

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 | | |
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| Name | Type | Description |
| permID | PermIDType | IAU permanent designation, i.e., IAU number |
| provID | ProvIDType | MPC provisional designation (unpacked form) for unnumbered object |
| artSat | StringType | Name of an artificial satellite |
| trkSub | TrkSubType | Observer-assigned tracklet identifier, unique within submission batch. |
| obsID | ObsIDType | Globally Unique Observation ID assigned by MPC |
| trkID | TrkIDType | Globally Unique alphanumeric tracklet ID assigned by MPC |
| mode | ModeType | Mode of optical and offset observations. |
| stn | StationType | Observatory code from MPC list. |
| trx | StationType | Station code of transmitting antenna. |
| rcv | StationType | Station code of receiving antenna. |
| sys | SysType | Coordinate system for station coordinates and covariance. |

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| ctr | xsd:integer | 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 | xsd:decimal | Position of observer, first value. |
| pos2 | xsd:decimal | Position second value per sys |
| pos3 | xsd:decimal | Position third value per sys |
| posCov11 | xsd:decimal | 11 covariance per sys |
| posCov12 | xsd:decimal | 12 covariance per sys |
| posCov13 | xsd:decimal | 13 covariance per sys |
| posCov22 | xsd:decimal | 22 covariance per sys |
| posCov23 | xsd:decimal | 23 covariance per sys |
| posCov33 | xsd:decimal | 33 covariance per sys |
| prog | ProgType | Program code as assigned by the MPC. |
| obsTime | TimeType | UTC time of the observation in ISO 8601 format, i.e., <i>yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.ssZ</i> . |
| 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 |

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| deltaRA | xsd:decimal | Measured $\Delta(\text{RA} \cos \text{DEC})$ in 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. |
| deltaDec | xsd:decimal | Measured ΔDEC in 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 |
| dist | PosDecimalType | Measured distance in arcseconds. For offset measurements of a satellite with respect to its primary, or for occultation observations with respect to the star in polar coordinates. |
| pa | RAType | Measured position angle in degrees. For offset measurements of a satellite with respect to its primary, or for occultation observations with respect to the star in polar coordinates. |
| rmsTime | PosDecimalType | Random component of the obsTime 1σ uncertainty in seconds as estimated by the observer. |

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| rmsRA | PosDecimalType | Random component of the RA cos DEC 1σ uncertainty in arcseconds as estimated by the observer as part of the image processing and astrometric reduction. |
| rmsDec | PosDecimalType | Random component of the DEC 1σ uncertainty in arcseconds as estimated by the observer as part of the image processing and astrometric reduction. |
| rmsDist | PosDecimalType | Random component of the distance 1σ uncertainty in arcseconds as estimated by the observer as part of the image processing and astrometric reduction. |
| rmsPA | PosDecimalType | 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 $\text{rmsCorr} * \text{rmsRA} * \text{rmsDec}$ or $\text{rmsCorr} * \text{rmsDist} * \text{rmsPA}$. |
| delay | PosDecimalType | Observed radar delay value in seconds. |
| rmsDelay | PosDecimalType | Measurement 1σ uncertainty in μs for radar delay |

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| doppler | xsd:decimal | observed radar doppler value in Hz |
| rmsDoppler | PosDecimalType | 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 | xsd:decimal | Apparent Magnitude in specified band |
| rmsMag | PosDecimalType | Apparent magnitude 1σ uncertainty in magnitudes. |
| band | BandType | Filter designation for photometry. |
| photCat | CatType | Star catalog used for photometry measurements. |
| photAp | PosDecimalType | 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 |
| logSNR | xsd:decimal | \log_{10} of the signal-to-noise ratio of the source in the image integrated on the entire aperture used for the astrometric centroid. |

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| seeing | PosDecimalType | Size of seeing disc in arcseconds, measured at Full Width Half Maximum (FWHM) of target point spread function (PSF). |
| exp | PosDecimalType | Exposure time in s. Total exposure time in the case of stacked image detections |
| rmsFit | PosDecimalType | RMS of fit of astrometric comparison stars in arcseconds. |
| nStars | xsd:positiveInteger | 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 | PosDecimalType | Carrier reference frequency 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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| 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. |
| subFrm | SubFrmType | Reference frame for the original submission of reported angular measurements. |
| precTime | TimePrecType | Precision in millionths of a day of the reported observation 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. |
| uncTime | PosDecimalType | 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. |

