# Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX®) Specification

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Overview

Simple License Expressions

# **Composite License Expressions**

- 1) Disjunctive OR Operator
- 2) Conjunctive AND Operator
- 3) Exception WITH Operator
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# 1 Rationale

# 1.1 Charter

To create a set of data exchange standards that enable companies and organizations to share license and component information (metadata) for software packages and related content with the aim of facilitating license and other policy compliance.

# 1.2 Definition

The Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX®) specification is a standard format for communicating the components, licenses, and copyrights associated with a software package. An SPDX file is associated with a particular software package and contains information about that package in the SPDX format.

# 1.3 Why is a common format for data exchange needed?

Companies and organizations (collectively "Organizations") are widely using and reusing open source and other software packages. Compliance with the associated licenses requires a set of analysis activities and due diligence that each Organization performs independently, which may include a manual and/or automated scan of software and identification of associated licenses followed by manual verification. Software development teams across the globe use the same open source packages, but little infrastructure exists to facilitate collaboration on the analysis or share the results of these analysis activities. As a result, many groups are performing the same work leading to duplicated efforts and redundant information. The SPDX working group seeks to create a data exchange format so that information about software packages and related content may be collected and shared in a common format with the goal of saving time and improving data accuracy.

#### 1.4 What does this specification cover?

- **1.4.1** SPDX Document Creation Information: Meta data to associate analysis results with a specific version of the SPDX file and license for use, and provide information on how, when, and by whom the SPDX file was created.
- **1.4.2** Package Information: Facts that are common properties of the entire package.
- **1.4.3** File Information: Facts (e.g. copyrights, licenses) that are specific to each file included in the package.
- **1.4.4** Other Licensing Information: A list of common licenses likely to be encountered and a standardized naming convention for referring to these licenses and other licenses also found within an SPDX document. This naming convention will also be the basis for extending this set of common licenses over time.
- **1.4.5** Relationships: Information on how Documents, Packages & Files relate to each other.
- 1.4.6 Annotations: Information about when and by whom the SPDX file was reviewed.

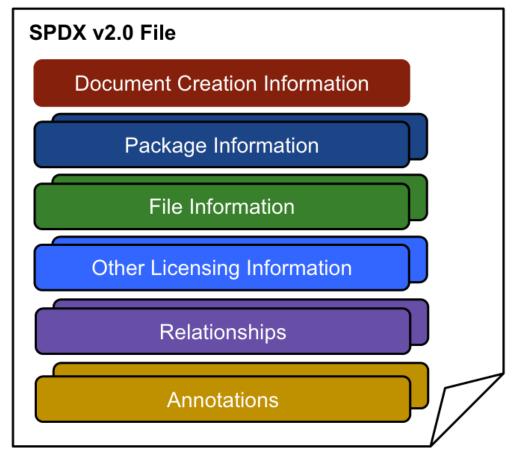


Figure 1 Overview of SPDX 2.0 document contents.

# 1.5 What is not covered in the specification?

- **1.5.1** Information that cannot be derived from an inspection (whether manual or using automated tools) of the package to be analyzed.
- **1.5.2** How the data stored in an SPDX file is used by the recipient.
- **1.5.3** Any identification of any patent(s) which may or may not relate to the package.
- **1.5.4** Legal interpretation of the licenses or any compliance actions that have been or may need to be taken.

# 1.6 Format Requirements:

**1.6.1** Must be in a human readable form.

- **1.6.2** Must be in a syntax that a software tool can read and write.
- **1.6.3** Must be suitable to be checked for syntactic correctness independent of how it was generated (human or tool).
- **1.6.4** The SPDX file character set must support UTF-8 encoding.
- **1.6.5** Must permit automated specification syntax validation.
- **1.6.6** Resource Description Framework (RDF) can be used to represent this information, as can an annotate tag value flat text file.
- **1.6.7** Interoperability with an annotate tag format and the RDF format will be preserved.
- **1.6.8** Tags and RDF properties are case sensitive.

#### 1.7 Conformance

- **1.7.1** A file can be designated an SPDX file, if it is compliant with the requirements of the SPDX Trademark License (See the SPDX Trademark Page).
- **1.7.2** The official copyright notice to be used with any verbatim reproduction and/or distribution of this SPDX Specification 2.0 is:

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# 1.8 Differences from SPDX Specification 1.2

- **1.8.1** Abstraction has been applied to the underlying model with the inclusion of SPDX elements. With SPDX 2.0, the concept of an SPDX element is introduced (see Appendix III). This includes SPDX Documents, SPDX Files, and SPDX Packages, each of which gets associated with an SPDX Identifier which is denoted by "SPDXRef-".
- **1.8.2** SPDX relationships have been added to allow any SPDX element to have a relationship to other SPDX elements. This can be used for a variety of purposes including documenting a hierarchy of sub-packages, documenting the origin of an SPDX element and documenting modifications or corrections (annotations) to an SPDX element.

- **1.8.3** The ability to reference SPDX elements outside the current SPDX document itself (external references).
- **1.8.4** Additional file types are now supported.
- **1.8.5** Additional checksum algorithms are now supported.
- **1.8.6** Review Information Section is deprecated. It is recommended to provide document reviews with Annotations (Section 7).
- **1.8.7** A richer License Expression syntax has been introduced and documented in Appendix IV.

# 2 Document Creation Information

One instance is required for each SPDX file produced. It provides the necessary information for forward and backward compatibility for processing tools.

Fields:

#### 2.1 SPDX Version

- **2.1.1 Purpose:** Provide a reference number that can be used to understand how to parse and interpret the rest of the file. It will enable both future changes to the specification and to support backward compatibility. The version number consists of a major and minor version indicator. The major field will be incremented when incompatible changes between versions are made (one or more sections are created, modified or deleted). The minor field will be incremented when backwards compatible changes are made.
- **2.1.2 Intent:** Here, parties exchanging information in accordance with SPDX specification need to provide 100% transparency as to which SPDX specification such Identification Information is conforming to.
- 2.1.3 Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- 2.1.4 Data Format: "SPDX-M.N"

where:

M is major version number N is minor version number.

**2.1.5** Tag: "SPDXVersion:"

Example:

SPDXVersion: SPDX-2.0

**2.1.6 RDF:** spdx:specVersion

Example:

<SpdxDocument rdf:about="">
 <specVersion>SPDX-2.0</specVersion>
</SpdxDocument>

#### 2.2 Data License

**2.2.1 Purpose:** Compliance with the SPDX specification includes populating the SPDX fields therein with data related to such fields ("SPDX-Metadata"). The SPDX specification contains numerous fields where an SPDX author may provide relevant explanatory text in SPDX-Metadata. Without opining on the lawfulness of "database rights" (in jurisdictions where applicable), such explanatory text is copyrightable subject matter in most Berne Convention countries. By using the SPDX specification, or any portion hereof, you hereby agree that any copyright rights (as

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- **2.2.2 Intent:** This is to alleviate any concern that content (the data or database) in an SPDX file is subject to any form of intellectual property right that could restrict the re-use of the information or the creation of another SPDX file for the same project(s). This approach avoids intellectual property and related restrictions over the SPDX file, however individuals can still contract with each other to restrict release of specific collections of SPDX files (which map to software bill of materials) and the identification of the supplier of SPDX files.
- 2.2.3 Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- 2.2.4 Data Format: "CC0-1.0"
- **2.2.5** Tag: "DataLicense:"

Example:

DataLicense: CC0-1.0

**2.2.6 RDF:** spdx:dataLicense

#### Example:

<SpdxDocument rdf:about="">
 <dataLicense rdf:resource="http://spdx.org/licenses/CC0-1.0" />
</SpdxDocument>

# 2.3 SPDX Identifier

- **2.3.1 Purpose:** Identify the current SPDX document which may be referenced in relationships by other files, packages internally and documents externally. To reference another SPDX document in total, this identifier should be used with the external document identifier preceding it. See the "Relationships between SPDX Elements" section for examples.
- **2.3.2** Intent: Provide a way for the document to refer to itself in relationship to other elements.
- **2.3.3** Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- 2.3.4 DataFormat: "SPDXRef-DOCUMENT"
- **2.3.5** Tag: "SPDXID:"

Example:

SPDXID: SPDXRef-DOCUMENT

**2.3.6 RDF:** The URI for the document is the document namespace appended by "#SPDXRef-DOCUMENT"

<spdx:SpdxDocument

rdf:about="http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-example-444504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C33 01#SPDXRef-DOCUMENT">

. . .

</spdx:SpdxDocument>

#### 2.4 Document Name

- **2.4.1 Purpose:** Identify name of this document as designated by creator.
- **2.4.2** Intent: Here, the name of each document is an important convention and easier to refer to than the URL
- 2.4.3 Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- **2.4.4 DataFormat:** single line of text.
- **2.4.5** Tag: "DocumentName:"

Example:

DocumentName: glibc-v2.3 DocumentName: ubuntu-14.04

**2.4.6 RDF**: property spdx:name in class Document

#### Example:

<SpdxDocument rdf:about="">
 <name>ubuntu-14.04</name>
</SpdxDocument>

# 2.5 SPDX Document Namespace

**2.5.1 Purpose:** This field provided an SPDX document specific namespace as a unique absolute <u>Uniform Resource Identifier</u> (URI) as specified in <u>RFC 2396</u>, with the exception of the '#' delimiter. The URI must be unique for the SPDX document including the specific version of the SPDX document. If the SPDX document is updated, thereby creating a new version, a new URI for the updated document must be used. There can only be one URI for an SPDX document and only one SPDX document for a given URI. The SPDX Document URI cannot contain a URI "part" (e.g. the "#" character), since the "#" is used to uniquely identify SPDX element identifiers.

- **2.5.2** Intent: The URI provides an unambiguous mechanism for other SPDX documents to reference SPDX elements within this SPDX document. See section 3.5 for a description on how external documents are referenced. Although it is not required, the URI can be constructed in a way which provides information on how the SPDX document can be found. For example, the URI can be a URL referencing the SPDX document itself if it is available on the internet. A best practice for creating the URI for SPDX documents available on the public internet is http://[CreatorWebsite]/[pathToSpdx]/[DocumentName]-[UUID] where:
  - CreatorWebsite is a website hosted by the creator of the document. (e.g. an SPDX document provided by SPDX would be spdx.org)
  - PathToSpdx is a path to where SPDX documents are stored on the website (e.g. /spdx/spdxdocs)
  - DocumentName is a name given to the SPDX Document itself, typically the (set of) package name(s) followed by the version. (see section 2.4).
  - UUID is a <u>universally unique identifier</u>. The UUID could be a version 4 random UUID which
    can be generated from the <u>Online UUID Generator</u> or a version 5 UUID generated from a
    sha1 checksum known to be unique for this specific SPDX document version.
  - If the creator does not own their own website, a default SPDX CreatorWebsite and PathToSpdx can be used 'spdx.org/spdxdocs'. Note that the SPDX documents are not currently stored or accessible on this website. The URI is only used to create a unique ID following the above conventions.

Note that the URI does not have to be accessible. It is only intended to provide a unique ID. In many cases, the URI will point to a web accessible document, but this should not be assumed to be the case.

- 2.5.3 Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- **2.5.4 Data Format:** unique absolute <u>Uniform Resource Identifier</u> (URI) as specified in <u>RFC</u> 2396, with the exception of the '#' character.

The URI must be unique for the SPDX document including the specific version of the SPDX document. If the SPDX document is updated, thereby creating a new version, a new URI for the updated document must be used. There can only be one URI for an SPDX document and only one SPDX document for a given URI.

The SPDX Document URI cannot contain a URI "part" (e.g. the "#" delimiter), since the "#" is used to uniquely identify SPDX element identifiers.

