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Information delivery manual —**

**Part 3:  
Data schema**

*Modèles des informations de la construction — Protocole d'échange  
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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document specifies a machine applicable, readable and transferable (SMART) data schema for the efficient development, management and reuse of information delivery manual (IDM) specifications based on ISO 29481-1. ISO 29481-1 sets out a methodology for describing the processes and information requirements for a defined purpose within the development or management of an asset. In the absence of a standard data schema for exchanging and sharing the contents of IDMs in an electronic format, IDM specifications have historically been developed as either a static document file or as a data file specified in a proprietary data format. Consequently, their contents cannot be efficiently exchanged, shared and reused. The goal of this document is to define a standard data schema in order to expedite the development and sharing of the IDM specifications to meet the rapidly increasing demand for various building information modelling (BIM) use cases (UCs).

Using extensible markup language (XML), this document specifies a data schema for authoring, exchanging and sharing an IDM specification defined by ISO 29481-1. The data schema is referred to as the idmXML schema definition (idmXSD). idmXSD aims to allow users to electronically store, search, share, exchange and reuse IDM specifications and their contents, including metadata such as authors, dates, languages, revision history and supported project phases, as well as detailed descriptions of each information requirement. In addition, this document specifies the IDM code generation rules based on their key properties.

Use of this document will improve the interoperability of IDM specifications and their contents, providing tight digital links between the components of an IDM specification and to external data definitions such as ISO 16739-1 (industry foundation classes, IFC), ISO 12006-3, ISO 19650-1, ISO 23386, ISO 23387, EN 17412-1 (level of information need) and ISO 21597-1 (information container for linked document delivery), as well as model view definitions (MVDs) of standard data schemas.

# Building information models — Information delivery manual —

## Part 3: Data schema

### 1 Scope

This document is the technical addition to the methodology set out in ISO 29481-1. It defines a specification to store, exchange and read information delivery manual (IDM) specifications in a standardized and machine-readable way.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 639-1, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 1: Alpha-2 code*

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO 22263, *Organization of information about construction works — Framework for management of project information*

ISO 29481-1:2016, *Building information models — Information delivery manual — Part 1: Methodology and format*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 29481-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 attribute

XML construct that modifies or provides descriptive metadata about an element's content

[SOURCE: ISO 20616-1:2021, 3.7, modified — The term “XML attribute” has been deleted. The phrase “included within the start tag of an XML element” has been removed and “that element's content” has been replaced with “an element's content”.]

#### 3.2 information delivery manual code IDM code

code for an *IDM specification* (3.3) created based on the key identifying features of an IDM specification

**3.3**  
**information delivery manual specification**  
**IDM specification**

instance of an IDM and its components

**3.4**  
**use case**  
**UC**

description of an information use for a specific purpose by one or more actors and/or systems

**3.5**  
**business context map**

description of the information flow in a business context represented in the form of a process map or interaction map

## **4 Overview of the IDM schema**

### **4.1 Naming convention**

The naming convention shown below is used for the IDM schema elements.

- a) The camel case convention shall be used for the naming of IDM schema elements.
- b) Except for the terms below, all the terms shall be spelled out:
  - 1) idm: information delivery manual;
  - 2) uc: use case;
  - 3) er: exchange requirement;
  - 4) pm: process map;
  - 5) im: interaction map;
  - 6) tm: transaction map;
  - 7) id: identifier.
- c) Elements that represent descriptions, a group or a set shall be specified using a plural form.

EXAMPLE      benefits, limitations, requiredResources, requiredCompetencies.

### **4.2 Restriction notation**

The following XSD restriction notation is used for the IDM data schema.

- PK: primary key.
- Required: mandatory.
- Optional: not mandatory.
- The 1:1 restriction depicts that both the minimum and maximum occurrence of an element is 1. This means there shall be one element.
- The 0:1 restriction depicts that the minimum occurrence of an element is 0 and the maximum occurrence is 1.
- The 0:\* restriction depicts the zero to many relationship, which is represented as minOccurs = "0" to maxOccurs = "unbounded" in the XML schema.



### 4.3 Overall structure of the IDM schema

The idmXSD consists of the idm element, its three core components (i.e. UC, business context map and ER), and the relations and properties related to them.

- An IDM specification consists of a UC, business context maps and an ER.
- A UC shall include the header information specified in ISO 29481-1 and other metadata sufficient to provide the context and the scope of an IDM.
- A business context map visually and formally represents the information delivery processes for a UC. ISO 29481-1 requires the exchange method and process to be specified in one or more PM and/or IM.
- An ER defines the information required by a specific UC at an individual information-unit level; possibly with references to the elements of standard data schemas, such as CityGML<sup>[19]</sup>, ISO 16739-1 (IFC), gbXML<sup>[17]</sup> or ISO 12006-3.

[Clauses 5](#) to [11](#) define the entities, relationships, attributes and restrictions of the IDM schema. [Figure 1](#) illustrates a conceptual view of the IDM schema. A downloadable link to the full idmXSD is provided in [Annex A](#).

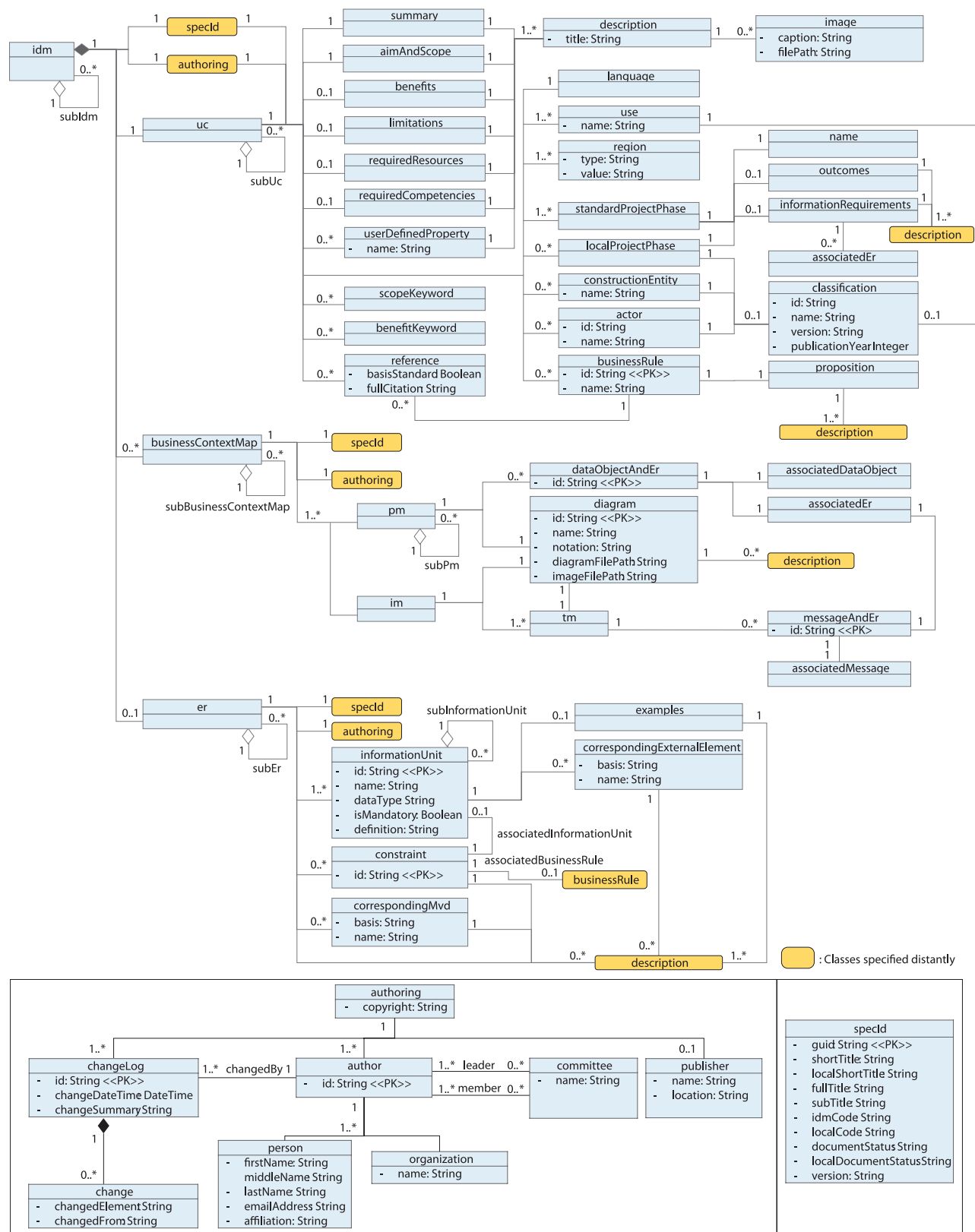


Figure 1 — Conceptual view of the IDM schema in the unified modelling language (UML) class diagram

