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PREMIS Data Dictionary for Preservation Metadata

version 2.2

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THE PREMIS DATA DICTIONARY VERSION 2.2

The PREMIS Data Dictionary includes semantic units for Objects, Events, Agents, and Rights. The fifth entity in the model, the Intellectual Entity, is considered out of scope because it is well served by descriptive metadata. The template for each entry includes a place for notes about how to create or use the semantic unit. In some cases the group felt additional information, such as the reason for a semantic unit's definition or issues that arose in the group's deliberations, would be useful; for these details, see "Special Topics" page 204.

A semantic component always inherits the applicability of the containing semantic unit. That is, if the containing semantic unit specifies that it is applicable to files but not to representations, each of its semantic components is applicable to files and not to representations. Repeatability and obligation, however, may vary.

Each entry in the Data Dictionary offers these attributes of a semantic unit:

- Name of the semantic unit: Names were devised to be descriptive and unique within the Data Dictionary. Using these names for the exchange of metadata among preservation repositories will aid interoperability. These names need not be used internally within any individual preservation repository.
- **Semantic components:** The semantic components each have their own entries later in the Data Dictionary. A semantic unit that has semantic components does not have any value of its own. Only semantic units at the lowest level have values.
- **Definition:** The meaning of the semantic unit.
- **Rationale:** Why the semantic unit is needed, if this is not self-evident from the definition.
- **Data constraint:** How the value of the semantic unit should be encoded. Some common data constraints are:

Container – The semantic unit is an umbrella for two or more semantic components and has no value of its own.

None – The semantic unit can take any form of value.

Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary – The preservation repository should establish an authority list of values that are useful and meaningful to the repository. The PREMIS Data Dictionary does not specify what this authority list should be, and it is assumed that different repositories will use different vocabularies. In general, when a value is taken from a controlled vocabulary, the source of the vocabulary should be recorded. A mechanism to record the source is provided in the PREMIS XML schemas.

- **Object category:** Whether the unit applies to a representation, file, or bitstream Object. Semantic units that apply to files also apply to filestreams (see page 7).
- **Applicability:** A scope of "applicable" means it applies to that category of Object.

• **Examples:** One or more examples of values the semantic unit may take. Examples are intended to be illustrative.

An example of an actual value is set in normal text. Text in brackets presents a description of the value rather than the value itself. For example, "SHA-1 message digest" reflects the actual value of the semantic unit, while "[SHA-1 message digest]" means the value of the semantic unit is an SHA-1 message digest such as:

"7c9b35da4f2ebd436f1cf88e5a39b3a257edf4a22be3c955ac49da2e2107b67a1924419563"

- **Repeatability:** A semantic unit designated as "Repeatable" can take multiple values. It does not mean that a repository must record multiple instances of the semantic unit.
- **Obligation:** Whether a value for the semantic unit is mandatory (if applicable) or optional.

A mandatory semantic unit is something that the preservation repository needs to know, independent of how or whether the repository records it. The repository might not explicitly record a value for the semantic unit if it is known by some other means (e.g., by the repository's business rules). "Mandatory" actually means "mandatory if applicable." For example, an identifier for a bitstream is mandatory only if the repository manages data at the bitstream level. When exchanging PREMIS-conformant metadata with another repository, values for mandatory semantic units must always be provided.

Values for optional semantic units are encouraged but not required.

If a container unit is optional, but a semantic component within that container is mandatory, the semantic component must be supplied if and only if the container unit exists. That is, if a value for any of the optional or mandatory semantic units in the container is supplied, a value for all of the mandatory semantic units in the container must be supplied.

- Creation/Maintenance notes: Notes about how the values for the semantic unit may be obtained and/or updated.
- Usage notes: Information about the intended use of the semantic unit, or clarification of the definition.

Limits to the scope of the Data Dictionary

Descriptive metadata: Typically, descriptive metadata is used to describe Intellectual Entities. Nearly all preservation repositories either include descriptive metadata or link to descriptive metadata located outside the repository itself. Such metadata may identify a resource by publication information such as creator and title, or may characterize its intellectual content through classification, subject terms, and so on. Descriptive metadata can be important both for discovery of archived resources and for helping decision makers during preservation planning. However, the Data Dictionary does not focus on descriptive elements for two reasons.

First, descriptive metadata is well served by existing standards. MARC¹⁵, MODS¹⁶, the Dublin Core Metadata Element Set¹¹, the Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata¹⁷, the VRA Core¹⁸, the Encoded Archival Description (EAD)¹⁹, and the Data Documentation Initiative²⁰

schemas are only some of the standards that define descriptive metadata elements. The working group did not want to add another set of descriptive elements to an already crowded field. Second, descriptive metadata is often domain specific. For the purposes of preservation it is less crucial that a common set of elements describe, for example, satellite telemetry and digital Picassos than that communities of interest be able to capture and exchange information in a form that reflects their materials and interests appropriately.

Agents: PREMIS does not define the characteristics of Agents in any detail. Metadata describing people, organizations, and other entities that can act as Agents has been defined in many existing formats and standards, such as MARC¹⁶, vCard²¹, MADS²², and several other schemes currently under development. As long as a preservation repository can properly identify Agents that have acted upon Objects in its care, additional Agent characteristics will be determined by local requirements; many can be modeled on existing standard metadata element sets.

Rights: PREMIS primarily defines characteristics of rights and permissions concerned with preservation activities, not those associated with access and/or distribution. This revision broadens the semantic units used for rights information and allows for extensibility to use an external rights metadata scheme.

Technical metadata: Technical metadata describes the physical rather than intellectual characteristics of digital objects. Detailed, format-specific technical metadata is clearly necessary for implementing most preservation strategies, but the group had neither the time nor the expertise to tackle format-specific technical metadata for various types of digital files. Therefore, it restricted the technical metadata included in the Data Dictionary to the semantic units it believed apply to objects in all formats. Further development of technical metadata is left to format experts. An extensibility mechanism is provided by including the semantic unit *objectCharacteristicsExtension*, which may be used with an external technical metadata scheme.

Media or hardware details: The working group did not attempt to define metadata for detailed documentation of media or hardware. For example, PREMIS defines a semantic unit for identifying the medium on which an object is stored. A preservation repository will probably want to know more detailed information about the media employed. If the repository stores data on DVDs, for example, it may need to know the specific technical characteristics of the specific DVD units, such as manufacturer, dye material, and dye thickness. PREMIS leaves the definition of metadata for describing media and hardware characteristics to specialists in these areas.

Business rules: The working group made no attempt to describe the business rules of a repository, although certainly this metadata is essential for preservation within the repository. Business rules codify the application of preservation strategies and document repository policies, services, charges, and roles. Retention periods, disposition, risk assessment, permanence ratings, schedules for media refreshment, and so on are pertinent to objects but are not actual properties of Objects. A single exception was made for the level of preservation treatment to be accorded an object (*preservationLevel*) because this was felt to be critical information for any preservation repository. A more thorough treatment of business rules could be added to the data model by defining a Rules entity similar to Rights, although this is not included in the current revision.

Object Entity

The Object entity aggregates information about a digital object held by a preservation repository and describes those characteristics relevant to preservation management.

The only mandatory semantic unit that applies to all categories of object (representation, file, and bitstream) is *objectIdentifier*.

Entity types

- **Representation:** A digital object instantiating or embodying an Intellectual Entity. A representation is the set of stored digital files and structural metadata needed to provide a complete and reasonable rendition of the Intellectual Entity.
- **File:** A named and ordered sequence of bytes that is known to an operating system.
- **Bitstream:** Contiguous or non-contiguous data within a file that has meaningful properties for preservation purposes.

Entity properties

- Can be associated with one or more rights statements.
- Can participate in one or more events.
- Links between entities may be recorded from either direction and need not be bi-directional.

Entity semantic units

- 1.1 objectIdentifier (M, R)
 - 1.1.1 objectIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 1.2 objectCategory (M, NR)
- 1.3 preservationLevel (O, R) [representation, file]
 - 1.3.1 preservationLevelValue (M, NR) [representation, file]
 - 1.3.2 preservationLevelRole (O, NR) [representation, file]
 - 1.3.3 preservationLevelRationale (O, R) [representation, file]
 - 1.3.4 preservationLevelDateAssigned (O, NR) [representation, file]
- 1.4 significantProperties (O, R)
 - 1.4.1 significantPropertiesType (O, NR)
 - 1.4.2 significantPropertiesValue (O, NR)
 - 1.4.3 significantPropertiesExtension (O, R)
- 1.5 objectCharacteristics (M, R) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.5.1 compositionLevel (M, NR) [file, bitstream]

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1.5.2
        fixity (O, R) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.2.1
                  messageDigestAlgorithm (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  messageDigest (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.2.2
        1.5.2.3
                  messageDigestOriginator (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
1.5.3
       size (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
1.5.4
        format (M, R) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.4.1
                  formatDesignation (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  1.5.4.1.1
                              formatName (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  1.5.4.1.2
                              formatVersion (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.4.2
                  formatRegistry (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  1.5.4.2.1
                              formatRegistryName (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  1.5.4.2.2
                              formatRegistryKey (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  1.5.4.2.3
                              formatRegistryRole (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.4.3
                  formatNote (O, R) [file, bitstream]
1.5.5
        creating Application (O, R) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.5.1
                  creatingApplicationName (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.5.2
                  creating Application Version (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.5.3
                  dateCreatedByApplication (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.5.4
                  creatingApplicationExtension (O, R) [file, bitstream]
1.5.6
        inhibitors (O, R) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.6.1
                  inhibitorType (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.6.2
                  inhibitorTarget (O, R) [file, bitstream]
        1.5.6.3
                  inhibitorKey (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
1.5.7
        objectCharacteristicsExtension (O, R) [file, bitstream]
originalName (O, NR) [representation, file]
storage (O, R) [file, bitstream]
1.7.1
        contentLocation (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
                  contentLocationType (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
        1.7.1.1
        1.7.1.2
                  contentLocationValue (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
1.7.2
        storageMedium (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
environment (O, R)
1.8.1
        environmentCharacteristic (O, NR)
1.8.2
        environmentPurpose (O, R)
1.8.3
        environmentNote (O, R)
1.8.4
        dependency (O, R)
        1.8.4.1
                  dependencyName (O, R)
                  dependencyIdentifier (O, R)
        1.8.4.2
                              dependencyIdentifierType (M, NR)
                  1.8.4.2.1
                  1.8.4.2.2
                              dependencyIdentifierValue (M, NR)
1.8.5
        software (O, R)
        1.8.5.1
                  swName (M, NR)
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- 1.8.5.2 swVersion (O, NR)
- 1.8.5.3 swType (M, NR)
- 1.8.5.4 swOtherInformation (O, R)
- 1.8.5.5 swDependency (O, R)
- 1.8.6 hardware (O, R)
 - 1.8.6.1 hwName (M, NR)
 - 1.8.6.2 hwType (M, NR)
 - 1.8.6.3 hwOtherInformation (O, R)
- 1.8.7 environmentExtension (O, R)
- 1.9 signatureInformation (O, R) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1 signature (O, R)
 - 1.9.1.1 signatureEncoding (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.2 signer (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.3 signatureMethod (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.4 signatureValue (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.5 signatureValidationRules (M, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.6 signatureProperties (O, R) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.1.7 keyInformation (O, NR) [file, bitstream]
 - 1.9.2 signatureInformationExtension (O, R) [file, bitstream]
- 1.10 relationship (O, R)
 - 1.10.1 relationshipType (M, NR)
 - 1.10.2 relationshipSubType (M, NR)
 - 1.10.3 relatedObjectIdentification (M, R)
 - 1.10.3.1 relatedObjectIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.10.3.2 relatedObjectIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 1.10.3.3 relatedObjectSequence (O, NR)
 - 1.101.4 relatedEventIdentification (O, R)
 - 1.10.4.1 relatedEventIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.10.4.2 relatedEventIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 1.10.4.3 relatedEventSequence (O, NR)
- 1.11 linkingEventIdentifier (O, R)
 - 1.11.1 linkingEventIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.11.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 1.12 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifier (O, R)
 - 1.12.1 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.12.2 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 1.13 linkingRightsStatementIdentifier (O, R)
 - 1.13.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.13.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue (M, NR)

Semantic unit	1.1 objectIdentifier		
Semantic components	1.1.1 objectIdentifierType 1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue		
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify the object within the preservation repository system in which it is stored.		
Rationale	Each data object held in the preservation repository must have a unique identifier to relate it to descriptive, technical, and other metadata.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Creation / Maintenance notes	An identifier may be created by the repository system at the time of ingest, or it may be created or assigned outside of the repository and submitted with an object as metadata. Similarly, identifiers can be automatically or manually generated. Recommended practice is for repositories to use identifiers automatically created by the repository as the primary identifier in order to ensure that identifiers are unique and usable by the repository. Externally assigned identifiers can be used as secondary identifiers in order to link an object to information held outside the repository.		
Usage notes			

recorded. A persistent identifier should be used, but the particular identifier scheme is an implementation specific decision.
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Semantic unit	1.1.1 objectIdentifierType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the object identifier is unique.			
Rationale	Identifier values cannot be assumed to be unique across domains; the combination of <i>objectIdentifierType</i> and <i>objectIdentifierValue</i> should ensure uniqueness.			
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	DLC DRS hdl:4263537	DLC DRS hdl:4263537	DLC DRS hdl:4263537	
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	The type of the identifier may be implicit within the repository as long it is can be explicitly communicated when the digital object is disseminated outside of it.			

