated by the
		observer as part of the image
		processing and astrometric
		reduction.
rmsCorr	CorrDecimalType	Correlation between RA and
		DEC or dist and PA that
		may result from the
		astrometric reduction. This
		is derived from the RA-DEC
		or dist-PA covariance matrix,
		where the off-diagonal term is
		rmsCorr * rmsRA * rmsDec or
		rmsCorr * rmsDist * rmsPA.
delay	PosDecimalTypeW14	Observed radar delay value
		in seconds.
rmsDelay	PosDecimalTypeW6	Measurement 1σ uncertainty
		in µs for radar delay
doppler	DecimalTypeW14	observed radar doppler value
		in Hz
rmsDoppler	PosDecimalTypeW6	Measurement 1σ uncertainty
		in Hz for radar doppler
astCat	CatType	Star catalog used for the
		astrometric reduction or for
		the occulted star in the case
		of occultation observations.)
mag	DecimalTypeW8	Apparent Magnitude in
		specified band
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rmsMag	PosDecimalTypeW6	Apparent magnitude 1σ
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1 1	D. 1/D	uncertainty in magnitudes.
band	BandType	Filter designation for
		photometry.
photCat	CatType	Star catalog used for
		photometry measurements.
photAp	PosDecimalTypeW6	Photometric aperture radius
		in arcseconds.
nucMag	LogicalType	Nuclear magnitude flag for
		comets. 0 for total
		magnitude (i.e., for most
		archival comet observations
		and all asteroid
		observations), 1 for nuclear
		magnitude. Primarily used
		for archival data as photAp
		should be used to
		communicate this
		information in the new
		standard
\log SNR	DecimalTypeW6	\log_{10} of the signal-to-noise
		ratio of the source in the
		image integrated on the
		entire aperture used for the
		astrometric centroid.
shapeOcc	LogicalType	For occultation observations,
•		a flag to indicate that the
		observation reduction
		assumes a shape-based
		(non-circular) plane-of-sky
		cross-section. False implies
		that a circular cross section
		was assumed.
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seeing	PosDecimalTypeW6	Size of seeing disc in
		arcseconds, measured at Full
		Width Half Maximum
		(FWHM) of target point
		spread function (PSF).
exp	PosDecimalTypeW6	Exposure time in s. Total
		exposure time in the case of
		stacked image detections
m rmsFit	PosDecimalTypeW6	RMS of fit of astrometric
		comparison stars in
		arcseconds.
nStars	PosIntegerTypeW6	Number of stars in
		astrometric fit.
com	LogicalType	Flag to indicate that the
		observation is reduced to the
		center of mass. 0 implies a
		measurement to the peak
		power position, which is
		usually interpreted as the
		leading edge of the target,
		with the reflection point
		being modeled one object
		radius prior to the center of
		mass.
frq	FrequencyType	Carrier reference frequence in
		MHz
ref	RefType	Standard reference field used
		for citations.
disc	DiscType	Discovery flag; '*' marks a
		new discovery record; '+'
		marks the first measurement
		of a previously observed
		object; otherwise not present
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subFrm	SubFrmType	Reference frame for the
		original submission of
		reported angular
		measurements.
subFmt	SubFmtType	Format in which the
		observation was originally
		submitted to the MPC, e.g.,
		M92 for MPC1992 format or
		A17 for the current standard
		standard. Filled by the MPC
		according to a list provided
		and maintained by the MPC.
precTime	TimePrecType	Precision in millionths of a
		day of the reported
		obeservation time for
		archived MPC1992 data
		records
precRA	RaDecPrecType	Precision in seconds of the
		reported RA for archived
		MPC1992 data records.
precDec	RaDecPrecType	Precision in arcseconds of the
		reported DEC for archived
		MPC1992 data records.

