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# OGF GLUE2 Enumerations procedures and best practices

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## 1 Introduction

This work is an attempt to summarize and generalize the usage of Open Enumerations in GLUE2, and an attempt to set some rules on how the management of these should be carried on.

- 10 The key words ‘MUST,’ ‘MUST NOT,’ ‘REQUIRED,’ ‘SHALL,’ ‘SHALL NOT,’ ‘SHOULD,’ ‘SHOULD NOT,’ ‘RECOMMENDED,’ ‘MAY,’ and ‘OPTIONAL’ are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 (see <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>).

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## 2 Naming schemes

The following rules apply:

- 20 | 1) Every string ~~SHOULD~~is **RECOMMENDED to** be lowercase.  
| 2) Clients ~~SHOULD~~**MUST** consider these strings case-insensitive as defined in GFD.147.  
| 3) Case MUST NOT be used as a way to distinguish strings; in practice, the group will not accept names that only differ in case.

### 2.1 Services:

25 This applies to the GLUE2 Open Enumeration ServiceType\_t.

See also GFD.147, Appendix B.31

`<organization_name>.<product_name>.<service_detail>`

where

`<organization_name>`

30 | is the reversed domain name of the organization which provides or maintains the service or a reversed domain name associated with the project.

Presence: ~~RECOMMENDED~~**MANDATORY** for new names. Exceptions should be justified.

`<product_name>`

35 | free form string for product names

Presence: **MANDATORY**

`<service_detail>`

free form string that SHOULD identify a subservice or a service implementation. It can contain dots.

40 | Presence: ~~OPTIONAL~~**NOT MANDATORY**

**Decision:** ~~minimum~~**minimum** requirement is

`<organization_name>.<product_name>`

Examples: org.nordugrid.arex, org.glite.ce.cream

45 | Existing names not following the above rules can be kept, but ~~MAY~~should be Deprecated to be consistent with recommendations. (see Section 4.1)

### 2.2 Interfaces:

This applies to the GLUE2 Open Enumeration InterfaceName\_t.

GFD.147 Appendix B.18 does not define any clear format. The following should be

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50 RECOMMENDED:

`<organization_name>.<interface_name>`

where:

`<organization_name>`

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is the reversed domain name of the organization which provides or maintains the service or a reversed domain name associated with the project.Presence: **MANDATORY** for new names`<interface_name>`

free form string for product names

Presence: **MANDATORY**

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**Examples:** `org.nordugrid.xbes`, `org.ogf.glue.emies.activitycreation`,  
`org.glite.voms`

## 2.3 Capabilities:

See GFD.147, appendix B.5, on *Capability\_t*.

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## 2.4 Sorting out special classes of names

### In case the organization name is unknown/undefined/short-lived

Use the reserved prefix:

`org.ogf.glue.`

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~~Decision: `org.ogf.glue.*` will **SHOULD** be used if as there are issues with domain names, they must be officially registered in some cases.~~

Example:

For EMIR, developed during EMI project that now is over, *ServiceType\_t* is:

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`org.ogf.glue.emir`If a project ends and the product has an orphaned reverse domain name, the name can be kept.

## Simplified naming for Services with only one Interface

A specific Endpoint interface can be bound to a specific Service. In such case, to simplify name creation, *InterfaceName\_t* MAY be the same of a corresponding *ServiceType\_t*.

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### 3 Requesting new Open Enumerations

A community willing to submit new open enumeration MUST:

1. Provide the following information about the enumeration to be submitted:

85      1. **Type** of the enumeration to be added (i.e. one of the types described in GFD.147, Appendix B)

2. **Name** of the enumeration as in the guidelines in Section 2;

90      3. **Description** of the enumeration. This description is a textual, human readable summary of what the object described by the open enumeration does. It should be provided in two parts: a concise description that will be stored as part of the definition of the enumerated types, and a (usually) longer description that will explain to the WG what the new type is for.

95      4. **Reference email** to be contacted by the OGF group during evaluation of the proposed strings. This email will not be published and will be internal to the group.

2. Send the above information to the OGF group at the address [glue-wg@ogf.org](mailto:glue-wg@ogf.org) with subject “[Enumerations] Request for addition/~~obsoletion~~~~deletion~~/modification”

100      **NOTE:** Requests that are missing the information listed in 1 will be automatically rejected. The proposer will be asked to provide missing information.