**2.5.5** Tag: "DocumentNamespace:"

Example:

DocumentNamespace: http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-tools-v1.2-3F2504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C3301

**2.5.6 RDF**: The unique ID is the URI for the SPDX document

#### Example:

```
<SpdxDocument
```

rdf:about="http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-tools-v1.2-3F2504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C3301"> <rdfs:comment>

This document was created using SPDX 2.0 using licenses from the web site. </rdfs:comment> </SpdxDocument>

#### 2.6 External Document References

- **2.6.1** Purpose: Identify any external SPDX documents referenced within this SPDX document.
- **2.6.2 Intent:** SPDX elements may be related to other SPDX elements. These elements may be in external SPDX documents. An SPDX element could be a file, package, or SPDX document.
- **2.6.3** Cardinality: Optional, one or many.
- **2.6.4 Data Format:** DocumentRef-[idString] [SPDX Document URI] [Checksum] where

[idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-" or "+". [SPDX Document Namespace] is the unique ID for the external document as defined in section 2.5 of that referenced document,

[Checksum] is a checksum of the external document following the checksum format defined in section 3.9.

2.6.5 Tag: "ExternalDocumentRef:"

#### Example:

ExternalDocumentRef: DocumentRef-spdx-tool-1.2

http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-tools-v1.2-3F2504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C3301 SHA1: d6a770ba38583ed4bb4525bd96e50461655d2759

- **2.6.6 RDF:** property spdx:externalDocumentRef in class spdx:Document range ExternalDocumentRef. The ExternalDocumentRef contains two properties:
  - spdxDocument the SpdxDocument being referenced
  - checksum the checksum of the referenced SPDX document

#### Example:

<externalDocumentRef>
<ExternalDocumentRef>

rdf:about="http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-tools-v1.2-3F2504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C3301" />

</checksum>
</ExternalDocumentRef>
</externalDocumentRef>

Notes: in RDF, a namespace can be created for the external document reference if a short form name for the external reference is desired.

# 2.7 License List Version

- **2.7.1 Purpose**: An optional field for creators of the SPDX file to provide the version of the SPDX License List used when the SPDX file was created.
- **2.7.2 Intent:** Recognizing that licenses are added to the SPDX License List over time, and with each subsequent version, the intent is to provide recipients of the SPDX file with the version of the License List used. This anticipates that in the future, an SPDX file may have used a version of the License List that is older than the then current one.
- **2.7.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one.
- 2.7.4 Data Format: "M.N"

where:

M is major version number N is minor version number.

**2.7.5** Tag: "LicenseListVersion:"

Example:

LicenseListVersion: 1.19

**2.7.6 RDF:** property licenseListVersion in class spdx:CreationInfo

Example:

<CreationInfo>

licenseListVersion>2.0</licenseListVersion>

</CreationInfo>

# 2.8 Creator

- **2.8.1 Purpose:** Identify who (or what, in the case of a tool) created the SPDX file. If the SPDX file was created by an individual, indicate the person's name. If the SPDX file was created on behalf of a company or organization, indicate the entity name. If the SPDX file was created using a software tool, indicate the name and version for that tool. If multiple participants or tools were involved, use multiple instances of this field. Person name or organization name may be designated as "anonymous" if appropriate.
- **2.8.2 Intent:** Here, the generation method will assist the recipient of the SPDX file in assessing the general reliability/accuracy of the analysis information.
- **2.8.3 Cardinality**: Mandatory, one or many.
- **2.8.4 Data Format:** single line of text with the following keywords:

"Person: person name" and optional "(email)"
"Organization: organization" and optional "(email)"

"Tool: toolidentifier-version"

**2.8.5 Tag:** "Creator:"

Example:

Creator: Person: Jane Doe ()

Creator: Organization: ExampleCodeInspect ()

Creator: Tool: LicenseFind-1.0

**2.8.6 RDF:** property spdx:creator in class spdx:CreationInfo

Example:

<CreationInfo>

<creator> Person: Jane Doe () </creator>

<creator> Organization: ExampleCodeInspect () </creator>

<creator> Tool: LicenseFind-1.0 </creator>

</CreationInfo>

#### 2.9 Created

- **2.9.1 Purpose:** Identify when the SPDX file was originally created. The date is to be specified according to combined date and time in UTC format as specified in ISO 8601 standard. This field is distinct from the fields in section 7, which involves the addition of information during a subsequent review.
- **2.9.2 Intent:** Here, the time stamp can serve as a verification as to whether the analysis needs to be updated.
- **2.9.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- **2.9.4 Data Format:** YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ

where:

YYYY is year

MM is month with leading zero
DD is day with leading zero
T is delimiter for time

hh is hours with leading zero in 24 hour time

mm is minutes with leading zero ss is seconds with leading zero Z is universal time indicator

2.9.5 Tag: "Created:"

Example:

Created: 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z

**2.9.6 RDF:** property spdx:created in class spdx:CreationInfo

Example:
<CreationInfo>
<created> 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z </created>
</CreationInfo>

#### 2.10 Creator Comment

- **2.10.1 Purpose:** An optional field for creators of the SPDX file to provide general comments about the creation of the SPDX file or any other relevant comment not included in the other fields.
- **2.10.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide recipients of the SPDX file with comments by the creator of the SPDX file.
- **2.10.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **2.10.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines. In tag format this is delimited by <text> .. </text>, in RDF, it is delimited by <rdfs:comment>.
- 2.10.5 Tag: "CreatorComment:"

Example:

CreatorComment: <text>

This package has been shipped in source and binary form. The binaries were created with gcc 4.5.1 and expect to link to compatible system run time libraries. </text>

**2.10.6 RDF:** property rdfs:comment in class spdx:CreationInfo

#### Example:

<CreationInfo>

<rdfs:comment> This package has been shipped in source and binary form. The binaries were created with gcc 4.5.1 and expect to link to compatible system run time libraries. </rdfs:comment> <//reationInfo>

#### 2.11 Document Comment

- **2.11.1 Purpose:** An optional field for creators of the SPDX file content to provide comments to the consumers of the SPDX document.
- **2.11.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide readers/reviewers with comments by the creator of the SPDX file about the SPDX document.
- **2.11.3 Cardinality:** Optional, one.
- 2.11.4 Data Format: free form text that can span multiple lines. In tag format this is delimited by

<text> .. </text>, in RDF, it is delimited by <rdfs:comment>.

# **2.11.5** Tag: "DocumentComment:"

Example:

DocumentComment: <text>

This document was created using SPDX 2.0 using licenses from the web site.

</text>

# **2.11.6 RDF:** property rdfs:comment in class SpdxDocument

#### Example:

<SpdxDocument rdf:about="">

<rdfs:comment>

This document was created using SPDX 2.0 using licenses from the web site.

</rdfs:comment>

</SpdxDocument>

# 3 Package Information

One instance of the Package Information is required per package being analyzed. In SPDX 2.0, it is not necessary to have a package wrapping a set of files. A package can contain sub-packages, but the information in this section is a reference to the entire contents of the package listed.

In tag:value format, the order in which package and files occur is syntactically significant.

- A new package information section is denoted by the Package Name field.
- All Package Information fields must be grouped together before the start of a Files section.
- All files contained in a package must immediately follow the package.
- A new package information section (via Package Name) denotes the start of an other package.
- Sub-packages should not be nested inside a package section, but should be separate and should use a Relationship to clarify.
- Annotations on the package and Relationships from the package may appear after the package information before any file information.

Fields:

# 3.1 Package Name

- **3.1.1 Purpose:** Identify the full name of the package as given by Package Originator.
- **3.1.2 Intent:** Here, the name of each package is an important conventional technical identifier to be maintained for each package.
- **3.1.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- **3.1.4 DataFormat:** single line of text.
- **3.1.5** Tag: "PackageName:"

#### Example:

PackageName: glibc

**3.1.6 RDF:** property spdx:name in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

<Package rdf:about=""> <name>glibc</name> </Package>

# 3.2 Package SPDX Identifier

- **3.2.1 Purpose:** Uniquely identify any element in an SPDX document which may be referenced by other elements. These may be referenced internally and externally with the addition of the SPDX Document Identifier.
- **3.2.2 Intent:** There may be several versions of the same package within an SPDX document.

Each element needs to be able to be referred to uniquely so that relationships between elements can be clearly articulated.

- **3.2.3** Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- **3.2.4 DataFormat:** "SPDXRef-[idString]

where [idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-".

**3.2.5 Tag:** "SPDXID:"

#### Example:

SPDXID: SPDXRef-1

**3.2.6 RDF**: The URI for the element will follow the form:

[SpdxDocumentURI]#SPDXRef-[idString] where [SpdxDocumentURI] is the URI for the SPDX Document containing the element.

#### Example using xml:base:

<rdf:RDF xml:base=

"http://acme.com/spdxdocs/acmeproj/v1.2/1BE2A4FF-5F1A-48D3-8483-28A9B0349A1B">

• • •

<Package rdf:ID="SPDXRef-1">

</Package>

#### Example using document URI:

<Package rdf:about=

"http://acme.com/spdxdocs/acmeproj/v1.2/1BE2A4FF-5F1A-48D3-8483-28A9B0349A1B#S PDXRef-1">

</Package>

# 3.3 Package Version

- **3.3.1 Purpose:** Identify the version of the package.
- **3.3.2 Intent:** The versioning of a package is a useful for identification purposes and for indicating later changes for the package version.
- **3.3.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.3.4 DataFormat:** single line of text.
- **3.3.5** Tag: "PackageVersion:"

#### Example:

PackageVersion: 2.11.1

**3.3.6 RDF: property** spdx:versionInfo in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
<versionInfo>2.11.1</versionInfo>
</Package>
```

# 3.4 Package File Name

- **3.4.1 Purpose:** Provide the actual file name of the package. This may include the packaging and compression methods used as part of the file name.
- **3.4.2 Intent:** Here, the actual file name of the compressed file containing the package is a significant technical element that needs to be included with each package identification information.
- **3.4.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.4.4 Data Format:** single line of text.
- **3.4.5** Tag: "PackageFileName:"

#### Example:

PackageFileName: glibc-2.11.1.tar.gz

**3.4.6 RDF:** property spdx:packageFileName in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
  <packageFileName>glibc 2.11.1.tar.gz</packageFileName>
  </package>
```

# 3.5 Package Supplier

- **3.5.1 Purpose**: Identify the actual distribution source for the package identified in the SPDX file. This may or may not be different from the originating distribution source for the package. The name of the Package Supplier must be an organization or recognized author and not a web site. For example, Sourceforge is a host website, not a supplier, the supplier for <a href="http://sourceforge.net/projects/bridge/">http://sourceforge.net/projects/bridge/</a> is "The Linux Foundation." NOASSERTION should be used if:
  - (i) the SPDX file creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination of who the supplier is;
  - (ii) the project is orphaned and was obtained from a public website; or
  - (iii) the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).
- **3.5.2 Intent**: This field assists with understanding the point of distribution for the code in the package. This field is vital for ensuring that downstream package recipients can address any

ambiguity or concerns that might arise with the information in the SPDX file or the contents of the package it documents.