## 5 Information delivery manual

The `idm` element is a wrapper of core IDM components – namely UCs, business context maps and ERs (see [Figure 2](#)). The constraints between them are as follows.

- The `idm` element shall be the single root element in the `idmXSD`.
- An `idm` element shall be associated with a single `uc` element and a single `er` element.
- An `idm` element may contain zero to many `businessContextMap` elements.
- The `businessContextMap` element and the `er` element may be left unspecified during the initial development phase, to be detailed in a later version of the IDM specification as it is developed.
- An `idm` element may include zero to many `subIdm` elements. The other IDM components (i.e. the UC element, the `businessContextMap` element and the `er` element) may also include zero to many sub-elements.

This structure allows all the IDM components to be associated with multiple IDs, UCs, business context maps and ERs, which can be specified by external groups.

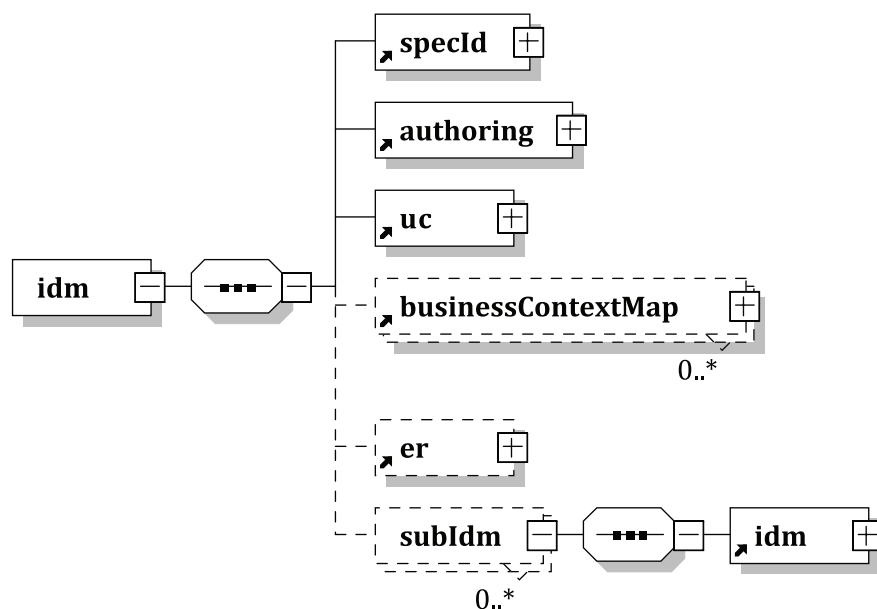


Figure 2 — XSD diagram of the IDM element

[Table 1](#) lists the elements, types and restrictions of the IDM element.

Table 1 — IDM's elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
<code>specId</code>	element	1:1	The specification identification information (see <a href="#">Clause 6</a> for details).
<code>authoring</code>	element	1:1	The author and change log information (see <a href="#">Clause 7</a> for details).
<code>subIdm</code>	element	0:*	A subset of an IDM.
<code>uc</code>	element	1:1	An associated UC.
<code>businessContextMap</code>	element	0:*	Associated business context maps.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

Table 1 (continued)

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
er	element	0:1	An associated ER.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

6 Specification identifier (specId)

Each IDM component shall have a set of identifiers. An IDM specification and its sub-UC, business context map and ER shall use four types of identifiers: a globally unique identifier (GUID), an IDM code, and user-defined full and short titles (guid, idmCode, fullTitle and shortTitle, respectively). Since an IDM specification can be specified in any language, the short title shall be provided in English. These are referred to as the “specId attribute group”. The specId attribute group shall include the attributes specified in [Figure 3](#) and [Table 2](#).

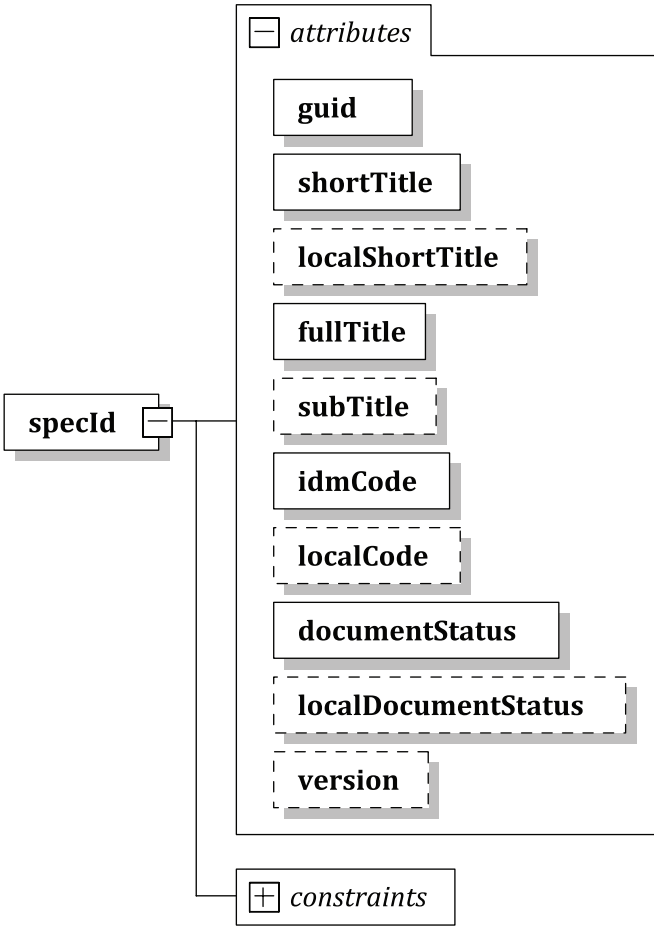


Figure 3 — XSD diagram of the specId

Table 2 — specId's attributes

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
guid	string	PK	A globally unique identifier.
shortTitle	string	required	A running title or byname for an IDM specification in English.
localShortTitle	string	optional	A running title or byname for an IDM specification in a local language.
fullTitle	string	required	A full name of an IDM specification.
subTitle	string	optional	A supplementary title for an IDM specification.
idmCode	string	required	A human- and machine-readable code, generated based on the core metadata items of an IDM specification (see <a href="#">Clause 11</a> for details).
localCode	string	optional	A legacy identifier or a supplementary IDM identifier generated according to a local code generation rule.
documentStatus	string	required	The status of an IDM specification, from the initiation stage to the official release stage.  The documentStatus shall be either one of NP (new proposal), WD (working draft), PUB (publication) or WDRL (withdrawal) (see <a href="#">Annex B</a> for details).
localDocument-Status	string	optional	The status of an IDM specification according to the local document release status.
version	string	optional	A combination of numbers and/or strings, which record the development of an IDM specification.

