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.dentalProject: Project File Format for 3rd
Party Software Writing Project Files for exocad

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1 Introduction

This specification targets our partners who wish to write .dentalProject files, such as intraoral scanner manufacturers.

This document covers the structure of the .dentalProject file to be created by 3rd party software, e.g. intraoral scanner software. .dentalProject is a format for exchange of patient and treatment related data in digital dentistry. It is designed as an exchange format to transfer data from third-party software to the exocad DentalCAD platform. This specification describes a "minimal" version of the .dentalProject file format, useful for transferring basic patient information and definition of indications, and complementing the scan data.

We presuppose that readers of this document understand the basic structure of the XML format.



CAUTION

The given examples of XML files in this document are **not** intended to be copied into your project files verbatim.

For creating your XML files, please use all information given in this document and regard the given segments as examples.

2 The .dentalProject File

The .dentalProject file to be created by the 3rd party software contains a minimal set on data relevant to the treatment. These data will be handled as a *project* in the exocad DentalDB software.



DEFINITION of reconstruction types is required FOR ALL TEETH

The exocad DentalCAD software requires the definition of reconstruction types for all teeth. It will not automatically supplement the definition for those teeth you have omitted in the .dentalProject file.

Especially, if you provide an antagonist scan, define all its teeth as **HealthyTooth**.

The .dentalProject file has the following structure:

```
<Treatment UseRecipientMaterialConfiguration="True">
  <ProjectGUID>12345678-90ab-cdef-1234-567890abcdef</projectGUID>
  <Notes>Note</Notes>
  <Patient>
     <PatientName>Doe</PatientName>
    <PatientFirstName>John/PatientFirstName>
     <PatientDateOfBirth>2000-12-25</PatientDateOfBirth>
  </Patient>
  <Teeth>
       <Number>16</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>AnatomicCrown/ReconstructionType>
       <SituScan>true</SituScan>
       <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
       <Material>NP</Material>
       <ToothShade>VCL:A1;V3DM:2R2.5</ToothShade>
       <ImplantType>None</ImplantType>
     </Tooth>
```



```
<Tooth>
       <Number>15</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>Coping</ReconstructionType>
       <SituScan>true</SituScan>
       <MesialConnector>false</MesialConnector>
       <Material>NP</Material>
       <ImplantType>CustomAbutment</ImplantType>
       <MaterialAbutment>PMMA</MaterialAbutment>
       <ToothShade>VCL:A2</ToothShade>
       <ToothShadeIncisal>VCL:A1</ToothShadeIncisal>
       <ToothShadeGingival>VCL:A3</ToothShadeGingival>
     </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
       <Number>35</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  </Teeth>
</Treatment>
```

The meanings of the individual tags are explained in Table 1.

Tag	Meaning	Mandatory
Treatment	Root element. Note that the attribute and its value are mandatory: UseRecipientMaterialConfiguration="True". It determines that the recipient chooses the appropriate design parameters for the selected materials. It should always be set by the 3rd party software when writing .dentalProject files	yes
ProjectGUID	Globally unique identifier. Needs to be set by the 3rd party software, following the universally unique identifier standard (see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universally_unique_identifier), using the canonical format with hexadecimal characters	yes
Notes	Additional notes that relate to the specifics of the project, e.g. the type of implant, the tooth library anatomy or other details. This information is optional, i.e. the tag may be omitted in the xml file	no
Patient	Contains the patient's data	yes
PatientName	The patient's last name	yes
PatientFirstName	The patient's first name	yes
PatientDateOfBirth	The patient's date of birth in the format YYYY-MM-DD	no
Teeth	Container for all tooth elements	yes
Tooth	Contains the information concerning one tooth	yes
Number	Two-digit tooth number, following the FDI World Dental Federation notation ¹ for permanent teeth (values for deciduous teeth are not supported)	yes

Table 1: Explanation of the .dentalProject file tags (continued on next page)

¹see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FDI_World_Dental_Federation_notation