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uncTime	PosDecimalTypeW8	Estimated time uncertainty in seconds. Unlike the
		preceding RMS fields, which
		indicate random errors, this
		field indicates a presumed
		level of systematic clock
		error. NB: This field is
		generally only to be used to
		communicate exceptions and
		problems with clock
		calibration and is not
		intended to be used in
		routine submissions where
		clock errors are not a
		significant source of
		astrometric error.
notes	NotesType	A set of one-character note
		flags to communicate
		observing circumstances.
remarks	RemarkType	Comment field provided by
		the observer. This field can
		be used to report additional
		information that is not
		reportable in the notes field,
		but that may be of relevance
		for interpretation of the
		observations.
deprecated	DeprecatedType	Marks deprecated
		observation.
localUse	LocalUseType	For user-defined fields in
		observations
observations residual sub-elements		
Name	Type	Description

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$\operatorname{orbProd}$	StringTypeW100	Orbit producer. Can be
		institution, individual, or
		even email address,
		e.g.'MPC'
orbID	StringTypeW25	Local reference for orbit, e.g.,
		'JPL 7' or 'MPO 12345'.
resRA	DoubleTypeW7	Residuals in RA cos DEC in
		arcseconds
resDec	DoubleTypeW7	Residuals in DEC in
		arcseconds
selAst	SelResType	Inclusion/rejection flag for
		astrometry
sigRA	PosDecimalTypeW7	Adopted RA \cos DEC 1σ
		uncertainty in arcseconds.
sigDec	PosDecimalTypeW7	Adopted DEC 1σ uncertainty
		in arcseconds.
$\operatorname{sigCorr}$	CorrDecimalType	Adopted correlation between
		RA cos DEC and DEC.
sigTime	PosDecimalTypeW8	Adopted 1σ time uncertainty
		in seconds.
biasRA	DecimalTypeW8	Adopted RA cos DEC bias in
		arcseconds.
biasDec	DecimalTypeW8	Adopted DEC bias in
		arcseconds.
biasTime	DecimalTypeW10	Adopted time bias in s.
photProd	StringTypeW100	Producer of photometric
		residuals. Can be institution,
		individual, or even email
		address, e.g. 'MPC'
resMag	DoubleTypeW7	Photometric residual in
		magnitudes
selPhot	SelResType	Inclusion/rejection flag for
		photometry
sigMag	PosDecimalTypeW6	Adopted 1σ magnitude
		uncertainy in magnitudees.
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biasMag	DecimalTypeW6	Adopted photometric bias in
	J P	magnitudes
$\overline{\mathrm{photMod}}$	PhotModType	Description of the
r	J F	photometric model.
resDelay	DoubleTypeW7	Residual of the radar
	J 1	measurement in µs for delay
selDelay	SelResType	Inclusion/rejection flag for
		radar astrometry
sigDelay	PosDecimalTypeW6	Adopted uncertainty for the
		radar measurement in µs for
		delay
resDoppler	DoubleTypeW7	Residual of the radar
		measurement in Hz for
		Doppler
selDoppler	SelResType	Inclusion/rejection flag for
		radar astrometry
sigDoppler	PosDecimalTypeW6	Adopted uncertainty for the
		radar measurement in Hz for
		Doppler
observation-context sub-elements		
Name	Туре	Description
observatory	ObservatoryType	observatory information
	Observatory Type	
		block
submitter	SubmitterType	block Contact information block
		block Contact information block list of observer names
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comment	CommentType	comment for observation	
		context	
	observation t	ypes	
Name	Type	Description	
optical	OpticalType	optical observation	
offset	OffsetType	optical offset	
occultation	OccultationType	optical occultation	
radar	RadarType	delay or doppler radar	
	observation-context	, obsBlock	
Name	Type	Description	
obsContext	ObsContextType	observation context	
		information	
obsData	ObsDataType	list of optical or radar	
		observations	
obsBlock	ObsBlockType	obsBlock contains an	
		obsContext and obsData	
	Free-Standing Re	esiduals	
Name	Type	Description	
opticalResidual	OpticalResType	optical residual	
radarResidual	RadarResType	radar residual	
ADES root			
Name	Type	Description	
ades	ADESType	document root	

2 Table of Restricted Simple Types

Restricted simple types are a single XML value with some additional restrictions, such as requiring an decimal value to be in some range (such as 0.0 to 90.0) or requiring a string to be from an enumerated list. Some of these restrictions, such as the possible station string values, will eventually be pulled out of MPC-provided files and referenced over the web.