Semantic unit	1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The value of the <i>object</i>	The value of the <i>objectIdentifier</i> .		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	0000000312	IU2440 WAC1943.56 AMNH CD269/CD269/70/10 596.PCD CDS-VDEP- 200211119- 24879.734 1001/dig/pres/2004- 024 http://nrs.harvard.edu /urn- 3:FHCL.Loeb:sa1	IU2440-1 IU2440-2	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.2 objectCategory				
Semantic components	None				
Definition	The category of object	to which the metadata a	pplies.		
Rationale	Preservation repositories are likely to treat different categories of objects (representations, files, and bitstreams) differently in terms of metadata and data management functions.				
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.				
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples	representation	representation file bitstream			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable				
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory				
Usage notes	Suggested values: representation, file, bitstream. A filestream should be considered a file.				

Semantic unit	1.3 preservationLeve	I	
Semantic components	1.3.1 preservationLevelValue 1.3.2 preservationLevelRole 1.3.3 preservationLevelRationale 1.3.4 preservationLevelDateAssigned		
Definition	Information indicating the decision or policy on the set of preservation functions to be applied to an object and the context in which the decision or policy was made.		
Rationale	Some preservation repositories will offer multiple preservation options depending on factors such as the value or uniqueness of the material, the "preservability" of the format, the amount the customer is willing to pay, etc. The context surrounding the choice of a particular preservation option for an object may also require further explanation.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	
Creation / Maintenance notes	The preservation level may be assigned by the repository or requested by the depositor and submitted as metadata. The repository may also choose to record additional metadata indicating the context for the assignment of the preservation level.		
Usage notes	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

Semantic unit	1.3.1 preservationLevelValue				
Semantic components	None				
Definition	A value indicating the set of preservation functions expected to be applied to the object.				
Rationale	Some preservation repositories will offer multiple preservation options depending on factors such as the value or uniqueness of the material, the "preservability" of the format, the amount the customer is willing to pay, etc.				
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.				
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable Applicable Not applicable			
Examples	bit-level full 0 1 2	bit-level full 0 fully supported with future migrations			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory				
Creation / Maintenance notes	The preservation level may be assigned by the repository or requested by the depositor and submitted as metadata.				
Usage notes	Only one <i>preservationLevelValue</i> may be recorded per <i>preservationLevel</i> container. If a further <i>preservationLevelValue</i> applies to the object in a different context, a separate <i>preservationLevel</i> container should be repeated.				

Semantic unit	1.3.2 preservationLevelRole		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A value indicating the is applicable.	context in which a set of	f preservation options
Rationale	Repositories may assign <i>preservationLevelValues</i> in different contexts which must be differentiated, and may need to record more than one context.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable
Examples	requirement intention capability	requirement intention capability	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	
Usage notes	This optional semantic unit qualifies the sense or context in which the preservationLevelValue in the current preservationLevel container is applied. For example, a repository may have a legislated obligation to "fully preserve" object X (which is of format F) but is presently only capable of preserving objects of format F at a "bit-level". The repository may need to record both the required or intended level of preservation (e.g. preservationLevelRole="requirement") and the current capability (e.g. preservationLevelRole="capability"). In transferring custody of material from one repository to another, it may also be important for the receiving repository to know the sense in which preservationLevelValue should be understood. A receiving repository may not need to know a "capability" preservation level of which the transferring repository was capable (as this will have little bearing on its own capabilities), but it needs to know any preservation level "requirements" for material for which it is now taking responsibility. It is good practice to specify preservationLevelRole for clarity even if the repository only assigns preservationLevelValue in one sense or context. If more than one preservationLevel is recorded, preservationLevelRole should always be supplied. If more than one sense or context needs to be expressed for the same		

	object, (e.g. both the "requirement" and "capability" are recorded), separate <i>preservationLevel</i> containers should be used.
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Semantic unit	1.3.3 preservationLev	velRationale	
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The reason a particular <i>preservationLevelValue</i> was applied to the object.		
Rationale	Application of a particular <i>preservationLevelValue</i> may require justification, especially if it differs from that usually applied according to repository policy.		
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable
Examples	user pays legislation	defective file bit-level preservation only available for this format	
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	
Usage notes	This optional semantic unit records the reason for applying the preservationLevelValue. This information can be particularly important when the assigned preservationLevelValue differs from usual repository policy. For example, a repository may normally assign a preservationLevelValue of "full preservation" for JPEG2000 files, but detects that a particular file is defective. This may mean that the repository's preservation strategy for JPEG2000 may not be effective for this particular file, so the repository may assign a preservationLevelValue of "bit-level preservation" to this file, recording "defective file" as the rationale. Similarly, legislative requirements or contractual agreements may require a higher level of preservation to be assigned to a particular object than would be assigned to that class of object according to usual policy. In this case, the rationale for the assignment may be recorded as "legislation" or "user pays", for example. preservationLevelRationale may be repeated if more than one reason needs to be recorded.		

Semantic unit	1.3.4 preservationLev	velDateAssigned	
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The date, or date and time, when a particular <i>preservationLevelValue</i> was assigned to the object.		
Rationale	The <i>preservationLevel</i> applicable to an object is expected to be reviewed and changed over time, in response to changes in repository preservation requirements, policies, or capabilities relevant to the object. The date that the current <i>preservationLevelValue</i> was assigned aids review of decisions.		
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable
Examples	2007-11-05 2007-11- 05T08:15:30-05:00 20080315	2007-11-05 2007-11- 05T08:15:30-05:00 20080315	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	

Semantic unit	1.4 significantProper	ties	
Semantic components	1.4.1 significantPropertiesType 1.4.2 significantPropertiesValue 1.4.3 significantPropertiesExtension		
Definition		rticular object subjective through preservation act	2
Rationale		ame technical properties ald be preserved for futu	
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Creation / Maintenance notes	Significant properties may pertain to all objects of a certain class; for example, the repository can decide that for all PDF files, only the content need be preserved. In other cases, for example, for media art, the significant properties may be unique to each individual object. Where values are unique, they must be supplied by the submitter or provided by the curatorial staff of the repository.		
Usage notes	All of this semantic unit's subunits are optional. At least one of the significantPropertiesValue and significantPropertiesExtension subunits must be present if this container is included or both may be used. Significant properties may be objective technical characteristics subjectively considered important or subjectively determined characteristics. For example, a PDF may contain links that are not considered important and JavaScript that is considered important. Or future migrations of a TIFF image may require optimization for line clarity or for color; the option chosen would depend upon a curatorial judgment of the significant properties of the image. Listing significant properties implies that the repository plans to preserve these properties across time and requires them to acceptably survive preservation action; for example, to be maintained during emulation or after format migration. It also implies that the repository would note when preservation action results in modification of significant properties. In practice, significant properties might be used as measures of preservation success, as part of quality checking the results of a		

preservation action or evaluating the efficacy of a preservation method. For example, if the listed significant properties are not maintained after application of a particular preservation method, it may indicate a failure of the process or that the method is not well suited to the type of material.

More experience with digital preservation is needed to determine the best ways of representing significant properties in general, and of representing modification of significant properties.

The semantic units included in the *significantProperties* container aim to provide a flexible structure for describing significant properties, allowing general types of aspects, facets or attributes of an object to be declared and to be paired with specific significant details about the object pertaining to that aspect, facet or attribute.

For example, some repositories may define significant properties for objects related to facets of content, appearance, structure, behavior, and context. Examples of facet:detail pairs in this case could include:

significantPropertiesType = "content"

significantPropertiesValue = "all textual content and images"

significantPropertiesType = "behavior"

significantPropertiesValue = "editable"

Other repositories may choose to describe significant properties at a more granular attribute level; for example:

significantPropertiesType = "page count"

significantPropertiesValue = "7"

significantPropertiesType = "page width"

significantPropertiesValue = "210 mm"

Each facet:detail pair should be contained in a separate, repeated *significantProperties* container.

Further work on determining and describing significant properties may yield more detailed schemes to facilitate general description.

Representing modification of significant properties as a result of preservation action also requires further work. One possible way involves the use of Object and Event information: Object A has significant properties volume and timing, which are recorded as *significantProperties* of A. In migrated version B, the timing is modified, which is noted in the *eventOutcome* of the migration event. Only volume is listed as a significant property of B.

Semantic unit	1.4.1 significantProp	1.4.1 significantPropertiesType		
Semantic components	None			
Definition		The aspect, facet, or attribute of an object about which significant properties are being described.		
Rationale		Repositories may choose to describe significant properties based on a particular aspect or attribute of an object.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	content structure behavior page count page width typeface hyperlinks image count	content structure behavior page count page width typeface	[for an embedded image] color space	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional	
Usage notes	This semantic unit is optional and may be used as part of a facet:detail pair with significantPropertiesValue.			

Semantic unit	1.4.2 significantPropertiesValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition		racteristics of a particula rtant to maintain through	
Rationale	Repositories may choo particular aspect or attr	se to describe significan ribute of an object.	t properties based on a
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	[for a Web page containing animation that is not considered essential] Content only. [For detail associated with a significantProperties Type of "behavior"] "hyperlinks traversable"	[for a word processed document with embedded links that are not considered essential] Content only. [For detail associated with a significantProperties Type of "behavior"] "editable" [For detail associated with a significantProperties Type of "page width"] 210 mm	[for a PDF with an embedded graph, where the lines' color determines the lines' meaning] Color. [For detail associated with a significantProperties Type of "appearance"] Color.
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	If facet:detail pairs are used, the content of significantPropertiesValue should describe the significant properties of object relevant to the aspect, facet, or attribute declared in the significantPropertiesType with which it is paired. If facet:detail pairs are not used, significantPropertiesValue may be used to freely describe any characteristic of an object. significantPropertiesValue is not repeatable. Multiple significant properties should be described in separate, repeated significantProperties container units.		

Semantic unit	1.4.3 significantPrope	ertiesExtension		
Semantic components	Defined externally			
Definition	A container to include semantic units defined outside of PREMIS for significant properties.			
Rationale	There may be a need to	replace or extend PRE	MIS defined units.	
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	All of this semantic unit's subunits are optional. At least one of the significantPropertiesValue and significantPropertiesExtension subunits must be present if this container is included. If the significantPropertiesExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under significantProperties, the container significantProperties is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, significantProperties should also be repeated. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in significantPropertiesExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.			

Semantic unit	1.5 objectCharacteris	tics	
Semantic components	1.5.1 compositionLevel 1.5.2 fixity 1.5.3 size 1.5.4 format 1.5.5 creatingApplication 1.5.6 inhibitors 1.5.7 objectCharacteristicsExtension		
Definition	Technical properties of most formats.	f a file or bitstream that a	are applicable to all or
Rationale	There are some important technical properties that apply to objects of any format. Detailed definition of format-specific properties is outside the scope of this Data Dictionary, although such properties may be included within <i>objectCharacteristicsExtension</i> .		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory
Usage notes	The semantic units included in <i>objectCharacteristics</i> should be treated as a set of information that pertains to a single object at a single <i>compositionLevel</i> . Object characteristics may be repeated when an object was created by applying two or more encodings, such as compression and encryption. In this case each repetition of <i>objectCharacteristics</i> would have an incrementally higher <i>compositionLevel</i> . When encryption is applied, the <i>objectCharacteristics</i> block must include an inhibitors semantic unit. A bitstream embedded within a file may have different object characteristics than the file. Where these characteristics are relevant for preservation, they should be recorded. When a single file is equivalent to a representation, <i>objectCharacteristics</i> may be applied and thus associated with the representation. In these cases, the relationship between the file comprising the representation and other associated files may be expressed using <i>relationshipSubType</i> (see page 112).		

Semantic unit	1.5.1 compositionLev	vel .		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	An indication of wheth processes of decoding	ner the object is subject to or unbundling.	o one or more	
Rationale	A file or bitstream can be encoded with compression, encryption, etc., or bundled with other files or bitstreams into larger packages. Knowing the order in which these actions are taken is important if the original object or objects must be recovered.			
Data constraint	Non-negative integers			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	0 1 2 2			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	
Creation / Maintenance notes	Composition level will generally be supplied by the repository, which should attempt to supply this value automatically. If the object was created by the repository, the creating routine knows the composition level and can supply this metadata. If the object is being ingested by the repository, repository programs will have to attempt to identify the composition level from the object itself or from externally supplied metadata.			
Usage notes	A file or bitstream can be subject to multiple encodings that must be decoded in reverse order (highest to lowest). For example, file A may be compressed to create file B, which is encrypted to create file C. To recreate a copy of the base file A, one would have to unencrypt file C to create file B and then uncompress file B to create file A. A <i>compositionLevel</i> of zero indicates that the object is a base object and not subject to further decoding, while a level of 1 or higher indicates that one or more decodings must be applied. Numbering goes lowest to highest (first encoded = 0). 0 is base object; 1-n are subsequent encodings. Use 0 as the default if there is only one <i>compositionLevel</i> . When multiple file objects are bundled together as filestreams within a package file object (e.g., a ZIP file), the individual filestream			

objects are *not* composition levels of the package file object. They should be considered separate objects, each with their own composition levels. For example, two encrypted files zipped together and stored in an archive as one file object would be described as three separate objects, each with its own associated metadata. The storage location of the two inner objects would point to the ZIP file, but the ZIP file itself would have only a single composition level (of zero) whose format would be "zip." See "Object characteristics and composition level," page 208.

