WMO Core Metadata Profile 1.3, Key Performance Indicators

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# Overview

## Purpose

This document is intended to define Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in support of the WMO Core Metadata Profile (WCMP). KPIs provide measurable and valuable quality assessment rules over and above the rulesets put forth by WCMP and ISO 19115:2003/19139:2007.

The core driver of WCMP KPIs is continuous improvement and useability of discovery metadata as part of the WMO Information System (WIS).[[5]](#footnote-31)

## Scope

This document is bound to the WCMP 1.3 specification and codelists. All other metadata specifications or representations are not in scope.

## Audience

The target stakeholder audiences for this document include (but are not limited to):

* Metadata providers (NCs, DCPCs)
* Metadata consumers (GISCs)
* WMO World Data Centres (WDCs)
* GAW World Data Centres (WDCs)
* WMO WIS Operations and Monitoring
* Metadata implementors (generation, ingest)

## How to use

The KPIs in this document are designed to help metadata providers in the curation of discovery metadata, as well as GISCs to measure the quality of metadata from NCs and DCPCs.

In order to improve quality:

* providers should use the KPIs to build into their metadata generation
* consumers should use the KPIs in order to quality assess discovery metadata and provide subsequent feedback to providers

## Scoring

Each KPI assesses a number of criteria asssociated with metadata quality, resulting in a raw score, as well as a percentage. This approach supports weighted rubric scoring.

## Reference implementation

The TT-WISMD maintains pywcmp[[6]](#footnote-38), as the reference WCMP validation utility which includes:

* validation against WMO Core Metadata Profile 1.3, specifically Part 2, Section 2
* validation against the KPIs described in this document

Documentation on installation, configuration and usage can be found on the pywcmp website.

pywcmp is provided as a resource to the community, under continuous improvement. Contributions are welcome and can be facilited by the WMO Task Team on WIS Metadata.

## Codelists rules

WMO and ISO codelists currently exist in numerous locations on the Internet. The authoritative code locations that should be used when validating shall be:

* WMO codelists: <https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml>
* ISO codelists: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml>

## Conventions

### Symbols and abbreviated terms

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|  |  |
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| Abbreviation | Term |
| AJAX | Asynchronous JavaScript and XML |
| CSV | Comma-separated values |
| DCPC | Data Collection and Production Centres |
| DOI | Digital Object Identifier |
| GAW | Global Atmospheric Watch |
| GISC | Global Information System Centre |
| GML | Geography Markup Language |
| GTS | Global Telecommunication System |
| HTML | Hypertext Markup Language |
| HTTP | Hypertext Transfer Protocol |
| HTTPS | Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure |
| INSPIRE | Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community |
| ISO | Internatioal Organization for Standardization |
| MIME | Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions |
| NC | National Centre |
| OGC | Open Geospatial Consortium |
| pywcmp | WMO implementation of WCMP validation |
| URL | Uniform Resource Locator |
| WCMP | WMO Core Metadata Profile |
| WDC | World Data Centre |
| WIS | WMO Information System |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |
| XHR | XMLHttpRequest |
| XML | eXtensible Markup Language |

# KPI-1: WCMP 1.3, Part 2 Compliance

## WCMP element(s)

All WCMP elements specified in the WCMP 1.3, Part C2 – Abstract Test Suite, Data Dictionary and Code Lists.[[7]](#footnote-47)

## What is being measured

All requirements specified in WCMP 1.3, Part 2.

## Rational for measurement

WCMP 1.3, Part 2 forms the basis of all KPIs.

## Rules for implementation

1. WCMP 1.3, Part C2, 2.1 Abstract tests for XML encoding

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| Rule | Score |
| Requirement 6.1.1: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall validate without error against the XML schemas defined in ISO/TS 19139:2007 | 1 |
| Requirement 6.1.2: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall validate without error against the rule-based constraints listed in ISO/TS 19139:2007 Annex A (Table A.1) | 1 |
| Requirement 6.2.1: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall explicitly name all namespaces used within the record; use of default namespaces is prohibited | 1 |
| Requirement 6.3.1: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall declare the following XML namespace for GML: http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2 | 1 |
| Requirement 8.1.1: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall include one gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:fileIdentifier attribute | 1 |
| Requirement 8.2.1: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record shall include at least one keyword from the WMO\_CategoryCode code list | 1 |
| Requirement 8.2.2: Keywords from WMO\_CategoryCode code list shall be defined as keyword type theme | 1 |
| Requirement 8.2.3: All keywords sourced from a particular keyword thesaurus shall be grouped into a single instance of the MD\_Keywords class | 1 |
| Requirement 8.2.4: Each WIS Discovery Metadata record describing geographic data shall include the description of at least one geographic bounding box defining the spatial extent of the data | 1 |
| Requirement 9.1.1: A WIS Discovery Metadata record describing data for global exchange via the WIS shall indicate the scope of distribution using the keyword GlobalExchange of type dataCenter from thesaurus WMO\_DistributionScopeCode | 1 |
| Requirement 9.2.1: A WIS Discovery Metadata record describing data for global exchange via the WIS shall have a gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:fileIdentifier attribute formatted as follows (where {uid} is a unique identifier derived from the GTS bulletin or file name): urn:x-wmo:md:int.wmo.wis::{uid} | 1 |
| Requirement 9.3.1: A WIS Discovery Metadata record describing data for global exchange via the WIS shall indicate the WMO Data License as Legal Constraint (type: gmd:otherConstraints) using one and only one term from the WMO\_DataLicenseCode code list | 1 |
| Requirement 9.3.2: A WIS Discovery Metadata record describing data for global exchange via the WIS shall indicate the GTS Priority as Legal Constraint (type: gmd:otherConstraints) using one and only one term from the WMO\_GTSProductCategoryCode code list | 1 |

**Total possible score: 13 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

Use WCMP templates and/or tools to generate the metadata record (e.g. Excel to WIS).