Simple Types with their Restrictions Description

Type

AlphaNumericType base is StringType -pattern: [A-Za-z0-9_]* BandType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 3 CatType base is StringType -pattern: [.A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 8	AlphaNumericType restricts the field to only the ASCII upper- and lower-case letters, ASCII numbers and underscores MPC maintains a list of bands for magnitude observations MPC maintains a list of current astrometry and photometry catalogs
CorrDecimalType base is xsd:decimal -minInclusive: -1.0 -maxInclusive: 1.0 -pattern: [+\-]?(0 1)(\.[0123456789]{0,11	Decimal in range [-1.0, 1.0] with no more that 11 digits after the decimal point. Decimal point is optional, but if present the integer portion must be present (i.e., '.1' and '1' are proving a point in the present (i.e., '.1' and '1' are proving a point (i.e., '.1') are proving a point (i.e., '.1') and '1' are proving a point (i.e., '.1') a
DecimalType base is xsd:decimal -pattern: [+\-]?(0 ([1-9][0-9]*))(\.[0-9]	Decimal in range (-inf, +inf). Decimal point is optional, but if present the integer portion must be present (i.e., '.1' and '1' are invalid.)
DecimalTypeW6 base is DecimalType -pattern: [+\-]?[0123456789\.]{1,5}	DecimalType with no more than 5 characters plus optional sign
DecimalTypeW8 base is DecimalType -pattern: [+\-]?[0123456789\.]{1,7}	DecimalType with no more than 7 characters plus optional sign
DecimalTypeW10 base is DecimalType -pattern: [+\-]?[0123456789\.]{1,9}	DecimalType with no more than 9 characters plus optional sign
DecimalTypeW14 base is DecimalType -pattern: [+\-]?[0123456789\.]{1,13}	DecimalType with no more than 13 characters plus optional sign

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Type		Description

DeclinationType	DEC in degrees in range [-90.0, 90.0] with no
base is xsd:decimal	more that 9 characters after the decimal
-minInclusive: -90.0	
-maxInclusive: 90.0	
-pattern:	
[+\-]?([1-9]?[0-9])?(\.[0123456	[89]{0,9})?
DeprecatedType	X marks the use of deprecated data
base is xsd:string	_
-enumeration: x	
DiscType	Used to mark the discovery record – must be
base is xsd:string	'*' or '+' if present
-enumeration: *	F
-enumeration: +	
DoubleTypeW7	Double (i.e., decimal or exponential) in range
base is xsd:double	(-inf, +inf) with no more that 6 characters
-pattern:	plus optional sign
[+\-]?[+\-Ee0123456789\.]{1,6}	F-00 0F-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-0
DoubleTypeW21	Double (i.e., decimal or exponential) in range
base is xsd:double	(-inf, +inf) with no more that 20 characters
-pattern:	plus optional sign
[+\-]?[+\-Ee0123456789\.]{1,20}	prae opviorial sign
SubFrmType	The submission frame, usually B1950.0 or
base is StringType	earlier. If this field is not present, the
-pattern: ([BJ]\d{4}.0) APP\.	submission frame was J2000.0

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Type		Description

1 J P C	Description
LeapSecondsHelp	Allowed leap seconds before 2017 are valid
base is xsd:string	leap-seconds; for 2017 and later are all
-pattern: 19(72 81 82 83 85 92 93 94 97)- -pattern:	allowed June and December leap-second of-30723:59:60(\.\d+)?z opportunities.
19(72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 87 8	9 90 95 98)-12-31T23:59:60(\.\d+)?Z
-pattern:	
20(12 15)-06-30T23:59:60(\.\d+)	Z
-pattern:	
20(05 08 16)-12-31T23:59:60(.\d -pattern:	·)?Z
(2[1-9]\d{2} 20[2-9]\d 201[7-9])-12-31T23:59:60(\.\d+)?Z
-pattern:	
(2[1-9]\d{2} 20[2-9]\d 201[7-9]	-06-30T23:59:60(\.\d+)?Z
-pattern:	
[3-9]\d{3}-06-30T23:59:60(\.\d+)?Z
-pattern:	
[3-9]\d{3}-12-31T23:59:60(\.\d+	?Z
LogicalType	0 for false, 1 for true to match C and
base is xsd:integer	FORTRAN
-enumeration: 0	
-enumeration: 1	
$\mathbf{ModeType}$	The MPC maintains a list of mode values
base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 3	
ObsCenterType	May be PlanetNameType, PermIDType or
union of	ProvIDType for both submissions and in
PermIDType ProvIDType	general
PlanetNameType	general
Submissions Only Allow:	
union of	
PermIDType ProvIDType	
PlanetNameType	
•	up to giv gingle character notes from MDC
NotesType	up to six single-character notes from MPC
base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 6	table
-maxLength: 6	