- **3.5.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one.
- **3.5.4 Data Format**: single line of text with the following keywords | "NOASSERTION"

```
"Person:" person name and optional "("email")"
"Organization:" organization name and optional "("email")"
```

**3.5.5** Tag: "PackageSupplier:"

#### Example:

PackageSupplier: Person: Jane Doe (jane.doe@example.com)

**3.5.6 RDF:** property spdx:supplier in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
        <supplier>Person: Jane Doe (jane.doe@example.com) </supplier>
        </Package>
```

# 3.6 Package Originator

- **3.6.1 Purpose:** If the package identified in the SPDX file originated from a different person or organization than identified as Package Supplier (see section 4.4 above), this field identifies from where or whom the package originally came. In some cases a package may be created and originally distributed by a different third party than the Package Supplier of the package. For example, the SPDX file identifies the package glibc and Red Hat as the Package Supplier, but Free Software Foundation is the Package Originator. NOASSERTION should be used if:
  - (i) the SPDX file creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination of who the originator is;
  - (ii) the project is orphaned and was obtained from a public website; or
  - (iii) the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).
- **3.6.2 Intent:** This field assists with understanding the point of origin of the code in the package. This field is vital for understanding who originally distributed a package and should help in addressing any ambiguity or concerns that might arise with the information in the SPDX file or the contents of the Package it documents.
- **3.6.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.6.4 Data Format**: single line of text with the following keywords | "NOASSERTION"

```
"Person:" person name and optional "("email")"
"Organization:" organization name and optional "("email")"
```

**3.6.5** Tag: "PackageOriginator:"

#### Example:

PackageOriginator: Organization: ExampleCodeInspect (contact@example.com)

**3.6.6 RDF:** property spdx:originator in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
  <originator>Organization: ExampleCodeInspect (contact@example.com)
  </originator>
  </Package>
```

#### 3.7 Package Download Location

- **3.7.1 Purpose:** This section identifies the download Universal Resource Locator (URL), or a specific location within a version control system (VCS) for the package at the time that the SPDX file was created. If there is no public (or internal) URL, then it is explicitly marked as NONE. If there is insufficient knowledge about whether a public or internal download mechanism exists or not, then NOASSERTION should be used.
- **3.7.2 Intent:** Here, where and how to download the exact package being referenced is critical verification and tracking data.
- **3.7.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- 3.7.4 Data Format: uniform resource locator | VCS location | "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"

For version-controlled files, the VCS location syntax is similar to a URL and has the: <vcs\_tool>+<transport>://<host\_name>[/<path\_to\_repository>][@<revision\_tag\_or\_branch>][#<sub\_path>]

This VCS location compact notation (inspired and mostly adopted from <a href="https://pip.pypa.io/en/latest/reference/pip\_install.html#vcs-support">https://pip.pypa.io/en/latest/reference/pip\_install.html#vcs-support</a> as of 20150220) supports referencing locations in version control systems such as Git, Mercurial, Subversion and Bazaar, and specifies the type of VCS tool using url prefixes: "git+", "hg+", "bzr+", "svn+" and specific transport schemes such as SSH or HTTPS.

Specifying sub-paths, branch names, a commit hash, a revision or a tag name is recommended, and supported using the "@"delimiter for commits and the "#" delimiter for sub-paths.

Using user names and password in the host\_name is not supported and should be considered as an error. User access control to URLs or VCS repositories must be handled outside of an SPDX document.

In VCS location compact notations, the trailing slashes in <host\_name>, <path\_to\_repository> are not significant. Leading and trailing slashes in <sub\_path> are not significant.

**3.7.5** Tag: "PackageDownloadLocation:"

#### **Example for a plain URL:**

PackageDownloadLocation: http://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/glibc/glibc-ports-2.15.tar.gz

#### **Example for Git:**

SPDX supports git, git+git, git+https git+http and git+ssh transports, git and git+git are equivalent.

Here are the supported forms:

PackageDownloadLocation: git://git.myproject.org/MyProject
PackageDownloadLocation: git+https://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git
PackageDownloadLocation: git+http://git.myproject.org/MyProject
PackageDownloadLocation: git+ssh://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git
PackageDownloadLocation: git+git://git.myproject.org/MyProject
PackageDownloadLocation: git+git@git.myproject.org:MyProject

To specify a sub-path to a file or directory inside a repository use the "#" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: git://git.myproject.org/MyProject#src/somefile.c PackageDownloadLocation: git+https://git.myproject.org/MyProject#src/Class.java

To specify branch names, a commit hash or a tag name, use the "@" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: git://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@master
PackageDownloadLocation: git+https://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@v1.0
PackageDownloadLocation:
git://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd8070

git://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709

Sub-paths and branch names or commit hash can be combined too:

PackageDownloadLocation: git+https://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@master#/src/MyClass.cpp PackageDownloadLocation: git+https://git.myproject.org/MyProject@da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709#lib/variable.rb

#### **Example for Mercurial:**

SPDX supported schemes are: hg+http, hg+https, hg+static-http and hg+ssh.

The supported forms are:

PackageDownloadLocation: hg+http://hg.myproject.org/MyProject PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject PackageDownloadLocation: hg+ssh://hg.myproject.org/MyProject

To specify a sub-path to a file or directory inside a repository use the "#" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject#src/somefile.c PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject#src/Class.java

To pass branch names, a commit hash, a tag name or a local branch name use the "@" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@da39a3ee5e6b PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@2019 PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@v1.0 PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@special\_feature

Sub-paths and branch names or commit hash can be combined too:

PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@master#/src/MyClass.cpp PackageDownloadLocation: hg+https://hg.myproject.org/MyProject@da39a3ee5e6b#lib/variable.rb

#### **Example for Subversion:**

SPDX supports the URL schemes svn, svn+svn, svn+http, svn+https, svn+ssh. svn and svn+svn are equivalent.

The supported forms are:

PackageDownloadLocation: svn://svn.myproject.org/svn/MyProject PackageDownloadLocation: svn+svn://svn.myproject.org/svn/MyProject

PackageDownloadLocation: svn+http://svn.myproject.org/svn/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/svn/MyProject/trunk

To specify a sub-path to a file or directory inside a repository use the "#" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject#src/somefile.c PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject#src/Class.java

This support is less important for SVN since the URL path can also contain sub-paths; this two forms are equivalent:

PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk#src/somefile.c PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk/src/somefile.c

You can specify a revision using the "@" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/svn/MyProject/trunk@2019

Sub-paths and revisions can be combined too:

PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject@123#/src/MyClass.cpp PackageDownloadLocation: svn+https://svn.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk@1234#lib/variable/variable.rb

#### **Example for Bazaar:**

SPDX supports Bazaar using the bzr+http, bzr+https, bzr+ssh, bzr+sftp, bzr+ftp and bzr+lp schemes.

The supported forms are:

PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+https://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+http://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+sftp://myproject.org/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+ssh://myproject.org/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+ftp://myproject.org/MyProject/trunk PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+lp:MyProject

To specify a sub-path to a file or directory inside a repository use the "#" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+https://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk#src/somefile.c PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+https://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk#src/Class.java

You can specify a revision or tag using the "@" delimiter:

PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+https://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk@2019 PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+http://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk@v1.0

Sub-paths and revisions can be combined too:

PackageDownloadLocation: bzr+https://bzr.myproject.org/MyProject/trunk@2019#src/somefile.c

#### **3.7.6 RDF:** property spdx:downloadLocation in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

<Package rdf:about=""> <downloadLocation>

git+git://git.myproject.org/MyProject.git@da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709#egg=MyProject

```
</downloadLocation> </Package>
```

# 3.8 Package Verification Code

- **3.8.1 Purpose:** This field provides an independently reproducible mechanism identifying specific contents of a package based on the actual files (except the SPDX file itself, if it is included in the package) that make up each package and that correlates to the data in this SPDX file. This identifier enables a recipient to determine if any file in the original package (that the analysis was done on) has been changed and permits inclusion of an SPDX file as part of a package.
- **3.8.2 Intent:** Providing a unique identifier based on the files inside each package, eliminates confusion over which version or modification of a specific package the SPDX file refers to. It also permits one to embed the SPDX file within the package without altering the identifier.
- **3.8.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.

# 3.8.4 Algorithm:

```
verificationcode = 0
filelist = templist = ""
for all files in the package {
   if file is an "excludes" file, skip it /* exclude SPDX analysis file(s) */
        append templist with "SHA1(file)/n"
   }
sort templist in ascending order by SHA1 value
filelist = templist with "/n"s removed. /* ordered sequence of SHA1 values with no separators */
verificationcode = SHA1(filelist)
```

Where SHA1(file) applies a SHA1 algorithm on the contents of file and returns the result in lowercase hexadecimal digits.

Required sort order: '0','1','2','3','4','5','6','7','8','9','a','b','c','d','e','f' (ASCII order)

- **3.8.5 Data Format:** single line of text with 160 bit binary represented as 40 lowercase hexadecimal digits
- **3.8.6 Tag:** "PackageVerificationCode:" (and optionally "(excludes: FileName)") where FileName is as specified in 6.1.

#### Example:

PackageVerificationCode: d6a770ba38583ed4bb4525bd96e50461655d2758 (excludes: ./package.spdx)

**4.8.7 RDF:** spdx:packageVerificationCodeValue, spdx:packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile in **class** spdx:PackageVerificationCode

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
  <packageVerificationCode>
     <PackageVerificationCode>
      <packageVerificationCodeValue>d6a770ba38583ed4bb4525bd96e50461655d2758
      </packageVerificationCodeValue>
      <packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile> ./package.spdx
      </packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile>
      </packageVerificationCodeExcludedFile></packageVerificationCode</pre>
```

</packageVerificationCode>
</Package>

# 3.9 Package Checksum

- **3.9.1 Purpose:** This field provides an independently reproducible mechanism that permits unique identification of a specific package that correlates to the data in this SPDX file. This identifier enables a recipient to determine if any file in the original package has been changed. If the SPDX file is to be included in a package, this value should not be calculated. The SHA-1 algorithm will be used to provide the checksum by default.
- **3.9.2 Intent:** Here, by providing a unique identifier of the package, confusion over which version or modification of a specific package the SPDX file references should be eliminated.
- **3.9.3 Cardinality:** Optional, one or many.
- 3.9.4 Algorithms that can be used: SHA1, SHA256, MD5
- **3.9.5 Data Format:** There are three components, an algorithm identifier ("SHA1"), a colon separator ":" and a bit value represented as lowercase hexadecimal digits (appropriate as output to the algorithm).
- **3.9.6 Tag:** "PackageChecksum:"

#### Example:

PackageChecksum: SHA1: 85ed0817af83a24ad8da68c2b5094de69833983c

PackageChecksum: SHA256:

11b6d3ee554eedf79299905a98f9b9a04e498210b59f15094c916c91d150efcd

PackageChecksum: MD5: 624c1abb3664f4b35547e7c73864ad24

3.9.7 RDF: properties spdx:algorithm, spdx:checksumValue in class spdx:checksum

#### Example:

<Package rdf:about="">

<checksum>

<Checksum>

<algorithm rdf:resource="http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#checksumAlgorithm sha1"/>

<checksumValue> 85ed0817af83a24ad8da68c2b5094de69833983c

</checksumValue>

</Checksum>

<Checksum>

<algorithm rdf:resource="http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#checksumAlgorithm\_sha256"/> <checksumValue>

11b6d3ee554eedf79299905a98f9b9a04e498210b59f15094c916c91d150efcd

</checksumValue>

</Checksum>

<Checksum>

<algorithm rdf:resource="http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#checksumAlgorithm\_md5"/>

<checksumValue> 624c1abb3664f4b35547e7c73864ad24

</checksumValue>
</Checksum>
</checksum>
</Package>

# 3.10 Package Home Page

- **3.10.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record a web site that serves as the package's home page. This link can also be used to reference further information about the package referenced by the SPDX file creator.
- **3.10.2 Intent:** Here, by providing a link to the package's home page, the SPDX file creator can provide additional information useful for analysis. This saves the recipient of the SPDX file who is looking for more info from having to search for and verify a match between the package and the associated project homepage.
- **3.10.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- 3.10.4 Data Format: uniform resource locator | "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"
- **3.10.5** Tag: "PackageHomePage:"

#### Example:

PackageHomePage: http://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/glibc

3.10.6 RDF: property doap:homepage in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

#### 3.11 Source Information

- **3.11.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any relevant background information or additional comments about the origin of the package. For example, this field might include comments indicating whether the package was pulled from a source code management system or has been repackaged.
- **3.11.2 Intent:** Here, by providing a comment field, the SPDX file creator can provide additional information to describe any anomalies or discoveries in the determination of the origin of the package.
- **3.11.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.11.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines. In tag format this is delimited by <text> .. </text>.

**3.11.5** Tag: "PackageSourceInfo:"

#### Example:

PackageSourceInfo: <text> uses glibc-2 11-branch from git://sourceware.org/git/glibc.git. </text>

3.11.6 RDF: spdx:sourceInfo

#### Example:

#### 3.12 Concluded License

- **3.12.1 Purpose:** This field contains the license the SPDX file creator has concluded as governing the package or alternative values, if the governing license cannot be determined. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) the SPDX License List short form identifier, if the concluded license is on the SPDX License List;
  - (b) a reference to the license text denoted by the LicenseRef-[idString], if the concluded license is not on the SPDX License List;
  - (c) NOASSERTION should be used if:
    - (i) the SPDX file creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination of the Concluded License;
    - (ii) the SPDX file creator is uncomfortable concluding a license, despite some license information being available;
    - (iii) the SPDX file creator has made no attempt to determine a Concluded License;
    - (iv) the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so); or
    - (v) there is no licensing information from which to conclude a license for the package.

With respect to (a) and (b) above, if there is more than one concluded license, all should be included. If the package recipient has a choice of multiple licenses, then each of the choices should be recited as a "disjunctive" license. If the Concluded License is not the same as the Declared License, a written explanation should be provided in the Comments on License field (section 3.15). With respect to (c), a written explanation in the Comments on License field (section 3.15) is preferred.

- **3.12.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is for the SPDX file creator to analyze the license information in package, and other objective information, e.g., COPYING file, together with the results from any scanning tools, to arrive at a reasonably objective conclusion as to what license governs the package.
- **3.12.3** Cardinality: Mandatory, one.

where:

3.12.4 Data Format: <short form identifier in Appendix I> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"

[ExternalDocumentRef:] is an optional reference to an external SPDX document as described in section 2.7

[idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-" or "+"
clicense set> to be used when there is a choice between licenses
 ("disjunctive license"), they must be separated with "OR" and enclosed
 in parentheses. When multiple licenses apply ("conjunctive license"), they
 must be separated with an "AND" and enclosed in parentheses.
 See Appendix IV for License Expression syntax.

**3.12.5 Tag:** "PackageLicenseConcluded:"

#### Example:

PackageLicenseConcluded: LGPL-2.0

#### Example:

PackageLicenseConcluded: (LGPL-2.0 or LicenseRef-3)

**3.12.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:licenseConcluded in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

#### Example:

#### 3.13 All Licenses Information from Files

- **3.13.1 Purpose:** This field is to contain a list of all licenses found in the package. The relationship between licenses (i.e., conjunctive, disjunctive) is not specified in this field it is simply a listing of all licenses found. The options to populate this list are limited to:
  - (a) the SPDX License List short form identifier, if a detected license is on the SPDX License List;
  - (b) a reference to the license, denoted by LicenseRef-[idString], if the detected license is not on the SPDX License List;
  - (c) NONE, if no license information is detected in any of the files; or
  - (d) NOASSERTION, if the SPDX file creator has not examined the contents of the actual files or if the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).
- **3.13.2** Intent: Here, the intention is to capture all license information detected in the actual files.
- **3.13.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one or many.
- **3.13.4** Data Format: <short form identifier in Appendix I> |

[ExternalDocumentRef:]"LicenseRef"-[idString] | "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"

where:

[ExternalDocumentRef:] is an optional reference to an external SPDX document as described in section 2.7 [idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-" or "+"

**3.13.5** Tag: "PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles:"

#### Example:

PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: GPL-2.0 PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: LicenseRef-1 PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: LicenseRef-2

**3.13.6 RDF: property** spdx:licenseInfoFromFiles in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
  licenseInfoFromFiles rdf:resource=" http://spdx.org/licenses/GPL-2.0" />
  licenseInfoFromFiles rdf:resource="LicenseRef-1" />
  rdf:resource="LicenseRef-2" />
  </Package>
```