# KPI-2: Good quality title

## WCMP element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:citation/gmd:CI\_Citation/gmd:title

## What is being measured

The title field shall always be populated and follow the principles of WCMP guidance. The length shall not be too short or too long, contain less than 3 acronyms and represented in title case. Spelling and grammar are correct.

## Rationale for measurement

Title is the first element of metadata information displayed and helps with initial identification. Meaningful and relevant information makes it easier for users to understand the resource.

## Rules for implementation

Good quality title implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| title is present | 1 |
| title has 3 words or more | 1 |
| title has 150 characters or less | 1 |
| title only has printable characters (numbers and letters) | 1 |
| words in title are represented in "Title Case" | 1 |
| title contains less than 3 acronyms (words with all upper case) | 1 |
| title does not contain bulletin header (regular expression: [A-Z]{4}\d{2}[\s\_]\*[A-Z]{4}) | 1 |
| title passes a basic spellcheck | 1 |

**Total possible score: 8 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

In the context of WIS Product catalogues, the product title and abstract are the two most relevant elements in the WCMP metadata record. These two elements are presented to the users in search results as well as the product description page, and need to focus on highlighting the product’s key characteristics to assist users with relevant product search results.

The title should be as specific about the product as possible. For example, if the product only contains one parameter, this can be stated in the title; however, if the product contains numerous parameters, then a more general term should be used in the title, and the parameters stated elsewhere in the metadata record (abstract, keywords, etc.).

For a satellite product offering one main data parameter, the title will typically define which parameter is contained in the product, and from which instrument or instrument type it originates. For example, "AMSR-2 Sea Surface Temperature” or “SLSTR L1B radiances and brightness temperatures”. Please see the Guidance on WIS Discovery Metadata[[8]](#footnote-59) for more information.

# KPI-3: Good quality abstract

## WCMP element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:abstract

## What is being measured

The abstract field length shall not be too short or too long and contain no HTML markup. Spelling and grammar are correct. Bulletin templates should not be used to populate the abstract.

## Rationale for measurement

To faciliate ease of understanding and discovery.

Abstract is a key element of metadata information displayed as part of search results. Fulsome and meaningful abstract information allows for users to both understand and properly evaluate a metadata record and its respective resource in support of data access, visualization and exploitation.

## Rules for implementation

Good quality abstract implementation rules

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| Rule | Score |
| abstract has between 16 and 2048 characters | 1 |
| abstract contains no markup (HTML) | 1 |
| abstract passes a basic spellcheck | 1 |
| abstract contains bulletin template | -1 |

**Total possible score: 3 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

### WCMP 1.3 Part 1 Guidance

The abstract should provide a clear and concise statement that enables the reader to understand the content of the dataset. For guidance when completing the abstract, consider the following recommendations:

* State the 'things' that are recorded
* State the key aspects recorded about these things
* State what form the data takes
* State any other limiting information, such as time period of validity of the data
* Add purpose of data resource where relevant (e.g. for survey data)
* Aim to be understood by non-experts
* Do not include general background information
* Avoid jargon and unexplained abbreviations

### Relevant recommendations

* Avoid adding a scientific abstract
* Limit information in the abstract to the specific resource that is being described
* Describe the contents of the resource and the key aspects and/or attributes that are represented
* Explain briefly what is unique about this resource and, if appropriate, how it differs from similar resources
* Avoid citing external sources to this resource
* Avoid spelling out commonly used acronym which are already understood by the general public
* Spell out uncommon acronyms only once
* Avoid including HTML/CSV tables, extra spaces or other markup to control display of text. Use simple paragraph(s) only
* Avoid copying text from a journal article verbatim. This can lead to copyright violation concerns. Additionally, abstracts for journal articles are not intended to describe the provided resource and do not meet the metadata requirements. Related papers can be referenced from and/or tied to the metadata
* Avoid using future verb tense when possible. Write using present or past tenses

### Spell checking recommendations

* Dictionary by Merriam-Webster: America’s most-trusted online dictionary[[9]](#footnote-70)
* Cambridge Dictionary | English Dictionary, Translations & Thesaurus[[10]](#footnote-72)

### WMO Guidelines

References of good abstract examples can be found in the Guide to WMO Information System (WMO No. 1061, Section 5.8.1.2)[[11]](#footnote-75), product abstract.

# KPI-4: Temporal information

## WCMP Element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:temporalElement/gmd:EX\_TemporalExtent/gmd:extent
* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:resourceMaintenance//gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency
* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:status

## What is being measured

* Temporal extent: This element describes the period of time that the available product covers
* Data update frequency: The temporal frequency at which the data is updated (i.e. every x hours, days, etc.)
* Status of dataset

## Rationale for measurement

Temporal information is a significant characteristic of weather/climate/water data and as such is critical for users to know which period(s) of time is/are covered by products and how often new products are received.