Semantic unit	1.5.2 fixity		
Semantic components	1.5.2.1 messageDigestAlgorithm 1.5.2.2 messageDigest 1.5.2.3 messageDigestOriginator		
Definition	Information used to verify whether an object has been altered in an undocumented or unauthorized way.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable (see usage note)	Applicable	Applicable (see usage note)
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional
Creation / Maintenance notes	Automatically calculat	ed and recorded by repo	sitory.
Usage notes	To perform a fixity check, a message digest calculated at some earlier time is compared with a message digest calculated at a later time. If the digests are the same, the object was not altered in the interim. Recommended practice is to use two or more message digests calculated by different algorithms. (Note that the terms "message digest" and "checksum" are commonly used interchangeably. However, the term "checksum" is more correctly used for the product of a cyclical redundancy check (CRC), whereas the term "message digest" refers to the result of a cryptographic hash function, which is what is referred to here.)		
	The act of performing a fixity check and the date it occurred would be recorded as an Event. The result of the check would be recorded as the <i>eventOutcome</i> . Therefore, only the <i>messageDigestAlgorithm</i> and <i>messageDigest</i> need to be recorded as <i>objectCharacteristics</i> for future comparison.		
	Representation level: It could be argued that if a representation consists of a single file or if all the files comprised by a representation are combined (e.g., zipped) into a single file, then a fixity check could be performed on the representation. However, in both cases the fixity check is actually being performed on a file, which in this case happens to be coincidental with a representation. Bitstream level: Message digests can be computed for bitstreams although they are not as common as with files. For example, the JPX format, which is a JPEG2000 format, supports the inclusion of MD5 or SHA-1 message digests in internal metadata that was calculated on		

any range of bytes of the file.
See "Fixity, integrity, authenticity," page 209.

Semantic unit	1.5.2.1 messageDigestAlgorithm		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The specific algorithm used to construct the message digest for the digital object.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		MD5 Adler-32 HAVAL SHA-1 SHA-256 SHA-384 SHA-512 TIGER WHIRLPOOL	
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	1.5.2.2 messageDigest			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The output of the mess	age digest algorithm.		
Rationale	This must be stored so	that it can be compared	in future fixity checks.	
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	7c9b35da4f2ebd436f 1cf88e5a39b3a257ed f4a22be3c955ac49da 2e2107b67a1924419 563			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.5.2.3 messageDiges	stOriginator		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The agent that created the original message digest that is compared in a fixity check.			
Rationale	A preservation repository may ingest files that have had message digests calculated by the submitter; checking these ensures that the file as received is the same as the file as sent. The repository may also ingest files that do not have message digests, and so must calculate the initial value upon ingest. It can be useful to know who calculated the initial value of the message digest.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	DRS A0000978			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	If the calculation of the initial message digest is treated by the repository as an Event, this information could be obtained from an Event record.			
Usage notes	The originator of the message digest could be represented by a string representing the agent (e.g., "NRS" referring to the archive itself) or a pointer to an agent description (e.g., "A0000987" taken here to be an agentIdentifierValue).			

Semantic unit	1.5.3 size			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The size in bytes of the	The size in bytes of the file or bitstream stored in the repository.		
Rationale	Size is useful for ensuring the correct number of bytes from storage has been retrieved and that an application has enough room to move or process files. It might also be used when billing for storage.			
Data constraint	Integer			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	2038937			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	Automatically obtained by the repository.			
Usage notes	Defining this semantic unit as size in bytes makes it unnecessary to record a unit of measurement. However, for the purpose of data exchange the unit of measurement should be stated or understood by both partners.			

Semantic unit	1.5.4 format			
Semantic components		1.5.4.1 formatDesignation 1.5.4.2 formatRegistry 1.5.4.3 formatNote		
Definition	Identification of the format of a file or bitstream where format is defined as the organization of digital information according to preset specifications.			
Rationale	Many preservation activities depend on detailed knowledge about the format of the digital object. An accurate identification of format is essential. The identification provided, whether by name or pointer into a format registry, should be sufficient to associate the object with more detailed format information.			
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	
Creation / Maintenance notes	The format of a file or bitstream should be ascertained by the repository on ingest. Even if this information is provided by the submitter, directly in metadata or indirectly via the file name extension, recommended practice is to independently identify the format by parsing the file when possible. If the format cannot be identified at the time of ingest, it is valid to record that it is unknown, but the repository should subsequently make an effort to identify the format, even if manual intervention is required.			
Usage notes	A bitstream embedded within a file may have different characteristics than the larger file. For example, a bitstream in LaTex format could be embedded within an SGML file, or multiple images using different colorspaces could be embedded within a TIFF file. <i>format</i> must be recorded for every object. When the bitstream format can be recognized by the repository and the repository might want to treat the bitstream differently from the embedding file for preservation purposes, <i>format</i> can be recorded for embedded bitstreams. Although this semantic unit is mandatory, both of its subunits are optional. At least one subunit (i.e. either <i>formatDesignation</i> or <i>formatRegistry</i>) must be present if this container is included or both may be used. If the subunit (<i>formatDesignation</i> or <i>formatRegistry</i>) needs to be repeated, the entire <i>format</i> container is repeated. This			

	allows for association of format designation with a particular set of format registry information. For example, if the precise format cannot be determined and two <i>format</i> designations are recorded, each is given within a separate <i>format</i> container. The <i>format</i> container may also be repeated for multiple format registry entries. See "Format information," page 204.
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Semantic unit	1.5.4.1 formatDesigna	1.5.4.1 formatDesignation		
Semantic components	1.5.4.1.1 formatName 1.5.4.1.2 formatVersion			
Definition	An identification of the	e format of the object.		
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	Either formatDesignation or at least one instance of formatRegistry is required. Both may be included. The most specific format (or format profile) should be recorded. A repository (or formats registry) may wish to use multipart format names (e.g., "TIFF_GeoTIFF" or "WAVE_MPEG_BWF") to achieve this specificity. For any given file or bitstream, the most specific format identified by the repository should be recorded. A restricted or modified version of a format is considered more specific than the format; for example, GeoTIFF is more specific than TIFF; BWF is more specific than WAVE. If a file or bitstream conforms to more than one format of equal specificity, each should be recorded in separate format containers.			

Semantic unit	1.5.4.1.1 formatName		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A designation of the fo	ormat of the file or bitstro	eam.
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		Text/sgml image/tiff/geotiff Adobe PDF DES PGP base64 unknown	LaTex
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory		
Usage notes	For unidentified formats, <i>formatName</i> may be recorded as "unknown".		

Semantic unit	1.5.4.1.2 formatVersion			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The version of the form	nat named in formatNam	1e.	
Rationale	Many authority lists of format names are not granular enough to indicate version, for example, MIME Media types.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	6.0 2003			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	If the format is versioned, <i>formatVersion</i> should be recorded. It can be either a numeric or chronological designation.			

Semantic unit	1.5.4.2 formatRegistr	у	
Semantic components	1.5.4.2.1 formatRegistryName 1.5.4.2.2 formatRegistryKey 1.5.4.2.3 formatRegistryRole		
Definition	Identifies and/or gives further information about the format by reference to an entry in a format registry.		
Rationale	If central format registries are available to the preservation repository, they may provide an excellent way of referencing detailed format information.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	Either <i>formatDesignation</i> or at least one instance of <i>formatRegistry</i> is required. If more than one <i>formatRegistry</i> needs to be recorded the format container should be repeated to include each additional set of <i>formatRegistry</i> information.		

Semantic unit	1.5.4.2.1 formatRegistryName			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	A designation identify	A designation identifying the referenced format registry.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples		PRONOM http://www.nationala rchives.gov.uk/PRO NOM	PRONOM http://www.nationala rchives.gov.uk/PRO NOM	
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	This can be a formal n	This can be a formal name, internally used name, or URI.		

Semantic unit	1.5.4.2.2 formatRegistryKey			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The unique key used to reference an entry for this format in a format registry.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	info:gdfr/fred/f/tiff fmt/155			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.5.4.2.3 formatRegis	tryRole	
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The purpose or expected use of the registry.		
Rationale	The same <i>format</i> may be defined in different registries for different purposes. For example, one registry may give detailed format specifications while another has information about software support and dependencies. If multiple registries are recorded, this semantic unit can be used to distinguish among them.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	Specification Validation profile		
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional

Semantic unit	1.5.4.3 formatNote	1.5.4.3 formatNote			
Semantic components	None	None			
Definition	Additional information	about format.			
Rationale	Qualifying information may be needed to supplement format designation and registry information or to record a status for identification				
Data constraint	None				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples		tentative identification disjunction multiple format identifications found			
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable				
Obligation	Optional Optional				
Usage notes	The <i>formatNote</i> may c from a controlled list.	The <i>formatNote</i> may contain free text, a reference pointer, or a value from a controlled list.			

Semantic unit	1.5.5 creatingApplica	tion	
Semantic components	1.5.5.1 creatingApplicationName 1.5.5.2 creatingApplicationVersion 1.5.5.3 dateCreatedByApplication 1.5.5.4 creatingApplicationExtension		
Definition	Information about the a	application that created t	he object.
Rationale	Information about the creating application, including the version of the application and the date the file was created, can be useful for problem solving purposes. For example, it is not uncommon for certain versions of software to be known for causing conversion errors or introducing artifacts. It is also useful to determine which rendering software is available for the digital object. For example, if you know that the Distiller program created the PDF file, you know it will be renderable with (among other programs) Adobe Reader.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Creation / Maintenance notes	If the object was created by the repository, assignment of creating application information should be straightforward. If the object was created outside the repository, it is possible this information could be supplied by the depositor. It might also be extracted from the file itself; the name of the creating application is often embedded within the file.		
Usage notes	•		

the ingest process. For example, an HTML file was created pre-ingest using Dreamweaver, and the Web crawler Heritrix then captured a snapshot of the files as part of the ingest.

The amount of information needed for *creatingApplication* given here is minimal. For more granularity, extensibility is provided. Rather than having each repository record this locally, it would be preferable to have a registry of this information similar to format or environment registries.

Semantic unit	1.5.5.1 creatingApplic	cationName		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	A designation for the name of the software program that created the object.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	MSWord			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	The <i>creatingApplication</i> is the application that created the object in its current format, not the application that created the copy written to storage. For example, if a document is created by Microsoft Word and subsequently copied to archive storage by a repository's Ingest program, the <i>creatingApplication</i> is Word, not the Ingest program.			

Semantic unit	1.5.5.2 creatingApplicationVersion			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The version of the software program that created the object.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	2000 1.4			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation		Optional	Optional	

Semantic unit	1.5.5.3 dateCreatedB	yApplication		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The actual or approxin	nate date and time the ob	ject was created.	
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	2000-12-01 20030223T151047			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	Use the most precise date available. This is the date the object was created by the creating application, not the date any copy was made externally or by the repository. For example, if a file is created by Microsoft Word in 2001 and two copies are made in 2003, the <i>dateCreatedByApplication</i> of all three files is 2001. The date a file is written to storage can be recorded as an Event. If the object itself contains internal creation and modification dates, the modification date should be used as <i>dateCreatedByApplication</i> . If the application is a Web harvester capturing an object at a point of time, use for date captured.			

Semantic unit	1.5.5.4 creatingApplic	cationExtension		
Semantic components	Defined externally			
Definition	Creating application information using semantic units defined external to PREMIS.			
Rationale	There may be a need to	supplement or replace	PREMIS defined units.	
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an externally defined schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance "Extensibility," page 19. If creatingApplicationExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under creatingApplication, the container creatingApplication is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, creatingApplication should also be repeated. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in creatingApplicationExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of			

Semantic unit	1.5.6 inhibitors			
Semantic components	1.5.6.1 inhibitorType 1.5.6.2 inhibitorTarget 1.5.6.3 inhibitorKey			
Definition	Features of the object i	ntended to inhibit access	s, use, or migration.	
Rationale	Format information may indicate whether a file is encrypted, but the nature of the encryption also must be recorded, as well as the access key.			
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	Inhibitors are more likely to be present on an object ingested by the repository than applied by the repository itself. It is often not possible to tell that a file has been encrypted by parsing it; the file may appear to be ASCII text. Therefore, information about inhibitors should be supplied as metadata with submitted objects when possible.			
Usage notes	Some file formats allow encryption for embedded bitstreams. Some file formats such as PDF use passwords to control access to content or specific functions. Although this is actually implemented at the bitstream level, for preservation purposes it is effectively managed at the file level; that is, passwords would not be recorded for individually addressable bitstreams. For certain types of inhibitor keys, more granularity may be required. If the inhibitor key information is identical to key information in digital signatures, use those semantic units.			

Semantic unit	1.5.6.1 inhibitorType	1.5.6.1 inhibitorType		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The inhibitor method e	employed.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	DES PGP Blowfish Password protection			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	Common inhibitors are encryption and password protection. When encryption is used the type of encryption should be specifically indicated, that is, record "DES", not "encryption".			

Semantic unit	1.5.6.2 inhibitorTarget		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The content or function	n protected by the inhibi	tor.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	All content Function: Play Function: Print		
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	If not supplied, assume that the target is the content of the object.		

Semantic unit	1.5.6.3 inhibitorKey			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The decryption key or	The decryption key or password.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	[DES decryption key]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	The key should be provided if known. However, it is not advisable to actually store the <i>inhibitorKey</i> in plain text in an unsecure database.			

