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**Energy Management System Application Program Interface (EMS-API) –  
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## INTRODUCTION

71 This standard is part of the IEC 61970 series that define an application program interface (API) for  
72 an energy management system (EMS).

73 IEC 61970-301 specifies a Common Information Model (CIM): a logical view of the physical  
74 aspects of an electric utility operations. The CIM is described using the Unified Modeling  
75 Language (UML), a language used to specify, visualize, and document systems in an object-  
76 oriented manner. UML is an analysis and design language; it is not a programming language. For  
77 software programs to use the CIM it must be transformed into a schema form that supports a  
78 programmable interface.

79 IEC 61970-501 describes the translation of the CIM in UML form into a machine readable format  
80 as expressed in the Extensible Markup Language (XML) representation of that schema using the  
81 Resource Description Framework (RDF) Schema specification language.

82 IEC 61970-552 specifies how the CIM RDF schema specified in 61970-501 is used to exchange  
83 power system models using XML (referred to as CIM XML) defined in the 61970-45x series of  
84 profile standards, such as the draft IEC 61970-452 CIM Transmission Network Model Exchange  
85 Profile.

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**EMS-API –**

**Part 552: CIMXML Model Exchange Format**

93 **1 Scope**

94 This International Standard specifies a Component Interface Specification (CIS) for Energy  
95 Management Systems Application Program Interfaces. This part specifies the format and rules for  
96 exchanging modeling information based upon the CIM. It uses the CIM RDF Schema presented in  
97 IEC 61970-501 as the meta-model framework for constructing XML documents of power system  
98 modelling information. The style of these documents is called CIM XML format.

99 Model exchange by file transfer serves many useful purposes. Profile documents as draft IEC  
100 61970-452 and other profiles in the 61970-45x series of standards explain the requirements and  
101 use cases that set the context for this work. Though the format can be used for general CIM-  
102 based information exchange, specific profiles (or subsets) of the CIM are identified in order to  
103 address particular exchange requirements. The initial requirement driving the solidification of this  
104 specification is the exchange of transmission network modeling information for power system  
105 security coordination.

106 This standard supports a mechanism for software from independent suppliers to produce and  
107 consume CIM described modeling information based on a common format. The proposed solution:

- 108 • Is both machine readable and human readable, although primarily intended for  
109 programmatic access,
- 110 • Can be accessed using any tool that supports the Document Object Model (DOM) and other  
111 standard XML application program interfaces,
- 112 • Is self-describing,
- 113 • Takes advantage of current World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) recommendations.

114 This document is the Level 2 Component Interface Specification document that describes in  
115 narrative terms (with text and examples based on the CIM) the detailed definition of the CIM XML  
116 format.

117 **2 Normative references**

118 The following normative documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text,  
119 constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions  
120 indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements  
121 based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the  
122 most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO  
123 maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

124 IEC 61970-1, Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 1:  
125 Guidelines and General Requirements

126 IEC 61970-2, Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 2:  
127 Glossary

- 128 IEC 61970-301 Ed 2: Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part  
129 301: Common Information Model (CIM) Base
- 130 IEC 61968-11 Common Information Model (CIM) Extensions for Distribution
- 131 IEC 61970-501 Ed.1: Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) - Part  
132 501: Common information model resource description framework (CIM RDF) Schema
- 133 IEC 60050 series: International Electrotechnical Vocabulary
- 134 W3C: RDF/XML Syntax Specification
- 135 W3C: Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0
- 136 W3C: XSL Transformations (XSLT)
- 137 W3C: Document Object Model (DOM)

### 138 **3 Definitions**

139 Refer to International Electrotechnical Vocabulary, IEC 60050, for general glossary definitions and  
140 IEC 61970-2, for EMS-API glossary definitions. For the purposes of this International Standard,  
141 the following apply.

#### 142 **Application Program Interface (API)**

143 The set of public functions provided by an executable application component for use by other  
144 executable application components.

#### 145 **CIM - Common Information Model**

146 The CIM is an abstract model that represents all the major objects in an electric utility enterprise  
147 typically contained in an EMS information model. By providing a standard way of representing  
148 power system resources as object classes and attributes, along with their relationships, the CIM  
149 facilitates the integration of EMS applications developed independently by different vendors,  
150 between entire EMS systems developed independently, or between an EMS system and other  
151 systems concerned with different aspects of power system operations, such as generation or  
152 distribution management.