#### 3.14 Declared License

- **3.14.1 Purpose:** This field lists the licenses that have been declared by the authors of the package. Any license information that does not originate from the package authors, e.g. license information from a third party repository, should not be included in this field. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) the SPDX License List short form identifier, if the license is on the SPDX License List;
  - (b) a reference to the license, denoted by LicenseRef-[idString], if the declared license is not on the SPDX License List;
  - (c) NONE, if no license information is detected in any of the files; or
  - (d) NOASSERTION, if the SPDX file creator has not examined the contents of the package or if the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

With respect to "a" and "b" above, if license information for more than one license is contained in the file, all should be reflected in this field. If the license information offers the package recipient a choice of licenses, then each of the choices should be recited as "disjunctive" licenses.

- **3.14.2** Intent: This is simply the license identified in text in one or more files (for example COPYING file) in the source code package. This field is not intended to capture license information obtained from an external source, such as the package website. Such information can be included in Concluded License (section 3.12). This field may have multiple declared licenses, if multiple licenses are declared at the package level.
- **3.14.3 Cardinality**: Mandatory, one.

3.14.4 Data Format: <short form identifier in Appendix I> | | | cense set> [ExternalDocumentRef:]"LicenseRef"-[idString] | "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"

where:

[ExternalDocumentRef:] is an optional reference to an external SPDX document as described in section 2.7
[idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-" or "+" cense set> to be used when there is a choice between licenses ("disjunctive license"), they must be separated with "or" and enclosed in parentheses. When multiple licenses apply ("conjunctive license"), they must be separated with an "AND" and enclosed in parentheses. See Appendix IV for License Expression syntax.

**3.14.5** Tag: "PackageLicenseDeclared:"

#### Example:

PackageLicenseDeclared: LGPL-2.0

#### Example:

PackageLicenseDeclared: (LGPL-2.0 AND LicenseRef-3)

**3.14.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:licenseDeclared in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

#### Example:

#### 3.15 Comments on License

- **3.15.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any relevant background information or analysis that went in to arriving at the Concluded License for a package. If the Concluded License does not match the Declared License or License Information from Files, this should be explained by the SPDX file creator. Its is also preferable to include an explanation here when the Concluded License is NOASSERTION.
- **3.15.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with a detailed explanation of how the Concluded License was determined if it does not match the License Information from the files or the source code package, is marked NOASSERTION, or other helpful information relevant to determining the license of the package.

- **3.15.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.15.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines.

In tag format this is delimited by <text> .. </text>, in RDF, it is delimited by licenseComments>.

**3.15.5** Tag: "PackageLicenseComments:"

#### Example:

PackageLicenseComments: <text>

The license for this project changed with the release of version x.y. The version of the project included here post-dates the license change. </text>

**3.15.6 RDF: property** spdx:licenseComments in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
    licenseComments>
        This package has been shipped in source and binary form.
        The binaries were created with gcc 4.5.1 and expect to link to compatible system run time libraries.

    /licenseComments><//e>
</Package>
```

# 3.16 Copyright Text

- **3.16.1 Purpose:** Identify the copyright holders of the package, as well as any dates present. This will be a free form text field extracted from the package information files. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) any text related to a copyright notice, even if not complete;
  - (b) NONE if the package contains no copyright information whatsoever; or
  - (c) NOASSERTION, if the SPDX file creator has not examined the contents of the package or if the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).
- **3.16.2 Intent:** Record any copyright notices for the package.
- **3.16.3** Cardinality: Mandatory, one.
- **3.16.4** Data Format: free form text that can span multiple lines | "NOASSERTION" | "NONE"
- **3.16.5** Tag: "PackageCopyrightText:"
  In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

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# Example:

PackageCopyrightText: <text>
Copyright 2008-2010 John Smith

</text>

**3.16.6 RDF: property** spdx:copyrightText in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
        <copyrightText>
        Copyright 2008-2010 John Smith
        </copyrightText>
</Package>
```

# 3.17 Package Summary Description

- **3.17.1 Purpose**: This field is a short description of the package.
- **3.17.2 Intent**: Here, the intent is to allow the SPDX file creator to provide concise information about the function or use of the package without having to parse the source code of the actual package.
- **3.17.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.17.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines.
- **3.17.5** Tag: "PackageSummary:"
  In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

PackageSummary: <text> GNU C library. </text>

**3.17.6 RDF: property** spdx:summary in **class** spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<Package rdf:about="">
<summary> GNU C library.</summary>
</Package>
```

# 3.18 Package Detailed Description

- **3.18.1 Purpose:** This field is a more detailed description of the package. It may also be extracted from the packages itself.
- **3.18.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide recipients of the SPDX file with a detailed technical explanation of the functionality, anticipated use, and anticipated implementation of the package. This field may also include a description of improvements over prior versions of the package.
- **3.18.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.18.4 Data Format**: free form text than can span multiple lines.

#### **3.18.5** Tag: "PackageDescription:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

PackageDescription: <text>

The GNU C Library defines functions that are specified by the ISO C standard, as well as additional features specific to POSIX and other derivatives of the Unix operating system, and extensions specific to GNU systems.

</text>

#### **3.18.6 RDF: property** spdx:description in **class** spdx:Package

```
Example:
```

```
<Package rdf:about="">
        <description>
            The GNU C Library defines functions that are specified by the
            ISO C standard, as well as additional features specific to POSIX and other
            derivatives of the Unix operating system, and extensions specific to GNU systems.
            </description>
        </Package>
```

# 3.19 Package Comment

- **3.19.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any general comments about the package being described.
- **3.19.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX document with more information determined after careful analysis of a package.
- 3.19.3 Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **3.19.4 Data Format**: free form text that can span multiple lines.
- **3.19.5** Tag: "PackageComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

PackageComment: <text>

The concluded license was found in the COPYING.txt file in the xyz directory. </text>

3.19.6 RDF: property rdfs:comment in class spdx:Package

#### Example:

```
<<u>Package rdf:about="""</u>>
  <rdfs:comment>
    The concluded license was found in the COPYING.txt file in the xyz directory.
  </rdfs:comment>
</Package>
```

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# 4 File Information

One instance of the File Information is required for each file in the software package. It provides important meta information about a given file including licenses and copyright. Each instance should include the following fields. In SPDX 2.0, it is not necessary to have a package wrapping a set of files.

When implementing tag:value format, the positioning of File elements is syntactically significant.

- The first field to start off the description of a File must be the File Name in tag:value format.
- Other file information is associated with the File Name that precede it.
- Files are assumed to be associated with the Package that immediately precedes it, if a package exists.
   Presence of a new package signals the end of the set of files associated with the original package, unless an explicit Relationship is used.
- If a Package contains files, the File Information section must follow its Package Information section.
- If a File is not part of any package, it must precede any Package section reference in the SPDX document.
- Annotations on the file and Relationships from the file may appear after the file information, before the next file or Package section.

### 4.1 File Name

- **4.1.1 Purpose:** Identify the full path and filename that corresponds to the file information in this section.
- **4.1.2 Intent:** To aid finding the correct file which corresponds to the file information.
- **4.1.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- **4.1.4 Data Format:** A relative filename with the root of the package archive or directory. See <a href="http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986.txt">http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986.txt</a> for syntax.
- **4.1.5** Tag: "FileName:"

Example:

FileName: ./package/foo.c

**4.1.6 RDF: property** spdx:fileName in **class** spdx:File

#### Example:

### 4.2 File SPDX Identifier

**4.2.1 Purpose:** Uniquely identify any element in an SPDX document which may be referenced by other elements. These may be referenced internally and externally with the addition of the SPDX Document Identifier.

- **4.2.2 Intent:** There may be several versions of the same file within an SPDX document. Each element needs to be able to be referred to uniquely so that relationships between elements can be clearly articulated.
- **4.2.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- **4.2.4 DataFormat:** "SPDXRef-[idString]"

where [idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-".

**4.2.5 Tag:** "SPDXID:"

#### Example:

SPDXID: SPDXRef-1

**4.2.6 RDF**: The URI for the element will follow the form: [SpdxDocumentURI]#SPDXRef-[idString] where [SpdxDocumentURI] is the URI for the SPDX Document containing the element.

### Example using xml:base:

```
<rdf:RDF xml:base=
```

"http://acme.com/spdxdocs/acmeproj/v1.2/1BE2A4FF-5F1A-48D3-8483-28A9B0349A1B"