## 7 Authoring

### 7.1 General

The authoring element stores the author information and the change history of IDM specifications, including the changed contents, the principal or organization who created and changed the contents, and the change date. An IDM specification shall be written by at least one author or one committee. Authors can belong to one or more committees. The authoring element is composed of author, committee, changeLog and publisher. The authoring's attributes and elements are specified in [Figure 4](#) and [Table 3](#).

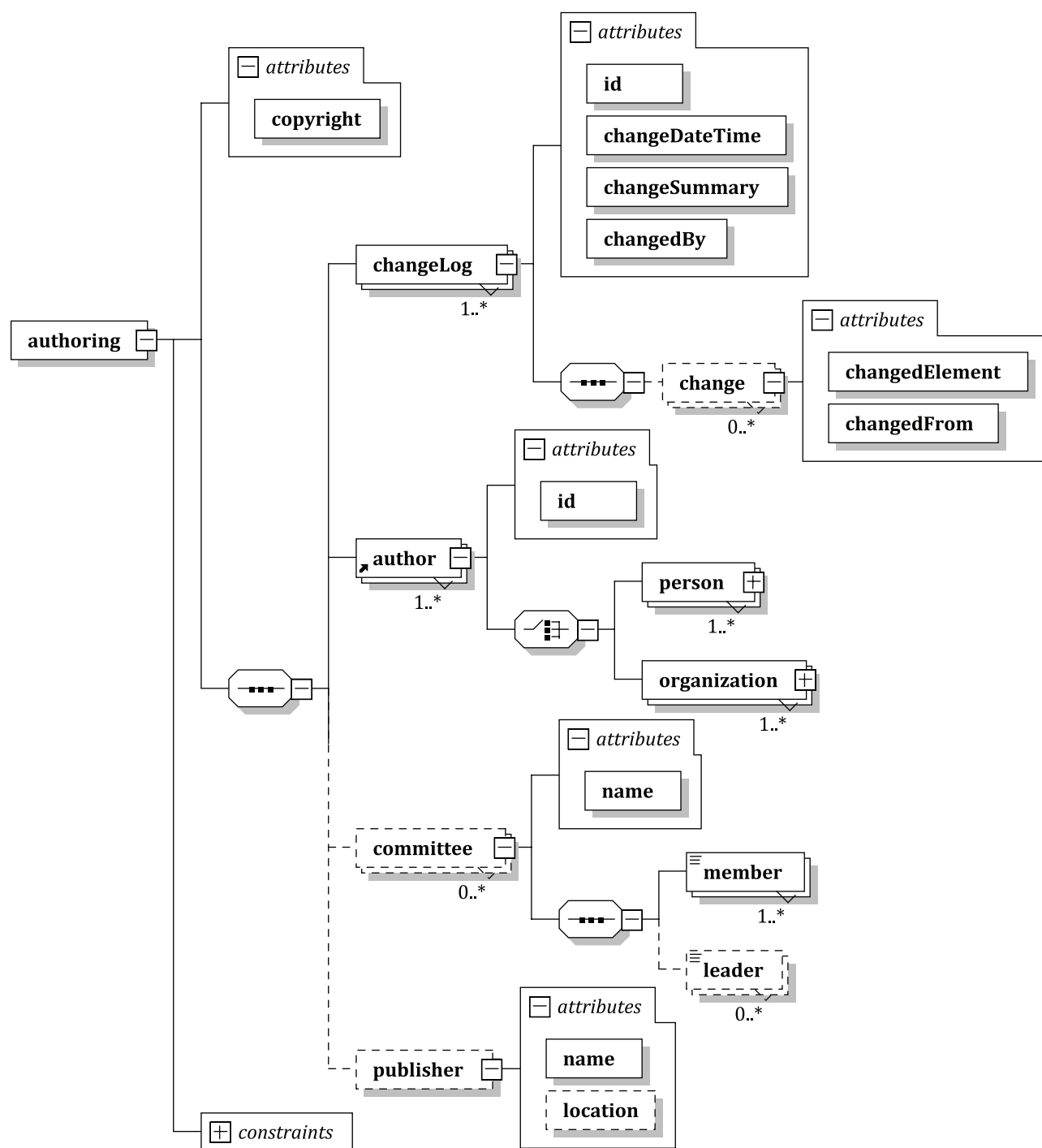


Figure 4 — XSD diagram of the authoring attributes

**Table 3 — Authoring's attributes and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
copyright	string	required	A description about the copyright ownership and/or licence information.
changeLog	element	1:*	The history of a specification: a chronological list of who created and changed the specification, as well as when the specification was created and changed (see 7.2 for details).
author	element	0:*	A person or organization that creates or modifies the IDM specification (see 7.3 for details).
committee	element	0:*	The authoring group of the IDM specification (see 7.4 for details).
publisher	element	0:1	The publisher of the IDM specification (see 7.5 for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 7.2 Change log

The changeLog consists of id, changeDateTime, changeSummary (content), changedBy (the author who made a change) and changes. The IDM user or developer can track the changes in the IDM specifications through the attributes in changeLog. The changeLog's attributes and elements are specified in [Tables 4](#) and [5](#).

**Table 4 — changeLog's attributes and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier assigned incrementally or sequentially to an item to uniquely identify it.
changeDateTime	dateTime	required	The date and time when the changes were made. The format shall be "YYYY-MM-DD" as specified by ISO 8601-1.
changeSummary	string	required	A description of the change summary made in a specification.
changedBy	element	1:1	The author who created or made changes. A reference to an id of the author element (see 7.3 for details).
change	element	0:*	Each change instance in the changeLog.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

**Table 5 — Change's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
changedElement	string	required	A metadata element that was changed.
changedFrom	string	required	A value before each element has changed.

## 7.3 Author

The author element represents general information about the IDM creator and/or editor, such as emailAddress, name (firstName, middleName and lastName), affiliation and id. An author can be a person or an organization. The author's attribute and elements are specified in [Table 6](#). The person's attributes are specified in [Table 7](#). The organization's attributes are specified in [Table 8](#).

**Table 6 — Author's attribute and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	The unique identifier for representing each author.
person	element	1:*	A person who authors an IDM specification.
organization	element	1:*	An organized body of people who author an IDM specification.

NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey.

**Table 7 — Person's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
firstName	string	required	The first name of the author.
middleName	string	optional	The middle name(s) of the author.
lastName	string	optional	The last name of the author.
emailAddress	string	optional	An email address of the author.
affiliation	string	optional	The affiliations of the author.

**Table 8 — Organization's attribute**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	required, unique	The name of an organization.

## 7.4 Committee

The committee element shall be used when an IDM specification is developed by a named committee of authors. The committee element includes name, leader, member, etc. The committee's attribute and elements are specified in [Table 9](#).

**Table 9 — Committee's attributes and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	PK	The name of an authoring group.
leader	element	0..*	The author who leads an IDM specification author team (a reference to the identifier of an author who belongs to a committee) (see <a href="#">7.3</a> for details).
member	element	0..*	A reference to the identifier of an author who belongs to a committee (see <a href="#">7.3</a> for details).

NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey.

## 7.5 Publisher

The publisher element represents the entity that published the IDM specification. It is composed of the name and location. The publisher's attributes are specified in [Table 10](#).

**Table 10 — Publisher's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	required	The entity that published the IDM specification.
location	string	optional	The region (a country or a city) where the IDM specification was published.



## 8 Use case

### 8.1 General

The UC element in the IDM schema can be understood as a collection or an extension of the overview information of a PM and an ER specified in ISO 29481-1. The UC attributes and elements are specified in [Figure 5](#) and [Table 11](#) to [Table 32](#).