Tag	Meaning	Mandatory
ReconstructionType	Defines the role of the tooth during the project. For possible values, see Table 2	yes
SituScan	Set to true to signal the DentalCAD platform that a pre-operative scan of that tooth exists (see section 3 for naming conventions of the file containing the pre-operative scan data). Default is false	no
MesialConnector	Set to true, if the tooth shall be connected to its mesial neighbour. Note that the mesial connector of tooth 11 is identical with that of tooth 21. The same applies to teeth 31 and 41, respectively	no
Material	The material class. This is not the specific material to be used for the reconstruction of the tooth, which will be selected in the DentalDB. In case of veneered restorations, Material specifies the framework material. For possible values, see Table 3	yes
ToothShade	The final color of the reconstruction: the color for the overall tooth if ToothShadeIncisal and ToothShadeGingival are not set; the color for the middle of the tooth if both ToothShadeIncisal and ToothShadeGingival are set. You can define 1 to n colors, separated by semicolon and following the scheme [shade guide]:[value]. Currently, we support: V3DM (Vita 3D Master) VCL (Vita Classical) Example: VCL:A1;V3DM:2R2.5	no
oothShadeIncisal The color for the incisal or gingival region. These tags are optional - define either both (only in combination with ToothShade) or none		no
ImplantType	The implant type to be used. For possible values, see Table 4	no
MaterialAbutment	The material of the abutment, in case of a custom abutment. For possible values, see Table 3	no

Table 1: Explanation of the .dentalProject file tags

Tag	Meaning	Possible to set implant type:
AnatomicCrown	A full contour crown	yes
AnatomicPontic	A full contour pontic	no
AnatomicInlay	An inlay or onlay with full anatomy	no
Veneer	A veneer restoration over a prepped tooth (full anatomic)	no
MissingTooth	A tooth that is missing and is not to be restored. Needs to be defined in order to be able to place connectors between teeth that are "normally" not next to each other. E.g. to create a bridge with teeth 14-16-17, tooth 15 should be defined as "Missing tooth"	no

Table 2: Values of ReconstructionType (continued on next page)



Tag	Meaning	Possible to set implant type:
HealthyTooth	A healthy tooth that is contained in the scan, but is not to be restored in any way	no
Antagonist	Teeth in the opposing jaw of the restorations to use an antagonist scan	no
AnatomicWaxup	A full contour crown created from a full anatomic wax model over a prep (digital copy milling)	yes
Attachment	An extra-coronal attachment	no
BarPillar	The portion of a bar that connects to the implant	yes
BarSegment	The portion of a bar that provides connection between the pillars	no
BiteSplint	A device to expand or correct bites, can be used for custom night-guards and sports-guards	no
BiteSplintGap	To be used with bite splints, denotes a gap that should be covered with bite splint material	no
Coping	A coping derived from the full anatomic shape (using cutback to create space for ceramic). First, the anatomic shape is designed; then it is shrunk to create the coping	yes
OffsetInlay	A framework for an inlay with a fixed thickness	no
OverpressCrown	Pressed crown - A two-part restoration, where the framework will be designed as an anatomic coping; additionally, a second part is created, which contains the chewing surface of the restoration – to be milled in wax/PMMA, later to be burned out ("overpress")	yes
OverpressPontic	Pressed pontic - A two-piece pontic consisting of a framework and full contour over-press part	no
PrimaryTelescope	Primary part for a removable structure (telescopic crown)	yes
ProstheticTooth	A full denture, for full edentulous cases using standard tooth libraries	no
ProvisionalCrown	A hollow-shell crown with external surface corresponding to the full anatomy design	no
ProvisionalPontic	A hollow-shell pontic with external surface corresponding to the full anatomy design	no
ReducedPontic	A pontic derived from the full anatomic shape, using cutback to create space for ceramic	no
ReducedWaxup	A framework fully derived from an anatomic wax model a with cutback for porcelain	yes
WaxupPontic	A full contour from anatomic waxup over a missing or extracted tooth	no

Table 2: Values of ReconstructionType

Most commonly used values are printed in **bold type**.