```
<File rdf:ID="SPDXRef-1">
...
</File>
```

#### **Example using document URI:**

```
<File rdf:about=
```

"http://acme.com/spdxdocs/acmeproj/v1.2/1BE2A4FF-5F1A-48D3-8483-28A9B0349A1B#S PDXRef-1">

... </File>

# 4.3 File Type

- **4.3.1 Purpose:** This field provides information about the type of file identified. File Type is intrinsic to the file, independent of how the file is being used. A file may have more than one file type assigned to it, however the options to populate this field are limited to:
  - a) SOURCE if the file is human readable source code (.c, .html, etc.);
  - b) BINARY if the file is a compiled object, target image or binary executable (.o, .a, etc.);
  - c) ARCHIVE if the file represents an archive (.tar, .jar, etc.);
  - d) APPLICATION if the file is associated with a specific application type (MIME type of application/\*);
  - e) AUDIO if the file is associated with an audio file (MIME type of audio/\*, ie. .mp3);
  - f) IMAGE if the file is associated with an picture image file (MIME type of image/\*, ie. .jpg, .gif);
  - g) TEXT if the file is human readable text file (MIME type of text/\*);
  - h) VIDEO if the file is associated with a video file type (MIME type of video/\*);
  - i) DOCUMENTATION if the file serves as documentation:
  - i) SPDX if the file is an SPDX document;

- k) OTHER if the file doesn't fit into the above categories (generated artifacts, data files, etc.)
- **4.3.2 Intent**: Here, this field is a reasonable estimation of the file type, from a developer perspective.
- **4.3.3 Cardinality**: Optional, multiple.
- **4.3.4 Data Format**: "SOURCE" | "BINARY" | "ARCHIVE" | "APPLICATION" | "AUDIO" | "IMAGE" | "TEXT" | "VIDEO" | "DOCUMENTATION" | "SPDX" | "OTHER"
- **4.3.5** Tag: "FileType:"

FileType: BINARY

Example: (for a README.TXT)

FileType: TEXT

FileType: DOCUMENTATION

**Example** (foo.exe)
FileType: BINARY
FileType: APPLICATION

**4.3.6 RDF: property** spdx:fileType in **class** spdx:File

# Example:

**Example:** (where file2 is a README.TXT)

<File rdf:about="file2">

<fileType rdf:resource="fhttp://spdx.org/rdf/terms#ileType\_text" />

<fileType rdf:resource="fhttp://spdx.org/rdf/terms#ileType\_documentation" />

</File>

## 4.4 File Checksum

- **4.4.1 Purpose**: Provide a unique identifier to match analysis information on each specific file in a package.
- **4.4.2 Intent:** Here, by providing a unique identifier of each file, confusion over which version/modification of a specific file should be eliminated.
- **4.4.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one SHA1, others may be optionally provided.

- **4.4.4 Algorithm:** SHA1() is to be used on the file. Other algorithms that can be provided optionally include SHA256(), MD5().
- **4.4.5 Data Format:** There are three components, an algorithm identifier (SHA1), a separator (":") and a 160 bit value represented as 40 lowercase hexadecimal digits. For other algorithms, an appropriate number of hexadecimal digits is expected.
- **4.4.6 Tag:** "FileChecksum:"

FileChecksum: SHA1: d6a770ba38583ed4bb4525bd96e50461655d2758

FileChecksum: MD5: 624c1abb3664f4b35547e7c73864ad24

**4.4.7 RDF: property** spdx:Checksum in **class** spdx:File

```
Example:
```

## 4.5 Concluded License

- **4.5.1 Purpose:** This field contains the license the SPDX file creator has concluded as governing the file or alternative values if the governing license cannot be determined. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) the SPDX License List short form identifier, if the concluded license is on the SPDX License List;
  - (b) a reference to the licenses, denoted by LicenseRef-[idString], if the concluded license is not on the SPDX License List;
  - (c) NOASSERTION should be used if:
    - (i) the SPDX file creator has attempted to but cannot reach a reasonable objective determination of the concluded license;
    - (ii) the SPDX file creator is uncomfortable concluding a license, despite some license information being available;
    - (iii) the SPDX file creator has made no attempt to arrive at a concluded license;
    - (iv) the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so); or
    - (v) there is no license information from which to conclude a license for the file.

With respect to "a" and "b" above, if there is more than one concluded license, all should be included. If the package recipient has a choice of multiple licenses, then each of the choices should be recited as a "disjunctive" or "conjunctive" license, as appropriate. If the Concluded License is not the same as the License Information in File, a written explanation should be provided in the Comments on License field (section 4.7). With respect to (c), a written explanation in the Comments on License field is preferred.

- **4.5.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is for the SPDX file creator to analyze the License Information in file (section 4.6) and other objective information, e.g., "COPYING FILE," along with the results from any scanning tools, to arrive at a reasonably objective conclusion as to what license governs the file.
- **4.5.3 Cardinality:** Mandatory, one.
- **4.5.5** Tag: "LicenseConcluded:"

### Example:

LicenseConcluded: LGPL-2.0

# Example:

LicenseConcluded: (LGPL-2.0 or LicenseRef-2)

**4.5.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:licenseConcluded in **class** spdx:File

```
Example:
```

</File>

<File rdf:about="file">

licenseConcluded>LGPL-2.0</licenseConcluded>

#### 4.6 License Information in File

- **4.6.1 Purpose:** This field contains the license information actually found in the file, if any. Any license information not actually in the file, e.g., "COPYING.txt" file in a top level directory, should not be reflected in this field. This information is most commonly found in the header of the file, although it may be in other areas of the actual file. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) the SPDX License List short form identifier, if the license is on the SPDX License List;
  - (b) a reference to the license, denoted by LicenseRef-[idString], if the license is not on the SPDX License List;
  - (c) NONE, if the actual file contains no license information whatsoever; or
  - (d) NOASSERTION, if the SPDX file creator has not examined the contents of the actual file or the SPDX file creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied by doing so).

With respect to "a" and "b" above, if license information for more than one license is contained in the file or if the license information offers the package recipient a choice of licenses, then each of the choices should be listed as a separate entry.

- **4.6.2 Intent**: Here, the intent is to provide the license information actually in the file, as compared to the Concluded License field.
- **4.6.3 Cardinality**: Mandatory, one or many.
- **4.6.5** Tag: "LicenseInfoInFile:"

### Example:

LicenseInfoInFile: GPL-2.0 LicenseInfoInFile: LicenseRef-2

**4.6.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:licenseInfoInFile in **class** spdx:File

### Example:

#### 4.7 Comments on License

- **4.7.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any relevant background references or analysis that went in to arriving at the Concluded License for a file. If the Concluded License does not match the License Information in File, this should be explained by the SPDX file creator. It is also preferable to include an explanation here when the Concluded License is NOASSERTION.
- **4.7.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with a detailed explanation of how the Concluded License was determined if it does not match the License Information in File, is marked NOASSERTION, or other helpful information relevant to determining the license of the file.
- **4.7.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one.
- **4.7.4 Data Format**: free form text that can span multiple lines
- **4.7.5** Tag: "LicenseComments:"
  In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

LicenseComments: <text>

The concluded license was taken from the package level that the file was included in.

This information was found in the COPYING.txt file in the xyz directory.

</text>

**4.7.6 RDF: property** spdx:licenseComments in **class** spdx:File

#### Example:

```
<File rdf:about="">
<IcenseComments>
    The concluded license was taken from the package level that the file
    was included in. This information was found in the COPYING.txt file
    in the xyz directory. This package has been shipped in source and binary form.

</rr>
<//File>
```

## 4.8 Copyright Text

- **4.8.1 Purpose:** Identify the copyright holder of the file, as well as any dates present. This will be a freeform text field extracted from the actual file. The options to populate this field are limited to:
  - (a) any text relating to a copyright notice, even if not complete;
  - (b) NONE, if the file contains no copyright information whatsoever; or
  - (c) NOASSERTION, if the SPDX creator has not examined the contents of the actual file or if the SPDX creator has intentionally provided no information (no meaning should be implied from the absence of an assertion).
- **4.8.2 Intent:** Record any copyright notice for the package.
- **4.8.3 Cardinality**: Mandatory, one.

- **4.8.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines | "NONE" | "NOASSERTION"
- **4.8.5** Tag: "FileCopyrightText:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

FileCopyrightText: <text> Copyright 2008-2010 John Smith </text>

**4.8.6 RDF:** property spdx:copyrightText in **class** spdx:File

#### Example:

```
<File rdf:about="">
        <copyrightText>
        Copyright 2008-2010 John Smith
        </copyrightText>
</File>
```

# 4.9 Artifact of Project Name

- **4.9.1 Purpose**: To indicate that a file has been derived from a specific project.
- **4.9.2 Intent:** To make it easier for recipients of the SPDX file to determine the original source of the identified file. If the project is not described in an SPDX Document, then ArtifactOf can be used. If the project is described in another SPDX Document, then Relationship should be used.
- **4.9.3 Cardinality:** Optional, one or many.
- **4.9.4 Data Format:** single line of text. In Tag/value format the ArtifactOfProjectName must precede any optional ArtifactOf optional properties (e.g. ArtifactOfHomePage and ArtifactOfURI).
- **4.9.5 Tag:** "ArtifactOfProjectName:"

#### Example:

ArtifactOfProjectName: Jena

**4.9.6 RDF:** property spdx:artifactOf/doap:Project/doap:name

#### Example:

# 4.10 Artifact of Project Homepage

- **4.10.1 Purpose**: To indicate the location of the project from which the file has been derived.
- **4.10.2 Intent**: To make it easier for recipients of the SPDX file to determine the original source of the identified file.
- **4.10.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one or many.
- **4.10.4 Data Format:** uniform resource locator | "UNKNOWN". In Tag/value format all optional ArtifactOf fields must follow immediately below the ArtifactOfProjectName.
- **4.10.5 Tag**: "ArtifactOfProjectHomePage:"

ArtifactOfProjectHomePage: http://www.openjena.org/

**4.10.6 RDF**: spdx:artifactOf/doap:Project/doap:homepage

```
Example:
```

# 4.11 Artifact of Project Uniform Resource Identifier

- **4.11.1 Purpose**: To provide a linkage to the project resource in the DOAP document and permit interoperability between the different formats supported.
- **4.11.2 Intent**: To make it easier for recipients of the SPDX file to determine the original source of the identified file.
- **4.11.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one or many.
- **4.11.4 Data Format:** uniform resource identifier. In Tag/value format all optional ArtifactOf fields must follow immediately below the ArtifactOfProjectName.
- **4.11.5 Tag**: "ArtifactOfProjectURI:"

#### Example:

ArtifactOfProjectURI: http://subversion.apache.org/doap.rdf

**4.11.6 RDF:** spdx:artifactOf/doap

# Example:

```
<File>
```

<artifactOf rdf:resource="http://subversion.apache.org/" />

</File>

<!-- Note: within the DOAP file at http://subversion.apache.org/doap.rdf the value "http://subversion.apache.org/" is the URI of the describes resource of type doap:Project -->

### 4.12 File Comment

- **4.12.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any general comments about the file.
- **4.12.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with more information determined after careful analysis of a file.
- 4.12.3 Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **4.12.4 Data Format**: free form text that can span multiple lines
- **4.12.5** Tag: "FileComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

FileComment: <text>

The concluded license was taken from the package level that the file was included in. This information was found in the COPYING.txt file in the xyz directory. </text>

**4.12.6 RDF: property** rdfs:comments in **class** spdx:File

# Example:

</File>

