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1 Base Query Language

This document describes a simple query language over the meta-data.

1.1 Terms

A <symbol> is a set of alphanumeric characters.

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[a-ZA-Z0-9_-]+
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A <string> is a set of characters enclosed in quotation marks (with ordinary escapes required for enclosed quotation marks.

OR a <string> is a non-quoted series of characters excluding whitespace.

A logical operator is either:

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:or or :and
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A <has> is just literally :has and will be encoded as the latter throughout this document.

A <term> is either triple of the form:

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<symbol> :has <string>
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OR

<symbol>:has <string1> <logical1> <string2> <logical2> \dots <stringN>

A query is

<term1>:has <term2> [<logical1> <term3> . . . <logicalN-2> <termN>]

See the reference implementation for an example of how to parse this query language and transform it into a filter function for meta-data.