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| 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 |
| orbProd | StringType | Orbit producer. Can be institution, individual, or even email address, e.g. ‘MPC’ |
| orbID | StringType | Local reference for orbit, e.g., ‘JPL 7’ or ‘MPO 12345’. |
| resRA | xsd:decimal | Residuals in RA cos DEC in arcseconds |
| resDec | xsd:decimal | Residuals in DEC in arcseconds |
| selAst | SelResType | Inclusion/rejection flag for astrometry |
| sigRA | PosDecimalType | Adopted RA cos DEC 1σ uncertainty in arcseconds. |
| sigDec | PosDecimalType | Adopted DEC 1σ uncertainty in arcseconds. |
| sigCorr | CorrDecimalType | Adopted correlation between RA cos DEC and DEC. |
| sigTime | PosDecimalType | Adopted 1σ time uncertainty in seconds. |
| biasRA | xsd:decimal | Adopted RA cos DEC bias in arcseconds. |

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| biasDec | xsd:decimal | Adopted DEC bias in arcseconds. |
| biasTime | xsd:decimal | Adopted time bias in s. |
| photProd | StringType | Producer of photometric residuals. Can be institution, individual, or even email address, e.g. 'MPC' |
| resMag | xsd:decimal | Photometric residual in magnitudes |
| selPhot | SelResType | Inclusion/rejection flag for photometry |
| sigMag | PosDecimalType | Adopted 1σ magnitude uncertainty in magnitudes. |
| biasMag | xsd:decimal | Adopted photometric bias in magnitudes |
| photMod | PhotModType | Description of the photometric model. |
| resDelay | xsd:decimal | Residual of the radar measurement in μ s for delay |
| selDelay | SelResType | Inclusion/rejection flag for radar astrometry |
| sigDelay | PosDecimalType | Adopted uncertainty for the radar measurement in μ s for delay |
| resDoppler | xsd:decimal | Residual of the radar measurement in Hz for Doppler |
| selDoppler | SelResType | Inclusion/rejection flag for radar astrometry |
| sigDoppler | PosDecimalType | Adopted uncertainty for the radar measurement in Hz for Doppler |
| observation-context sub-elements | | |
| Name | Type | Description |
| observatory | ObservatoryType | observatory information block |
| submitter | SubmitterType | Contact information block |

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| observers | NamesType | list of observer names (initials then surname) |
| measurers | NamesType | list of measurer names (initials then surnames) |
| telescope | TelescopeType | Description of telescope |
| software | SoftwareType | Description of software |
| coinvestigators | NamesType | list of coinvestigator names (initials then surname) |
| collaborators | NamesType | list of collaborator names (initials then surname) |
| fundingSource | StringType | funding source |
| comment | CommentType | comment for observation context |
| observation types | | |
| 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 Residuals | | |
| 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

| Type | Description |
|--|---|
| AlphaNumericType base is StringType -pattern: [A-Za-z0-9_]* | AlphaNumericType restricts the field to only the ASCII upper- and lower-case letters, ASCII numbers and underscores |
| BandType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 3 | MPC maintains a list of bands for magnitude observations |
| CatType base is StringType -pattern: [.A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 8 | MPC maintains a list of current astrometry and photometry catalogs |
| CorrDecimalType base is xsd:decimal -minInclusive: -1.0 -maxInclusive: 1.0 | CorrDecimal in range [-1.0, 1.0] |
| DeclinationType base is xsd:decimal -minInclusive: -90.0 -maxInclusive: 90.0 | DEC in degrees in range [-90.0, 90.0] |
| DeprecatedType base is xsd:string -enumeration: x | X marks the use of deprecated data |
| DiscType base is xsd:string -enumeration: * -enumeration: + | Used to mark the discovery record – must be ‘*’ or ‘+’ if present |
| SubFrmType base is StringType -pattern: ([BJ]\d{4}.0) APP\. | The submission frame, usually B1950.0 or earlier. If this field is not present, the submission frame was J2000.0 |