```
<File rdf:about="">
  <rdfs:comment>
    The concluded license was taken from the package level that the file
    was included in. This information was found in the COPYING.txt file
    in the xyz directory. This package has been shipped in source and binary form.
  </rdfs:comment>
```

### 4.13 File Notice

- **4.13.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record legal notices potentially found in the file. This may or may not include copyright statements.
- **4.13.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with notices that may require additional review or publication as a requirement of distribution.
- **4.13.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one.
- **4.13.4 Data Format**: free form text that can span multiple lines
- **4.13.5** Tag: "FileNotice:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

FileNotice: <text>

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#### **4.13.6 RDF: property** noticeText in **class** spdx:File

#### Example:

</text>

<File rdf:about="">

<noticeText>

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</noticeText> </File>

### 4.14 File Contributor

**4.14.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record file contributors. Contributors could include names of copyright holders and/or authors who may not be copyright

holders, yet contributed to the file content.

- **4.14.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with a list of one or more contributors (credits). This is one way of providing acknowledgement to the contributors of a file. This would be useful, for example, if a recipient company wanted to contact copyright holders to inquire about alternate licensing.
- **4.14.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one or many.
- **4.14.4 Data Format**: free form text on a single line.
- **4.14.5 Tag:** "FileContributor:"

In tag format single line per contributor.

#### Example:

FileContributor: Modified by Paul Mundt <a href="mailto:lethal@linux-sh.org">lethal@linux-sh.org</a> FileContributor: The Regents of the University of California

FileContributor: IBM Corporation

**4.14.6 RDF: property** fileContributor in **class** spdx:File

### Example:

<File rdf:about="">

<fileContributor> Modified by Paul Mundt lethal@linux-sh.org </fileContributor>
<fileContributor> The Regents of the University of California </fileContributor>
<fileContributor> IBM Corporation </fileContributor>
</File>

### 4.15 File Dependencies (deprecated)

This field is deprecated in SPDX 2.0 in favor of using Section 8 which provides more granularity about relationships.

- **4.15.1 Purpose:** The field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record a list of other files (referenceable within this SPDX file) which the file is a derivative of and/or depends on for the build (e.g., source file or build script for a binary program or library). The list of files may not necessarily represent the list of all file dependencies, but possibly the ones that impact the licensing and/or may be needed as part of the file distribution obligation.
- **4.15.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with file dependency information based on the build system that created the file. These other files may impact the licensing of the file and/or may be required to satisfy the distribution obligation of the file (e.g., source files subject to a copyleft license).
- **4.15.3 Cardinality**: Optional, one or many.
- **4.15.4 Data Format:** Reference to the file within the SPDX document. For the Tag format, this will be the filename. For the RDF format, it will be a reference to the actual file node.
- **4.15.5** Tag: "FileDependency:"

FileDependency:./busybox-1.20.2/shell/match.h FileDependency:./busybox-1.20.2/shell/match.c FileDependency:./busybox-1.20.2/shell/ash.c

### **4.15.6 RDF: property** spdx:fileDependency in **class** spdx:File

### Example:

</File>

# **5** Other Licensing Information Detected

This section is used for any detected, declared or concluded licenses that are NOT on the SPDX License List. For the most up-to-date version of the list see: <a href="http://spdx.org/licenses/">http://spdx.org/licenses/</a>. The SPDX License List can also be found here in Appendix I.

One instance should be created for every unique license or licensing information reference detected in package that does not match one of the licenses on the SPDX License List. Each license instance should have the following fields.

Fields:

# 5.1 License Identifier

- **5.1.1 Purpose:** Provide a locally unique identifier to refer to licenses that are not found on the SPDX License List. This unique identifier can then be used in the packages and files sections of the SPDX file (sections 4 and 6, respectively).
- **5.1.2 Intent:** Create a human readable short form license identifier for a license not on the SPDX License List. This identifier should be unique within the SPDX file. In previous versions of SPDX, the references were required to be sequential numbers, but with version 1.2, creators may specify references that are easier for humans to remember and mentally map.
- **5.1.3** Cardinality: Conditional (mandatory, one) if license is not on SPDX License List.
- **5.1.4 Data Format:** "LicenseRef-"[idString]

where

[idString] is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".", "-" or "+".

**5.1.5** Tag: "LicenseID:"

#### Examples:

LicenseID: LicenseRef-1

LicenseID: LicenseRef-Beerware-4.2

**5.1.6 RDF:** property spdx:licenseID in class spdx:ExtractedLicensingInfo

#### **Examples:**

#### 5.2 Extracted Text

- **5.2.1 Purpose:** Provide a copy of the actual text of the license reference extracted from the package or file that is associated with the License Identifier Assigned to aid in future analysis.
- **5.2.2 Intent:** Provide the actual text as found in the package or file for a license that is not on the SPDX License List.
- **5.2.3 Cardinality:** Conditional (Mandatory, one) if there is an Identifier Assigned.
- **5.2.4 Data Format:** free form text field that may span multiple lines.
- **5.2.5** Tag: "ExtractedText:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

ExtractedText: <text>"THE BEER-WARE LICENSE" (Revision 42):

phk@FreeBSD.ORG wrote this file. As long as you retain this notice you

can do whatever you want with this stuff. If we meet some day, and you think this stuff is worth it, you can buy me a beer in return Poul-Henning Kamp </text>

**5.2.6 RDF:** property spdx:extractedText in class spdx:ExtractedLicensingInfo

#### Example:

<ExtractedLicensingInfo rdf:about="licenseRef-Beerware-42">

licenseId>LicenseRef-Beerware-4.2

<extractedText> "THE BEER-WARE LICENSE" (Revision 42):

phk@FreeBSD.ORG wrote this file. As long as you retain this notice you

can do whatever you want with this stuff. If we meet some day, and you think this stuff is worth it, you can buy me a beer in return Poul-Henning Kamp

</extractedText>

</ExtractedLicensingInfo>

#### 5.3 License Name

- **5.3.1 Purpose:** Common name of the license not on the SPDX list. If there is no common name or it is not known, please use NOASSERTION.
- **5.3.2 Intent:** Provides a human readable name suitable for use as a title or label of the license when showing compact lists of licenses from the SPDX data to humans.
- **5.3.3** Cardinality: Conditional (mandatory, one) if license is not on SPDX License List.
- **5.3.4 Data Format:** single line of text | "NOASSERTION".
- **5.3.5** Tag: "LicenseName:"

Example:

LicenseName: Beer-Ware License (Version 42)

**5.3.6 RDF:** property spdx:licenseName in class spdx:ExtractedLicensingInfo

#### Example:

### 5.4 License Cross Reference

- **5.4.1 Purpose:** Provide a pointer to the official source of a license that is not included in the SPDX License List, that is referenced by the License Identifier Assigned.
- **5.4.2 Intent**: Canonical source for a license currently not on the SPDX License List.
- **5.4.3** Cardinality: Conditional (optional, one or more) if license is not on SPDX License List.
- **5.4.4 Data Format:** uniform resource locator
- **5.4.5** Tag: "LicenseCrossReference:"

### Example:

LicenseCrossReference: http://people.freebsd.org/~phk/

**5.4.6 RDF:** property rdfs:seeAlso in class spdx:ExtractedLicensingInfo

# Example:

#### **5.5 License Comment**

- **5.5.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any general comments about the license.
- **5.5.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with more information determined after careful analysis of a license, or addition cross references.
- **5.5.3 Cardinality:** Optional, one.
- **5.5.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines
- **5.5.5 Tag:** "LicenseComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

### Example:

LicenseComment: <text>

The beerware license has a couple of other standard variants.

</text>

**5.5.6 RDF:** property rdfs:comment in class spdx:ExtractedLicensingInfo

# Example:

</rdfs:comment>

</ExtractedLicensingInfo>

# 6 Relationships between SPDX Elements

# 6.1 Relationship

**Purpose:** This field provides information about the relationship between two SPDX elements. For example, you can represent a relationship between two different Files, between a Package and a File, between two Packages, or between one SPDXDocument and another SPDXDocument. The relationships between two elements that are supported are:

Relationship	Description	Example
DESCRIBES	Is to be used when SPDXRef-DOCUMENT describes SPDXRef-A	An SPDX document 'glibc.spdx' describes package 'glibc'. Note this is a logical relationship to help organize related items within an SPDX document that is mandatory if more than one package or set of files not in a package is present.
DESCRIBED_BY	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is described by SPDXREF-Document	TO DO: fill in example pointing to an external document.
CONTAINS	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A contains SPDXRef-B.	An ARCHIVE file 'bar.tgz' contains a SOURCE file 'foo.c'.
CONTAINED_BY	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is contained by SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file foo.c is contained by ARCHIVE file 'bar.tgz'
GENERATES	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A generates the SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'makefile.mk' generates a BINARY file 'a.out'
GENERATED_FROM	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A was generated from SPDXRef-B.	A BINARY file 'a.out' has been generated from a SOURCE file 'makefile.mk'.  A BINARY file 'foolib.a' is generated from a SOURCE file 'bar.c'.
ANCESTOR_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is an ancestor (same lineage	A SOURCE file 'makefile.mk' is a version of the original ancestor SOURCE file 'makefile2.mk'

	but pre-dates) SPDXRef-B	
DESCENDANT_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a descendant of (same lineage but postdates) SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'makefile2.mk' is a descendant of the original SOURCE file 'makefile.mk'
VARIANT_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a variant of (same lineage but not clear which came first) SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'makefile2.mk' is a variant of SOURCE file 'makefile.mk' if they differ by some edit, but there is no way to tell which came first (no reliable date information).
DISTRIBUTION_ARTIFACT	Is to be used when distributing SPDXRef-A requires that SPDXRef-B also be distributed.	A BINARY file 'foo.o' requires that the ARCHIVE file 'bar-sources.tgz' be made available on distribution.
PATCH_FOR	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a patch file for (to be applied to) SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.diff' is a patch file for SOURCE file 'foo.c'.
PATCH_APPLIED	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a patch file that has been applied to SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.diff' is a patch file that has been applied to SOURCE file 'foo-patched.c'.
COPY_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is an exact copy of SPDXRef-B.	A BINARY file 'alib.a' is an exact copy of BINARY file 'a2lib.a'.
FILE_ADDED	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a file added to SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.c' has been added to package ARCHIVE 'bar.tgz'.
FILE_DELETED	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a file was deleted from to SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.diff' has been deleted from package ARCHIVE 'bar.tgz'.
FILE_MODIFIED	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a file that was modified from SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.c'' has been modified from SOURCE file 'foo.orig.c'.

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EXPANDED_FROM_ARCHIVE	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is expanded from the archive SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'foo.c', has been expanded from the archive ARCHIVE file 'xyz.tgz'.
DYNAMIC_LINK	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A dynamically links to SPDXRef-B.	An APPLICATION file 'myapp' dynamically links to BINARY file 'zlib.so'.
STATIC_LINK	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A statically links to SPDXRef-B.	An APPLICATION file 'myapp' statically links to BINARY 'zlib.a'.
DATA_FILE_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a data file used in SPDXRef-B.	An IMAGE file 'kitty.jpg' is a data file of an APPLICATION 'hellokitty'.
TEST_CASE_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a test case used in testing SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file testMyCode.java is a unit test file used to test an APPLICATION MyPackage.
BUILD_TOOL_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is used to to build SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'makefile.mk' is used to build an APPLICATION 'zlib'.
DOCUMENTATION_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A provides documentation of SPDXRef-B.	A DOCUMENTATION file 'readme.txt' documents the APPLICATION 'zlib'.
OPTIONAL_COMPONENT_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is an optional component of SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'fool.c' (which is in the contributors directory) may or may not be included in the build of APPLICATION 'atthebar'.
METAFILE_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is a metafile of SPDXRef-B.	A SOURCE file 'pom.xml' is a metafile of the APPLICATION 'Apache Xerces'.
PACKAGE_OF	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A is used as a package as part of SPDXRef-B.	A Linux distribution contains an APPLICATION package gawk as part of the distribution MyLinuxDistro.
AMENDS	Is to be used when (current) SPDXRef-DOCUMENT amends the SPDX information in SPDXRef-B.	(Current) SPDX document A version 2 contains a correction to a previous version of the SPDX document A version 1. Note the reserved identifier SPDXRef-DOCUMENT for the current document is required.
PREREQUISITE_FOR	Is to be used when	A library bar.dll is a prerequisite

	SPDXRef-A is a prerequisite for SPDXRef-B	for Application foo.exe
HAS_PREREQUISITE	Is to be used when SPDXRef-A has as a prerequisite SPDXRef-B	An application foo.exe has prerequisite bar.dll
OTHER	Is to be used for a relationship which has not been defined in the formal SPDX specification. A description of the relationship should be included in the Relationship comments field.	

- 6.1.2 Intent: Here, this field is a reasonable estimation of the relation between two identified elements (i.e. files or packages, or documents), from a developer perspective.
- 6.1.3 Cardinality: Optional, multiple.

# 6.1.4 Data Format:

[ExternalDocumentRef:]SPDXID <relationship> [ExternalDocumentRef]:SPDXID where [ExternalDocumentRef:] is an optional reference to an external SPDX document as described in section 2.7 where SPDXID is a string containing letters, numbers, ".","-". as described in sections (2.3, 3.2, 4.2).

where <relationship> is one of the documented relationship types in table 6.1.1.

# **6.1.5** Tag: "Relationship:"

#### **Examples:**

Relationship: SPDXRef-grep CONTAINS SPDXRef-make RelationshipComment: Package grep contains file make

Relationship: SPDXRef-DOCUMENT AMENDS DocumentRef-SPDXA:SPDXRef-DOCUMENT RelationshipComment: This current document is an amendment of the SPDXA document.

**6.1.6 RDF:** property relationship in any SpdxElement

### **Examples:**

<SpdxElement rdf:about="#SPDXRef-45">
 <relationship>
 <Relationship>
 <spdx:relatedSpdxElement>
<spdx:SpdxElement</pre>

rdf:about="http://spdx.org/spdxdocs/spdx-tools-v1.2-3F2504E0-4F89-41D3-9A0C-0305E82C3301# SPDXRef-ToolsElement"/>

</spdx:relatedSpdxElement>