## 4 Management of Open Enumerations

The group preserves the current list of Open Enumerations in the git repository at the link  
<https://github.com/OGF-GLUE/Enumerations>

in the form of CSV files. Section 4.1 contains a description of the content of the CSV files.

105 The groups keeps them updated using the procedures listed in this document, defined in Section 4.3.

### 4.1 Description of Open Enumerations CSV files

CSV filenames in github are of the form:

Filename	Purpose
<EnumerationName_t>.csv <i>Example: ServiceType_t.csv</i>	Contains Open Enumerations officially approved by the group.
<EnumerationName_t>- <b>draft</b> .csv <i>Example: ServiceType_t-draft.csv</i>	Contains Open Enumerations approved by the group AND Open Enumerations pending approval from the group

110 Records contained in the CSV files are as follows:

1. The first row always contain the following strings:  
**EnumerationType, EnumerationValue, Description, Status, Recommended, Deprecated**
2. Rows from the second on contains the following:

Field name	Purpose	Example
EnumerationType	Enumeration Type name. MUST be the same as in the filename.	ServiceType_t
EnumerationValue	It's the enumeration value.	org.nordugrid.arex
Description	Contains the textual description of the object represented by the enumeration name.	NorduGrid Resource Coupled Execution Service
Status	See discussion below.	Recommended
Recommended	If this field is NOT EMPTY, then the contained string	org.nordugrid.arex

Field name	Purpose	Example
	SHOULD be used instead of the EnumerationValue.	
Deprecates	If the field is NOT EMPTY, then the EnumerationValue string SHOULD be used instead of the contained values.	org.nordugrid.execution.arex

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## 4.2 Statuses

### Terminology:

Information/service provider = software that produces the GLUE2 entries.

Information consumers = software that reads some GLUE2 information source.

### 120 Description of Statuses

**Recommended:** The EnumerationValue string should be used in production systems by both service providers and consumers.

**Deprecated:** The EnumerationValue string SHOULD NOT be used anymore, but is still used in production systems.

125 Information providers are advised to change to the value present in the Recommended column.

Information consumers SHOULD temporarily accept or expect both the Deprecated and the Recommended strings.

130 **Obsolete:** The string, and possibly the related represented entity, are not used in production anymore and should not be published by providers or accepted by consumers. This is mainly used for historical record. It is RECOMMENDED NOT to re-use an Obsolete name, as it might be reactivated for the same use.

Status might contain multiple values, represented as multilined fields in the CSV.

135 Status **cannot be** both Recommended and Deprecated. The only allowed combinations are:

**“Recommended Obsolete”:** The EnumerationValue string is valid but the type is not in use anymore. Equivalent to **Obsolete**.

140 **“Deprecated Obsolete”:** The EnumerationValue string SHOULD NOT be used anymore. The corresponding item is not used anymore. Information providers SHOULD NOT publish this value, and information consumers SHOULD



NOT use it.

### 4.3 GLUE2 Working Group Procedures

- 145 1. When a request arrives, a selected member of the group adds the names to  
<EnumerationType\_t>-draft.csv document. (e.g. ServiceType\_t-draft.csv).  
These values will have no value in the *Status* column inside the -draft.csv  
document.
2. Promptly upon arrival the group decides about the feasibility of adding the values.  
Enumerations in draft state can be used by users but are in the process of being  
150 accepted. Consumers can use them at their own risk.  
If the values are accepted, the *Status* field SHOULD contain Recommended.  
Evaluation rules are defined later in this section.
3. As soon as possible, the group decides and merges the -draft files with the official  
ones.
- 155 4. If the above is not possible, at least once a year the group meets and does the  
merge on all documents. This MUST be a scheduled venue.

### Evaluation rules of thumb

- 160 1. Check namespace: if it uses a DNS-style name the requester **MUST** reasonably  
justify relating it to that domain, i.e. MUST be either the domain of a relevant project  
or is it clearly related to a standard service provided by that project. See also  
Section 2.
2. Checking that we don't already have something suitable in the existing list.
- 165 3. Sanity checking that the value is naming something that matches the conceptual  
purpose of the enumeration.