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Revised Civic Location Format for  
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Abstract

This document defines an XML format for the representation of civic location. This format is designed for use with Presence Information Data Format Location Object (PIDF-LO) documents and replaces the civic location format in [RFC 4119](#). The format is based on the civic address definition in PIDF-LO, but adds several new elements based on the civic types defined for Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), and adds a hierarchy to address complex road identity schemes. The format also includes support for the `xml:lang` language tag and restricts the types of elements where appropriate.

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## 1. Introduction

Since the publication of the original PIDF-LO civic specification, in [RFC4119], it has been found that the specification is lacking a number of additional parameters that can be used to more precisely specify a civic location. These additional parameters have been largely captured in [RFC4776].

This document revises the GEOPRIV civic form to include the additional civic parameters captured in [RFC4776]. The document also introduces a hierarchical structure for thoroughfare (road) identification, which is employed in some countries. New elements are defined to allow for even more precision in specifying a civic location.

## 2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

The term "thoroughfare" is used in this document to describe a road or part of a road or other access route along which a final point is identified. This is consistent with the definition used in [UPU-S42].

## 3. Changes from PIDF-LO

### 3.1. Additional Civic Address Types

[RFC4776] provides a full set of parameters that may be used to describe a civic location. Specifically, [RFC4776] lists several civic address types (CAtypes) that require support in the formal PIDF-LO definition that are not in [RFC4119].

These changes include new elements that are required to support more complex structures for naming street addresses. This is described in more detail in [Section 3.2](#).

New Field	CAtype	Description	Example
BLD	25	Building (structure)	Hope Theatre
UNIT	26	Unit (apartment, suite)	12a
ROOM	28	Room	450F
PLC	29	Place-type	office
PCN	30	Postal community name	Leonia
POBOX	31	Post office box (P.O. box)	U40
ADDCODE	32	Additional Code	13203000003
SEAT	33	Seat (desk, cubicle, workstation)	WS 181
RD	34	Primary road or street	Broadway
RDSEC	35	Road section	14
RDBR	36	Road branch	Lane 7
RDSUBBR	37	Road sub-branch	Alley 8
PRM	38	Road pre-modifier	Old
POM	39	Road post-modifier	Extended

Table 1: New Civic PIDF-LO Types

A complete description of these types is included in [\[RFC4776\]](#).

### 3.2. New Thoroughfare Elements

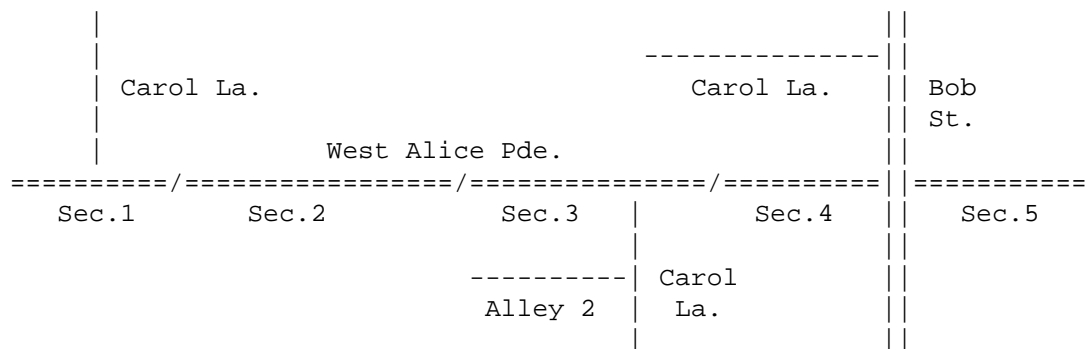
In some countries, a thoroughfare can be broken up into sections, and it is not uncommon for street numbers to be repeated between sections. A road section identifier is required to ensure that an address is unique. For example, "West Alice Parade" in the figure below has 5 sections, each numbered from 1; unless the section is specified, "7 West Alice Parade" could exist in 5 different places. The "RDSEC" element is used to specify the section.