Tag	Meaning
AU	Gold
FS	Feldspar
GCER	Glas ceramic, which are neither LS1, LS2, nor FS
LS1	Lithium Silicate Glass Ceramic, e.g. Vita Suprinity, Dentsply Celtra
LS2	Lithium Disilicate Glass Ceramic, e.g. Ivoclar e.max, HASS Amber
MLZI	Multilayer zirconium dioxide
NP	Non Precious: CrCo - <i>not</i> Titanium
PEEK	Peek
РММА	Poly(methyl methacrylate)
RC	Resin Ceramic: Ultimate / enamic / cerasmart
TEMP	Temporary restoration, e.g. Vita CADTemp / lab choice of material
ті	Titanium
TRYIN	Try-in material / lab choice - e.g. wax or PMMA
WAX	Wax
ZI	Zirconium dioxide
ZIHT	Zirconium dioxide High Translucency
Healthy	The healthy tooth
None	No material to be used (in case of MissingTooth)

Table 3: Values of Material and MaterialAbutment

Please contact us for explicit specification of vendor-specific materials (e.g. LZ for Lava Zirconia). All trademarks mentioned in this document are the property of the respective holder.

Tag	Meaning
None	No implant
CustomAbutment	Implant with custom abutment
WithoutAbutment	Screw retained restoration

Table 4: Values of ImplantType



3 Data Storage

All data should be saved in the same directory as the .dentalProject file.

3.1 Scan Data

• main scan:

The main scan should use the same filename as the project file, i.e. ctname.stl if the project file is ctname.dentalProject.

Additional scan filenames are derived from that filename, following the scheme ctname>-<tag>.stl:

upper and lower jaw scans:

file
file
(without extension), and <jaw>
specified as either upperjaw or lowerjaw, depending on the scan

Example: If your project file is 2019-10-19-00001-002.dentalProject, the upper jaw scan file would be 2019-10-19-00001-002-upperjaw.stl

additional jaw scans:

ctname>-<jaw>-<tag>.stl, where tag can be

- situ for a pre-operative scan
- marker for a scan that contains the scan abutment
- jaw registration scans:

The exocad DentalCAD software requires registered jaw scans. If your software does not offer jaw registration, (i.e. the upper and lower jaw scans are not positioned relative to each other), the exocad DentalCAD software provides a registration step. In order to activate this step, you will have to:

- provide a bite scan (i.e. upper and lower jaw are scanned in occlusion) with the filename:
 <projectname>-biteregister-unregistered.stl
- mark all scans of the project as unregistered by extending their file name to: <projectname>-<jaw>-<tag>-unregistered.stl
- movement marker scan:

ctname>-movementmarker.stl

bite rim scan:

cprojectname>-aestheticplate.stl; will be only loaded in the Full Denture module for scans of bite rims that
will help to define e.g. the occlusal plane for cases of edentulous patients



SCANS FOR IMPLANT BASED RECONSTRUCTIONS

If your project contains implant based reconstructions, note the following:

- The upper and lower jaw scans (<projectname>-<jaw>.stl) must not contain any scan abutments.
- An additional scan abutment scan needs to be provided (<projectname>-<jaw>-marker.stl)



RECOMMENDED DATA FORMAT FOR SCANS

For better performance, we recommend to use the Object File Format (.off) instead of STL.



Scan Data Orientation

The exocad DentalCAD software offers a step for defining the scan data orientation. Depending on whether the scanning software communicates the axis orientation of the scans, you may provide this info in order to make the software skip this step.

exocad requires the following orientation:

- The upper jaw scan data needs to be oriented such that the occlusal axis points in the negative direction of the z axis.
- The *lower* jaw scan data needs to be oriented such that the occlusal axis points in the *positive* direction of the z axis.

If the coordinate system of your scanner is fix, create a .matrix4 file for the project: It describes the transformation from the scanner coordinate system to the orientation required by exocad.