Semantic unit	1.5.7 objectCharacter	risticsExtension	
Semantic components	Defined externally		
Definition	A container to include	semantic units defined of	outside of PREMIS.
Rationale	There may be a need to	o extend PREMIS define	ed units.
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional
Usage notes			

Semantic unit	1.6 originalName		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The name of the object as submitted to or harvested by the repository, before any renaming by the repository.		
Rationale	The name used within the preservation repository may not be known outside of the repository. A depositor might need to request a file by its original name. Also, the repository may need to reconstruct internal links for dissemination.		
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable
Examples		N419.pdf	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	
Creation / Maintenance notes	This value would always be supplied to the repository by the submitter or harvesting application. How much of the file path to preserve would be up to the repository.		
Usage notes	This is the name of the object as designated in the Submission Information Package (SIP). The object may have other names in different contexts. When two repositories are exchanging content, it would be important for the receiving repository to know and record the name of the representation at the originating repository. In the case of representations, this may be a directory name.		

Semantic unit	1.7 storage		
Semantic components	1.7.1 contentLocation 1.7.2 storageMedium		
Definition	Information about how system.	and where a file is store	ed in the storage
Rationale	It is necessary for a rep the <i>storageMedium</i> .	pository to associate the	contentLocation with
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional
Usage notes	Normally there would be a single storage location and medium for an object, because an object in another location would be considered a different object. The storage composite should be repeated if there are two or more copies that are identical bit-wise and managed as a unit except for the medium on which they are stored. They must have a single <i>objectIdentifier</i> and be managed as a single object by the repository. Although this semantic unit is mandatory, both of its subunits are optional. At least one subunit (i.e. either <i>contentLocation</i> or <i>storageMedium</i>) must be present or both may be used.		

Semantic unit	1.7.1 contentLocation	1			
Semantic components	1.7.1.1 contentLocationType 1.7.1.2 contentLocationValue				
Definition	Information needed to retrieve a file from the storage system, or to access a bitstream within a file.				
Data constraint	Container				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable		
Obligation	Optional Optional				
Creation / Maintenance notes	A preservation repository should never refer to content that it does not control. Therefore, the PREMIS working group assumed that the repository will always assign the <i>contentLocation</i> , probably by program.				
Usage notes	If the preservation repository uses the <i>objectIdentifier</i> as a handle for retrieving data, <i>contentLocation</i> is implicit and does not need to be recorded.				

Semantic unit	1.7.1.1 contentLocati	onType		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The means of reference	ing the location of the co	ontent.	
Rationale	To understand the mea location scheme is used	ning of the value it is ned.	cessary to know what	
Data constraint	Value should be taken	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	URI byte offset hdl NTFS EXT3			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.7.1.2 contentLocation	onValue	
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The reference to the location of the content used by the storage system.		d by the storage
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		http://wwasearch.loc. gov/107th/20021210 7035/http://house.go v/langevin/ hdl:loc.pnp/cph.3b34 188 c:\apache2\htdocs\in dex.html /home/web/public_ht ml/index.html	64 [offset from start of file c:\apache2\htdocs\im age\logo.gif]
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory		
Usage notes	This could be a fully qualified path and filename, or the information used by a resolution system (e.g., a handle) or the native information used by a storage management system. For a bitstream or filestream, this would probably be the reference point and offset of the starting position of the bitstream. It is up to the repository to determine the level of granularity that should be recorded.		

Semantic unit	1.7.2 storageMedium				
Semantic components	None				
Definition	The physical medium on which the object is stored (e.g., magnetic tape, hard disk, CD-ROM, DVD).				
Rationale	The repository needs to know the medium on which an object is stored in order to know how and when to do media refreshment and media migration.				
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.		
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples	Magnetic tape Hard disk TSM Magnetic tape Hard disk TSM				
Repeatability		Not Repeatable	Not Repeatable		
Obligation		Optional	Optional		
Usage notes	In some cases this can be masked from direct repository management by storage management systems but the underlying assumption is that the repository ultimately is in control and needs to manage for technological obsolescence. In some cases the value may not be the specific medium, but the system that knows the medium, e.g., Tivoli Storage Manager (TSM). Knowing the storage medium is an internal requirement in order to trigger preservation actions. However, since this is not information that is used for exchange purposes, it is optional.				

Semantic unit	1.8 environment		
Semantic components	1.8.1 environmentCharacteristic 1.8.2 environmentPurpose 1.8.3 environmentNote 1.8.4 dependency 1.8.5 software 1.8.6 hardware 1.8.7 environmentExtension		
Definition	Hardware/software cor	mbinations supporting us	se of the object.
Rationale	Environment is the means by which the user renders and interacts with content. Separation of digital content from its environmental context can result in the content becoming unusable.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Creation / Maintenance notes	This information may be omitted when the repository is doing only bit-level preservation on the object. Rather than having each repository record this locally, it would be preferable to have a registry of environment information similar to proposed registries of format information. Repositories may choose to design mechanisms for inheritance, so that if the environment required for each file within a representation is identical to the environment recorded for the representation as a whole, it is not necessary to store this information in each file. See "Environment," page 206.		
Usage notes	(i.e. environmentNote,	its' subunits are optional dependency, software, he must be present if this of	ardware, and/or

Semantic unit	1.8.1 environmentCha	aracteristic		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	An assessment of the e supports its purpose.	extent to which the descr	ibed environment	
Rationale	If multiple environmer distinguish among ther	nts are described, this ele n.	ement can help to	
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	unspecified recommended minimum minimum			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	This value could be supplied by the submitter or by the repository. If environment software and hardware information is obtained from an environments registry, <i>environmentCharacteristic</i> might also be obtained from the registry. Note however that the criteria for "recommended" may be different for different repositories.			
Usage notes	Suggested values: unspecified = no attempt made to provide this value known to work = the object can be rendered in this environment minimum = the least demanding (in terms of components or resources needed) environment known to work by the repository recommended = an environment preferred for optimal rendering If an environment is both "minimum" and "recommended," use "recommended." "Known to work" implies the object is supported by the described environment but the repository doesn't know if this environment is minimum or recommended.			

Semantic unit	1.8.2 environmentPur	pose			
Semantic components	None				
Definition	The use(s) supported b	y the specified environm	nent.		
Rationale	Different environments can support different uses of objects. For example, the environment needed to edit and modify a file can be quite different than the environment needed to render it.				
Data constraint	Values should be taker	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional	Optional Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	This value would have to be supplied by the agent that provided the hardware and software environment information, which might be the submitter, the repository, or an environments registry.				
Usage notes	Suggested values: render, edit. This list may need to be expanded. Other values might indicate the ability to transform, print, and manipulate by program.				

Semantic unit	1.8.3 environmentNo	1.8.3 environmentNote		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Additional information	about the environment.		
Rationale	There may be a need to for additional explanat	o give a textual description.	on of the environment	
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	This environment assumes that the PDF will be stored locally and used with a standalone PDF reader.			
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	This note could be used to record the context of the environment information. For example, if a file can be rendered through a PC client application or through a browser with a plug-in, this note could be used to identify which situation applies. The note should not be used for a textual description of environment information recorded more rigorously elsewhere.			

Semantic unit	1.8.4 dependency			
Semantic components	1.8.4.1 dependencyName 1.8.4.2 dependencyIdentifier			
Definition	Information about a non-software component or associated file needed in order to use or render the representation or file, for example, a schema, a DTD, or an entity file declaration.			
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	Recommended practice is for a repository to archive objects on which other objects depend. These may be sent by the submitter of the primary object, or they may in some cases be automatically obtained by the repository. For example, a markup file will often contain links to other objects it requires such as DTDs or XML Schema. If it does, these objects can often be identified by the link and downloaded by the repository.			
Usage notes	This semantic unit is for additional objects that are necessary to render a file or representation, not for required software or hardware. It may also be used for a non-executable component of the object, such as a font or style sheet. For things that the software requires, see <i>swDependency</i> , page 94. This semantic unit does not include objects required by structural relationships, such as child content objects (e.g., figures that are part of an article), which are recorded under relationship with a <i>relationshipType</i> of "structural". It is up to the repository to determine what constitutes a dependency in the context of the designated community. The objects noted may be internal or external to the preservation repository.			

Semantic unit	1.8.4.1 dependencyN	ame		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	A designation for a component or associated file needed by the representation or file.			
Rationale	-	It may not be self-evident from the <i>dependencyIdentifier</i> what the name of the object actually is.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	Additional Element Set for Language Corpora			
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional	

Semantic unit	1.8.4.2 dependencyldentifier				
Semantic components	1.8.4.2.1 dependencyIdentifierType 1.8.4.2.2 dependencyIdentifierValue				
Definition	A unique designation t	used to identify a depend	ent resource.		
Data constraint	Container				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable				
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional				
Usage notes	The <i>dependencyIdentifier</i> must be unique within the preservation repository, although it might not be globally unique.				

Semantic unit	1.8.4.2.1 dependencyldentifierType				
Semantic components	None				
Definition	A designation of the do resource is unique.	A designation of the domain in which the identifier of the dependent resource is unique.			
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.		
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples		URI			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory				
Usage notes	A preservation repository needs to know both the type of object identifier and the value. When the value itself contains the identifier type (e.g., "oai:lib.uchicago.edu:1"), the identifier type does not need to be recorded explicitly. Similarly, if the repository uses only one type of identifier, the type can be assumed and does not need to be recorded explicitly.				

Semantic unit	1.8.4.2.2 dependencyldentifierValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The value of the dependencyIdentifier.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	http://www.tei- c.org/P4X/DTD/teico rp2.dtd			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.8.5 software		
Semantic components	1.8.5.1 swName 1.8.5.2 swVersion 1.8.5.3 swType 1.8.5.4 swOtherInformation 1.8.5.5 swDependency		
Definition	Software required to re	ender or use the object.	
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Creation / Maintenance notes	If recording this explicitly, many different software environments may apply; for example, a particular object such as a PDF file may be viewable by several versions of several applications running under several operating systems and operating system versions. Although at least one software environment should be recorded, it is not necessary to record them all and each repository will have to make its own decisions about which software environments to record. Also, what appears to the user as a single rendering program can have many dependencies, including system utilities, runtime libraries, and so on, which each might have their own dependencies in turn. As with environment, metadata may be more efficiently managed in conjunction with a format registry either internal or external to a repository. In the absence of a global mechanism, repositories may be forced to develop their own local "registries" relating format to software environment.		

Semantic unit	1.8.5.1 swName	1.8.5.1 swName		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Manufacturer and title	of the software applicat	ion.	
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	Sybase	Adobe Photoshop Adobe Acrobat Reader		
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	
Usage notes	Include manufacturer when this helps to identify or disambiguate the product, for example, use "Adobe Photoshop" rather than "Photoshop."			

Semantic unit	1.8.5.2 swVersion		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The version or version	s of the software referen	ced in swName.
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		>=2.2.0 6.0 2000	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Usage notes	If there is no formal version, the date of issuance can be used.		

Semantic unit	1.8.5.3 swType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Class or category of so	ftware.		
Rationale	Several different layers object.	s of software can be requ	uired to support an	
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	Suggested values: renderer = application that can display/play/execute the format instance, e.g., image viewer, video player, Java virtual machine (when the format instance is a Java class file) ancillary = required ancillary software, e.g., run time libraries, browser plug-ins, compression/decompression routines, utilities, operating system emulators, etc. operatingSystem = software that supports application execution, process scheduling, memory management, file systems, etc. driver = software with the primary function of communicating between hardware and the operating system or other software			

Semantic unit	1.8.5.4 swOtherInformation			
Semantic components	None			
Definition		Additional requirements or instructions related to the software referenced in <i>swName</i> .		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples		Install Acroread (Adobe Acrobat) first; copy nppdf.so (the plug-in) to your Mozilla plug-ins directory, and make sure a copy of (or symlink to) Acroread is in your PATH.		
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional	
Usage notes	This could be a reliable persistent identifier or URI pointing to software documentation within or outside the repository.			

Semantic unit	1.8.5.5 swDependenc	у			
Semantic components	None				
Definition	The name and, if applicable, version of any software component needed by the software referenced in <i>swName</i> in the context of using this object.				
Data constraint	None				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples		GNU gcc >= 2.7.2			
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional Optional				
Usage notes	The value should be constructed in a way that is consistent with the construction of <i>swName</i> and <i>swVersion</i> . This semantic unit identifies the software that is needed by what is recorded in <i>swName</i> , for example, a Perl script that depends on a Perl module. In this case the Perl script is listed in <i>swName</i> , with the module in <i>swDependency</i> within a software container.				

Semantic unit	1.8.6 hardware			
Semantic components	1.8.6.1 hwName 1.8.6.2 hwType 1.8.6.3 hwOtherInformation			
Definition	Hardware components or the human user of the	needed by the software referenced software.	referenced in swName	
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional			
Creation / Maintenance notes	Hardware environment information can be very difficult to provide. Many different hardware environments may apply; there are a huge number of combinations of maker and type of CPU, memory, video drivers, and so on. Although at least one hardware environment should be recorded, it is not necessary to record them all and each repository will have to make its own decisions about which hardware environments to record. Because of the difficulty recording this information comprehensively, it would be optimal if central registries of environment information existed. In many cases the environment of a file object is directly associated with the format, making registry lookup by format feasible. In the absence of a global mechanism, repositories may be			
		own local "registries" re		

Semantic unit	1.8.6.1 hwName			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Manufacturer, model,	and version (if applicabl	e) of the hardware.	
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	Intel Pentium III 1 GB DRAM Windows XP- compatible joystick			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	
Usage notes	Include manufacturer when this helps to identify or disambiguate the product. Include version for firmware or other components where that information is pertinent.			