## Rules for implementation

The TemporalExtent is present in gmd:temporalElement:

<gmd:temporalElement>  
 <gmd:EX\_TemporalExtent>  
 <gmd:extent>  
 <gml:TimePeriod gml:id="boundingTemporalExtentPeriod">  
 <gml:beginPosition>2005-10-01</gml:beginPosition>  
 <gml:endPosition>2014-10-20</gml:endPosition>  
 </gml:TimePeriod>  
 </gmd:extent>  
 </gmd:EX\_TemporalExtent>  
 </gmd:temporalElement>

In the case of an ongoing dataset with a known start date and unknown end date, the end date must be indicated with now. For instance, where a dataset is from 2005-10-01 onwards:

<gmd:temporalElement>  
 <gmd:EX\_TemporalExtent>  
 <gmd:extent>  
 <gml:TimePeriod gml:id="boundingTemporalExtentPeriod">  
 <gml:beginPosition>2005-10-01</gml:beginPosition>  
 <gml:endPosition indeterminatePosition="now"/>  
 </gml:TimePeriod>  
 </gmd:extent>  
 </gmd:EX\_TemporalExtent>  
 </gmd:temporalElement>

It is also recommended to identify a dataset status / progress using the gmd:MD\_ProgressCode codelist. The following example provides an ongoing dataset progress/status:

<gmd:status>  
 <gmd:MD\_ProgressCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_ProgressCode" codeSpace="ISOTC211/19115" codeListValue="onGoing">onGoing</gmd:MD\_ProgressCode>  
 </gmd:status>

The Data Update Frequency is present in gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency:

Below is an example of a GTS bulletin which is updated every 6 hours.

<gmd:resourceMaintenance>  
 <gmd:MD\_MaintenanceInformation>  
 <gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency>  
 <gmd:MD\_MaintenanceFrequencyCode codeListValue="irregular" codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_MaintenanceFrequencyCode"/>  
 </gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency>  
 <gmd:userDefinedMaintenanceFrequency>  
 <gts:TM\_PeriodDuration>PT6H</gts:TM\_PeriodDuration>  
 </gmd:userDefinedMaintenanceFrequency>  
 <gmd:maintenanceNote>  
 <!-- DRAFT – Guidance on WIS Discovery Metadata (following CBS-16), p38 -->  
 <gco:CharacterString>Instances of bulletin SIKB20NGTT are available every 6 hours starting at 03 UTC.</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:maintenanceNote>  
 </gmd:MD\_MaintenanceInformation>  
 </gmd:resourceMaintenance>

If it is not relevant or necessary to provide information regarding the data update frequency, gmd:MD\_MaintenanceFrequencyCode can be set to asNeeded:

<gmd:resourceMaintenance>  
 <gmd:MD\_MaintenanceInformation>  
 <gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency>  
 <gmd:MD\_MaintenanceFrequencyCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_MaintenanceFrequencyCode" codeListValue="asNeeded"/>  
 </gmd:maintenanceAndUpdateFrequency>  
 </gmd:MD\_MaintenanceInformation>  
 </gmd:resourceMaintenance>

Temporal information implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| The Temporal Extent is present | 1 |
| The begin and end components are present in the temporal extent | 1 |
| The begin date time is less than or equal to the end date time | 1 |
| The Data Update Frequency is present | 1 |
| The Data Status is present | 1 |

**Total possible score: 5 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

Ensure that the Temporal Extent and the Update Frequency is present in the metadata record.

# KPI-5: WMOEssential data links

## WCMP element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:resourceConstraints/gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints/gmd:otherConstraints
* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:distributionInfo/gmd:MD\_Distribution/gmd:transferOptions/gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions/gmd:onLine/gmd:CI\_OnlineResource/gmd:linkage

## What is being measured

Ensure that distribution URLs are included when the DataLicenseCode of WMOEssential is indicated in the constraint section.

## Rationale for measurement

All WMOEssential data should have 1..n distribution links to the data.

## Rules for implementation

<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:otherConstraints>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_DataLicenseCode\_WMOEssential">WMOEssential</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:otherConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

<gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions>  
 <gmd:onLine>  
 <gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 <gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:URL>https://opendata.dwd.de/weather/wmc/icon-eps/data/grib</gmd:URL>  
 </gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:protocol>  
 <gco:CharacterString>http</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:protocol>  
 <gmd:name>  
 <gco:CharacterString>GISC Offenbach, Deutscher Wetterdienst</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:name>  
 <gmd:description>  
 <gco:CharacterString>WMO Information System, download products/data through GISC Offenbach, Deutscher Wetterdienst</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:description>  
 </gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 </gmd:onLine>  
</gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions>

WMOEssential data links implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| DataLicenseCode is WMOEssential and 1..n distribution links are present | 1 |

**Total possible score: 1 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

If the data described is categorized as WMOEssential, provide a link to the data.

# KPI-6: Keywords

## WCMP element(s)

* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:keyword
* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:type
* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:thesaurusName

## What is being measured

* presence of keywords
* grouping of similar keywords
* reference to controlled vocabularies

In addition to measure well-defined references to dictionaries and keyword types, compliance to WCMP 1.3 defines a set of rules that apply to different sets of keywords.

## Rationale for measurement

Encouraging metadata providers to make use of keywords that are published in controlled vocabularies will ultimately help the end user to search for well-known domain related terms.