Example for an .matrix4 file:

```
<Matrix4>
  <_00>-0.9976469614658624</_00>
  <_01>-0.061359912508557317</_01>
  <_02>0.030582599207894218</_02>
  <_03>0</_03>
  <_10>0.060926781400852545</_10>
  <_11>-0.998031720317761</_11>
  <_12>-0.014902919356151628</_12>
  < 13>0</ 13>
  <_20>0.0314368638729146</_20>
  <_21>-0.013004535774813269</_21>
  <_22>0.99942195469816308</_22>
  <_23>0</_23>
  <_30>35.85229923003368</_30>
  <_31>-15.981748365320689</_31>
  <_32>-24.031773039784127</_32>
  <_33>1</_33>
</Matrix4>
```

If the original scan data already meets the exocad default orientation (see above), the .matrix4 file shall simply contain the 4x4 identity matrix.

If the axis orientation is unknown (i.e. if no .matrix4 file exists), the CAD software will prompt the user to manually define it

3.2 Preparation Margin

The margin line can be stored in an xyz file.

preparation margin:
 <projectname>-<toothnumber>-margin.xyz, where <toothnumber> is the number of the tooth following the FDI World Dental Federation notation² for permanent teeth (values for deciduous teeth are not supported)

The preparation margin file contains the points of the margin line for a tooth, one per line with space as separator:

²see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FDI_World_Dental_Federation_notation



```
<!-- The following line is optional and may be omitted -->
8.4713 27.1377 6.93975
6.69834 27.1127 6.18535
4.6809 27.3268 5.93878
3.04613 26.7634 6.11831
2.26385 25.3263 6.83198
2.35324 22.7815 6.93495
2.48068 20.4974 6.95998
3.40017 19.0047 6.5454
5.6219 18.6418 6.55403
7.52036 18.8397 6.7361
9.52049 19.2967 6.7034
10.8801 19.8955 7.29746
11.5268 21.6262 7.94961
11.1774 23.8579 7.81214
10.5079 25.6428 7.63711
9.34022 26.821 7.22194
```

The first line is optional. You can state the total number of points here, if available.

3.3 Insertion Direction

The insertion direction can be stored in an xyz file.

• insertion direction:

Store the insertion direction as either two points (lower center and upper center) or one vector:

```
11.5246 8.46849 3.60039
11.5398 8.56332 4.60744 or
```

4 Sample Files

Example I

This illustrates a very simple project file.

³see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FDI_World_Dental_Federation_notation



```
<Patient>
    <PatientName>Doe</PatientName>
    <PatientFirstName>John</PatientFirstName>
    </Patient>
</Treatment>
```

The meanings of the individual tags are explained in Table 1.

Example II

This shows a more complex case definition, with multiple restorations, including one that is implant based.