Semantic unit	1.8.6.2 hwType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Class or category of th	e hardware.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	Suggested values: processor, memory, input/output device, storage device.			

Semantic unit	1.8.6.3 hwOtherInform	mation		
Semantic components	None	None		
Definition		Additional requirements or instructions related to the hardware referenced in <i>hwName</i> .		
Rationale	For hardware, the amount of computing resource needed (such as memory, storage, processor speed, etc.) may need to be documented. In addition, more detailed instructions may be needed to install and/or operate the hardware.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	32MB minimum	32MB minimum Required RAM for Apache is unknown		
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	This could be an identifier or URI used to point to hardware documentation.			

Semantic unit	1.8.7 environmentExt	ension			
Semantic components	Defined externally				
Definition	A container to include	semantic units defined of	outside of PREMIS.		
Rationale	There may be a need to	o replace or extend PRE	MIS defined units.		
Data constraint	Container				
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Examples					
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional		
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an extension schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance in "Extensibility," page 19. If environmentExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under environment, the container environment is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, environment should also be repeated. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in environmentExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.				

Semantic unit	1.9 signatureInforma	tion	
Semantic components	1.9.1 signature 1.9.2 signatureInformationExtension		
Definition	A container for PREMIS defined and externally defined digital signature information, used to authenticate the signer of an object and/or the information contained in the object.		
Rationale	A repository may have a policy of generating digital signatures for files on ingest, or may have a need to store and later validate incoming digital signatures.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	Either <i>signature</i> or <i>signatureInformationExtension</i> may be used. Use of <i>signatureInformationExtension</i> with the schema defined in W3C's <i>XML-Signature Syntax and Processing</i> (www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/) is encouraged when applicable. See the discussion of digital signatures on page 210 for more information on use of both PREMIS-defined and externally-defined semantic units.		

Semantic unit	1.9.1 signature		
Semantic components	1.9.1.1 signatureEncoding 1.9.1.2 signer 1.9.1.3 signatureMethod 1.9.1.4 signatureValue 1.9.1.5 signatureValidationRules 1.9.1.6 signatureProperties 1.9.1.7 keyInformation		
Definition		use a digital signature to /or the information cont	
Rationale	A repository may have a policy of generating digital signatures for files on ingest, or may have a need to store and later validate incoming digital signatures.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	Several of the semantic components of <i>signatureInformation</i> are taken from the W3C's <i>XML-Signature Syntax and Processing</i> ; see www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/ for more information on the structure and application of these semantic units. (See also the discussion of digital signatures, page 210 .)		

Semantic unit	1.9.1.1 signatureEncoding		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The encoding used for	the values of signature V	Value, keyInformation.
Rationale	These values cannot be interpreted correctly if the encoding is unknown.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	Base64 Ds:CrytoBinary		
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	1.9.1.2 signer			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The individual, institution, or authority responsible for generating the signature.			
Rationale	The signer might also be carried in the <i>keyInformation</i> , but it can be accessed more conveniently if recorded here.			
Data constraint	None	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	If the signer is an <i>Agent</i> known to the repository, an <i>agentIdentifier</i> can be used here.			

Semantic unit	1.9.1.3 signatureMethod				
Semantic components	None				
Definition	A designation for the encryption and hash algorithms used for signature generation.				
Rationale	The same algorithms n	nust be used for signatur	e validation.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.				
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	DSA-SHA1 RSA-SHA1				
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable				
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory				
Usage notes	Recommended practice is to encode the encryption algorithm first, followed by a hyphen, followed by the hash (message digest) algorithm.				

Semantic unit	1.9.1.4 signatureValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The digital signature; a value generated from the application of a private key to a message digest.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	juS5RhJ884qoFR 8flVXd/rbrSDVGn 40CapgB7qeQiT +rr0NekEQ6BHh UA8dT3+BCTBU QI0dBjlml9lwzEN XvS83zRECjzXb MRTUtVZiPZG2p qKPnL2YU3A964 5UCjTXU+jgFum v7k78hieAGDzNc i+PQ9KRmm//icT			
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation		Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.9.1.5 signatureValid	dationRules		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The operations to be p signature.	The operations to be performed in order to validate the digital signature.		
Rationale	The repository should not assume that the procedure for validating any particular signature will be known many years in the future without documentation.			
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability		Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	This may include the canonicalization method used before calculating the message digest, if the object was normalized before signing. This value could also be a pointer to archive documentation.			

Semantic unit	1.9.1.6 signatureProperties			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	Additional information	Additional information about the generation of the signature.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Not applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional			
Usage notes	This may include the date/time of signature generation, the serial number of the cryptographic hardware used, or other information related to the generation of the signature. Repositories will likely want to define a suitably granular structure to <i>signatureProperties</i> .			

Semantic unit	1.9.1.7 keyInformatio	n	
Semantic components	Extensible container		
Definition	Information about the digital signature.	signer's public key need	ed to validate the
Rationale	To validate a digital signature for an object, one first recalculates the message digest for the object, and then uses the public key of the signer to verify that the value of the signature (<i>signatureValue</i>) is correct. The repository must therefore have the public key value and some assurance that it truly belongs to the signer.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional Optional		
Usage notes	Different types of keys will have different structures and parameters. PREMIS does not define structure for this container. Recommended practice is to represent key values as defined for "KeyInfo" in the W3C's XML-Signature Syntax and Processing (www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/).		

Semantic unit	1.9.2 signatureInform	ationExtension	
Semantic components	Defined externally		
Definition	Digital signature information PREMIS.	nation using semantic u	nits defined outside of
Rationale	There may be a need to	replace or extend PRE	MIS defined units.
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an extension schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance in "Extensibility," page 19.		
	If signatureInformationExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under signatureInformation, the container signatureInformation is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, signatureInformation should also be repeated.		
	Use of the W3C's <i>XML-Signature Syntax and Processing</i> (www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/) is encouraged when applicable.		
	It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in <i>signatureInformationExtension</i> including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.		

Semantic unit	1.10 relationship		
Semantic components	1.10.1 relationshipType 1.10.2 relationshipSubType 1.10.3 relatedObjectIdentification 1.10.4 relatedEventIdentification		
Definition	Information about a relother objects.	lationship between this o	object and one or more
Rationale	A preservation repository must know how to assemble complex objects from component parts (structural relationships) and rigorously track digital provenance (derivation relationships). Documentation about relationships between different objects is crucial to these purposes.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Usage notes	Most preservation repositories will want to record all relevant relationships. In complex scenarios, PREMIS might not be able to express rich enough structural relationships to be the only source of structural metadata. Many formats for representing structural information may be used instead of the semantic units specified here. This information must be known, and some implementations may know it by using other structures. Structural relationships at the file level are necessary to reconstruct a representation in order to ascertain that the representation is renderable. A record of structural relationships at the representation level may be necessary to render the representation. Structural relationships at the bitstream level can relate bitstreams within a file. Derivative relationships at the file and representation level are important for documenting digital provenance.		

Semantic unit	1.10.1 relationshipTy	1.10.1 relationshipType			
Semantic components	None				
Definition	A high-level categorize	ation of the nature of the	relationship.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.		
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable				
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory				
Usage notes	Suggested values: structural = a relationship between parts of an object derivation = a relationship where one object is the result of a transformation performed on the related object A repository may find it necessary to define additional relationship types.				

Semantic unit	1.10.2 relationshipSu	bТуре		
Semantic components	None			
Definition		A specific characterization of the nature of the relationship documented in <i>relationshipType</i> .		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	
Usage notes	Suggested values: has sibling = the object shares a common parent with the related object is part of = the object is contained by the related object (when these are the same entity types) has part = the object contains the related object (when these are the same entity types) is source of = the related object is a version of this object created by a transformation has source = the object is derived from the related object as a result of a transformation has root = for a representation only, the related object is the file that must be processed first in order to render the representation includes = for the relationship of a representation to a file, , or a file to a bitstream, the described object includes the referenced object is included in = for the relationship of a file to a representation, or a bitstream to a file, the described object is included in the referenced object A repository may find it necessary to define more or less granular relationships. For derivation relationships, note that the precise relationship may be indicated by the type of the related event. The relationship "has root" is applicable only to the representation, because it implies that a compound object (i.e., one made up of multiple files) requires that one file be picked up first as its root to render it. In the metadata for the representation, "has root" identifies			

Semantic unit	1.10.3 relatedObjectIdentification			
Semantic components	1.10.3.1 relatedObjectIdentifierType 1.10.3.2 relatedObjectIdentifierValue 1.10.3.3 relatedObjectSequence			
Definition	The identifier and sequ	ential context of the rela	ated resource.	
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	The related object may or may not be held within the preservation repository. Recommended practice is that objects reside within the repository unless there is a good reason to reference an object outside. Internal and external references should be clear.			

Semantic unit	1.10.3.1 relatedObjectIdentifierType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	A designation of the do	omain within which the i	dentifier is unique.	
Data constraint	Value should be taken	from a controlled vocab	ulary.	
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierType] [see examples for objectIdentifierType] [see examples for objectIdentifierType]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	If the related object is held within the preservation repository, this should be the value of that object's <i>objectIdentifierType</i> .			

Semantic unit	1.10.3.2 relatedObject	1.10.3.2 relatedObjectIdentifierValue			
Semantic components	None				
Definition	The value of the related	l object identifier.			
Data constraint	None				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable Applicable Applicable			
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierValue] [see examples for objectIdentifierValue] [see examples for objectIdentifierValue]				
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable				
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory				
Usage notes	If the related object is held within the preservation repository, this should be the value of that object's <i>objectIdentifierValue</i> .				

Semantic unit	1.10.3.3 relatedObjec	tSequence	
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The order of the related type of relationship.	d object relative to other	objects with the same
Rationale	This semantic unit is particularly useful for structural relationships. In order to reconstruct a representation, it may be necessary to know the order of components with sibling or part-whole relationships. For example, to render a page-image book, it is necessary to know the order of files representing pages.		
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		1 2 3	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit could be implemented in several ways. It might be recorded explicitly in metadata as a sequence number or as a pointer. It might be implicit in some other ordering of objects, for example, incrementing identifier values. The value of <i>relationshipSubType</i> might imply the sequence (e.g., "is preceding sibling," "is following sibling"). There is no requirement that sequence numbers must be unique or sequential. Some related objects have no inherent sequence, for example, unordered Web pages making up a Web site. In this case all related objects can be given the "dummy" sequence number zero. This semantic unit is applicable only for structural relationships and is thus optional.		

Semantic unit	1.10.4 relatedEventId	1.10.4 relatedEventIdentification		
Semantic components	1.10.4.1 relatedEventIdentifierType 1.10.4.2 relatedEventIdentifierValue 1.10.4.3 relatedEventSequence			
Definition	The identifier and cont the relationship.	textual sequence of an ev	vent associated with	
Rationale	An object may be related to another object because of an event, for example, migration.			
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional			
Usage notes	For derivative relationships between objects relatedEventIdentification must be recorded.			

Semantic unit	1.10.4.1 relatedEventIdentifierType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The eventIdentifierTyp	e of the related event.		
Data constraint	Must be an existing evo	entIdentifierType value.		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierType] [see examples for eventIdentifierType] [see examples for eventIdentifierType]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	For most preservation repositories, the <i>eventIdentifierType</i> will simply be its own internal numbering system. It can be implicit within the system and provided explicitly only if the data is exported.			

Semantic unit	1.10.4.2 relatedEventIdentifierValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The eventIdentifierVal	ue of the related event.		
Data constraint	Must be an existing eventIdentifierValue value.			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierValue] [see examples for eventIdentifierValue] [see examples for eventIdentifierValue]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.10.4.3 relatedEvent	1.10.4.3 relatedEventSequence		
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The order of the related	d event.		
Data constraint	None			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	1 2 3			
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional	
Usage notes	The sequence of a related event can be inferred from the <i>eventDateTime</i> associated with the related event.			

Semantic unit	1.11 linkingEventIder	1.11 linkingEventIdentifier			
Semantic components	1.11.1 linkingEventIdentifierType 1.11.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue				
Definition	The eventIdentifier of	an event associated with	the object.		
Data constraint	Container				
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable Applicable Applicable				
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional				
Usage notes	Use to link to events that are not associated with relationships between objects, such as format validation, virus checking, etc. Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.				

Semantic unit	1.11.1 linkingEventIdentifierType			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The eventIdentifierTyp	e value of the related ev	ent.	
Data constraint	Must be an existing ev	entIdentifierType value.		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream			
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierType] [see examples for eventIdentifierType] [see examples for eventIdentifierType]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory			
Usage notes	For most preservation repositories, the <i>eventIdentifierType</i> will simply be their own internal numbering system. It can be implicit within the system and provided explicitly only if the data is exported.			