Type	Description
ObsIDType	An obsID is up to twenty-five alphanumeric
base is AlphaNumericType	characters
-maxLength: 25	
PermIDType	A permID (permanent ID) string may be a
base is StringTypeW25	positive integer, a positive integer followed by
-pattern: \d+([IPD](-[A-Z]{1,2})?)? ((Mar:	P or D or I (P is for periodic comets; D is for
	planet name followed by a positive integer, or
	a positive integer in parentheses followed by a
	postive integer. These indicate a minor
	planet, a comet or interstellar object, a
	natural satellite of a planet, and a natural
	satellite of a minor planet respectively.
PhotModType	Photometric model is up to eight
base is AlphaNumericType	alphanumeric characters
-maxLength: 8	arphanument characters
PlanetNameType	List of planet names, including Earth's Moon
base is StringTypeW25	r r r
-enumeration: Mercury	
-enumeration: Venus	
-enumeration: Earth	
-enumeration: Moon	
-enumeration: Mars	
-enumeration: Jupiter	
-enumeration: Saturn -enumeration: Uranus	
-enumeration: Neptune	
PosDecimalType	Unsigned positive decimal in range (0.0,
base is xsd:decimal	
-minExclusive: 0.0	100,000). Decimal point is optional, but if
-maxExclusive: 100000.0	present the integer portion must be present
-pattern:	(i.e., '.1' is invalid.)
(0 ([1-9][0-9]*))(\.[0-9]*)?	
PosIntegerTypeW6	Positive integer in range (0, 1,000,000). Thus
base is xsd:positiveInteger	no more than 6 characters.
-maxExclusive: 1000000	

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Description Type

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SPICEIDType	Integer having absolute value strictly less
base is xsd:integer	than 1,000,000,000.
-maxExclusive: +1000000000	, ,
-minExclusive: -1000000000	
PosDecimalTypeW6	PosDecimalType with no more that 6
base is PosDecimalType	characters
-pattern: [0123456789\.]{1,6}	
PosDecimalTypeW7	PosDecimalType with no more that 7
base is PosDecimalType	characters
-pattern: [0123456789\.]{1,7}	
PosDecimalTypeW8	PosDecimalType with no more that 8
base is PosDecimalType	characters
-pattern: [0123456789\.]{1,8}	
PosDecimalTypeW10	PosDecimalType with no more that 10
base is PosDecimalType	characters
-pattern:	
[0123456789\.]{1,10}	
PosDecimalTypeW14	PosDecimalType with no more that 14
base is PosDecimalType	characters
-pattern:	
[0123456789\.]{1,14}	
FrequencyType	Unsigned decimal in range $(0.0, +inf)$ with no
base is xsd:decimal	more that 16 characters
-minExclusive: 0.0	
-pattern:	
[0123456789\.]{1,16}	
ProgType	MPC maintains a list of 1 and 2 character
base is AlphaNumericType	program codes
-maxLength: 2	10
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Type	`	Description	on

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${f Base ProvIDType}$	A provID (provisional ID) may be a minor	
base is StringTypeW25	planet provid, which is a 4-digit year followed	
-pattern: \d{4} [A-HJ-Y][A-HJ-Z]\d* \d{4}	by a space followd by two letters followed (P-L)T-[123], [ADCPX]/\d{4} [A-Z]{1,2}\d*(-[A-Z])?[S/\d{4}) optinally by digits; or a comet id, which is C	((M J S U N) \((\d+ \d{4}
	or P/ or D/ or X/ or A/ (for asteroids with	
	comet numbers, which may not have	
	fragments) followed by a 4-digit year follwed	
	by a space followed by one or two digits	
	optinally followed by one or two digits	
	optionally followed by "-[A-Z]" (for a commet	
	fragment); or a satellite, which is S/ followed	
	by a 4-digit year followed a space followed	
	either (by a minor planet PermID in	
	parentheses or the bare letter M, J, S, N, U)	
	followed by a space followed by digits.	
OldProvIDType	An old-style provID (provisional ID) for	
base is StringTypeW25	object recorded before 1925 is of the from	
-pattern:	A903 AA, where A903 means 1903, A888	
A[89]\d{2} [A-HJ-Y][A-HJ-Z]	means 1888. and the two letters are the same	
	as currently	