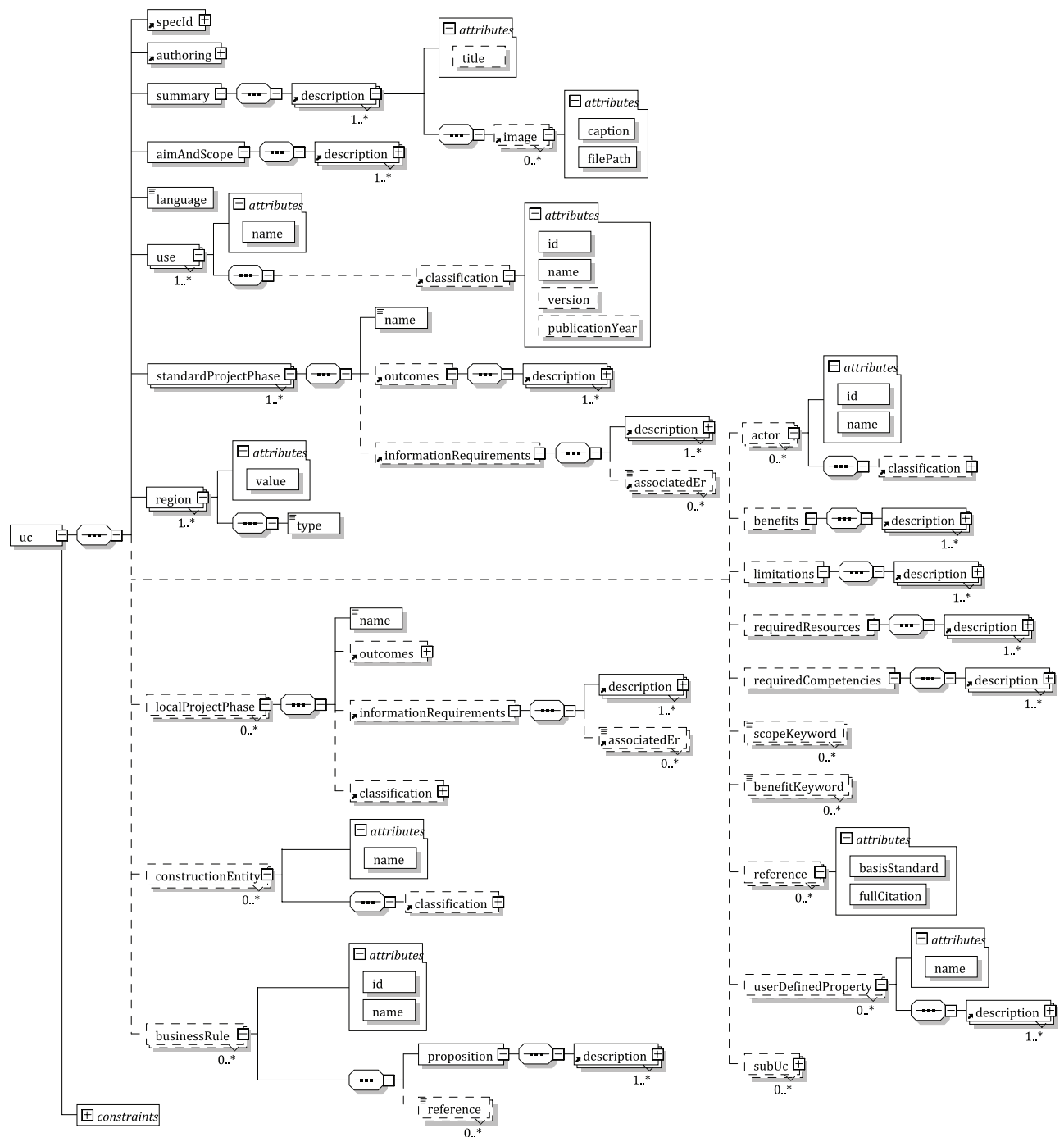


Figure 5 — XSD diagram of the UC element

Table 11 — UC's elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
specId	element	1:1	The IDM specification identification information (see <a href="#">Clause 6</a> for details).
authoring	element	1:1	The author and changeLog information (see <a href="#">Clause 7</a> for details).
subUc	element	0:*	A subset of a UC.
summary	element	1:1	A brief of the aim and scope, benefits, and other aspects of an IDM specification (see <a href="#">8.2</a> for details).
aimAndScope	element	1:1	The purpose and coverage of an IDM specification (see <a href="#">8.3</a> for details).
language	element	1:1	The language used to define an IDM specification, which shall be in accordance with ISO 639-1.
use	element	1:*	A method of utilizing information in a project for a specific purpose (see <a href="#">8.4</a> for details).
standardProjectPhase	element	1:*	The phase or stage of a project that an IDM specification is targeting in accordance with ISO 22263 (see <a href="#">8.5</a> for details).
localProjectPhase	element	0:*	The phase or stage of a project that an IDM specification is targeting, based on a project life cycle classification system chosen by the authors (e.g. Generic Process Protocol (GPP), the American Institute of Architects (AIA) or the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)) (see <a href="#">8.6</a> for details).
region	element	1:*	A geographical area where a specified document will be used (see <a href="#">8.7</a> for details).
constructionEntity	element	0..*	A type of construction product by function (see <a href="#">8.8</a> for details).
businessRule	element	0:*	Operation, definition or constraint that can be applied to a set of data used within a particular process or activity (see <a href="#">8.9</a> for details).
actor	element	0:*	The role or discipline of the project participant who is sending and receiving information (see <a href="#">8.10</a> for details).
benefits	element	0:1	A description of the advantages that can be gained from a UC (see <a href="#">8.11</a> for details).
limitations	element	0:1	A description of the weaknesses, scope or distinctive characteristics of a UC (see <a href="#">8.12</a> for details).
requiredResources	element	0:1	A description of the resources that are prerequisites to begin a UC (see <a href="#">8.13</a> for details).
requiredCompetencies	element	0:1	A description of the competencies required by a team member to conduct the activities specified in a UC (see <a href="#">8.14</a> for details).
scopeKeyword	element	0:*	A keyword that describes the scope of a UC.
benefitKeyword	element	0:*	A keyword that describes the advantages that can be gained from a specified UC.
reference	element	0:*	An external source, such as a standard, to which an IDM specification refers (see <a href="#">8.15</a> for details).
userDefinedProperty	element	0:*	An additional property to further describe a UC (see <a href="#">8.16</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.2 Summary

An overall summary of the purpose, scope, benefits and other aspects of an IDM specification shall be specified using the summary element. A summary can be specified in multiple languages. However, the first (default) summary shall be specified in English for international readers. The summary's element is specified in [Table 12](#).

**Table 12 — Summary's element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.3 Aim and scope

The purpose and coverage of an IDM specification shall be specified using the aim and scope element. The aim and scope's element is specified in [Table 13](#).

**Table 13 — Aim and scope's element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.4 Use

The use element is a high-level classification of information uses within an asset's life cycle. If the specified information use is based on any information-use classification system, the classification system can be specified using the classification element. The name of a use shall be defined in the form of a verb plus a noun, as specified in ISO 29481-1:2016, Table 1, Naming rule 3. The use's attribute and element are specified in [Table 14](#).

EXAMPLE      ModelWall, EstimateCost, CheckModelCompliance.

**Table 14 — Use's attribute and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	required, unique	The name of a use.
classification	element	0:1	The classification system on which the specified information use is based (see <a href="#">8.17</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.5 Standard project phase

The standardProjectPhase's attributes represent the targeting life cycle phases of the IDM specifications. In particular, the standard project phase, which follows ISO 22263, shall be specified for the design coordination or cooperation between international companies or institutions. ISO 22263 classifies a project life cycle into six phases: inception, brief, design, production, maintenance and demolition. An IDM can target one or more phases. Additionally, the outcomes and the information requirements of each phase can be described. The standard project phase's attribute and elements are specified in [Table 15](#).