Semantic unit	1.11.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The eventIdentifierVal	ue value of the related ev	vent.	
Data constraint	Must be an existing eventIdentifierValue value.			
Object category	Representation	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierValue] [see examples for eventIdentifierValue] [see examples for eventIdentifierValue]			
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	

Semantic unit	1.12 linkingIntellectua	alEntityldentifier	
Semantic components	1.12.1 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierType 1.12.2 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierValue		
Definition	An identifier for an int	ellectual entity associate	d with the object.
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Usage notes	Use to link to an intellectual entity that is related to the object. This may be a link to descriptive metadata that describes the intellectual entity or some other surrogate for it that can be referenced. This link will likely be to an identifier of an object that is at a higher conceptual level than the object for which the metadata is provided, for example, to a collection or parent object. Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.		

Semantic unit	1.12.1 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the <i>linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifier</i> is unique.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		URI LCCN	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	1.12.2 linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifierValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The value of the linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifier.		
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	hdl:loc.natlib/mrva00 02.0495 info:lccn/19018302		
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	1.13 linkingRightsStatementIdentifier		
Semantic components	1.13.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType 1.13.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue		
Definition	An identifier for a rights statement associated with the object.		
Rationale	A repository may choose to link from a rights statement to an object or from an object to a rights statement or both.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable	Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional	Optional	Optional
Usage notes	Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.		

Semantic unit	1.13.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the linkingRightsStatementIdentifier is unique.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		URI LCCN	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	1.13.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The value of the <i>linkin</i>	The value of the <i>linkingRightsStatementIdentifier</i> .	
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Event Entity

The Event entity aggregates information about an action that involves one or more Object entities. Metadata about an Event would normally be recorded and stored separately from the digital object.

Whether or not a preservation repository records an Event depends upon the importance of the event. Actions that modify objects should always be recorded. Other actions such as copying an object for backup purposes may be recorded in system logs or an audit trail but not necessarily in an Event entity.

Mandatory semantic units are: eventIdentifier, eventType, and eventDateTime.

Entity properties

- Must be related to one or more objects.
- Can be related to one or more agents.
- Links between entities may be recorded from either direction and need not be bi-directional.

Entity semantic units

- 2.1 eventIdentifier (M, NR)
 - 2.1.1 eventIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 2.1.2 eventIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 2.2 eventType (M, NR)
- 2.3 eventDateTime (M, NR)
- 2.4 eventDetail (O, NR)
- 2.5 eventOutcomeInformation (O, R)
 - 2.5.1 eventOutcome (O, NR)
 - 2.5.2 eventOutcomeDetail (O, R)
 - 2.5.2.1 eventOutcomeDetailNote (O, NR)
 - 2.5.2.2 eventOutcomeDetailExtension (O, R)
- 2.6 linkingAgentIdentifier (O, R)
 - 2.6.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 2.6.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 2.6.3 linkingAgentRole (O, R)
- 2.7 linkingObjectIdentifier (O, R)
 - 2.7.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 2.7.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 2.7.3 linkingObjectRole (O, R)

Semantic unit	2.1 eventIdentifier
Semantic components	2.1.1 eventIdentifierType 2.1.2 eventIdentifierValue
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify the event within the preservation repository system.
Rationale	Each event recorded by the preservation archive must have a unique identifier to allow it to be related to objects, agents, and other events.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Creation / Maintenance notes	The <i>eventIdentifier</i> is likely to be system generated. There is no global scheme or standard for these identifiers. The identifier is therefore not repeatable.

Semantic unit	2.1.1 eventldentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the event identifier is unique.
Data constraint	None
Examples	FDA Stanford Repository Event ID UUID
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Creation / Maintenance notes	For most preservation repositories, the <i>eventIdentifierType</i> will be its own internal numbering system. It can be implicit within the system and provided explicitly only if the data is exported.

Semantic unit	2.1.2 eventIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the eventIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Examples	[a binary integer] E-2004-11-13-000119 58f202ac-22cf-11d1-b12d-002035b29092
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	2.2 eventType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A categorization of the nature of the event.
Rationale	Categorizing events will aid the preservation repository in machine processing of event information, particularly in reporting.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	E77 [a code used within a repository for a particular event type] Ingest
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Each repository should define its own controlled vocabulary of eventType values. A suggested starter list for consideration (see also the Glossary for more detailed definitions): capture = the process whereby a repository actively obtains an object compression = the process of coding data to save storage space or transmission time creation = the act of creating a new object deaccession = the process of removing an object from the inventory of a repository decompression = the process of reversing the effects of compression decryption = the process of converting encrypted data to plaintext deletion = the process of removing an object from repository storage digital signature validation = the process of determining that a decrypted digital signature matches an expected value dissemination = the process of retrieving an object from repository storage and making it available to users fixity check = the process of verifying that an object has not been changed in a given period ingestion = the process of adding objects to a preservation repository message digest calculation = the process by which a message digest ("hash") is created migration = a transformation of an object creating a version in a more contemporary format normalization = a transformation of an object creating a version more conducive to preservation repository a consideration in the process of creating a copy of an object that is, bit-

wise, identical to the original

validation = the process of comparing an object with a standard and noting compliance or exceptions

virus check = the process of scanning a file for malicious programs Note that migration, normalization, and replication are more precise subtypes of the creation event. "Creation" can be used when more precise terms do not apply, for example, when a digital object was first created by scanning from paper.

In general, the level of specificity in recording the type of event (e.g., whether the *eventType* indicates a transformation, a migration or a particular method of migration) is implementation specific and will depend upon how reporting and processing is done. Recommended practice is to record detailed information about the event itself in *eventDetail* rather than using a very granular value for *eventType*.

Semantic unit	2.3 eventDateTime
Semantic components	None
Definition	The single date and time, or date and time range, at or during which the event occurred.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	20050704T071530-0500 [July 4, 2005 at 7:15:30 a.m. EST] 2006-07-16T19:20:30+01:00 20050705T0715-0500/20050705T0720-0500 [from 7:15 a.m. EST to 7:20 a.m. EST on July 4, 2005] 2004-03-17 [March 17, 2004, only the date is known]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Recommended practice is to record the most specific time possible and to designate the time zone.

Semantic unit	2.4 eventDetail
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the event.
Data constraint	None
Examples	Object permanently withdrawn by request of Caroline Hunt. Program="MIGJP2JP2K"; version="2.2"
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	eventDetail is not intended to be processed by machine. It may record any information about an event and/or point to information stored elsewhere.

Semantic unit	2.5 eventOutcomeInformation
Semantic components	2.5.1 eventOutcome 2.5.2 eventOutcomeDetail
Definition	Information about the outcome of an event.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	A repository may wish to supplement a coded <i>eventOutcome</i> value with additional information in <i>eventOutcomeDetail</i> . Since events may have more than one outcome, the container is repeatable. All subunits of this semantic unit are optional. At least one subunit (i.e. <i>eventOutcome</i> or <i>eventOutcomeDetail</i>) must be present if this container is included.

Semantic unit	2.5.1 eventOutcome
Semantic components	None
Definition	A categorization of the overall result of the event in terms of success, partial success, or failure.
Rationale	A coded way of representing the outcome of an event may be useful for machine processing and reporting. If, for example, a fixity check fails, the event record provides both an actionable and a permanent record.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	00 [a code meaning "action successfully completed"] CV-01 [a code meaning "checksum validated"]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Recommended practice is to use a controlled vocabulary that a system can act upon automatically. More detail about the outcome may be recorded in <i>eventOutcomeDetail</i> . Recommended practice is to define events with sufficient granularity that each event has a single outcome.

Semantic unit	2.5.2 eventOutcomeDetail
Semantic components	2.5.2.1 eventOutcomeDetailNote 2.5.2.2 eventOutcomeDetailExtension
Definition	A detailed description of the result or product of the event.
Rationale	An event outcome may be sufficiently complex that a coded description is not adequate to document it.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This may be used to record all error and warning messages issued by a program involved in the event or to record a pointer to an error log. If the event was a validity check (e.g., profile conformance) any anomalies or quirks discovered would be recorded here. All subunits of this semantic unit are optional. At least one subunit (i.e. eventOutcomeDetailNote and/or eventOutcomeDetailExtension) must be present if this container is included.

Semantic unit	2.5.2.1 eventOutcomeDetailNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	A detailed description of the result or product of the event in textual form.
Rationale	Additional information in textual form may be needed about the outcome of the event.
Data constraint	None
Examples	LZW compressed file Non-standard tags found in header
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	2.5.2.2 eventOutcomeDetailExtension
Semantic components	Defined externally
Definition	A container to include semantic units defined outside of PREMIS.
Rationale	There may be a need to replace or extend PREMIS defined units.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an extension schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance in "Extensibility," page 19. If eventOutcomeDetailExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under eventOutcomeDetail, the container eventOutcomeDetail is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, eventOutcomeDetail should also be repeated. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in eventOutcomeDetailExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.

Semantic unit	2.6 linkingAgentIdentifier
Semantic components	2.6.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType 2.6.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue 2.6.3 linkingAgentRole
Definition	Identification of one or more agents associated with the event.
Rationale	Digital provenance requires often that relationships between agents and events are documented.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Recommended practice is to record the agent if possible. Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.

Semantic unit	2.6.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain in which the linking agent identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	[see examples for <u>agentIdentifierType</u>]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	2.6.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the linking agent identifier.
Data constraint	None
Examples	[see examples for agentIdentifierValue]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	2.6.3 linkingAgentRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	The role of the agent in relation to this event.
Rationale	Events can have more than one agent associated with them. The role of each agent may need to be documented.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	Authorizer Implementer Validator Executing program
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	2.7 linkingObjectIdentifier
Semantic components	2.7.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType 2.7.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue 2.7.3 linkingObjectRole
Definition	Information about an object associated with an event.
Rationale	Digital provenance often requires that relationships between objects and events are documented.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.

Semantic unit	2.7.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain in which the linking object identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierType]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	2.7.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the linking object identifier.
Data constraint	None
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierValue]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	2.7.3 linkingObjectRole		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The role of the object associated with an event.		
Rationale	Distinguishes the role of the object in relation to an event. If this is not explicit it is necessary to analyze the relationship between objects in the object metadata.		
Data constraint	None		
Examples	source outcome		
Repeatability	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional		

Agent Entity

The Agent entity aggregates information about attributes or characteristics of agents (persons, organizations, or software) associated with rights management and preservation events in the life of a data object. Agent information serves to identify an agent unambiguously from all other Agent entities.

The only mandatory semantic unit is *agentIdentifier*.

Entity properties

- May hold or grant one or more rights.
- May carry out, authorize, or compel one or more events.
- May create or act upon one or more objects through an event or with respect to a rights statement.

Entity semantic units

- 3.1 agentIdentifier (M, R)
 - 3.1.1 agentIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 3.1.2 agentIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 3.2 agentName (O, R)
- 3.3 agentType (O, NR)
- 3.4 agentNote (O, R)
- 3.5 agentExtension (O, R)
- 3.6 linkingEventIdentifier (O, R)
 - 3.6.1 linkingEventIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 3.6.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 3.7 linkingRightsStatementIdentifier (O, R)
 - 3.7.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 3.7.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue (M, NR)

Semantic unit	3.1 agentIdentifier		
Semantic components	3.1.1 agentIdentifierType 3.1.2 agentIdentifierValue		
Definition	The designation used to uniquely identify the agent within a preservation repository system.		
Rationale	Each agent associated with the preservation repository must have a unique identifier to allow it to be related to events and rights statements.		
Data constraint	Container		
Repeatability	Repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory		
	Mandatory		
Creation / Maintenance notes	An identifier may be created by the repository system, or it may be created or assigned outside of the repository. Similarly, identifiers can be automatically or manually generated. Recommended practice is for repositories to use an identifier automatically created by the repository as the primary identifier in order to ensure that identifiers are unique and usable by the repository. Externally assigned identifiers can be used as secondary identifiers in order to link an agent to information held outside the repository.		

Semantic unit	3.1.1 agentIdentifierType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A designation of the domain in which the agent identifier is unique.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Examples	LCNAF SAN MARC Organization Codes URI		
Repeatability	Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory		

Semantic unit	3.1.2 agentIdentifierValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The value of the agentIdentifier.		
Data constraint	None		
Examples	92-79971 Owens, Erik C. 234-5676 MH-CS info:lccn/n78890351		
Repeatability	Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory		
Usage notes	May be a unique key or a controlled textual form of name.		

Semantic unit	3.2 agentName		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A text string which could be used in addition to agentIdentifier to identify an agent.		
Rationale	This semantic unit provides a more reader-friendly version of the agent identified by the agentIdentifier.		
Data constraint	None		
Examples	Erik Owens Woodyard Pc		
Repeatability	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional		
Usage notes	The value is not necessarily unique.		

Semantic unit	3.3 agentType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A high-level characterization of the type of agent.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.		
Repeatability	Not repeatable		
Obligation	Optional		
Usage notes	Suggested values: person organization software		

Semantic unit	3.4 agentNote		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	Additional information about the agent.		
Rationale	Additional information may be needed to describe or disambiguate the agent.		
Data constraint	None		
Examples	prefix=/opt/local [configuration options used with a software agent]		
Repeatability	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional		
Usage notes	Use <i>agentNote</i> when relatively limited information must be supplied. If extensive additional information is required, consider using an externally defined schema with <i>agentExtension</i> instead.		

Semantic unit	3.5 agentExtension		
Semantic components	Defined externally.		
Definition	A container to include semantic units defined outside of PREMIS.		
Rationale	There may be a need to replace or extend PREMIS defined units.		
Data constraint	Container		
Repeatability	Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional		
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an extension schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance in "Extensibility," page 19. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in agentExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.		