Type	Description
ProvIDType union of BaseProvIDType OldProvIDType Submissions Only Allow: union of BaseProvIDType	A provID (provisional ID) is may be a minor planet provid, which is a 4-digit year followed by a space followd by two letters followed optinally by digits; or a comet it, which is C/ or P/ or D/ or X/ or A/ (for asteroids with comet numbers, which may not have fragments) followed by a 4-digit year follwed by a space followed by one or two digits optinally followed by one or two digits optionally followed by "-[A-Z]" (for a commet fragment); or a satellite, which is S/ followed by a 4-digit year followed a space followed either (by a minor planet PermID in parentheses or the bare letter M, J, S, N, U) followed by a space followed by digits. For data before 1926, the OldProvIDType may occur – this is not allowed in new submissions
RaDecPrecType base is xsd:decimal -enumeration: 0.1 -enumeration: 0.6 -enumeration: 0.01 -enumeration: 0.001 -enumeration: 60 -enumeration: 6 -enumeration: 1	RaDecPrecType is used to describe the precision of a historical decimal value when the orignal measurement was made in sexagesimal. The allowed values are applied to the last sexagesimal element, which may be seconds or arcseconds, and mean (for time) the value is accurate to an hour, 10 minutes, 1 minute, 6 seconds, 1 second, .1 second and so forth. This is not allowed in new submissions
RAType base is xsd:decimal -minInclusive: 0.0 -maxExclusive: 360.0 -pattern: ([1-3][0-9]{2} [1-9]?[0-9])?(\. RefType base is StringType	Unsigned RA in degrees limited to [0.0, 360.0) with no more that 9 characters after the decimal [0-9]{0,9})? MPC-assigned reference, up to sixteen characters
-maxLength: 16	

Description

RemarkType A remark is a String limited to 300 characters base is StringType -maxLength: 300 SelRes must be "A," (automatic accept) "a," SelResType base is xsd:string (manual accept) "D," (automatic delete) or -enumeration: A "d" (manual delete) -enumeration: a -enumeration: D -enumeration: d StationType A stn, rov, trx or tcv station. Values vary and base is AlphaNumericType are checked by MPC -minLength: 3 -maxLength: 4 StringType String follows the ADES specification in that base is xsd:string the pipe character is disallowed in PSV. To -pattern: [^|]*[^|\s][^|]* allow data conversion from XML, it must disallowed in XML as well. Also disallow blank elements. Therefore, all elements must match this pattern A StringType limited to 25 characters StringTypeW25 base is StringType -maxLength: 25 A StringType limited to 100 characters StringTypeW100 base is StringType -maxLength: 100 MPC maintains a list of allowed submission SubFmtType base is AlphaNumericTypeformats with no extra fields, up to four -maxLength: 4 alphanumeric characters SysType Coordinate system for station coordinates.

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base is xsd:string

-enumeration: WGS84

-enumeration: ITRF

-enumeration: ICRF_AU

-enumeration: ICRF_KM

-enumeration: IAU

Type

This is used by the pos[123] and

poscov[123][123] elements to determine the

meaning of coordinates. WGS84, ITRF and

and ICRF_KM are for space-based stations.

IAU are for ground-based stations, ICRF_AU

Type	Description
TimeHelp	Restrict dateTime to 4-digit positive years
base is xsd:dateTime	and Z for UTC. Allow no more than
-pattern: \d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\	microsecond precision.
TimePrecType	TimePrecType is used to describe the
base is xsd:decimal -enumeration: 100000 -enumeration: 10000 -enumeration: 1000 -enumeration: 100 -enumeration: 10 -enumeration: 1 -enumeration: 41667 -enumeration: 4167 -enumeration: 694 -enumeration: 69	precision of a historical Time value when the orignal measurement was made in fractional days. The accuracy is in millionths of decimal day, so 10 means 1/100,000 of a day, a little better than a second. The large values are only for historic data on comets. Historic data may also have been reported to integer hours (41667), tenths of hours (4167), integer minutes (694) or tenths of minutes (69). This
TimeType union of TimeHelp LeapSecondsHelp ————————————————————————————————————	is not allowed in new submissions. TimeType is an ISO8601 UTC time in the format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss(.s+)Z. The trailing Z means it is interpreted as UTC. It is not a restriction of xsd:dateTime because that does not properly validate leapseconds. It allows positive 4-digit years and validates the Gregorian calendar for all dates. Note this works because xsd or's all the restrictions and accepts any match. LeapSecondsHelp matches any leapsecond before 2017 and any potential new leapseconds from 2017.
TrkIDType base is StringType -pattern: [-A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 12	A trkID is up to twelve alphanumeric characters
BaseTrkSubType base is StringType -pattern: [-A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 8	A trkSub is up to eight alphanumeric or - characters