**Table 15 — standardProjectPhase's attribute and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	enumeration	required, unique	The name of the targeted life cycle phase based on ISO 22263: an enumeration of inception, brief, design, production, maintenance and demolition.
outcomes	element	0:1	The descriptions of the expected results once the selected life cycle phase is completed (see 8.18 for details).
informationRequirements	element	0:1	The descriptions of the information required by the selected life cycle phase (see 8.19 for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.6 Local project phase

In addition to the standard project phase, the authors may specify a target life cycle phase(s) based on a project-phase classification system of their choice. This is referred to as the “local project phase(s)”. To specify a local project phase, the first step is to specify the project-phase classification system that the authors elect to use, with the classification element. The second step is to specify the target phases of an IDM. The local project phase's elements are specified in [Table 16](#).

EXAMPLE Project phases defined by the GPP, AIA or RIBA.

**Table 16 — Local project phase's elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	element	1:1	A stage name for the project life cycle phases, based on the project phase classification system chosen by the author.
outcomes	element	0:1	The descriptions of the expected results once the selected life cycle phase is completed (see 8.18 for details).
informationRequirements	element	0:1	The descriptions of the information required by the selected life cycle phase (see 8.19 for details).
classification	element	0:1	A classification system upon which the specified local project phase is based (see 8.17 for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.7 Region

The target regions of an IDM shall be specified using the region element. The region's attributes are specified in [Table 17](#).

**Table 17 — Region's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
type	string	required, unique	A geographical area, either of a continent, a country or a user-defined region, where an IDM specification will be used. The default value of the user-defined region is the “USR”.
value	string	required	A target region of an IDM specification. The default value is “INT”, which stands for international (use). For continents and countries, the continent and country codes defined in ISO 3166-1 shall be used.

## 8.8 Construction entity

The facility type that an IDM specification aims to support shall be specified using the constructionEntity element.

EXAMPLE A hospital facility, an airport, a railway, a data centre.

The classification element is the field to specify a standard classification system for construction entities (or facility type). An example of a standard classification system is OmniClass<sup>TM1)</sup> Table 11 - Construction Entities by Function<sup>[14]</sup>. The construction entity's attribute and element are specified in [Table 18](#).

**Table 18 — Construction entity's attribute and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	required, unique	A construction entity of a project in which the targeted specification is based on the chosen classification element.
classification	element	0:1	A classification system that the specified construction entity is based on (see <a href="#">8.17</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.9 Business rule

The businessRule element describes the operations, definitions and constraints that can be applied to the set of data used within a particular process or activity. A business rule is composed of id, name, proposition and references. The business rule's attributes and elements are specified in [Table 19](#). The proposition's element is specified in [Table 20](#).

**Table 19 — Business rule's attributes and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	An identifier for a business rule, unique at least within a specification.
name	string	required, unique	An author-defined short title for a business rule, not unique (e.g. aggregate electric elements to a distribution point).
proposition	element	1:1	A description of the rule (e.g. only occurrences of particular types of electrical distribution elements can be aggregated within a distribution point). The proposition may include a graphical example.
reference	element	0:*	An external source, such as a standard, to which a business rule refers. The reference element refers to the reference element of the UC element (see <a href="#">8.15</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

**Table 20 — Proposition's element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

1) OmniClass<sup>TM</sup> is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

## 8.10 Actor

The actor element specifies the actors who send and receive the required information (i.e. ER). The actor is a person, organization or organizational unit (such as a department or team) involved in a facility's life cycle process. More than one actor can send and receive an ER. Authors can choose a standard classification system for the actor (role) type. The classification element allows the authors to specify the actor classification standard of their choice. Two examples of such standards are OmniClass™ Table 33 - Disciplines<sup>[15]</sup> and OmniClass™ Table 34 - Organizational Roles<sup>[16]</sup>. The actor's attributes and elements are specified in [Table 21](#).

**Table 21 — Actor's attributes and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	required	A unique identifier for the actor.
name	string	required, unique	A role name for the actor who is involved in the project.
classification	element	0:1	The classification system from which the specified actor role is drawn (see <a href="#">8.17</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.11 Benefits

The advantages of providing required information shall be specified using the benefits' element. The benefits' element is specified in [Table 22](#).

**Table 22 — Benefits' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.12 Limitations

The limitations in delivering required information (e.g. temporal, scope or contractual limitations) shall be specified using the limitations element. The limitations' element is specified in [Table 23](#).

**Table 23 — Limitations' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.13 Required resources

The resources required to deliver the required information shall be specified using the requiredResources element. The required resources' element is specified in [Table 24](#).

**Table 24 — Required resources' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.14 Required competencies

The competencies, knowledge and skills required to deliver the required information shall be specified using the requiredCompetencies element. The requiredCompetencies' element is specified in [Table 25](#).

**Table 25 — requiredCompetencies' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.15 Reference

An external source of information, such as a standard or other types of references, to which an IDM specification refers, shall be specified using the reference element. The reference's attributes are specified in [Table 26](#).

**Table 26 — Reference's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
basisStandard	boolean	required	An attribute that indicates whether or not the referenced standard forms the basis of the IDM specification.
fullCitation	string	required, unique	The full citation of a reference.

### EXAMPLE

ISO standard:

ISO/TR 12353-3:2013, *Road vehicles — Traffic accident analysis — Part 3: Guidelines for the interpretation of recorded crash pulse data to determine impact severity*

Printed book or monograph:

GREAT BRITAIN. *Data Protection Act 1984*. Schedule 1, c35, Part 1, Clause 7. London: HMSO

Electronic book or monograph:

INTERNET ENGINEERING TASK FORCE (IETF). RFC 3979: *Intellectual Property Rights in IETF Technology* [online]. Edited by S. Bradner. March 2005 [viewed 2020-09-09]. Available at <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3979.txt>

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STRINGER, John A., et al. Reduction of RF-induced sample heating with a scroll coil resonator structure for solid-state NMR probes. *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* [online]. Elsevier. March 2005, **173**(1), 40–48 [viewed 2018-04-17]. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jmr.2004.11.015>

NOTE Source: ISO/IEC Directives Part 2, 2021, 10.3<sup>[18]</sup>.

## 8.16 User-defined property

If there are any additional properties of a UC, which an author considers relevant for the correct understanding or deployment of a UC, the userDefinedProperty element shall be used to specify them. The author shall give a name to the user-defined property. The user-defined property's attribute and element are specified in [Table 27](#).

**Table 27 — User-defined property's attribute and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
name	string	required, unique	The name of a user-defined property.
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.17 Classification

The classification element shall be used to specify a classification system of an author's choice. The classification shall include name, version and publicationYear. The classification's attributes are specified in [Table 28](#).

**Table 28 — Classification's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	The identifier of a classification system.
name	string	required	The name of a classification system.
version	string	optional	The version of the classification system.
publicationYear	gYear	optional	The year when the classification system was published. The format is specified as YYYY.

## 8.18 Outcomes

The outcomes of the named UC at the end of a project phase shall be specified using the outcomes element. The outcomes' element is specified in [Table 29](#).

**Table 29 — Outcomes' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.19 Information requirements

The information requirements of the named UC at the end of a project phase shall be specified using the informationRequirements element as a list of textual and/or visual descriptions. The descriptions may include a link to an exchange information requirement document specified in accordance with ISO 19650-2. Optionally, the description about information requirements can be linked to multiple ERs, which specify a list of required information units, through the associatedEr element. The information requirements' attribute and element are specified in [Table 30](#).