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| Type | Description |
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| LeapSecondsHelp base is xsd:string -pattern: 19(72 81 82 83 85 92 93 94 97)-06-30T23:59:60(\.\d+)?Z -pattern: 19(72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 87 89 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+)?Z -pattern: (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 | Allowed leap seconds before 2017 are valid leap-seconds; for 2017 and later are all allowed June and December leap-second opportunities. |
| LogicalType base is xsd:integer -enumeration: 0 -enumeration: 1 | 0 for false, 1 for true to match C and FORTRAN |
| ModeType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 3 | The MPC maintains a list of mode values |
| ObsCenterType union of PermIDType ProvIDType PlanetNameType ----- Submissions Only Allow: ----- union of PermIDType ProvIDType PlanetNameType | May be PlanetNameType, PermIDType or ProvIDType for both submissions and in general |
| NotesType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 6 | up to six single-character notes from MPC table |

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| Type | Description |
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| ObsIDType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 25 | An obsID is up to twenty-five alphanumeric characters |
| PermIDType base is xsd:string -pattern: <code>\d+([IPD]?([A-Z]{1,2})?)? ((Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune)\d{1,3} (\d+)\d{1,3})</code> | A permID (permanent ID) string may be a positive integer, a positive integer followed by P or D or I (P is for periodic comets; D is for defunct comets; I is for interstellar objects), a planet name followed by a positive integer, or a positive integer in parentheses followed by a positive 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 base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 8 | Photometric model is up to eight alphanumeric characters |
| PlanetNameType base is xsd:string -enumeration: Mercury -enumeration: Venus -enumeration: Earth -enumeration: Moon -enumeration: Mars -enumeration: Jupiter -enumeration: Saturn -enumeration: Uranus -enumeration: Neptune | List of planet names, including Earth's Moon |
| PosDecimalType base is xsd:decimal -minExclusive: 0.0 | PositiveDecimal in range (0.0, +inf) |
| ProgType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 2 | MPC maintains a list of 1 and 2 character program codes |

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| Type | Description |
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| BaseProvIDType base is xsd:string -pattern: $\backslash d\{4\} [A-HJ-Y] [A-HJ-Z] \backslash d* \backslash d\{4\} (P-L T-[123]) [ADCPX] / \backslash d\{4\} [A-Z] \{1,2\} \backslash d* (-[A-Z])? / S / \backslash d\{4\} ((M J S U N) \backslash ((\backslash d+ \backslash d\{4\}$ | A provID (provisional ID) is may be a minor planet provid, which is a 4-digit year followed by a space followed 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. |
| OldProvIDType base is xsd:string -pattern: $A[89] \backslash d\{2\} [A-HJ-Y] [A-HJ-Z]$ | An old-style provID (provisional ID) for object recorded before 1925 is of the from A903 AA, where A903 means 1903, A888 means 1888. and the two letters are the same as currently |

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| Type | Description |
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| ProvIDType union of BaseProvIDType OldProvIDType <hr/> Submissions Only Allow: <hr/> 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 –enumeration: 60.0 –enumeration: 6.0 –enumeration: 1.0 | RaDecPrecType is used to describe the precision of a 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. |
| RAType base is xsd:decimal –minInclusive: 0.0 –maxExclusive: 360.0 | RA in degrees limited to [0.0, 360.0) |
| RefType base is StringType –maxLength: 16 | MPC-assigned reference, up to sixteen characters |

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| Type | Description |
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| RemarkType base is StringType -maxLength: 300 | A remark is a String limited to 300 characters |
| SelResType base is xsd:string -enumeration: A -enumeration: a -enumeration: D -enumeration: d | SelRes must be “A,” (automatic accept) “a,” (manual accept) “D,” (automatic delete) or “d” (manual delete) |
| StationType base is AlphaNumericType -minLength: 3 -maxLength: 4 | A stn, rov, trx or tcv station. Values vary and are checked by MPC |
| StringType base is xsd:string -pattern: [^]*[^\s][^]* | String follows the ADES specification in that the pipe character is disallowed in PSV. To allow data conversion from XML, it must disallow in XML as well. Also disallow blank elements. Therefore, all elements must match this pattern |
| SubFmtType base is AlphaNumericType -maxLength: 4 | MPC maintains a list of allowed submission formats with no extra fields, up to four alphanumeric characters |
| SysType base is xsd:string -enumeration: WGS84 -enumeration: ITRF -enumeration: IAU -enumeration: ICRF_AU -enumeration: ICRF_KM | Coordinate system for station coordinates. This is used by the pos[123] and poscov[123][123] elements to determine the meaning of coordinates. WGS84, ITRF and IAU are for ground-based stations, ICRF_AU and ICRF_KM are for space-based stations. |
| TimeHelp base is xsd:dateTime -pattern: \d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}(\.\d+)?Z | Restrict dateTime to 4-digit positive years and Z for UTC |