Type	$ \begin{pmatrix} \text{continued} \end{pmatrix} $ Description
OldTrkSubType base is StringType -pattern: [-?+@.()/\\A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 8	A trkSub is up to eight funky characters
TrkSubType union of BaseTrkSubType OldTrkSubType	A trkSub is up to eight characters. For new submission, the allowed character set is alphanumeric with "-". For older data, a wider character set was allowed
Submissions Only Allow: union of BaseTrkSubType	
VersionType base is xsd:string -enumeration: 2022	Version attribute for the current ADES schema must be "2022"

3 Groups

This is the documentation for the groups. Groups are a convenient way of organizing rules in complicated structures, used as components of other groups or of complex types. Unlike complex types, groups may appear inside other complex types or groups with no tag. Because groups act a bit like types, their names are all CamelCase with the first letter capitalized.

grouptype: MPCID

MPCID	permI artSat	-	vID or b	oth in that	order, or
choice					
	sequence				_
		element	permID		•
		element	provID	(Optional)	
	sequence				
		element	provID		
	sequence				
		element	artSat		

grouptype: OpticalID

OpticalID	An MPCID group or trkSub or both in that order. Of permID, provID, artSat or trkSub at least one must be present in an optical observation but all three might be present. Also, MPC will assign unique obsID and trkID fields for distribution				
sequence					
	choice				
		sequence			
			group	MPCID	
			element	trkSub	(Optional)
		sequence			
			element	trkSub	
	element	obsID	(NoSubn	nit)	
	element	obsSubID	(Optiona	al)	
	element	${ m trkID}$	(NoSubn	nit)	
	element	trkMPC	(NoSubn	nit)	

grouptype: RadarID

RadarID	An MPCID group only; radar has no equivalent of the optical "trkSub" field. MPC will add a unique obsID field for distribution			
sequence				
	group	MPCID		
	element	trkSub	(Optional)	
	element	obsID	(NoSubmit)	

grouptype: RadarValue

RadarVa				or doppler or delay adar observation.
choice				
	sequence			
		element	doppler	
		element	rmsDoppler	
	sequence			
		element	delay	
		element	rmsDelay	

grouptype: Precision

Precision	forma descr sexag	Precision is primarily for M92 and M47 formats. However, it may be used generally to describe data originally obtained with a certain sexagesimal precision instead of a decimal precision		
sequence				
	element	precTime	-	
	element	precRA		
	element	$\operatorname{precDec}$	_	

grouptype: Location

Location	locat	ion data fo	or a rover stat	ion.	
sequence					
	element	sys			
	element	ctr			
	element	pos1			
	element	pos2			
	element	pos3			
	element	posCov11	(Optional)		
	element	posCov12	(Optional)		
	element	posCov13	(Optional)		
	element	posCov22	(Optional)		
	element	posCov23	(Optional)		
	element	posCov33	(Optional)		

grouptype: Photometry

1	optical obso occultation nust be pr can only oc	ometry group is optional in all ervation types (optical, offset, and). The "mag" and "band" fields esent; the rest are optional but ccur if "mag" and "band" are define this as a Photometry group
sequence		
elemen	$_{ m tmag}$	
elemen	t rmsMag	(Optional)
elemen	t band	
elemen	t photCat	(Optional)
elemen	t - photAp	(Optional)
elemen	t nucMag	(NoSubmit)

${\bf group type:}\ {\bf Offset Val}$

OffsetVa	r or polar ment. The A and e dist and				
choice					_
	sequence				_
		element	deltaRA		
		element	deltaDec		
		element	rmsRA	(Optional)	
		element	rmsDec	(Optional)	
		element	${ m rmsCorr}$	(Optional)	
	sequence				-
		element	dist		
		element	pa		
		element	rmsDist	(Optional)	
		element	rmsPA	(Optional)	
		element	rmsCorr	(Optional)	

grouptype: OpticalRes

OpticalRes OpticalRes is optional for the				or the
 OpticalResiduals group				
sequence				_
	element	resRA		
	element	resDec		
	element	selAst		
	element	sigRA		
	element	sigDec		
	element	$\operatorname{sigCorr}$	(Optional)	
	element	sigTime	(Optional)	
	element	biasRA	(Optional)	
	element	biasDec	(Optional)	
	element	${\bf biasTime}$	(Optional)	