Keywords are indexed by search engines to narrow down full text searches, adding to the user experience and making datasets easier to discover. Keywords can be user-defined or specified from controlled vocabularies.

## Rules for implementation

### Well defined keywords examples

Used keyword references URL of a code registry using an Anchor element.

<gmd:MD\_Keywords>  
 <gmd:keyword>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="http://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_CategoryCode\_meteorology">meteorology</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:keyword>  
 </gmd:MD\_Keywords>

The type of keyword is given in MD\_KeywordTypeCode element, the "codelist" indicates URL of the code list, e.g. <https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD_KeywordTypeCode_theme>.

<gmd:type>  
 <gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_KeywordTypeCode\_theme" codeListValue="theme">theme</gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode>  
</gmd:type>

Keywords reference a thesaurus using an Anchor element with a resolvable HTTP URL.

<gmd:thesaurusName>  
 <gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 <gmd:title>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="http://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_CategoryCode">WMO\_CategoryCode</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:title>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gmd:CI\_Date>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gco:Date>2016-05-26</gco:Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 <gmd:dateType>  
 <gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#CI\_DateTypeCode" codeListValue="revision">revision</gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode>  
 </gmd:dateType>  
 </gmd:CI\_Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 </gmd:CI\_Citation>  
</gmd:thesaurusName>

Less prefered is to use a gco:CharacterString element. Such thesaurus references are still quite common, and formaly valid, but are considered deprecated.

<gmd:thesaurusName>  
 <gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 <gmd:title>  
 <gco:CharacterString>WMO\_CategoryCode</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:title>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gmd:CI\_Date>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gco:Date>2016-05-26</gco:Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 <gmd:dateType>  
 <gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#CI\_DateTypeCode" codeListValue="revision">revision</gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode>  
 </gmd:dateType>  
 </gmd:CI\_Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 </gmd:CI\_Citation>  
</gmd:thesaurusName>

Keywords implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| gmd:keywords is present | 1 |
| gmd:type is present | 1 |
| gmd:thesaurusName is present | 1 |
| Keywords terms and thesaurus are present via gmx:Anchor | 1 |

**Total possible score: 4 per keyword set (100%)**

To assess how many keywords are present and provide a total percentage based on the number of keywords and individual scoring.

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

A high score will be provided for full referenced term, keyword type and thesaurus. Additional recommendations for keywords implementation are found at the Guide to WMO Information System (WMO- No. 1061,Section 5.8.1.8).[[12]](#footnote-97)

Examples of controlled vocabularies:

* [WMO Codes Registry](https://codes.wmo.int)
* [WMO Codelists](https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml)
* [General Multilingual Environmental Thesaurus (GEMET) - INSPIRE Spatial Data Themes](https://www.eionet.europa.eu/gemet/en/inspire-themes)
* [Global Change Master Directory (GCMD)](https://earthdata.nasa.gov/earth-observation-data/find-data/gcmd/gcmd-keywords)
* [Climate and Forecast (CF) Standard Names](https://cfconventions.org/standard-names.html)
* [Government of Canada Core Subject Thesaurus (CST)](https://canada.multites.net/cst)

# KPI-7: Graphic overview for non bulletins metadata records

## WCMP element(s)

* //gmd:identificationInfo/gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:graphicOverview/gmd:MD\_BrowseGraphic/gmd:fileName/gmx:Anchor/@xlink:href

<gmd:graphicOverview>  
 <gmd:MD\_BrowseGraphic>  
 <gmd:fileName>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://navigator.eumetsat.int/preview/meteosat-msg\_naturalenhncd.jpg">Meteosat MSG Natural Enhanced Color</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:fileName>  
 </gmd:MD\_BrowseGraphic>  
</gmd:graphicOverview>

## What is being measured

The presence of gmd:graphicOverview is checked that it contains a URL to a common web image file type.[[13]](#footnote-107)

## Rationale for measurement

Product graphic overviews provide the user with a high level preview of the product which can assist in a high level assessment and/or evaluation as part of search results presentation.

## Rules for implementation

Graphic overview for non bulletins metadata records implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| graphic overview element is present | 1 |
| graphic overview URL resolves successfully | 1 |
| graphic overview URL content is a common web image file type (check MIME type, content header/magic number) | 1 |

**Total possible score: 3 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

In addition to the presence of the graphic overview image it would also be valuable to provide consistent image dimensions (e.g. 800x800 pixels) such that all images are normalized and scaling/alignment of overivew images can be applied consistently by web applications rendering search results.

Examples of catalogues using such information are here:

* [GISC DWD](https://gisc.dwd.de)
* [EUMETSAT Product Navigator](https://navigator.eumetsat.int/search?query=MSG%20RGB)

# KPI-8: Links health

## WCMP element(s)

Any element or attribute content with linked information (URLs).