```
<relationshipType>http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#relationshipType_contains</relationshipType>
</Relationship>
</relationship>
...
</SpdxElement>
```

# **6.2 Relationship Comment**

- **6.2.1 Purpose:** This field provides a place for the SPDX file creator to record any general comments about the relationship.
- **6.2.2 Intent:** Here, the intent is to provide the recipient of the SPDX file with more information determined after careful analysis of the relationship between two elements in an SPDX file.
- **6.2.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **6.2.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines, refers only to the immediately preceding relationship.
- **6.2.5 Tag:** "RelationshipComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

A RelationshipComment: must be the line immediately after a "Relationship:"

### Example:

RelationshipComment: <text>

The package foo.tgz is a pre-requisite for building executable bar.

</text>

**6.2.6 RDF:** property rdfs:comments in class spdx:Relationship

## Example:

```
<<u>Relationship rdf:about="""</u>>
<<u>Relationship rdf:about="""</u>>
<rdfs:comment>

The package foo.tgz is a pre-requisite for building executable bar.
</rdfs:comment>
...
</<u>Relationship</u>>
```

## 7 Annotations

# 7.1 Annotator

- **7.1.1 Purpose:** This field identifies the person, organization or tool that has commented on a file, package, or the entire document.
- **7.1.2 Intent:** It may also be important for participants in the software supply chain to validate and add information on ambiguous files, and packages.
- **7.1.3 Cardinality:** Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is an Annotation.
- **7.1.4 Data Format**: single line of text with the following keywords.

"Person: person name" and optional "(email)"
"Organization: organization" and optional "(email)"

"Tool: tool identifier - version"

**7.1.5 Tag**: "Annotator:"

Example:

Annotator: Person: Jane Doe ()

**7.1.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:annotator in **class** spdx:Annotation

Example:

<Annotation>

<annotator> Person: Jane Doe () </annotator>

</Annotations>

### 7.2 Annotation Date

- **7.2.1 Purpose:** Identify when the comment was made. This is to be specified according to the combined date and time in the UTC format, as specified in the ISO 8601 standard.
- **7.2.2 Intent**: Here, the Annotation Date can serve as a verification as to when the actual review was done.
- **7.2.3 Cardinality**: Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is an Annotation.
- **7.2.4 Data Format**: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ

where:

YYYY is year

MM is month with leading zero
DD is day with leading zero

T is delimiter for time

hh is hours with leading zero in 24 hour time

mm is minutes with leading zero

**ss** is seconds with leading zero **Z** is universal time indicator

**7.2.5 Tag**: "AnnotationDate:"

Example:

AnnotationDate: 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z

**7.2.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:annotationDate in **class** spdx:Annotation

#### Example:

</Annotation>

<annotationDate> 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z </annonation Date>

</Annotation>

# 7.3 Annotation Type

- **7.3.1 Purpose:** This field describes the type of annotation.
- **7.3.2 Intent**: This allows the type of annotation to be recorded.
- **7.3.3 Cardinality**: Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is an Annotation.
- **7.3.4** Data Format: "REVIEW" | "OTHER"
- **7.3.5 Tag:** "AnnotationType:"

Example:

AnnotationType: REVIEW

**7.3.6 RDF**: **property** rdfs:comment in **class** spdx:Annotation

#### Example:

<Annotation>

<spdx:annotationType rdf:resource="http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#annotationType\_other"/>
</Annotation >

# 7.4 SPDX Identifier Reference

- **7.4.1 Purpose:** Uniquely identify the element in an SPDX document which is being referenced. These may be referenced internally and externally with the addition of the SPDX Document Identifier.
- **7.4.2 Intent:** There may be several versions of the same package or file within an SPDX document. Each element needs to be able to be referred to uniquely so that relationships between elements can be clearly articulated.
- **7.4.3 Cardinality:** Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is an Annotation.

## 7.4.4 DataFormat: [ExternalDocumentRef:]SPDXID

where:

- [ExternalDocumentRef:] is an optional reference to an external SPDX document as described in section 2.6
- SPDXID is a unique string containing letters, numbers, ".","-". as described in Sections 2.3, 3.2 and 4.2.
- **7.4.5** Tag: "SPDXREF:"

Example:

SPDXREF: SPDXRef-45

#### 7.4.6 RDF:

For RDF, the annotations are a property of the SPDX element it is annotationg.

### 7.5 Annotation Comment

- **7.5.1 Purpose:** This optional free form text field permits the annotator to provide commentary on the analysis.
- **7.5.2 Intent:** This allows the annonator to provide independent assessment and note any points where there is disagreement with the analysis.
- **7.5.3 Cardinality**: Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is an Annotation.
- **7.5.4 Data Format:** free form text that can span multiple lines.
- **7.5.5 Tag:** "AnnotationComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

#### Example:

AnnotationComment: <text>

All of the licenses seen in the file, are matching what was seen during manual inspection. There are some terms that can influence the concluded license, and some alternatives may be possible, but the concluded license is one of the options. </text>

**7.5.6 RDF:** property rdfs:comment in class spdx:Annotation

#### Example:

<Annotation>

<rdfs:comment>

All of the licenses seen in the file, are matching what was seen during manual inspection. There are some terms that can influence the concluded license, and some alternatives may

be possible, but the concluded license is one of the options. </rdfs:comment> </Annotation >

# 8 Review Information (deprecated)

The review information section is included for compatibility with SPDX 1.2, and is deprecated in SPDX 2.0. Any review information should use an Annotation (as described in Section 7) with an annotation type of annotationType\_review.

Review information can be added after the initial SPDX file has been created. The set of fields are optional and multiple instances can be added. Once a Reviewer entry is added, the Review Date associated with the review is mandatory. The Created date should not be modified as a result of the addition of information regarding the conduct of a review. A Review Comments is optional.

Fields:

# 8.1 Reviewer (deprecated)

This field is deprecated in SPDX 2.0.

- **8.1.1 Purpose:** This field identifies the person, organization or tool that has reviewed the SPDX file. This field is optional and thus there is no requirement for any reviewer to add a set of review information to the file. This can be considered as an equivalent to "signed off" or "reviewed by." Additional reviewers can be added after the original version of the SPDX file is created and be appended to the original file.
- **8.1.2 Intent:** Here, as time progresses certain reviewers will begin to gain credibility as reliable. This field intends to make such information transparent. It may also be important for participants in the software supply chain to validate whether upstream providers have reviewed the SPDX file.
- **8.1.3 Cardinality:** Optional, one.
- **8.1.4 Data Format**: single line of text with the following keywords.

"Person: person name" and optional "(email)"
"Organization: organization" and optional "(email)"
"Tack tool identifier, version"

"Tool: tool identifier - version"

**8.1.5** Tag: "Reviewer:"

**Example:** 

Reviewer: Person: Jane Doe ()

**8.1.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:reviewer in **class** spdx:Review

Example:

<Review>

<reviewer> Person: Jane Doe () </reviewer>
</Review>

# 8.2 Review Date (deprecated)

This field is deprecated in SPDX 2.0.

- **8.2.1 Purpose:** Identify when the review was done. This is to be specified according to the combined date and time in the UTC format, as specified in the ISO 8601 standard.
- **8.2.2 Intent**: Here, the ReviewDate can serve as a verification as to when the actual review was done.
- **8.2.3 Cardinality**: Conditional (Mandatory, one), if there is a Reviewer.
- **8.2.4 Data Format**: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ

where:

YYYY is year

MM is month with leading zero
DD is day with leading zero

T is delimiter for time

hh is hours with leading zero in 24 hour time

mm is minutes with leading zeross is seconds with leading zeroZ is universal time indicator

**8.2.5** Tag: "ReviewDate:"

Example:

ReviewDate: 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z

**8.2.6 RDF**: **property** spdx:reviewDate in **class** spdx:Review

# Example:

<Review>

<reviewDate> 2010-01-29T18:30:22Z </reviewDate>

</Review>

# 8.3 Review Comment (deprecated)

This field is deprecated in SPDX 2.0.

- **8.3.1 Purpose:** This optional free form text field permits the reviewer to provide commentary on the analysis.
- **8.3.2 Intent**: This allows the reviewer to provide independent assessment and note any points where there is disagreement with the analysis.
- **8.3.3** Cardinality: Optional, one.
- **8.3.4 Data Format**: free form text that can span multiple lines.
- **8.3.5 Tag:** "ReviewComment:"

In tag format multiple lines are delimited by <text> .. </text>..

Example:

ReviewComment: <text>

All of the licenses seen in the file, are matching what was seen during manual inspection. There are some terms that can influence the concluded license, and some alternatives may be possible, but the concluded license is one of the options. </text>

# **8.3.6 RDF**: **property** rdfs:comment in **class** spdx:Review

#### Example:

<Review>

<rdfs:comment>

All of the licenses seen in the file, are matching what was seen during manual inspection. There are some terms that can influence the concluded license, and some alternatives may be possible, but the concluded license is one of the options.

</rdfs:comment>

</Review>

# **Appendix I: SPDX License List**

The SPDX License List is a list of commonly found open source software licenses for the purposes of being able to easily and efficiently identify such licenses in an SPDX document. The SPDX License List includes a standardized short identifier, full name for each license, vetted license text, other basic information, and a canonical permanent URL. By providing a short identifier, users can efficiently refer to a license without having to redundantly reproduce the full license.

The following table contains the full names and short identifiers for the SPDX License List, v2.0 which was released February 2015. For the full and most up-to-date version of the SPDX License List, please see <a href="http://spdx.org/licenses/">http://spdx.org/licenses/</a>

You may propose additional licenses be added to the SPDX License List by following the process at http://spdx.org/spdx-license-list/request-new-license

Guidelines for what constitutes a license match to the SPDX License List when generating an SPDX file can be found here: http://spdx.org/spdx-license-list/matching-guidelines

# I.1 Licenses with Short Form Identifiers

Full Name of License	SPDX License Identifier
3dfx Glide License	Glide
Abstyles License	<u>Abstyles</u>
Academic Free License v1.1	AFL-1.1
Academic Free License v1.2	<u>AFL-1.2</u>
Academic Free License v2.0	AFL-2.0
Academic Free License v2.1	AFL-2.1
Academic Free License v3.0	AFL-3.0
Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences BSD	<u>AMPAS</u>
Adaptive Public License 1.0	APL-1.0
Adobe Glyph List License	Adobe-Glyph
Adobe Postscript AFM License	<u>APAFML</u>
Adobe Systems Incorporated Source Code License Agreement	Adobe-2006

Affero General Public License v1.0	AGPL-1.0
Afmparse License	<u>Afmparse</u>
Aladdin Free Public License	Aladdin
Amazon Digital Services License	ADSL
AMD's plpa_map.c License	AMDPLPA
ANTLR Software Rights Notice	ANTLR-PD
Apache License 1.0	Apache-1.0
Apache License 1.1	Apache-1.1
Apache License 2.0	Apache-2.0
Apple MIT License	AML
Apple Public Source License 1.0	APSL-1.0
Apple Public Source License 1.1	<u>APSL-1.1</u>
Apple Public Source License 1.2	APSL-1.2
Apple Public Source License 2.0	APSL-2.0
Artistic License 1.0	Artistic-1.0
Artistic License 1.0 (Perl)	Artistic-1.0-Perl
Artistic License 1.0 w/clause 8	Artistic-1.0-cl8
Artistic License 2.0	Artistic-2.0
Attribution Assurance License	AAL
Bahyph License	<u>Bahyph</u>
Barr License	<u>Barr</u>
Beerware License	<u>Beerware</u>
BitTorrent Open Source License v1.0	BitTorrent-1.0
BitTorrent Open Source License v1.1	BitTorrent-1.1
Boost Software License 1.0	BSL-1.0

Borceux license	Borceux
BSD 2-clause "Simplified" License	BSD-2-Clause
BSD 2-clause FreeBSD License	BSD-2-Clause-FreeBSD
BSD 2-clause NetBSD License	BSD-2-Clause-NetBSD
BSD 3-clause "New" or "Revised" License	BSD-3-Clause
BSD 3-clause Clear License	BSD-3-Clause-Clear
BSD 4-clause "Original" or "Old" License	BSD-4-Clause
BSD Protection License	BSD-Protection
BSD with attribution	BSD-3-Clause-Attribution
BSD-4-Clause (University of California-Specific)	BSD-4-Clause-UC
bzip2 and libbzip2 License v1.0.5	<u>bzip2-1.0.5</u>
bzip2 and libbzip2 License v1.0.6	<u>bzip2-1.0.6</u>
Caldera License	<u>Caldera</u>
CeCILL Free Software License Agreement v1.0	CECILL-1.0
CeCILL Free Software License Agreement v1.1	CECILL-1.1
CeCILL Free Software License Agreement v2.0	CECILL-2.0
CeCILL-B Free Software License Agreement	CECILL-B
CeCILL-C Free Software License Agreement	CECILL-C
Clarified Artistic License	CIArtistic
CMU License	MIT-CMU
CNRI Python License	CNRI-Python
CNRI Python Open Source GPL Compatible License Agreement	CNRI-Python-GPL-Compati
Code Project Open License 1.02	<u>CPOL-1.02</u>
Common Development and Distribution License 1.0	CDDL-1.0
Common Development and Distribution License 1.1	CDDL-1.1

Common Public Attribution License 1.0	<u>CPAL-1.0</u>
Common Public License 1.0	CPL-1.0
Computer Associates Trusted Open Source License 1.1	CATOSL-1.1
Condor Public License v1.1	Condor-1.1
Creative Commons Attribution 1.0	CC-BY-1.0
Creative Commons Attribution 2.0	CC-BY-2.0
Creative Commons Attribution 2.5	CC-BY-2.5
Creative Commons Attribution 3.0	CC-BY-3.0
Creative Commons Attribution 4.0	CC-BY-4.0
Creative Commons Attribution No Derivatives 1.0	CC-BY-ND-1.0
Creative Commons Attribution No Derivatives 2.0	CC-BY-ND-2.0
Creative Commons Attribution No Derivatives 2.5	CC-BY-ND-2.5
Creative Commons Attribution No Derivatives 3.0	CC-BY-ND-3.0
Creative Commons Attribution No Derivatives 4.0	CC-BY-ND-4.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 1.0	CC-BY-NC-1.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 2.0	CC-BY-NC-2.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 2.5	CC-BY-NC-2.5
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 3.0	CC-BY-NC-3.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 4.0	CC-BY-NC-4.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives 1.0	CC-BY-NC-ND-1.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives 2.0	CC-BY-NC-ND-2.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives 2.5	CC-BY-NC-ND-2.5
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives 3.0	CC-BY-NC-ND-3.0
Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives 4.0	CC-BY-NC-ND-4.0
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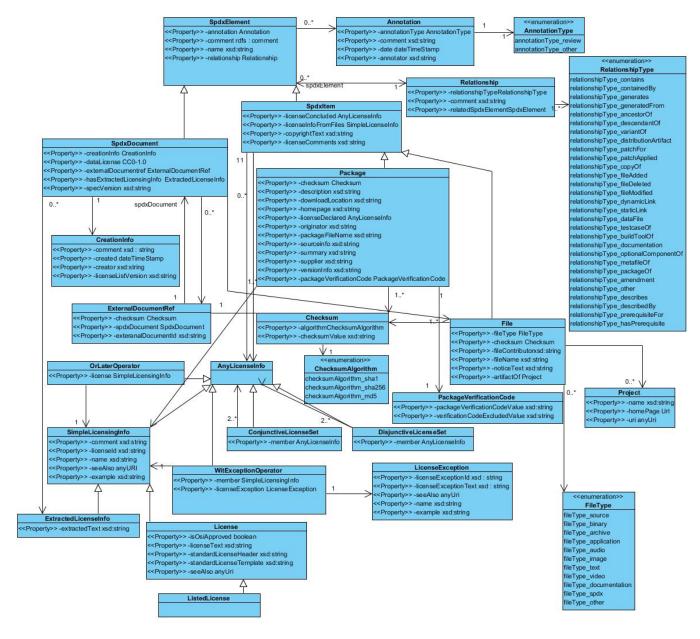
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## Appendix III: RDF Data Model Implementation and Identifier Syntax

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                   U+00a0-U+E01EF
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## **Appendix IV: License Expression Syntax (beta draft 0.98)**

#### **Overview**

Often a single license can be used to represent the licensing terms of a source code or binary file, but there are situations where a single license identifier is not sufficient. A common example is when software is offered under a choice of one or more licenses (e.g., GPL-2.0 OR BSD-3-Clause). Another example is when a set of licenses is needed to represent a binary program constructed by compiling and linking two (or more) different source files each governed by different licenses (e.g., LGPL-2.1 and BSD-3-Clause respectively).

The exact syntax of license expresssions is described below in ABNF.

In the following sections we describe in more detail **<SPDX-License-Expression>** construct, a licensing expression string that enables a more accurate representation of the licensing terms of modern day software. A valid **<SPDX-License-Expression>** string consists of either:

- (i) a simple licensed expression, such as a single license identifier; or
- (ii) a more complex expression constructed by combining smaller valid expressions using Boolean license operators.

# Simple License Expressions

A simple **<SPDX-License-Expression>** is composed one of the following:

• An SPDX License List Short Form Identifier. For example:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = GPL-2.0
```