**Table 30 — Information requirements' attribute and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation or a link to an exchange information requirement document specified in accordance with ISO 19650-2.
associatedEr	element	0:*	A reference to the associated ER's GUID (see <a href="#">Clause 10</a> for details on the ER element).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey.			



## 8.20 Description

A description can be specified textually and visually using the description element. The description's attribute and element are specified in [Table 31](#).

**Table 31 — Description's attribute and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
title	string	optional	The name that distinguishes and groups each description, particularly when there are multiple descriptions associated with an element.
image	element	0:*	A visual illustration of a description.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 8.21 Image

The name and the file path of an inserted image file shall be specified using the image element. The image's attributes are specified in [Table 32](#).

**Table 32 — Image's attributes**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
caption	string	required	The name of an image.
filePath	string	required	A file path to a diagram such as a URI or a relative file path.

# 9 Business context map

## 9.1 General

A business context map graphically represents how and when information is exchanged by whom, optionally with textual descriptions. The business context map's attributes and elements are specified in [Figure 6](#) and [Table 33](#) to [Table 39](#).

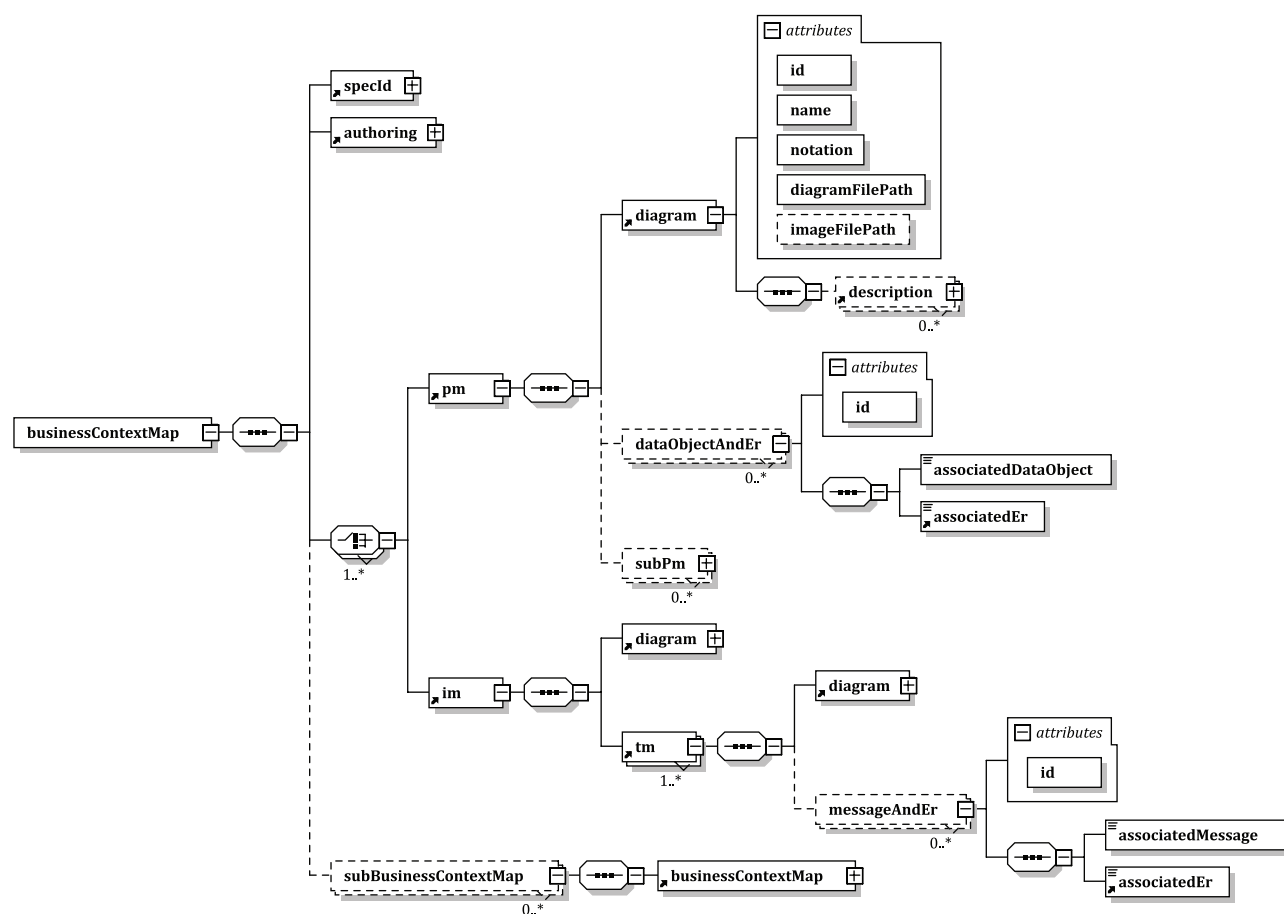


Figure 6 — XSD diagram of the business context map element

ISO 29481-1 indicates that there are two primary methods for specifying the nature and/or context of the information exchange, as well as its business processes: PM and IM/TM. ISO 29481-1 recommends ISO/IEC 19510 (business process model and notation, BPMN) as the default PM notation and ISO 29481-2 (IM/TM) as the default IM notation. A business context map may include zero to many sub-business context maps. The `businessContextMap` element includes `specId`, `authoring`, `pm`, `im` and `subBusinessContextMap`. The `pm` element may include the `subPm` elements. The `im` element shall include one or more `tm` elements. The business context map's elements are specified in Table 33.

Table 33 — Business context map's elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
<code>specId</code>	element	1:1	The specification identification information (see Clause 6 for details).
<code>authoring</code>	element	1:1	The author and changeLog information (see Clause 7 for details).
<code>subBusinessContextMap</code>	element	0..*	A subset of a business context map which provides detailed view of the business context map.
<code>pm</code>	element	0..*	An associated PM diagram (see 9.2 for details).
<code>im</code>	element	0..*	An associated interaction map model diagram (see 9.3 for details).

NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.

## 9.2 Process map

### 9.2.1 General

The pm element is composed of diagram, dataObjectAndEr and subPm. The PM's elements are specified in [Table 34](#).

**Table 34 — PM's elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
subPm	element	0:*	A subset of a process map which provides elaborated representations of the process map.
diagram	element	1:1	An associated PM diagram file (see <a href="#">9.4</a> for details).
dataObjectAndEr	element	0:*	The mapping relationship between a data object in a PM diagram and an ER (see <a href="#">9.2.2</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

### 9.2.2 Data object and ER

The dataObjectAndEr element shall be used to link a data object in a PM diagram with its associated ERs. It shall be composed of id, associatedDataObject and associatedEr. The data object and ER's attribute and elements are specified in [Table 35](#).

**Table 35 — Data object and ER's attribute and elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier for the mapping relationship between a data object and an ER.
associatedDataObject	element	1:1	A reference to the associated data object in the business context map.
associatedEr	element	1:1	A reference to the associated ER (see <a href="#">Clause 10</a> for details on the ER element).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey.			

## 9.3 Interaction map

### 9.3.1 General

An IM shall graphically represent an information-exchange process – optionally with textual descriptions focusing on the information transactions between actors (roles) – whereas a PM focuses on the information exchange between activities. An IM shall be composed of at least one TM to provide detailed views of an IM. [Table 36](#) list the elements of the IM element.

**Table 36 — IM's elements**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
diagram	element	1:1	An associated IM/TM diagram file (see <a href="#">9.4</a> for details).
tm	element	1:*	An associated TM diagram (see <a href="#">9.3.2</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

### 9.3.2 Transaction map

A TM is a subcomponent of an IM and an elaborated description of the information transactions between two actors. The TM's elements are specified in [Table 37](#). The messageAndEr's attribute and elements are specified in [Table 38](#).