* //gmd:URL
* //gmd:graphicOverview
* //gmx:Anchor/@xlink:href
* //@codeList

<gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 <gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:URL>https://eumetview.eumetsat.int/mapviewer/?product=EO:EUM:DAT:MSG:SNOW</gmd:URL>  
 </gmd:linkage>  
</gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>

<gmd:graphicOverview>  
 <gmd:MD\_BrowseGraphic>  
 <gmd:fileName>  
 <gco:CharacterString>https://navigator.eumetsat.int/preview/0deg-snow.jpg</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:fileName>  
 </gmd:MD\_BrowseGraphic>  
</gmd:graphicOverview>

<gmd:code>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:actuate="onRequest" xlink:href="https://dx.doi.org/10.14287/10000004" xlink:title="DOI">doi:10.14287/10000004</gmx:Anchor>  
</gmd:code>

<gmd:dateType>  
 <gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#CI\_DateTypeCode" codeListValue="revision" codeSpace="ISOTC211/19115">revision</gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode>  
</gmd:dateType>

## What is being measured

The number of broken links in each individual metadata record. Broken links include links which, when accessed, result in a 4xx or 5xx HTTP error.[[14]](#footnote-117)

Also being measured is the use of HTTPS (with a valid SSL certificate) as the link protocol throughout WIS Metadata.

## Rationale for measurement

Broken links damage the user experience and gives the impression to users that a website is not maintained (88% of the online consumers are less likely to return to a site after a bad experience.[[15]](#footnote-120)) In addition, having numerous broken links affects the reputation and rank of your website when indexed by mass market search engines.

HTTPS is increasingly becoming a requirement for numerous agencies as well as the suggested protocol vs. HTTP. Having non-HTTPS links in a WCMP document often leads to mixed content errors in web applications deployed via HTTPS for example, and using AJAX/XHR design patterns. HTTPS supports secure, authoritative and trustworthy links as part of WIS Metadata.

## Rules for implementation

Links health implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| Each valid link present | 1 |
| Each valid HTTPS link present | 1 |

**Total possible score: (valid links + valid HTTPS links) / (total links \* 2) (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

Ensure that all links resolve and are accessible via HTTPS.

# KPI-9: Data policy

## WCMP element(s)

Data policy

* //gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:resourceConstraints

Distribution scope

* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:keyword
* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:type
* //gmd:MD\_DataIdentification/gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:thesaurusName

## What is being measured

* Definition of data policy encoded with WMO\_DataLicenceCode in gmd:otherConstraints
* Definition of gmd:accessConstraints with MD\_RestrictionCode = gmd:otherConstraints
* Definition of gmd:useConstraints with MD\_RestrictionCode = gmd:otherConstraints
* Definition of a scope of distribution added as keyword from controlled vocabulary WMO\_DistributionScopeCode and KeywordTypeCode dataCentre
* Presence of GTS priority if data is marked for GlobalExchange or RegionalExchange

## Rationale for measurement

Data policy provides information to the users about how the data should be handled. Data providers also have the obligation to define the scope of the distribution of the data within WIS and when applicable the GTS priority.

Data policy Information is expressed via gmd:resourceConstraints/gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints

## Rules for implementation

The following table summarises the relevant elements to define data policy

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| Element | Description |
| gmd:useLimitation | Free text. limitations regarding usage of the resource (e.g. this data set is not to be used for navigation) |
| gmd:accessConstraints | Controlled vocabulary. MD\_RestrictionCode, access constraints applied to assure the protection of privacy or intellectual property, and any special restrictions or limitations on obtaining the resource |
| gmd:useConstraints | Controlled vocabularies. MD\_RestrictionCode, restrictions on the use of a resource |
| gmd:otherRestrictions | Free text |

The Manual on the WMO Information System (WMO-No. 1060, WMO-No. 1061) recommendations for data policy implementation are as follows:

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| --- | --- |
| Element | Description |
| gmd:useLimitation | Free text Description |
| gmd:accessConstraints | gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode = otherRestrictions |
| gmd:useConstraints | gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode = otherRestrictions |
| gmd:otherRestrictions | Vocabulary controlled: WMO\_DataLicenceCode (WMOEssential, WMOAdditional, WMOther, NoLimitation) |

Additional descriptions to explain the referred WMO\_DataLicenceCode could be added in separate otherRestrictions blocks.

### Well defined policies examples

If the record is encoding WMO\_DataLicenseCode with gmx:Anchor, then check for permitted values in the corresponding codelist: <http://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists#WMO_DataLicenseCode>

<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:otherConstraints>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_DataLicenseCode\_WMOAdditional">WMOAdditional</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:otherConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

Check if the WMO\_DataLicenseCode is implemented as gco:CharacterString (instead of gmx:Anchor)

<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:otherConstraints>  
 <gco:CharacterString>WMOAdditional</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:otherConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

Check for gmd:accessConstraints with gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode = otherRestrictions

<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:accessConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_RestrictionCode" codeListValue="otherRestrictions">otherRestrictions</gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode>  
 </gmd:accessConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

Check for gmd:useConstraints with gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode = otherRestrictions

<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:useConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#MD\_RestrictionCode" codeListValue="otherRestrictions">otherRestrictions</gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode>  
 </gmd:useConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

Check for scope of distribution keyword from controlled vocabulary WMO\_DistributionScopeCode and gmd:KeywordTypeCode = dataCentre with gmx:Anchor

<gmd:MD\_Keywords>  
 <gmd:keyword>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_DistributionScopeCode\_GlobalExchange">GlobalExchange</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:keyword>  
 <gmd:type>  
 <gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode codeList="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#MD\_KeywordTypeCode" codeListValue="dataCenter">dataCenter</gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode>  
 </gmd:type>  
 <gmd:thesaurusName>  
 <gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 <gmd:title>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_DistributionScopeCode">WMO\_DistributionScopeCode</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:title>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gmd:CI\_Date>  
 <gmd:date>  
 <gco:Date>2012-06-27</gco:Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 <gmd:dateType>  
 <gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode codeList="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#CI\_DateTypeCode" codeListValue="revision">revision</gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode>  
 </gmd:dateType>  
 </gmd:CI\_Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 </gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 </gmd:thesaurusName>  
</gmd:MD\_Keywords>