Semantic unit	3.6 linkingEventIdentifier			
Semantic components	3.6.1 linkingEventIdentifierType 3.6.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue			
Definition	The eventIdentifier of an event associated with the agent.			
Data constraint	Container			
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream	
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable			
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional			
Usage notes	Use to link to events that are not associated with relationships between objects, such as format validation, virus checking, etc. Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.			

Semantic unit	3.6.1 linkingEventIdentifierType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The eventIdentifierTyp	e value of the related ev	ent.
Data constraint	Must be an existing even	entIdentifierType value.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierType]	[see examples for eventIdentifierType]	[see examples for eventIdentifierType]
Repeatability	Not repeatable Not repeatable Not repeatable		
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Usage notes	For most preservation repositories, the <i>eventIdentifierType</i> will simply be their own internal numbering system. It can be implicit within the system and provided explicitly only if the data is exported.		

Semantic unit	3.6.2 linkingEventIdentifierValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The eventIdentifierVal	ue value of the related ev	vent.
Data constraint	Must be an existing eventIdentifierValue value.		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples	[see examples for eventIdentifierValue]	[see examples for eventIdentifierValue]	[see examples for eventIdentifierValue]
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	3.7 linkingRightsStatementIdentifier		
Semantic components	3.7.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType 3.7.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue		
Definition	An identifier for a righ	An identifier for a rights statement associated with the agent.	
Rationale	A repository may choose to link from a rights statement to an agent or from an agent to a rights statement or both.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatable Repeatable Repeatable		
Obligation	Optional Optional Optional		
Usage notes	Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be.		

Semantic unit	3.7.1 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierType		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the linkingRightsStatementIdentifier is unique.		
Data constraint	Value should be taken	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.	
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples		URI LCCN	
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Semantic unit	3.7.2 linkingRightsStatementIdentifierValue		
Semantic components	None		
Definition	The value of the linkingRightsStatementIdentifier.		
Data constraint	None		
Object category	Representation File Bitstream		
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Not repeatable	Not repeatable	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory

Rights Entity

For the purpose of the PREMIS Data Dictionary, statements of rights and permissions are taken to be constructs that can be described as the Rights entity. Rights are entitlements allowed to agents by copyright or other intellectual property law. Permissions are powers or privileges granted by agreement between a rightsholder and another party or parties.

A repository might wish to record a variety of rights information including abstract rights statements and statements of permissions that apply to external agents and to objects not held within the repository. The minimum core rights information that a preservation repository must know, however, is what rights or permissions a repository has to carry out actions related to objects within the repository. These may generally be granted by copyright law, by statute, or by a license agreement with the rightsholder. In some situations the basis for the rights is for other reasons, for instance institutional policy.

If the repository records rights information, either *rightsStatement* or *rightsExtension* must be present.

Entity properties

- May be related to one or more objects.
- May be related to one or more agents.
- Links between entities may be recorded from either direction and need not be bi-directional.

Entity semantic units

- 4.1 rightsStatement (O, R)
 - 4.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifier (M, NR)
 - 4.1.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 4.1.1.2 rightsStatementIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 4.1.2 rightsBasis (M, NR)
 - 4.1.3 copyrightInformation (O, NR)
 - 4.1.3.1 copyrightStatus (M, NR)
 - 4.1.3.2 copyrightJurisdiction (M, NR)
 - 4.1.3.3 copyrightStatusDeterminationDate (O, NR)
 - 4.1.3.4 copyrightNote (O, R)
 - 4.1.3.5 copyrightDocumentationIdentifier (O, R)
 - 4.1.3.5.1 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 4.1.3.5.2 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 4.1.3.5.3 copyrightDocumentationRole (O, NR)
 - 4.1.3.6 copyrightApplicableDates (O, NR)
 - 4.1.3.6.1 startDate (O, NR)
 - 4.1.3.6.2 endDate (O, NR)

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4.1.4
        licenseInformation (O, NR)
        4.1.4.1
                 licenseDocumentationIdentifier (O, R)
                 4.1.4.1.1
                             licenseDocumentationIdentifierType (M, NR)
                 4.1.4.1.2
                             licenseDocumentationIdentifierValue (M, NR)
                             licenseDocumentationRole (O, NR)
                 4.1.4.1.3
        4.1.4.2
                 licenseTerms (O, NR)
        4.1.4.3
                 licenseNote (O, R)
        4.1.4.4
                 licenseApplicableDates (O, NR)
                 4.1.4.4.1
                                 startDate (O, NR)
                 4.1.4.4.2
                                 endDate (O, NR)
4.1.5
       statuteInformation (O, R)
        4.1.5.1
                 statuteJurisdiction (M, NR)
        4.1.5.2
                 statuteCitation (M, NR)
                 statuteInformationDeterminationDate (O, NR)
        4.1.5.3
        4.1.5.4
                 statuteNote (O, R)
        4.1.5.5
                 statuteDocumentationIdentifier (O,R)
                 4.1.5.5.1 statuteDocumentationIdentifierType (M, NR)
                 4.1.5.5.2 statuteDocumentationIdentifierValue (M, NR)
                 4.1.5.5.3 statuteDocumentationRole (O, NR)
        4.1.5.6
                 statuteApplicableDates (O, NR)
                                 startDate (O, NR)
                 4.1.5.6.1
                 4.1.5.6.2
                                 endDate (O, NR)
4.1.6
        otherRightsInformation (O, NR)
        4.1.6.1
                 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifier (O, R)
                             otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierType (M, NR)
                 4.1.6.1.1
                 4.1.6.1.2
                             otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierValue(M, NR)
                 4.1.6.1.3
                             otherRightsDocumentationRole (O, NR)
        4.1.6.2
                 otherRightsBasis (M, NR)
        4.1.6.3
                 otherRightsApplicableDates (O, NR)
                             startDate (O, NR)
                 4.1.6.3.1
                 4.1.6.3.2
                             endDate (O, NR)
        4.1.6.4
                 otherRightsNote (O, R)
       rightsGranted (O, R)
4.1.7
        4.1.7.1
                 act (M, NR)
        4.1.7.2
                 restriction (O, R)
        4.1.7.3
                 termOfGrant (O, NR)
                 4.1.7.3.1
                             startDate (M, NR)
                 4.1.7.3.2
                             endDate (O, NR)
        4.1.7.4
                 termOfRestriction (O, NR)
                             startDate (M, NR)
                 4.1.7.4.1
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- 4.1.7.4.2 endDate (O, NR)
- 4.1.7.5 rightsGrantedNote (O, R)
- 4.1.8 linkingObjectIdentifier (O, R)
 - 4.1.8.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 4.1.8.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 4.1.8.3 linkingObjectRole (O, R)
- 4.1.9 linkingAgentIdentifier (O, R)
 - 4.1.9.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 4.1.9.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue (M, NR)
 - 4.1.9.3 linkingAgentRole (O, R)
- 4.2 rightsExtension (O, R)

Semantic unit	4.1 rightsStatement
Semantic components	4.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifier 4.1.2 rightsBasis 4.1.3 copyrightInformation 4.1.4 licenseInformation 4.1.5 statuteInformation 4.1.6 otherRightsInformation 4.1.7 rightsGranted 4.1.8 linkingObjectIdentifier 4.1.9 linkingAgentIdentifier
Definition	Documentation of the repository's right to perform one or more acts.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit is optional because in some cases rights may be unknown. Institutions are encouraged to record rights information when possible. Either <i>rightsStatement</i> or <i>rightsExtension</i> must be present if the Rights entity is included. The <i>rightsStatement</i> should be repeated when the act(s) described has more than one basis, or when different acts have different bases.

Semantic unit	4.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifierType 4.1.1.2 rightsStatementIdentifierValue
Definition	The designation used to uniquely identify the rights statement within a preservation repository system.
Rationale	Each statement of rights associated with the preservation repository must have a unique identifier to allow it to be related to events and agents.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Creation/ maintenance notes	The <i>rightsStatementIdentifier</i> is likely to be system generated. There is no global scheme or standard for these identifiers. The identifier is therefore not repeatable.
Usage notes	Identifiers must be unique within the repository.

Semantic unit	4.1.1.1 rightsStatementIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the rights statement identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.1.2 rightsStatementIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the rightsStatementIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.2 rightsBasis
Semantic components	None
Definition	Designation of the basis for the right or permission described in the rightsStatementIdentifier.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Suggested values: copyright, license, statute, other. When rightsBasis is "copyright", copyrightInformation should be provided. When rightsBasis is "license", licenseInformation should be provided. When rightsBasis is "statute", statuteInformation should be provided. When rightsBasis is "other", otherRightsBasis (in otherRightsInformation container) should be provided. If the basis for the rights is the item is public domain, use "copyright". If the basis is Fair Use, use "statute". If more than one basis applies, the entire rights entity should be repeated.

Semantic unit	4.1.3 copyrightInformation
Semantic components	4.1.3.1 copyrightStatus 4.1.3.2 copyrightJurisdiction 4.1.3.3 copyrightStatusDeterminationDate 4.1.3.4 copyrightNote 4.1.3.5 copyrightDocumentationIdentifier 4.1.3.6 copyrightApplicableDates
Definition	Information about the copyright status of the object(s).
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	When <i>rightsBasis</i> is "copyright", <i>copyrightInformation</i> should be provided. Repositories may need to extend this with more detailed information. See the California Digital Library's copyrightMD schema (www.cdlib.org/inside/projects/rights/schema/) for an example of a more detailed scheme.

Semantic unit	4.1.3.1 copyrightStatus
Semantic components	None
Definition	A coded designation for the copyright status of the object at the time the rights statement is recorded.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Suggested values: copyrighted = Under copyright. publicdomain = In the public domain. unknown = Copyright status of the resource is unknown.

Semantic unit	4.1.3.2 copyrightJurisdiction			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The country whose copyright laws apply.			
Rationale	Copyright law can vary from country to country.			
Data constraint	Values should be taken from ISO 3166.			
Example	us de			
Repeatability	Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory			

Semantic unit	4.1.3.3 copyrightStatusDeterminationDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The date that the copyright status recorded in <i>copyrightStatus</i> was determined.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	20070608
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.3.4 copyrightNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the copyright status of the object.
Data constraint	None
Examples	Copyright expiration expected in 2010 unless renewed. Copyright statement is embedded in file header.
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional



Semantic unit	4.1.3.5 copyrightDocumentationIdentifier				
Semantic components	4.1.3.5.1 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierType 4.1.3.5.2 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierValue 4.1.3.5.3 copyrightDocumentationRole				
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify documentation supporting the specified rights granted according to copyright within the repository system.				
Data constraint	Container				
Repeatability	Repeatable				
Obligation	Optional				
Usage notes	This semantic unit is intended to refer to a document detailing the granting of permission when the rights basis is copyright. If repeated, use copyrightDocumentationRole to distinguish the role of the given documentation.				

Semantic unit	4.1.3.5.1 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the copyright documentation identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.3.5.2 copyrightDocumentationIdentifierValue			
Semantic components	None			
Definition	The value of the copyrightDocumentationIdentifier.			
Data constraint	None			
Repeatability	Not repeatable			
Obligation	Mandatory			

Semantic unit	4.1.3.5.3 copyrightDocumentationRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	A value indicating the purpose or expected use of the documentation being identified.
Rationale	This information distinguishes the purpose of the supporting documentation especially when there are multiple documentation identifiers.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.3.6 copyrightApplicableDates
Semantic components	4.1.3.6.1 startDate 4.1.3.6.2 endDate
Definition	The date range during which the particular copyright applies or is applied to the content. This is distinct from termOfGrant, which applies to a particular act expressed in rightsGranted and may differ from the period of time the license, statute or other basis applies to the content.
Rationale	Specific dates may apply to the particular rights granted.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	The repository may wish to retain the history of rights and restrictions associated with the content over time. Associating active dates with particular rights bases allows applications to identify which of several rightsStatements are in force at a given time.

Semantic unit	4.1.3.6.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.3.6.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of restriction. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.

Semantic unit	4.1.4 licenseInformation
Semantic components	4.1.4.1 licenseDocumentationIdentifier 4.1.4.2 licenseTerms 4.1.4.3 licenseNote 4.1.4.4 licenseApplicableDates
Definition	Information about a license or other agreement granting permissions related to an object.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	When rightsBasis is "license", licenseInformation should be provided.

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Semantic unit	4.1.4.1 licenseDocumentationIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.4.1.1 licenseDocumentationIdentifierType 4.1.4.1.2 licenseDocumentationIdentifierValue 4.1.4.1.3 licenseDocumentationRole
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify documentation supporting the specified rights granted by license within the repository system.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit is intended to refer to a document recording the granting of permission when the rights basis is license. For some repositories this may be a formal signed contract with a customer. If the granting agreement is verbal, this could point to a memo by the repository documenting the verbal agreement. The identifier is optional because the agreement may not be stored in a repository with an identifier. In the case of a verbal agreement, for example, the entire agreement may be included or described in the <i>licenseTerms</i> . If repeated, use licenseDocumentationRole to distinguish the role of the given documentation. This replaces the semantic unit in PREMIS version 2.1 which was called licenseIdentifier.