Minor streets can share the same name, so that they can only be distinguished by the major thoroughfare with which they intersect. For example, both "West Alice Parade, [Section 3](#)" and "Bob Street" could both be intersected by a "Carol Lane". The "RDBR" element is used to specify a road branch where the name of the branch does not uniquely identify the road. Road branches MAY also be used where a major thoroughfare is split into sections.

Similar to the way that a road branch is associated with a road, a road sub-branch is associated with a road branch. The "RDSUBBR" element is used to identify road sub-branches.

The "A6" element is retained for use in those countries that require this level of detail. Where "A6" was previously used for street names in [RFC4119], it MUST NOT be used; the "RD" element MUST be used for thoroughfare data.

The following figure shows a fictional arrangement of roads where these new thoroughfare elements are applicable.



### 3.2.1. Street Numbering

The introduction of new thoroughfare elements affects the interpretation of several aspects of more specific civic address data. In particular, street numbering (the "HNO" element) applies to the most specific road element specified, that is, the first specified element from "RDSUBBR", "RDBR", "RDSEC", or "RD".

### 3.2.2. Directionals and Other Qualifiers

The "PRM", "POM", "PRD", "POD", and "STS" elements always apply to the value of the "RD" element only. If road branches or sub-branches require street suffixes or qualifiers, they MUST be included in the "RDBR" or "RDSUBBR" element text.

### 3.3. Country Element

The "country" element differs from that defined in [RFC4119] in that it now restricts the value space of the element to two uppercase characters, which correspond to the alpha-2 codes in [ISO.3166-1].

### 3.4. A1 Element

The "A1" element is used for the top-level subdivision within a country. In the absence of a country-specific guide on how to use the A-series of elements, the second part of the ISO 3166-2 code [ISO.3166-2] for a country subdivision SHOULD be used. The ISO 3166-2 code is formed of a country code and hyphen plus a code of one, two, or three characters or numerals. For the "A1" element, the leading country code and hyphen are omitted and only the subdivision code is included.

For example, the codes for Canada include CA-BC, CA-ON, CA-QC; Luxembourg has just three single-character codes, LU-D, LU-G, and LU-L; Australia uses both two- and three-character codes, AU-ACT, AU-NSW, AU-NT; and France uses numerical codes for mainland France and letters for territories, FR-75, FR-NC. This results in the following fragments:

```
<country>CA</country><A1>ON</A1>
```

```
<country>LU</country><A1>L</A1>
```

```
<country>AU</country><A1>ACT</A1>
```

```
<country>FR</country><A1>75</A1>
```

### 3.5. Languages and Scripts

The XML schema defined for civic addresses allows for the addition of the "xml:lang" attribute to all elements except "country" and "PLC", which both contain language-neutral values. The range of allowed values for "country" is defined in [ISO.3166-1]; the range of allowed values for "PLC" is described in the IANA registry defined by [RFC4589].

The "script" field defined in [RFC4776] is omitted in favor of using the "xml:lang" attribute with a script subtag [RFC4646].

It is RECOMMENDED that each "civicAddress" element use one language only, or a combination of languages that is consistent. Where a civic location is represented in multiple languages, multiple "civicAddress" elements SHOULD be included in the PIDF-LO document.

For civic addresses that form a complex to describe the same location, these SHOULD be inserted into the same tuple.

#### 3.5.1. Converting from the DHCP Format

The DHCP format for civic addresses [RFC4776] permits the inclusion of an element multiple times with different languages or scripts. However, this XML form only permits a single instance of each element. Multiple "civicAddress" elements are required if any element is duplicated with different languages. If the same language and script are used for all elements, or no elements are duplicated, the format can be converted into a single civic address.

Where there are duplicated elements in different languages, a "civicAddress" element is created for each language that is present. All elements that are in that language are included. Elements that are language independent, like the "country" and "PLC" elements, are added to all "civicAddress" elements.

#### 3.5.2. Combining Multiple Elements Based on Language Preferences

If the receiver of the XML representation is known, and that receiver has indicated language preferences, a single XML format can be constructed using those preferences. For example, language preferences can be indicated by the "Accept-Language" header in the SIP or HTTP protocols.