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| Type | Description |
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| OldTime base is StringType -pattern: 1\d{3}-(0\d 10 11 12)-([0-2]\d 30 31)T[0-2]\d(:[0-5]\d)?(\.\d+)?Z | Restrict OldTime to match years before 2000 and only the hh.hhh and hh:mm.mmm formats excluded by xsd:dateTime, with slightly less value checking for days allowed in months. |
| TimePrecType base is xsd:decimal -enumeration: 100000 -enumeration: 10000 -enumeration: 1000 -enumeration: 100 -enumeration: 10 -enumeration: 1 | TimePrecType is used to describe the precision of a Time value when the original 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. |
| TimeType union of TimeHelp LeapSecondsHelp OldTime <hr/> Submissions Only Allow: <hr/> union of TimeHelp LeapSecondsHelp | 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. The ISO8601 fractional hours and minutes (hh, hh.hh, hh:mm, hh:mm.mmm) is allowed only for existing data and only for dates before 2000, and not allowed at all in submissions |
| 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 |

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| Type | Description |
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| OldTrkSubType base is StringType -pattern: [- ?+@.()\\A-Za-z0-9_]* -maxLength: 8 | A trkSub is up to eight funky characters |
| TrkSubType union of BaseTrkSubType OldTrkSubType ----- Submissions Only Allow: ----- union of BaseTrkSubType | 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 |
| VersionType base is xsd:string -enumeration: 2017 | Version attribute for the current ADES schema must be "2017" |

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 | permID or provID or both in that order, or artSat | | |
|--------|---|--------|------------|
| 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 | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | trkID | (NoSubmit) |

grouptype: RadarID

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| 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

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| RadarValue | A RadarValue is used for doppler or delay values and errors in a radar observation. | | |
| choice | | | |
| sequence | | | |
| element doppler | | | |
| element rmsDoppler | | | |
| sequence | | | |
| element delay | | | |
| element rmsDelay | | | |

grouptype: Precision

| Precision | 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 | precDec |
| | | |

grouptype: Location

| Location | location data for a rover station. | |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 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) |
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grouptype: Photometry

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| Photometry | The Photometry group is optional in all optical observation types (optical, offset, and occultation). The "mag" and "band" fields must be present; the rest are optional but can only occur if "mag" and "band" are present to define this as a Photometry group | |
| sequence | element | mag |
| | element | rmsMag (Optional) |
| | element | band |
| | element | photCat (Optional) |
| | element | photAp (Optional) |
| | element | nucMag (NoSubmit) |

grouptype: OffsetVal

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|-----------|--|----------|------------|
| OffsetVal | OffsetVal allows either rectangular or polar coordinates for the offset measurement. The rectangular coordinates are deltaRA and deltaDec; the polar coordinates are dist and polar angle. | | |
| choice | | | |
| | sequence | | |
| | element | deltaRA | |
| | element | deltaDec | |
| | element | rmsRA | (Optional) |
| | element | rmsDec | (Optional) |
| | element | rmsCorr | (Optional) |
| | sequence | | |
| | element | dist | |
| | element | pa | |
| | element | rmsDist | (Optional) |
| | element | rmsPA | (Optional) |
| | element | rmsCorr | (Optional) |

group_{type}: OpticalRes

| OpticalRes | OpticalRes is optional for the OpticalResiduals group | |
|------------|--|------------|
| sequence | | |
| element | resRA | |
| element | resDec | |
| element | selAst | |
| element | sigRA | |
| element | sigDec | |
| element | sigCorr | (Optional) |
| element | sigTime | (Optional) |
| element | biasRA | (Optional) |
| element | biasDec | (Optional) |
| element | biasTime | (Optional) |