Check for scope of distribution keyword from controlled vocabulary WMO\_DistributionScopeCode and KeywordTypeCode = dataCentre with gco:CharacterString

<gmd:MD\_Keywords>  
 <gmd:keyword>  
 <gco:CharacterString>GlobalExchange</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:keyword>  
 <gmd:type>  
 <gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode codeList="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#MD\_KeywordTypeCode" codeListValue="dataCentre">dataCentre</gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode>  
 </gmd:type>  
 <gmd:thesaurusName>  
 <gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 <gmd:title>  
 <gco:CharacterString>WMO\_DistributionScopeCode</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:title>  
 <gmd:date>  
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 </gmd:date>  
 <gmd:dateType>  
 <gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode codeList="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#CI\_DateTypeCode" codeListValue="revision">revision</gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode>  
 </gmd:dateType>  
 </gmd:CI\_Date>  
 </gmd:date>  
 </gmd:CI\_Citation>  
 </gmd:thesaurusName>  
</gmd:MD\_Keywords>

Check for presence of GTS priority if data is marked for GlobalExchange or RegionalExchange

<gmd:MD\_Keywords>  
 <gmd:keyword>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_DistributionScopeCode\_GlobalExchange">GlobalExchange</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:keyword>  
 [...]  
</gmd:MD\_Keywords>  
  
[...]  
  
<gmd:resourceConstraints>  
 <gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
 <gmd:otherConstraints>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:href="https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml#WMO\_GTSProductCategoryCode\_GTSPriority3">GTSPriority3</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:otherConstraints>  
 </gmd:MD\_LegalConstraints>  
</gmd:resourceConstraints>

Data policy implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| gmd:resourceConstraints are present and there is a WMO\_DataLicenceCode term in gmd:otherRestrictions. | 1 |
| gmd:accessConstraints, gmd:useConstraints are vocabulary controlled by gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode - otherRestrictions | 1 |
| gmd:Keywords are present with definition of WMO\_DistributionScopeCode keyword term and a gmd:type of vocabulary controlled gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode = dataCenter | 1 |
| gmd:otherConstraints and vocabulary controlled WMO\_GTSProductCategoryCode if gmd:keyword is present with terms from WMO\_DistributionScopeCode (GlobalExchange, RegionalExchange) | 1 |
| gmx:Anchor implemented versus gco:CharacterString when referencing WMO\_DataLicenseCode (in gmd:otherConstraints), WMO\_GTSProductCategoryCode (in gmd:otherConstraints), WMO\_DistributionScopeCode (in Keywords), WMO\_DistributionScopeCode (in Thesaurus title) | 1 |

**Total possible score: 5 (100%)**

Note: Other possible gmd:resourceConstraints elements may exist and not comply to these rules. The score should check that there is one gmd:resourceConstraints element that complies to the rules.

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

In addition to programmatic checks which will provide a score, the conditions of use for the resource published should be clear to the user. If the codelist implementation is not clear there should be additional free text explanations gmd:otherConstraints or gmd:useLimitation.

Further guidance on data policy implementation can be found in the Guide to WMO Information System (WMO No. 1061, Section 5.8.1.10).[[16]](#footnote-132)

# KPI-10: Distribution information

Metadata records should contain information regarding how to access the data which it is describing.

## WCMP element(s)

* //gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:distributionFormat/gmd:MD\_Format
* //gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions//gmd:onLine//gmd:URL
* //gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:MD\_Distributor//gmd:organisationName
* //gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:MD\_Distributor//gmd:contactInfo//gmd:electronicMailAddress/gco:CharacterString