${\bf group type:\ Optical Res Mag}$

${\bf Optical Res Mag}$		-	Res is optional for the esiduals group
sequence			
	element	photProd	(Optional)
	element	resMag	
	element	selPhot	
	element	sigMag	
	element	biasMag	(Optional)
	element	photMod	(Optional)

${\bf grouptype:\ Optical Residuals}$

OpticalRe	esiduals	The OpticalResiduals group is optional for adding residuals to optical observations, or as a separate obsResidual element tagged by obsID			
sequence					
	element	orbProd			
	element	orbID			
	group	OpticalRes	(Optional)		
	group	${\bf Optical Res Mag}$	(Optional)		

grouptype: RadarResiduals

m Radar Residuals	The RadarResiduals group is optional for adding residuals to optical observations, or as a separate obsResidual element tagged by obsID
sequence	
element	orbProd
element	orbID
choice	
	sequence
	element resDelay
	element selDelay
	element sigDelay
	sequence
	element resDoppler
	element selDoppler
	element sigDoppler

4 Complex Types

This is the documentation for the complex types, which may be used directly as similarly-named elements or as components of other complex types and groups. Unlike a group, a complex type is always the only thing inside a tag. The names of complex types, like groups and simple types, are all CamelCase with the first letter capitalized.

complextype: NamesType

NamesTyp	be List of one or	more i	names of type S	String
sequence				
	type StringTypeW100	name	(Unbounded)	

$complextype: \ Observatory Type$

Obser	vatoryType (Observatory I	dentification	ı
all				
t	ype StationType	mpcCode		
t	ype StringTypeW10	00 name	(Optional)	

${\bf complextype:}\ {\bf Submitter Type}$

${f Submitter Type}$		(initia	tter inform ls plus surn		
		string			
all					_
	type StringTyp	peW100	name		
	type StringTyp	peW100	institution	(Optional)	

${\bf complextype:} \ {\bf TelescopeType}$

TelescopeType	telescope	informatio	n
all			
type String	TypeW100	name	(Optional)
type String	TypeW25	design	
type PosDe	ecimalTypeW6	aperture	
type String	TypeW25	detector	
type PosDe	ecimalTypeW6	fRatio	(Optional)
type String	TypeW25	filter	(Optional)
type String	TypeW25	arraySize	(Optional)
type PosDe	ecimalTypeW6	pixelScale	(Optional)

${\bf complex type: Software Type}$

Soft	wareType	informa	tion about softv	vare used in	
		processi	ing		
all					
	type StringT	ypeW100	astrometry	(Optional)	
	type StringT	ypeW25	fitOrder	(Optional)	
	type StringT	ypeW100	photometry	(Optional)	
	type StringT	ypeW100	objectDetection	(Optional)	

${\bf complextype:}\ {\bf Comment Type}$

	Comment	Type	List of one	or mo	ore lines of ty	pe String
	sequence					
,		type Stri	ngTypeW100	line	(Unbounded)	

${\bf complex type:\ Local Use Type}$

LocalUseType	This element is to allow arbitrary fields for private data interchange
sequence	
any	

${\bf complextype:\ Optical Type}$

OpticalType C	Optical Observation	on with RA and Dec
sequence		
group	OpticalID	
element	mode	
element	stn	
group	Location	(Optional)
element	prog	(NoSubmit)
element	obsTime	
element	rmsTime	(Optional)
element	ra	
element	dec	
element	${ m rmsRA}$	(Optional)
element	rmsDec	(Optional)
element	rmsCorr	(Optional)
element	astCat	
group	Photometry	(Optional)
element	$\log SNR$	(Optional)
element	seeing	(Optional)
element	\exp	(Optional)
element	rmsFit	(Optional)
element	nStars	(Optional)
element	ref	(NoSubmit)
element	disc	(Optional)
element	subFrm	(NoSubmit)
element	subFmt	(NoSubmit)
group	Precision	(NoSubmit)
element	uncTime	(Optional)
element	notes	(Optional)
element	remarks	(Optional)
group	OpticalResiduals	(NoSubmit)
element	deprecated	(NoSubmit)
element	localUse	(NoSubmit)_