Semantic unit	4.1.4.1.1 licenseDocumentationIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the license documentation identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Example	HUL_DRS_OBJECT_URN
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.4.1.2 licenseDocumentationIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the licenseDocumentationIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Example	http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.DRS.OBJECT:6789
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.4.1.3 licenseDocumentationRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	A value indicating the purpose or expected use of the documentation being identified.
Rationale	This information distinguishes the purpose of the supporting documentation especially when there are multiple documentation identifiers.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Example	donor agreement
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.4.2 licenseTerms
Semantic components	None
Definition	Text describing the license or agreement by which permission was granted.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This could contain the actual text of the license or agreement or a paraphrase or summary.

Semantic unit	4.1.4.3 licenseNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the license.
Data constraint	None
Example	License is embedded in XMP block in file header.
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Information about the terms of the license should go in <i>licenseTerms</i> . <i>licenseNotes</i> is intended for other types of information related to the license, such as contact persons, action dates, or interpretations. The note may also indicate the location of the license, for example, if it is available online or embedded in the object itself.



Semantic unit	4.1.4.4 licenseApplicableDates
Semantic components	4.1.4.4.1 startDate 4.1.4.4.2 endDate
Definition	The date range during which the license applies or is applied to the content. This is distinct from termOfGrant, which applies to a particular act expressed in rightsGranted and may differ from the period of time the license, statute or other basis applies to the content.
Rationale	Specific dates may apply to the particular rights granted.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	The repository may wish to retain the history of rights and restrictions associated with the content over time. Associating active dates with particular rights bases allows applications to identify which of several rightsStatements are in force at a given time.

Semantic unit	4.1.4.4.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.4.4.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of restriction. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.



Semantic unit	4.1.5 statuteInformation
Semantic components	4.1.5.1 statuteJurisdiction 4.1.5.2 statuteCitation 4.1.5.3 statuteInformationDeterminationDate 4.1.5.4 statuteNote 4.1.5.5 statuteDocumentationIdentifier 4.1.5.6 statuteApplicableDates
Definition	Information about the statute allowing use of the object.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	When rightsBasis is "statute", statuteInformation should be provided.

Semantic unit	4.1.5.1 statuteJurisdiction
Semantic components	None
Definition	The country or other political body enacting the statute.
Rationale	The connection between the object and the rights granted is based on jurisdiction.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Example	us de
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.5.2 statuteCitation
Semantic components	None
Definition	An identifying designation for the statute.
Data constraint	None
Example	Legal Deposit (Jersey) Law 200- National Library of New Zealand (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) Act 2003 no 19 part 4 s 34
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Use standard citation form when applicable.

Semantic unit	4.1.5.3 statuteInformationDeterminationDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The date that the determination was made that the statute authorized the permission(s) noted.
Rationale	The permission in question may be the subject of some interpretation. These assessments are made within a specific context and at a specific time. At another time the context, and therefore the assessment, could change. For this reason it can be important to record the date of the decision.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2007-12-01 20040223151047.0
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.5.4 statuteNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the statute.
Data constraint	None
Example	Applicability to web-published content sent for review by general counsel 9/19/2008.
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional



Semantic unit	4.1.5.5 statuteDocumentationIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.5.5.1 statuteDocumentationIdentifierType 4.1.5.5.2 statuteDocumentationIdentifierValue 4.1.5.5.3 statuteDocumentationRole
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify documentation supporting the specified rights granted by statute within the repository system.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit is intended to refer to a document detailing the granting of permission when the rights basis is statute. If repeated, use statuteDocumentationRole to distinguish the role of the given documentation.

Semantic unit	4.1.5.5.1 statuteDocumentationIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the statute documentation identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.5.5.2 statuteDocumentationIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the statuteDocumentationIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.5.5.3 statuteDocumentationRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	A value indicating the purpose or expected use of the documentation being identified.
Rationale	This information distinguishes the purpose of the supporting documentation especially when there are multiple documentation identifiers.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	For a particular law one might want to link to various sources of documentation, e.g. the law publication itself (role: law), the application decree that enforces it (role: application decree) or some addition text refining the law by showing a real world verdict (role: case law).

Semantic unit	4.1.5.6 statuteApplicableDates
Semantic components	4.1.5.6.1 startDate 4.1.5.6.2 endDate
Definition	The date range during which the statute applies or is applied to the content. This is distinct from termOfGrant, which applies to a particular act expressed in rightsGranted and may differ from the period of time the license, statute or other basis applies to the content.
Rationale	Specific dates may apply to the particular rights granted.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	The repository may wish to retain the history of rights and restrictions associated with the content over time. Associating active dates with particular rights bases allows applications to identify which of several rightsStatements are in force at a given time.

Semantic unit	4.1.5.6.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.5.6.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of restriction. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.



Semantic unit	4.1.6 otherRightsInformation
Semantic components	4.1.6.1 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifier 4.1.6.2 otherRightsBasis 4.1.6.3 otherRightsApplicableDates 4.1.6.4 otherRightsNote
Definition	Information about the rights status of the object(s).
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit is used to supply information about rights granted when the basis is something other than copyright, license or statute.

Semantic unit	4.1.6.1 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.6.1.1 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierType 4.1.6.1.2 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierValue 4.1.6.1.3 otherRightsDocumentationRole
Definition	A designation used to uniquely identify documentation supporting the specified rights within the repository system, when the basis for these rights is something other than copyright, license or statute.
Rationale	This semantic unit provides a mechanism to link to documentation for rightsBasis values other than those granted through copyright, license or statute. The rights basis may be specified in otherRightsBasis.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Creation/ maintenance notes	The semantic unit is repeatable because there may be more than one document that provides information about the rights.
Usage notes	This semantic unit is intended to refer to a document recording the granting of permission, the expression of requirements or restrictions, or other information supporting the specified rightsBasis. If repeated, use otherRightsDocumentationRole to distinguish the role of the given documentation.

Semantic unit	4.1.6.1.1 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain within which the rights statement documentation identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.6.1.2 otherRightsDocumentationIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the otherRightsDocumentationIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.6.1.3 otherRightsDocumentationRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	A value indicating the purpose or expected use of the documentation being identified.
Rationale	This information distinguishes the purpose of the supporting documentation especially when there are multiple documentation identifiers.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.6.2 otherRightsBasis
Semantic components	None
Definition	Designation of the basis for the other right or permission described in the <i>rightsStatementIdentifier</i> .
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Example	Harvard policy
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Use this semantic unit for specific rights bases other than copyrightInformation, licenseInformation or, statuteInformation. When this semantic unit is used 4.1.2 rightsBasis is "other". The rights basis may be specific to the repository, but it is recommended to use a value from a local or globally controlled vocabulary for machine actionability. If more than one basis applies, the entire rights entity should be repeated.

Semantic unit	4.1.6.3 otherRightsApplicableDates
Semantic components	4.1.6.3.1 startDate 4.1.6.3.2 endDate
Definition	The date range during which the particular rights applies or applied to the content. This is distinct from termOfGrant, which applies to a particular act expressed in rightsGranted and may differ from the period of time the license, statute or other basis applies to the content.
Rationale	Specific dates may apply to the particular rights granted.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	The repository may wish to retain the history of rights and restrictions associated with the content over time. Associating active dates with particular rights bases allows applications to identify which of several rightsStatements are in force at a given time.

Semantic unit	4.1.6.3.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.6.3.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the rights granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of restriction. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.

Semantic unit	4.1.6.4 otherRightsNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the rights of the object.
Data constraint	None
Examples	80-year rule
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional

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Semantic unit	4.1.7 rightsGranted
Semantic components	4.1.7.1 act 4.1.7.2 restriction 4.1.7.3 termOfGrant 4.1.7.4 termOfRestriction 4.1.7.5 rightsGrantedNote
Definition	The action(s) that the granting agency has allowed the repository.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.7.1 act
Semantic components	None
Definition	The action the preservation repository is allowed to take.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory
Usage notes	Suggested values: replicate = make an exact copy migrate = make a copy identical in content in a different file format modify = make a version different in content use = read without copying or modifying (e.g., to validate a file or run a program) disseminate = create a copy or version for use outside of the preservation repository delete = remove from the repository It is up to the preservation repository to decide how granular the controlled vocabulary should be. It may be useful to employ the same controlled values that the repository uses for eventType.

Semantic unit	4.1.7.2 restriction
Semantic components	None
Definition	A condition or limitation on the act.
Data constraint	None
Examples	No more than three Allowed only after one year of archival retention has elapsed Rightsholder must be notified after completion of act
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.7.3 termOfGrant
Semantic components	4.1.7.3.1 startDate 4.1.7.3.2 endDate
Definition	The time period for the permissions granted.
Rationale	The permission to preserve may be time bounded.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.7.3.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the permission granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.7.3.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the permission granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of grant. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.

Semantic unit	4.1.7.4 termOfRestriction
Semantic components	4.1.7.4.1 startDate 4.1.7.4.2 endDate
Definition	The time period for the restriction granted.
Rationale	The current definition of termOfGrant is "time period for the permissions granted." This allows for expressing information about the rights granted, but some repositories may need to express time-bounded restrictions like embargoes. If this is applicable startDate for the beginning of the embargo and endDate for the end of the embargo should be recorded.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.1.7.4.1 startDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The beginning date of the restriction granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2006-01-02 20050723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.7.4.2 endDate
Semantic components	None
Definition	The ending date of the restriction granted.
Data constraint	To aid machine processing, value should use a structured form. To facilitate exchange of PREMIS-conformant metadata, use of standard conventions, for instance as used in the date elements in the PREMIS schema, is recommended.
Examples	2010-01-02 20120723
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Use "OPEN" for an open ended term of restriction. Omit <i>endDate</i> if the ending date is unknown or the permission statement applies to many objects with different end dates.

Semantic unit	4.1.7.5 rightsGrantedNote
Semantic components	None
Definition	Additional information about the rights granted.
Rationale	A textual description of the rights granted may be needed for additional explanation.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This semantic unit may include a statement about risk assessment, for example, when a repository is not certain about what permissions have been granted.

Semantic unit	4.1.8 linkingObjectIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.8.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType 4.1.8.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue 4.1.8.3 linkingObjectRole
Definition	The identifier on an object associated with the rights statement.
Rationale	Rights statements must be associated with the objects to which they pertain, either by linking from the rights statement to the object(s) or by linking from the object(s) to the rights statement. This provides the mechanism for the link from the rights statement to an object.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be. linkingObjectIdentifier is optional because in some cases it will be more practical to link from the object(s) to the rights statement; for example, a repository may have a single rights statement covering thousands of public domain objects.

Semantic unit	4.1.8.1 linkingObjectIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain in which the linking object identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierType]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.8.2 linkingObjectIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the linkingObjectIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Examples	[see examples for objectIdentifierValue]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.8.3 linkingObjectRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	The role of the object associated with an agent.
Rationale	Distinguishes the role of the object in relation to an agent. If this is not explicit it is necessary to analyze the relationship between objects in the object metadata.
Data constraint	None
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	This value need not be supplied in the ordinary case where the role of the linked-to object is to be governed by the rights statement. If the object has a different relationship to the rights statement, however, it should be noted here.

Semantic unit	4.1.9 linkingAgentIdentifier
Semantic components	4.1.9.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType 4.1.9.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue 4.1.9.3 linkingAgentRole
Definition	Identification of one or more agents associated with the rights statement.
Rationale	Rights statements may be associated with related agents, either by linking from the rights statement to the agent(s) or by linking from the agents(s) to the rights statement. This provides the mechanism for the link from the rights statement to the agent.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	Linking semantic units are mandatory in the sense that a repository needs to know the information, but are defined as optional because PREMIS does not specify in which direction the linkage should be. linkingAgentIdentifier is optional because a relevant agent may be unknown, or in no agent may be relevant. The latter is likely when the rights basis is statute.

Semantic unit	4.1.9.1 linkingAgentIdentifierType
Semantic components	None
Definition	A designation of the domain in which the linking agent identifier is unique.
Data constraint	Value should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	[see examples for agentIdentifierType]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.9.2 linkingAgentIdentifierValue
Semantic components	None
Definition	The value of the linkingAgentIdentifier.
Data constraint	None
Examples	[see examples for agentIdentifierValue]
Repeatability	Not repeatable
Obligation	Mandatory

Semantic unit	4.1.9.3 linkingAgentRole
Semantic components	None
Definition	The role of the agent in relation to the rights statement.
Data constraint	Values should be taken from a controlled vocabulary.
Examples	contact creator publisher rightsholder grantor
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional

Semantic unit	4.2 rightsExtension
Semantic components	Defined externally
Definition	A container to include semantic units defined outside of PREMIS.
Rationale	There may be a need to replace or extend PREMIS defined units.
Data constraint	Container
Repeatability	Repeatable
Obligation	Optional
Usage notes	For more granularity or use of externally defined semantic units, extensibility is provided. Either local semantic units or metadata using another specified metadata scheme may be included instead of or in addition to PREMIS defined semantic units. When using an extension schema, a reference to that schema must be provided. See further guidance in "Extensibility," page 19. Either rightsStatement or rightsExtension must be present if the Rights entity is included. If rightsExtension container needs to be associated explicitly with any PREMIS subunit under rights, the container rights is repeated. If extensions from different external schemas are needed, rights should also be repeated. It is recommended to give information about the metadata used in rightsExtension including date the metadata was created, status of the metadata, internal linking IDs, type of metadata used and its version, message digest and message digest algorithm of the metadata, and type of identifier for external metadata links.