<gmd:distributionInfo>  
 <gmd:MD\_Distribution>  
 <gmd:distributionFormat>  
 <gmd:MD\_Format>  
 <gmd:name>  
 <gco:CharacterString>FM 94 (BUFR)</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:name>  
 <gmd:version>  
 <gco:CharacterString>XII EXT.</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:version>  
 <gmd:specification>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:title="FM 94 (BUFR)" xlink:href="https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WMOCodes.html">FM 94 (BUFR)</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:specification>  
 </gmd:MD\_Format>  
 </gmd:distributionFormat>  
 <gmd:distributor>  
 <gmd:MD\_Distributor>  
 <gmd:distributorContact>  
 <gmd:CI\_ResponsibleParty>  
 <gmd:individualName>  
 <gco:CharacterString>Lastname, Firstname</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:individualName>  
 <gmd:organisationName>  
 <gco:CharacterString>NMC FRANCE - Météo-France</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:organisationName>  
 <gmd:contactInfo>  
 <gmd:CI\_Contact>  
 <gmd:phone/>  
 <gmd:address>  
 <gmd:CI\_Address>  
 <gmd:deliveryPoint>  
 <gco:CharacterString>Direction des Systèmes d'Information, 42 avenue Gaspard CORIOLIS</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:deliveryPoint>  
 <gmd:city>  
 <gco:CharacterString>TOULOUSE</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:city>  
 <gmd:postalCode>  
 <gco:CharacterString>31057</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:postalCode>  
 <gmd:country>  
 <gco:CharacterString>France</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:country>  
 <gmd:electronicMailAddress>  
 <gco:CharacterString>gisc\_support@meteo.fr</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:electronicMailAddress>  
 </gmd:CI\_Address>  
 </gmd:address>  
 <gmd:onlineResource>  
 <gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 <gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:URL>https://meteofrance.com</gmd:URL>  
 </gmd:linkage>  
 </gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 </gmd:onlineResource>  
 </gmd:CI\_Contact>  
 </gmd:contactInfo>  
 <gmd:role>  
 <gmd:CI\_RoleCode codeListValue="pointOfContact" codeList="https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml#CI\_RoleCode">pointOfContact</gmd:CI\_RoleCode>  
 </gmd:role>  
 </gmd:CI\_ResponsibleParty>  
 </gmd:distributorContact>  
 </gmd:MD\_Distributor>  
 </gmd:distributor>  
 <gmd:transferOptions>  
 <gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions>  
 <gmd:onLine>  
 <gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 <gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:URL>http://wispi.meteo.fr/openwis-user-portal/srv/en/main.home?urn=urn:x-wmo:md:int.wmo.wis::ISMN10LFPW</gmd:URL>  
 </gmd:linkage>  
 <gmd:protocol>  
 <gco:CharacterString>WWW:LINK-1.0-http--link</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:protocol>  
 <gmd:name>  
 <gco:CharacterString>Permanent link</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:name>  
 <gmd:description>  
 <gco:CharacterString>GISC Toulouse</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:description>  
 </gmd:CI\_OnlineResource>  
 </gmd:onLine>  
 </gmd:MD\_DigitalTransferOptions>  
 </gmd:transferOptions>  
 </gmd:MD\_Distribution>  
</gmd:distributionInfo>

## What is being measured

The presence of distribution information and supporting elements.

* format (//gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:distributionFormat/gmd:MD\_Format) That can rely on existing WMO supported formats
* 1..n gmd:transferOptions (//gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:transferOptions//gmd:onLine), including a gmd:linkage with a URL to access the data
* distributor contact information (organization, email)

## Rationale for measurement

Distribution information provides the necessary information for accessing the data, supported formats, and contact information for the data distributor.

## Rules for implementation

By detecting the presence of the distribution format and transferOptions (multiple options are possible). See page 35 of the WMO Core Profile Metadata Guidance.

Distribution information implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| gmd:MD\_Format is included | 1 |
| format specification has an Anchor with a resolvable HTTP URL | 1 |
| distributor contact organization is included | 1 |
| distributor contact email is included | 1 |
| 1..n transfer options are present | 1 |

**Total possible score: 5 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

* Specify format/medium information and a link to the format specification
* Specify 1..n transfer options as well as a distributor contact. Note that a distributor contact does not have to be the same as the main point of contact, principal investigator
* Specify an email for the distributor

# KPI-11: Codelists validation

## WCMP element(s)

WCMP elements will vary depending on whether they are:

* ISO Codelists (gmxCodelists.xml)
* WMO Codelists / ISO extensions (WMOCodeLists.xml)

Authoritative codelists are found at the following locations:

* ISO: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/19139/resources/gmxCodelists.xml>
* WMO: <https://wis.wmo.int/2012/codelists/WMOCodeLists.xml>

## What is being measured

Presence of valid terms from the referred codelist element.

## Rationale for measurement

WCMP records can reference codelists from a number of locations (e.g. online copies of the authoritative sources).

To ensure that the terms themselves are always consistent with the official sources, this KPI will validate that the terms referred to in WCMP records are consistent with the authoritative codelists referred in this KPI.

In many cases terms are included but are not identical to the official definitions on the codelists (e.g. spelling mistakes, case sensitivity errors, etc.).

Software applications may look for exact matches to codelists and handle metadata incorrectly if not properly referenced.

## Rules for implementation

WMO/ISO Codelists referenced in WCMP

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| codelist | WCMP Element | Authoritative list |
| CI\_DateTypeCode | //gmd:date/gmd:CI\_Date/gmd:dateType/gmd:CI\_DateTypeCode | WMOCodeLists (ISO Extended) |
| CI\_RoleCode | //gmd:CI\_ResponsibleParty/gmd:role/gmd:CI\_RoleCode | gmxCodelists (ISO) |
| MD\_KeywordTypeCode | //gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:type/gmd:MD\_KeywordTypeCode | WMOCodeLists (ISO Extended) |
| MD\_RestrictionCode | //gmd:resourceConstraints//gmd:MD\_RestrictionCode | gmxCodelists (ISO) |
| MD\_ScopeCode | //gmd:scope//gmd:MD\_ScopeCode | gmxCodelists (ISO) |
| MD\_TopicCategoryCode | //gmd:topicCategory/gmd:MD\_TopicCategoryCode | gmxCodelists (ISO) |
| WMO\_DataLicenseCode | //gmd:resourceConstraints//gmd:otherConstraints/[gco:CharacterString|gmx:Anchor] | WMOCodeLists |
| WMO\_GTSProductCategoryCode | //gmd:resourceConstraints//gmd:otherConstraints/[gco:CharacterString|gmx:Anchor] | WMOCodeLists |
| WMO\_CategoryCode | //gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:keyword/[gco:CharacterString|gmx:Anchor] | WMOCodeLists |
| WMO\_DistributionScopeCode | //gmd:descriptiveKeywords/gmd:MD\_Keywords/gmd:keyword/[gco:CharacterString|gmx:Anchor] | WMOCodeLists |

Codelists validation implementation rules

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| codelist referred terms are checked against authoritative sources with an exact match | 1 |

**Total possible score: 1 per valid codelist value (100%)**

To assess how many valid codelist values are indicated and provide a total percentage based on the total number of codelist values.