Table 37 — TM's elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
diagram	element	1:1	An associated IM diagram file (see <a href="#">9.4</a> for details).
messageAndEr	element	0: *	The mapping relationship between a message in a TM diagram and an ER.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

Table 38 — messageAndEr's attribute and elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier for the mapping relationship between a message and an ER.
associatedMessage	element	1:1	A reference to the associated message in the TM diagram.
associatedEr	element	1:1	A reference to the associated ER (see <a href="#">Clause 10</a> for details on the ER element).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey.			

## 9.4 Diagram

The diagram element shall be used to specify the PM, IM and TM diagram information. The diagram's attributes and element are specified in [Table 39](#).

Table 39 — Diagram's attributes and element

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier for a diagram.
name	string	required	A name of a diagram.
diagramFilePath	string	required	A file path to a diagram such as a URI or a relative file path.
imagFilePath	string	optional	A file path to a bitmap image of a diagram such as a URI or a relative file path.
notation	string	required	The name of a diagramming notation.
description	element	0:1	A description about a diagram (see <a href="#">8.20</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 10 Exchange requirement

### 10.1 General

An ER is composed of a list of specific information units and/or sub-ERs. An ER also includes the identification information (specId), the authoring information (authoring), the constraints, and the optional links to the external schema elements and/or to a corresponding MVD. An ER shall not be empty and shall have at least one information unit or a sub-ER. The ER's attributes and elements are specified in [Figure 7](#) and [Table 40](#) to [Table 45](#).

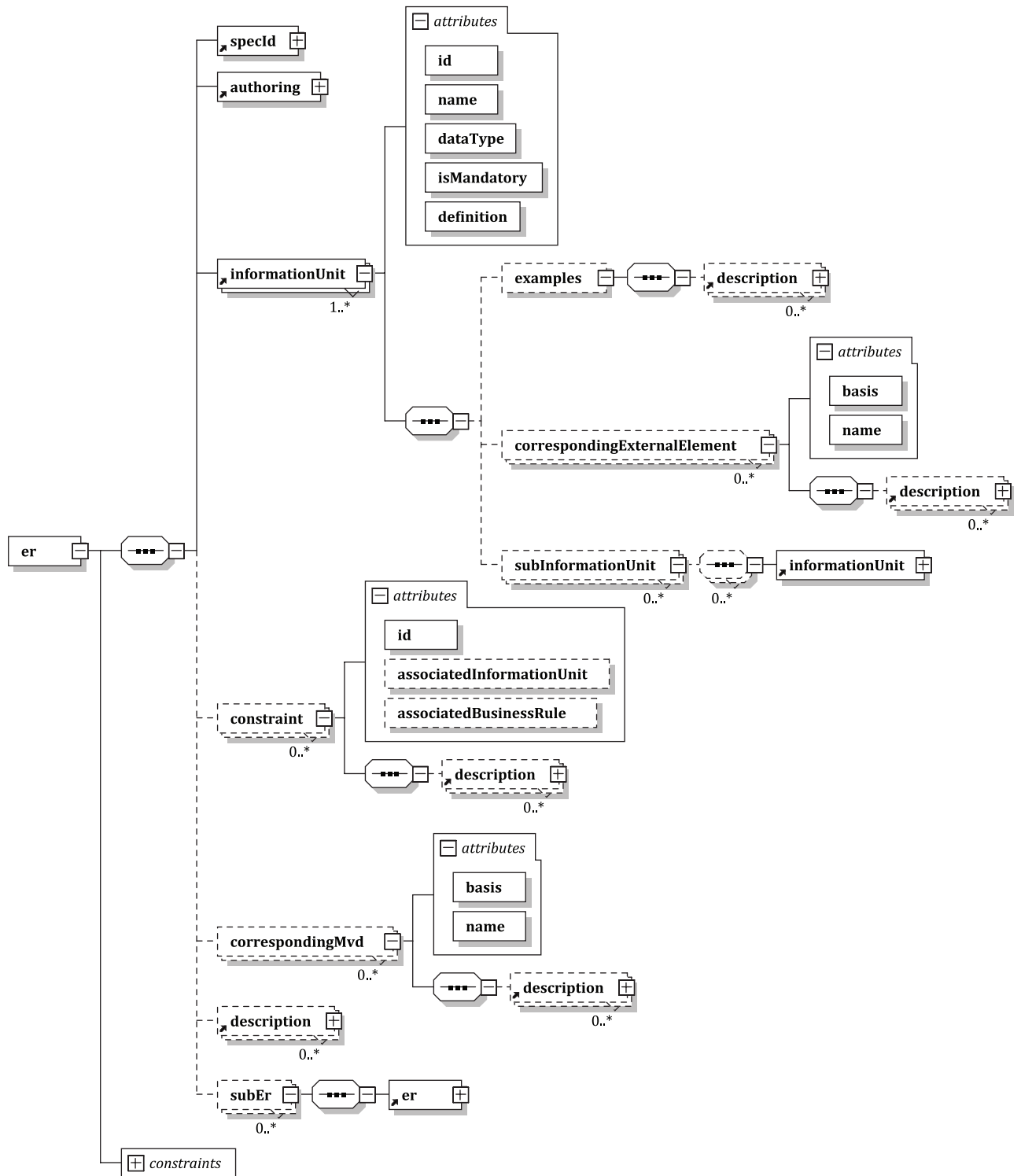


Figure 7 — XSD diagram of the ER element

Table 40 — ER's elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
specId	element	1:1	The specification identification information (see <a href="#">Clause 6</a> for details).
authoring	element	1:1	The author and changeLog information (see <a href="#">Clause 7</a> for details).
subEr	element	0:*	A subset of an ER, which provides detailed view of the ER.
informationUnit	element	1:*	Specific piece of information required by a UC (see <a href="#">10.2</a> for details).
constraint	element	0:*	The constraint that an ER needs to meet (see <a href="#">10.3</a> for details).
correspondingMvd	element	0:*	An optional link to the MVDs associated with an ER (see <a href="#">10.4</a> for details).
description	element	0:*	Comments or notes about an ER (see <a href="#">8.20</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 10.2 Information unit

### 10.2.1 General

ISO 29481-1 defines information unit as an individual information item. The informationUnit element includes id, name, dataType, isMandatory, definition, subInformationUnit, correspondingExternalElement and examples. The subInformationUnit element permits an information unit to be recursively specified as a collection of information units. Optionally, an information unit can be referenced to a specific element in an open standard schema or to a term(s) in a standard data dictionary via the element named correspondingExternalElement. Textual or graphical examples may be provided via the examples element. [Table 41](#) lists the attributes and elements of the information unit element.

Table 41 — Information unit's attributes and elements

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier for an information unit.
name	string	required	A name of the information unit.
dataType	string	required	A data type with which the information unit is exchanged.
isMandatory	boolean	required	An attribute that indicates whether an information unit is mandatory or optional.
definition	string	required	A description of an information unit.
examples	element	0:1	Textual and graphical descriptions of instances of an information unit (see <a href="#">10.2.2</a> for details).
correspondingExternalElement	element	0:*	The mapping relation between an external element in an open standard data schema and a corresponding information unit (see <a href="#">10.2.3</a> for details).
subInformationUnit	element	0:*	A collection of one or more information units which form a higher-level information unit.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

### 10.2.2 Examples

Examples of information units shall be specified using the examples' element in [Table 42](#).

**Table 42 — Examples' element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
description	element	1:*	A textual or visual explanation.
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

### 10.2.3 Corresponding external element

The `correspondingExternalElement` element shall be used to link the information unit with corresponding external elements, such as the elements of ISO 16739-1 or term definitions based on ISO 12006-3. To specify the corresponding external elements, the user first needs to specify the basis schema upon which the external element is based, such as ISO 16739-1. Optionally, a description on the external element can be added using the description element. [Table 43](#) describes the attributes and element in more detail.