$complextype: \ Offset Type$

OffsetType Op	tical Offset Obser	rvation with RA and Dec
sequence		
group	OpticalID	
element	mode	
element	stn	
group	Location	(Optional)
element	prog	(NoSubmit)
element	obsTime	
element	rmsTime	(Optional)
element	obsCenter	
group	OffsetVal	
group	Photometry	(Optional)
element	$\log SNR$	(Optional)
element	seeing	(Optional)
element	exp	(Optional)
element	rmsFit	(Optional)
element	nStars	(Optional)
element	ref	(NoSubmit)
element	disc	(Optional)
element	subFrm	(NoSubmit)
element	subFmt	(NoSubmit)
group	Precision	(NoSubmit)
element	uncTime	(Optional)
element	notes	(Optional)
element	remarks	(Optional)
group	OpticalResiduals	(NoSubmit)
element	deprecated	(NoSubmit)
element	localUse	(NoSubmit)

${\bf complextype:} \ {\bf Occultation Type}$

OccultationType		-	ation Observation with Dec, raStar and decStar
sequence		•	,
	group	OpticalID	
	element	mode	
	element	stn	
	group	Location	(Optional)
	element	prog	(NoSubmit)
	element	obsTime	
	element	rmsTime	(Optional)
	element	raStar	
	element	$\operatorname{decStar}$	
	group	OffsetVal	
	element	astCat	
	group	Photometry	(Optional)
	element	$\log SNR$	(Optional)
	element	shapeOcc	(Optional)
	element	seeing	(Optional)
	element	ref	(NoSubmit)
	element	disc	(Optional)
	element	subFrm	(NoSubmit)
	element	subFmt	(NoSubmit)
	group	Precision	(NoSubmit)
	element	uncTime	(Optional)
	element	notes	(Optional)
	element	remarks	(Optional)
	group	OpticalResiduals	(NoSubmit)
	element	deprecated	(NoSubmit)
	element	localUse	(NoSubmit)

complextype: RadarType

RadarTyp	oe Ra	dar Observation	using either doppler or
	del	ay values from l	RadarValue
sequence			
	group	RadarID	
	element	trx	
	element	rcv	
	element	prog	(NoSubmit)
	element	obsTime	
	group	RadarValue	
	element	$\log SNR$	(Optional)
	element	com	(Optional)
	element	frq	
	element	ref	(NoSubmit)
	element	remarks	(Optional)
	group	RadarResiduals	(NoSubmit)
	element	localUse	(NoSubmit)

$complextype: \ ObsContextType$

ObsContextT	Type observa	ation context header type
all		
element	observatory	
element	submitter	
element	observers	
element	measurers	
element	telescope	
element	software	(Optional)
element	coinvestigators	(Optional)
element	collaborators	(Optional)
element	fundingSource	(Optional)
element	comment	(Optional)

${\bf complex type:\ Obs Data Type}$

 ObsDataType	A list of all optical or all radar observations	
choice		
element	optical	(Unbounded)
element	offset	(Unbounded)
element	occultation	(Unbounded)
 element	radar	(Unbounded)

${\bf complextype:\ ObsBlockType}$

${ m ObsBlockType}$		A list of all o observations,	ptical or all radar with context
sequence			
	element	obsContext	-
	element	obsData	_

${\bf complex type:\ Optical Res Type}$

OpticalResType		Optical Residual outside of the optical/occulatation/offset structure	
sequence			
	group	OpticalID	
	element	obsTime	
	group	OpticalResiduals	

${\bf complextype:\ RadarResType}$

RadarResTy	pe	Radar Residual outside of the radar structure
sequence		
gr	oup	RadarID
ele	ement	obsTime
gr	oup	RadarResiduals

complextype: ADESType

	<i>U</i> 1		is what is allowed in ades documents –			
	any of these in any order					
	attribute version	VersionType (requ	$\operatorname{iiredAttribute})$			
	choice (Unbounde	ed)				
,	element	optical	(NoSubmit)			
	element	offset	(NoSubmit)			
	element	occultation	(NoSubmit)			
	element	radar	(NoSubmit)			
	element	opticalResidual	(NoSubmit)			
	element	radarResidual	(NoSubmit)			
	element	obsBlock				