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

Ensure that codelists referenced terms are indicated across the entire record, from authoritative sources.

# KPI-12: DOI citation

## WCMP element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:citation//gmd:identifier//gmd:code/gmx:Anchor/@xlink:href
* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:citation//gmd:identifier//gmd:code/gmx:Anchor/@xlink:title
* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:resourceConstraints//gmd:otherConstraints/gco:CharacterString

## What is being measured

Whether DOI information is available, can be successfully identified, and provides citation instructions.

## Rationale for measurement

DOIs are persistent identifiers that allow data to be accessible and citable. They make research data easier to access, reuse and verify, thereby making it easier to build on previous work, conduct new research and avoid duplicating already existing work.

## Rules for implementation

<gmd:identifier>  
 <gmd:MD\_Identifier>  
 <gmd:code>  
 <gmx:Anchor xlink:actuate="onRequest" xlink:href="https://dx.doi.org/10.14287/10000004" xlink:title="DOI">doi:10.14287/10000004</gmx:Anchor>  
 </gmd:code>  
 </gmd:MD\_Identifier>  
 </gmd:identifier>

<gmd:otherConstraints>  
 <gco:CharacterString>Cite as: WMO/GAW Ozone Monitoring Community, World Meteorological Organization-Global Atmosphere Watch Program (WMO-GAW)/World Ozone and Ultraviolet Radiation Data Centre (WOUDC) [Data]. Retrieved [YYYY-MM-DD], from https://woudc.org. A list of all contributors is available on the website. doi:10.14287/10000004</gco:CharacterString>  
 </gmd:otherConstraints>

DOI citation implementation rules

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| --- | --- |
| Rule | Score |
| if DOI anchor is present | 1 |
| title is equal to 'DOI' | 1 |
| if DOI citation is present as a constraint and includes the same DOI in the anchor | 1 |

**Total possible score: 3 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

* Provide the DOI identifier with a doi: prefix (e.g. doi:<doi-identifier>)
* Provide a 'Cite as' template in gmd:otherConstraints

# KPI-013: File identifier

## WCMP element(s)

* /gmd:MD\_Metadata/gmd:fileIdentifier/gco:CharacterString

## What is being measured

Accordance of the structure of the metadata record identification with the recommendation defined in chapter 8.1.2 of the Manual on the WMO Information System (WMO-No. 1060).

## Rationale for measurement

The value of the fileIdentifier element, i.e. identifier of the metadata record, shall be unique. Achieving global uniqueness in a distributed environment is not trivial, but the structure recommended in the Manual on WIS significantly simplifies management of the identifiers and reduces chance of conflicts/duplicates.

## Rules for implementation

The WMO Core Metadata Profile recommends the use of a URI for gmd:fileIdentifier attributes. The URI should be structured as follows:

* Fixed string urn:x-wmo:md:
* Citation authority based on the Internet domain name of the data-provider organization, e.g. “int.wmo.wis”, “gov.noaa”, “edu.ucar.ncar”, “cn.gov.cma” or “uk.gov.metoffice”
* Double separator colons: ::
* Unique identifier (in scope of the citation authority)

**Total possible score: 1 (100%)**

## Guidance to score well on this assessment

Use metadata record identification (gmd:fileIdentifier) in the form of URI.

1. <https://community.wmo.int/governance/commission-membership/commission-observation-infrastructures-and-information-systems-infcom/commission-infrastructure-officers/infcom-management-group/standing-committee-information-management-and-technology-sc-imt/expert-team-metadata-0> [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
2. <https://community.wmo.int/governance/commission-membership/commission-observation-infrastructures-and-information-systems-infcom/commission-infrastructure-national-representatives/infcom-management-group/standing-committee-information-management-and-technology-sc-imt/et-metadata> [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
3. <https://community.wmo.int/governance/commission-membership/commission-observation-infrastructures-and-information-systems-infcom/commission-infrastructure-officers/infcom-management-group/standing-committee-information-management-and-technology-sc-imt> [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
4. <https://community.wmo.int/governance/commission-membership/infcom> [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
5. <https://community.wmo.int/activity-areas/wmo-information-system-wis> [↑](#footnote-ref-31)
6. <https://github.com/wmo-im/pywcmp> [↑](#footnote-ref-38)
7. <https://wis.wmo.int/2013/metadata/version_1-3-0/WMO_Core_Metadata_Profile_v1.3_Part_2.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-47)
8. <https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=6856#.X2TSLZMzYUF> [↑](#footnote-ref-59)
9. <https://www.merriam-webster.com> [↑](#footnote-ref-70)
10. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org> [↑](#footnote-ref-72)
11. <https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10257> [↑](#footnote-ref-75)
12. <https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=6856> [↑](#footnote-ref-97)
13. <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Media/Formats/Image_types#Common_image_file_types> [↑](#footnote-ref-107)
14. <https://httpstatuses.com> [↑](#footnote-ref-117)
15. <https://review42.com/web-design-statistics> [↑](#footnote-ref-120)
16. <https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10257> [↑](#footnote-ref-132)