All elements that have only one value, irrespective of language, are used. Where multiple values exist, each value is assigned a weighting based on the language preferences. The value with the highest weighting is selected. An arbitrary value is selected if two values have the same preference, if there is no preference for the available languages, or if there are conflicting values with the same language.

#### 3.6. Whitespace

The XML schema [W3C.REC-xmlschema-2-20041028] defined in Section 4 uses a base type of "token" instead of "string" as used in [RFC4119].

The "token" type ensures that whitespace within instance documents is normalized and collapsed before being passed to a processor. This ensures that the following fragments are considered equivalent by XML processors:

```
<A4>North Wollongong</A4>
```

```
<A1>North
  Wollongong</A1>
```

```
<A1>
  North    Wollongong
</A1>
```

Whitespace may still be included in values by using character references, such as "&#x20;".

#### 4. Civic Address Schema

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xs:schema
  targetNamespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:ca="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr"
  xmlns:xml="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
  elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">

  <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
    schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2001/xml.xsd"/>

  <xs:simpleType name="iso3166a2">
    <xs:restriction base="xs:token">
      <xs:pattern value="[A-Z]{2}"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:simpleType>

  <xs:complexType name="caType">
    <xs:simpleContent>
      <xs:extension base="xs:token">
        <xs:attribute ref="xml:lang" use="optional"/>
      </xs:extension>
    </xs:simpleContent>
  </xs:complexType>
```



```
<xs:element name="civicAddress" type="ca:civicAddress"/>
<xs:complexType name="civicAddress">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="country" type="ca:iso3166a2" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A1" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A2" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A3" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A4" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A5" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="A6" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="PRM" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="PRD" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="RD" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="STS" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="POD" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="POM" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="RDSEC" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="RDBR" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="RDSUBBR" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="HNO" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="HNS" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="LMK" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="LOC" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="FLR" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="NAM" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="PC" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="BLD" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="UNIT" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="ROOM" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="SEAT" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="PLC" type="xs:token" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="PCN" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="POBOX" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="ADDPCODE" type="ca:caType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"
      minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:schema>
```

## 5. Example

```
<civicAddress xml:lang="en-AU"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr">
  <country>AU</country>
  <A1>NSW</A1>
  <A3>      Wollongong
</A3><A4>North Wollongong
</A4>
  <RD>Flinders</RD><STS>Street</STS>
  <RDBR>Campbell Street</RDBR>
  <LMK>
    Gilligan's Island
  </LMK> <LOC>Corner</LOC>
  <NAM> Video Rental Store </NAM>
  <PC>2500</PC>
  <ROOM> Westerns and Classics </ROOM>
  <PLC>store</PLC>
  <POBOX>Private Box 15</POBOX>
</civicAddress>
```

## 6. Security Considerations

The XML representation described in this document is designed for inclusion in a PIDF-LO document. As such, it is subject to the same security considerations as are described in [RFC4119]. Considerations relating to the inclusion of this representation in other XML documents are outside the scope of this document.

## 7. IANA Considerations

### 7.1. URN sub-namespace registration for

'urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr'

This document defines a new XML namespace (as per the guidelines in [RFC3688]) that has been registered with IANA.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr

Registrant Contact: IETF, GEOPRIV working group (geopriv@ietf.org),  
Martin Thomson (martin.thomson@andrew.com).

XML:

```
BEGIN
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>GEOPRIV Civic Address</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Format for Distributing Civic Address in GEOPRIV</h1>
    <h2>urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr</h2>
    <p>See <a href="http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5139.txt">
      RFC5139</a>.</p>
  </body>
</html>
END
```

## 7.2. XML Schema Registration

This section registers an XML schema as per the procedures in [RFC3688].

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:schema:pidf:geopriv10:civicAddr

Registrant Contact: IETF, GEOPRIV working group (geopriv@ietf.org),  
Martin Thomson (martin.thomson@andrew.com).

The XML for this schema can be found as the entirety of Section 4 of this document.

## 7.3. CAType Registry Update

This document updates the civic address type registry established by [RFC4776]. The "PIDF" column of the CATypes table has been updated to include the types shown in the first column of Table 1.

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