• An SPDX License List Short Form Identifier with a unary "+" operator suffix to represent the current version of the license or any later version:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = GPL-2.0+
```

• A SPDX user defined license reference, denoted by LicenseRef-[idString]. For example:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = LicenseRef-23
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = LicenseRef-MIT-Style-1
```

### **Composite License Expressions**

More expressive composite license expressions can be constructed using "OR," "AND," and "WITH" operators similar to constructing mathematical expressions using arithmetic operators. For the tag/value format, any license expression that consists of more than one license identifier and/or LicenseRef, should be encapsulated by parentheses: ( ). This has been specified to facilitate expression parsing. Nested parentheses can also be used to specify an order of precedence which is discussed in more detail in subsection (4).

#### 1) Disjunctive OR Operator

If presented with a choice between two or more licenses, use the disjunctive binary "or" operator to construct a new <**SPDX-License-Expression**>, where both the left and right operands are valid <**SPDX-License-Expression**> values. The syntax for the "or" operator is:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = (<SPDX-License-Expression-1> OR <SPDX-License-Expression-2>)
```

For example, when given a choice between the LGPL-2.1 or MIT licenses, a valid expression would be: (LGPL-2.1 OR MIT), where:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = LGPL-2.1
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = MIT
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = (LGPL-2.1 OR MIT)
```

An example representing a choice between three different licenses would be: (LGPL-2.1 OR MIT OR BSD-3-Clause), where:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = LGPL-2.1
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = MIT
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = BSD-3-Clause
<SPDX-License-Expression-4> = (LGPL-2.1 OR MIT OR BSD-3-Clause)
```

### 2) Conjunctive AND Operator

If required to simultaneously comply with two or more licenses, use the conjunctive binary "AND" operator to construct a new <**SPDX-License-Expression**>, where both the left and right operands are a valid <**SPDX-License-Expression**> values. The syntax for the "AND" operator is:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = (<SPDX-License-Expression-1> AND <SPDX-License-Expression-2>)
```

For example, when one is required to comply with both the LGPL-2.1 AND MIT licenses, a valid conjunctive expression would be: LGPL-2.1 AND MIT, where:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = LGPL-2.1
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = MIT
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = LGPL-2.1 AND MIT
```

An example where three licenses apply would be: LGPL-2.1 AND MIT AND BSD-2-Clause, where:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = LGPL-2.1
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = MIT
<SPDX-License-Expression-3> = BSD-2-Clause
<SPDX-License-Expression-4> = (LGPL-2.1 AND MIT AND BSD-2-Clause)
```

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#### 3) Exception WITH Operator

Sometimes a set of license terms apply except under special circumstances. In this case, use the binary "with" operator to construct a new < SPDX-License-Expression> to represent the special exception situation. A valid license expression is where the left operand is a valid < SPDX-License-Expression> value and the right operand is an SPDX License List Exception Identifier (SPDX LL Exception Identifier) that represents the special exception terms. SPDX License LL Identifiers can be found on the SPDX License List. The syntax for the "with" operator is:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-2> = (<SPDX-License-Expression-1> with <SPDX-LL-Exception-Identifier>)
```

For example, when the Bison exception is to be applied to GPL-2.0+, the expression would be: (GPL-2.0+ WITH Bison-exception-2.2), where:

```
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = GPL-2.0+
<SPDX-LL-Exception-Identifier> = Bison-exception-2.2
<SPDX-License-Expression-1> = (GPL-2.0+ WITH Bison-exception-2.2)
```

If the applicable exception is not found on the SPDX License List, then use **LicenseRef**-[idString] to express the license and exception.

#### 4) Order of Precedence and Parentheses

The order of application of the operators in an expression matters (similar to mathematical operators). The default operator order of precedence of an **SPDX-License-Expression** is:

- 1. +
- 2. WITH
- 3. AND
- 4. OR

where a lower order operator is applied before a higher order operator. For example, the following expression:

```
(LGPL-2.1 OR BSD-3-Clause AND MIT)
```

represents a license choice between either LGPL-2.1 and the expression BSD-3-Clause AND MIT because the AND operator takes precedence over (is applied before) the OR operator.

When required to express an order of precedence that is different from the default order an <**SPDX-License-Expression**> can be encapsulated in one or more pairs of parentheses: ( ), to indicate that the operators found inside the parentheses takes precedence over operators outside. This is also similar to the use of parentheses in an algebraic expression e.g., (5+7)/2. For instance, the following expression:

```
((LGPL-2.1+ OR BSD-3-Clause) AND MIT)
```

states the **OR** operator should be applied before the **AND** operator. That is, one should first select between the LGPL-2.1+ and the BSD-3-Clause license before applying the MIT license.

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