group_{type}: OpticalResMag

| OpticalResMag | OpticalRes is optional for the OpticalResiduals group | |
|---------------|--|------------|
| sequence | | |
| element | photProd | (Optional) |
| element | resMag | |
| element | selPhot | |
| element | sigMag | |
| element | biasMag | (Optional) |
| element | photMod | (Optional) |

grouptype: OpticalResiduals

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------|--|
| OpticalResiduals | 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 | OpticalResMag | (Optional) | |

grouptype: RadarResiduals

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|---|--|
| RadarResiduals | | 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: NameType

| NameType | List of one or more names of type String |
|-----------------|---|
| sequence | |
| | type StringType name (Unbounded) |

complextype: ObservatoryType

| ObservatoryType | Observatory Identification |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| all | |
| | type StationType mpcCode |
| | type StringType name (Optional) |

complextype: SubmitterType

| SubmitterType | Submitter information. A name field (initials plus surname), an institution string |
|----------------------|---|
| all | |
| | type StringType name |
| | type StringType institution (Optional) |

complextype: TelescopeType

| TelescopeType | telescope information | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| all | | | |
| type StringType | name | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | design | | |
| type PosDecimalType | aperture | | |
| type StringType | detector | | |
| type PosDecimalType | fRatio | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | filter | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | arraySize | (Optional) | |
| type PosDecimalType | pixelScale | (Optional) | |

complextype: SoftwareType

| SoftwareType | information about software used in processing | | |
|-----------------|---|------------|--|
| all | | | |
| type StringType | astrometry | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | fitOrder | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | photometry | (Optional) | |
| type StringType | objectDetection | (Optional) | |

complextype: CommentType

| CommentType | List of one or more lines of type String | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------|--|
| sequence | | | |
| type StringType | line | (Unbounded) | |

complexttype: LocalUseType

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

complextype: OpticalType

| OpticalType | Optical Observation 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 | rmsRA | (Optional) | |
| element | rmsDec | (Optional) | |
| element | rmsCorr | (Optional) | |
| element | astCat | | |
| group | Photometry | (Optional) | |
| element | logSNR | (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) | |

complexttype: OffsetType

| OffsetType | Optical Offset Observation 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 | logSNR | (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: OccultationType

| OccultationType | | Optical Occultation Observation with deltaRA, deltaDec, raStar and decStar | |
|-----------------|---------|---|------------|
| sequence | | | |
| | group | OpticalID | |
| | element | stn | |
| | group | Location | (Optional) |
| | element | prog | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | obsTime | |
| | element | rmsTime | (Optional) |
| | element | raStar | |
| | element | decStar | |
| | group | OffsetVal | |
| | element | astCat | |
| | group | Photometry | (Optional) |
| | element | logSNR | (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

| RadarType | Radar Observation using either doppler or delay values from RadarValue | |
|-----------|--|------------|
| sequence | | |
| group | RadarID | |
| element | trx | |
| element | rcv | |
| element | prog | (NoSubmit) |
| element | obsTime | |
| group | RadarValue | |
| element | logSNR | (Optional) |
| element | com | (Optional) |
| element | frq | |
| element | ref | (NoSubmit) |
| element | remarks | (Optional) |
| group | RadarResiduals | (NoSubmit) |
| element | localUse | (NoSubmit) |

complextype: ObsContextType

| ObsContextType | observation 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) |

complexttype: ObsDataType

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

complexttype: ObsBlockType

| ObsBlockType | A list of all optical or all radar observations, with context | | |
|--------------|---|------------|--|
| sequence | | | |
| | element | obsContext | |
| | element | obsData | |

complexttype: OpticalResType

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

complexttype: RadarResType

| RadarResType | Radar Residual outside of the radar structure | |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| sequence | | |
| | group | RadarID |
| | element | obsTime |
| | group | RadarResiduals |

complexttype: ADESType

| ADESType | This is what is allowed in ades documents – any of these in any order | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| attribute | version | VersionType | (requiredAttribute) |
| choice | (Unbounded) | | |
| | element | optical | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | offset | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | occultation | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | radar | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | opticalResidual | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | radarResidual | (NoSubmit) |
| | element | obsBlock | |