This example is a good test case to check whether your software for defining indications can correctly handle atypical, but still common cases, including bridges with one 'skipped' tooth (34-36-37), cantilever bridges (37 is cantilever pontic), combined inlay/crown bridges (44 is inlay, 46 is crown), and restorations on custom abutments.

```
<Treatment UseRecipientMaterialConfiguration="True">
  <ProjectGUID>12345678-90ab-cdef-1234-567890abcdef</projectGUID>
  <Teeth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>17</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false</MesialConnector>
      <Material>Healthy</Material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>16</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false
       <material>Healthy</material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>15</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false
      <Material>Healthy</Material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>14</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false
       <material>Healthy</material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>13</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false
      <Material>Healthy</Material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
      <Number>12</Number>
      <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
      <MesialConnector>false
      <Material>Healthy</Material>
    </Tooth>
    <Tooth>
```



```
<Number>11</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>21</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <material>Healthy</material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>22</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>23</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>24</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>25</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>26</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>27</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Antagonist/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>37</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>AnatomicPontic/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
  <Material>ZI</Material>
  <SituScan>true</SituScan>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>36</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>AnatomicCrown/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
  <Material>ZI</Material>
  <ImplantType>None</ImplantType>
  <SituScan>true</SituScan>
```



```
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>35</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>MissingTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
  <Material>None</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>34</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Coping</ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>ZI</Material>
  <ImplantType>None</ImplantType>
  <SituScan>true</SituScan>
  <ToothShade>VCL:A2</ToothShade>
  <ToothShadeIncisal>VCL:A1</ToothShadeIncisal>
  <ToothShadeGingival>VCL:A3</ToothShadeGingival>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>33</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>Coping</ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>ZI</Material>
  <ImplantType>CustomAbutment</ImplantType>
  <MaterialAbutment>TI</MaterialAbutment>
  <SituScan>false</SituScan>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>32</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <material>Healthy</material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>31</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>41</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false</MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>42</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false
  <Material>Healthy</Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>43</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
  <Material>Healthy/Material>
</Tooth>
<Tooth>
  <Number>44</Number>
  <ReconstructionType>AnatomicInlay/ReconstructionType>
  <MesialConnector>false</MesialConnector>
```



```
<Material>NP</Material>
       <SituScan>false</SituScan>
     </Tooth>
     <Tooth>
       <Number>45</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>AnatomicPontic/ReconstructionType>
       <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
       <Material>NP</Material>
       <SituScan>false</SituScan>
     </Tooth>
     <Tooth>
       <Number>46</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>AnatomicCrown/ReconstructionType>
       <MesialConnector>true</MesialConnector>
       <Material>NP</Material>
       <ImplantType>None</ImplantType>
       <SituScan>false</SituScan>
     </Tooth>
     <Tooth>
       <Number>47</Number>
       <ReconstructionType>HealthyTooth/ReconstructionType>
       <MesialConnector>false/MesialConnector>
       <Material>Healthy</Material>
     </Tooth>
  </Teeth>
  <Patient>
     <PatientName>Doe</PatientName>
     <PatientFirstName>John/PatientFirstName>
  </Patient>
</Treatment>
```

The meanings of the individual tags are explained in Table 1.

The example includes a three-unit-bridge 34-36-37 (Cantilever bridge), where 34 is a coping and the rest is full anatomic. A special case is that the patient has only one premolar at this side. Further, it includes a custom abutment for 33 (the abutment material is also specified) with a coping, and an inlay bridge 46-45-44 that comes with a pre-operative scan.

Assuming that this project file is named 2015-06-14-00001-002.dentalProject, the following files should be saved along with it:

- 2015-06-14-00001-002-upperjaw.stl-upperjawscan
- 2015-06-14-00001-002-lowerjaw.stl-lowerjaw.scan
- 2015-06-14-00001-002-lowerjaw-marker.stl lower jaw scan abutment scan (because tooth 33 has ImplantType set to CustomAbutment, a marker scan is required)
- 2015-06-14-00001-002-lowerjaw-situ.stl-lowerjaw pre-op scan (because teeth 35/36/37 have SituScan to true)

Please contact us for other file naming options (e.g. to provide multiple pre-op scans that cover different parts of the same jaw).

5 Support

We provide third-level support to our partners in case of technical questions/issues related to our products, usage of the software, exoportal, etc. You can contact our support team to request quick online demonstrations of new features demonstrated by application specialists.



As a certified company (ISO 13485), we document support issues and the given solutions or results. To contact our support team, please send a request to your region's respective email address. Your email will automatically create a ticket in our support system. You will receive a ticket number along with the automatic response email. Our support team will contact you by email or by phone.

To follow up, please keep your ticket number ready. A convenient way to follow up is to reply to our ticket response email. Without a ticket number, we cannot handle your request (especially when making contact via Skype). Thank you for your understanding.



IMPORTANT

To resolve your issue quickly and smoothly:

- Send a separate email for each issue. Please do not introduce new topics to an existing email conversation!
- Do not modify the subject line of the support reply email!
- Provide all necessary data (project file, scan data, construction files) and additional
 information (software build number, OS, etc). Without this data, we cannot reproduce a
 problem (technical or usage) and therefore, we cannot handle it!

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