**Table 43 — `correspondingExternalElement` element's attributes and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
basis	string	required	A basis schema or reference for the external element corresponding to an information unit. Some examples are IFC, CityGML <sup>[19]</sup> and ISO 12006-3.
name	string	required	The name of the external element corresponding to an information unit.
description	element	0:*	Comments or notes about the external element (see <a href="#">8.20</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 10.3 Constraint

The constraint element shall be used to specify the restrictions associated with information units such as the text length or the maximum and minimum data size. The constraint element is composed of the `id`, `associatedInformationUnit`, `associatedBusinessRule` and `description`. The information units associated with a constraint are specified via `associatedInformationUnit`. A constraint may be associated with zero to many business rules of a UC via `associatedBusinessRule`. [Table 44](#) describes the attributes and element in more detail.

**Table 44 — Constraint's attributes and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
id	string	PK	A unique identifier for a constraint.
associatedInformationUnit	string	optional	A reference to the information unit element associated with a constraint (see <a href="#">10.2</a> for the details on the information unit element).
associatedBusinessRule	string	optional	A reference to the business rule associated with a constraint (see <a href="#">8.9</a> for the details on the business rule element).
description	element	0:*	Comments or notes about the constraint (see <a href="#">8.20</a> for details).
NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.			

## 10.4 Corresponding MVD

MVDs shall be specified separately and shall not be within the scope of the IDM specification. However, optionally, an MVD associated with an ER can be noted using the correspondingMvd. Some examples of an MVD are buildingSMART Coordination View, or subsets of open standard schemas such as ISO 16739-1, CityGML<sup>[19]</sup> and ISO 12006-3. [Table 45](#) describes the attributes and element in more detail.

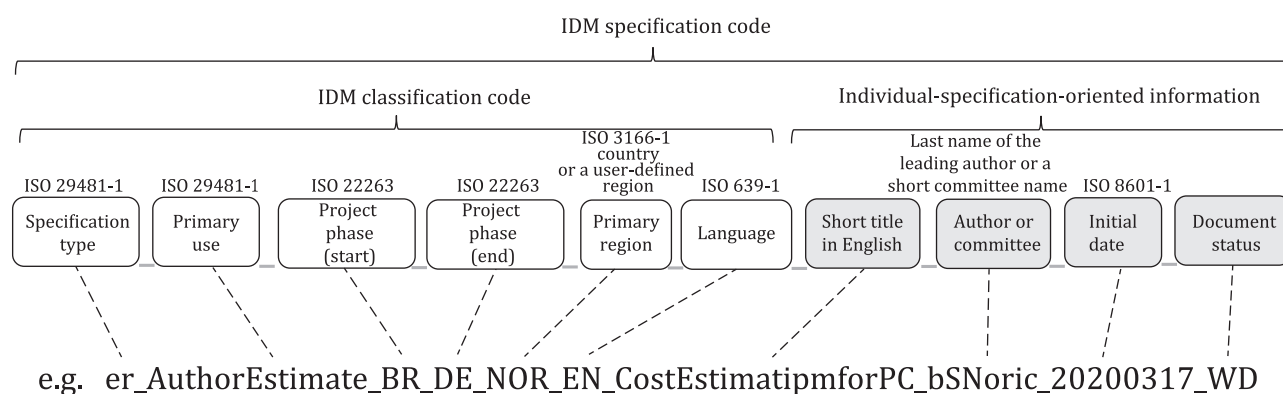
**Table 45 — Corresponding MVD's attributes and element**

Name	Type	Restriction	Description
basis	string	required	A basis schema or reference for the MVD that corresponds to an ER. Some examples are IFC, CityGML <sup>[19]</sup> and ISO 12006-3.
name	string	required	The name of the MVD that corresponds to an ER, such as Coordination View 2.0.
description	element	0:*	Comments or notes about the corresponding MVD (see <a href="#">8.20</a> for details).

NOTE The XML elements are shaded in grey. XML elements with sub-elements are depicted separately.

## 11 IDM code generation rules

An IDM code is a human-interpretable code. By having a human-interpretable code, unlike the purely machine-interpretable identifiers such as a GUID or a freely specified name, users shall be able to deduce the main content of an IDM specification by interpreting the code. An IDM code is composed of two parts: an IDM classification code and a document-oriented information code. The core attributes are the key identifying aspects, which have a high frequency of use in the existing IDM specifications: namely specification type, primary use, primary project phases (start and end), primary region and language. To provide additional document-oriented information, four more attributes shall be used: author/committee, initial date, short or abbreviated title, and document status. [Figure 8](#) illustrates an example of an IDM code. [Table 46](#) describes the definition, example and associated standard of the additional document-oriented attributes.



**Figure 8 — IDM code**



Table 46 — IDM code items

Name	Description	Examples	Associated standard
Spec. type	An initial of IDM specification types specified in <a href="#">4.1</a> .	Use case (UC) Process map (PM) Exchange requirement (ER) Interaction map (IM)	ISO 29481-1
Primary use	The primary use of an IDM specification defined in the form of a verb plus a noun, as specified in ISO 29481-1:2016, Table 1, Naming rule 3.	CoordinateDesign LayoutConstructionWork	ISO 29481-1
Project phases (start and end)	The first and last project life cycle phases that an IDM specification is targeting, in accordance with ISO 22263.	Inception (IN) Brief (BR) Design (DE) Production (PR) Maintenance (MA) Demolition (DE)	ISO 22263
Primary region	A target country for the primary use of the IDM, in accordance with ISO 3166-1 alpha 3.	Aruba (ABW) Afghanistan (AFG) Angola (AHO) Anguilla (AIA)	ISO 3166-1
Language	The language code of an IDM specification in accordance with ISO 639-1.	Chinese (CN) English (EN)	ISO 639-1
Short title in English	A short title or an abbreviated title in English without a white space.	CostEstimationForBridge	
Author or committee	The last name of a leading author or a short name for a committee.	Smith bSI	
Initial date	The date when the first draft of an IDM specification was released, in accordance with ISO 8601-1.	YYYY-MM-DD 2020-03-17	ISO 8601-1
documentStatus	The stage of an IDM specification in <a href="#">Annex B</a> .	NP (new proposal) WD (working draft) PUB (publication) WDRL (withdrawal)	

## **Annex A** (informative)

### **The idmXML schema definition (idmXSD)**

The idmXML schema can be downloaded from <https://standards.iso.org/iso/29481/-3/ed-1/en>.

## Annex B (informative)

### IDM specification stages

There are multiple ISO and IEC standards for document stages. Three representative document-stage classifications used in ISO are the ISO harmonized stage code, ISO 7200 and IEC 82045-2. ISO 7200 and IEC 82045-2 use the same document stages. Since an IDM specification does not require a distinction between documents in the establishment stage as in ISO 7200 and those in use, nor between the original version and the revised version, it merges them into one stage: “publication (PUB)”. Similarly, since it is not necessary to separate withdrawn documents from deleted ones, the two stages are merged into “withdrawal (WDRL)”. On the other hand, an IDM specification may require a proposal stage and an approval stage, similar to an ISO standard. To suit its purpose, this document uses a simplified version of the document stages defined in the ISO harmonized stage code and ISO 7200 as shown in [Table B.1](#).

**Table B.1 — Comparison of document stages**

ISO harmonized stage code	This document	ISO 7200/IEC 82045-2
00 Preliminary	NP (new proposal)	Initiation
10 Proposal		Preparation
20 Preparatory		
30 Committee	WD (working draft)	Establishment
40 Enquiry		
50 Approval		
60 Publication	PUB (publication)	Use
90 Review		Revision
95 Withdrawal	WDRL (withdrawal)	Withdrawal
		Deletion

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