#### 153 **Document Object Model (DOM)**

154 The Document Object Model is a platform- and language-neutral interface defined by the World  
155 Wide Web Consortium (W3C) that allows programs and scripts to dynamically access and  
156 exchange the content, structure and style of documents.

157 DTD – Document Type Definition: a standard for describing the vocabulary and syntax associated  
158 with an XML document. XML Schema and RDF are other forms that can be used.

#### 159 **Energy Management System (EMS)**

160 A computer system comprising a software platform providing basic support services and a set of  
161 applications providing the functionality needed for the effective operation of electrical generation  
162 and transmission facilities so as to assure adequate security of energy supply at minimum cost.

#### 163 **HTML – Hypertext Markup Language**

164 HTML is a markup language used to format and present information on the Web.

#### 165 **Model**

166 The term Model, when used by itself, refers to a collection of data describing objects or entities  
167 real or computed. In power system analysis, a model is a set of static data describing the power  
168 system. That interpretation is included here; however, the term is used more broadly to include  
169 any instance data governed by a Profile. Examples of Models include the Static Network Model,

170 the Topology Solution, and the Network Solution produced by a powerflow or state estimator  
171 application.

172 **Profile**

173 A Profile is schema that defines the structure and semantics of a model that may be exchanged. A  
174 Profile is a restricted subset of the more general CIM.

175 **Profile Group**

176 A collection of profiles intended to be used together for a particular business purpose. A Profile  
177 Group governs a set models.

178 **RDF - Resource Description Framework**

179 [RDF](#) is a language recommended by the W3C for expressing metadata that machines can process  
180 simply. RDF uses XML as its encoding syntax.

181 **RDF Schema**

182 [RDF Schema](#) is a schema specification language expressed using RDF to describe resources and  
183 their properties, including how resources are related to other resources, which is used to specify  
184 an application-specific schema.

185 **Real-World Object**

186 Real-world objects are objects that belong to the real world problem domain as distinguished from  
187 interface objects and controller objects within the implementation. The real-world objects for the  
188 EMS domain are defined as classes in IEC 61970-301 Common Information Model.

189 Classes and objects model what is in a power system that needs to be represented in a common  
190 way to EMS applications. A class is a description of an object found in the real world, such as a  
191 PowerTransformer, GeneratingUnit, or Load that needs to be represented as part of the overall  
192 power system model in an EMS. Other types of objects include things such as schedules and  
193 measurements that EMS applications also need to process, analyze, and store. Such objects  
194 need a common representation to achieve the purposes of the EMS-API standard for plug-  
195 compatibility and interoperability. A particular object in a power system with a unique identity is  
196 modeled as an instance of the class to which it belongs.

197 **SGML – Standard Generalized Markup Language**

198 SGML is an international standard for the definition of device-independent, system-independent  
199 methods of representing texts in electronic form. HTML and XML are derived from SGML.

200 **UML® - Unified Modeling Language™**

201 [UML](#) is an object-oriented modeling language and methodology for specifying, visualizing,  
202 constructing, and documenting the artifacts of a system-intensive process.

203 **URI - Uniform Resource Identifier:**

204 a Web standard syntax and semantic for identifying (referencing) resources (things, such as files,  
205 documents, images).

206 **XML - Extensible Markup Language**

207 [XML](#) is a subset of Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML), ISO 8879, for putting  
208 structured data in a text file. It is an endorsed recommendation from the W3C. It is license-free,  
209 platform-independent and well-supported by many readily available software tools.

210 **XSL – eXtensible Stylesheet Language**

211 XSL is a language for expressing stylesheets for XML documents.

## 212 **4 Model exchange header**

### 213 **4.1 General**

214 Model exchange typically involves the exchange of a collection of documents, each of which  
215 contains instance data (referred to as a model) and a header. The structure and semantics of each  
216 model is described by a profile, which is not included in the exchanged data. The overall  
217 exchange is governed by a collection of profiles called a Profile Group.

218 A header describes the content of the model contained in a document e.g. the date the model was  
219 created, description etc. The header may also identify other models and their relationship to the  
220 present model. Such information is important when the models are part of a work flow where, for  
221 example, the models have relations to each other, e.g. a model succeeds and/or depends on  
222 another.

223 The following subsections define the model with header data and work flow it is designed to  
224 support.

### 225 **4.2 CIMXML documents and headers**

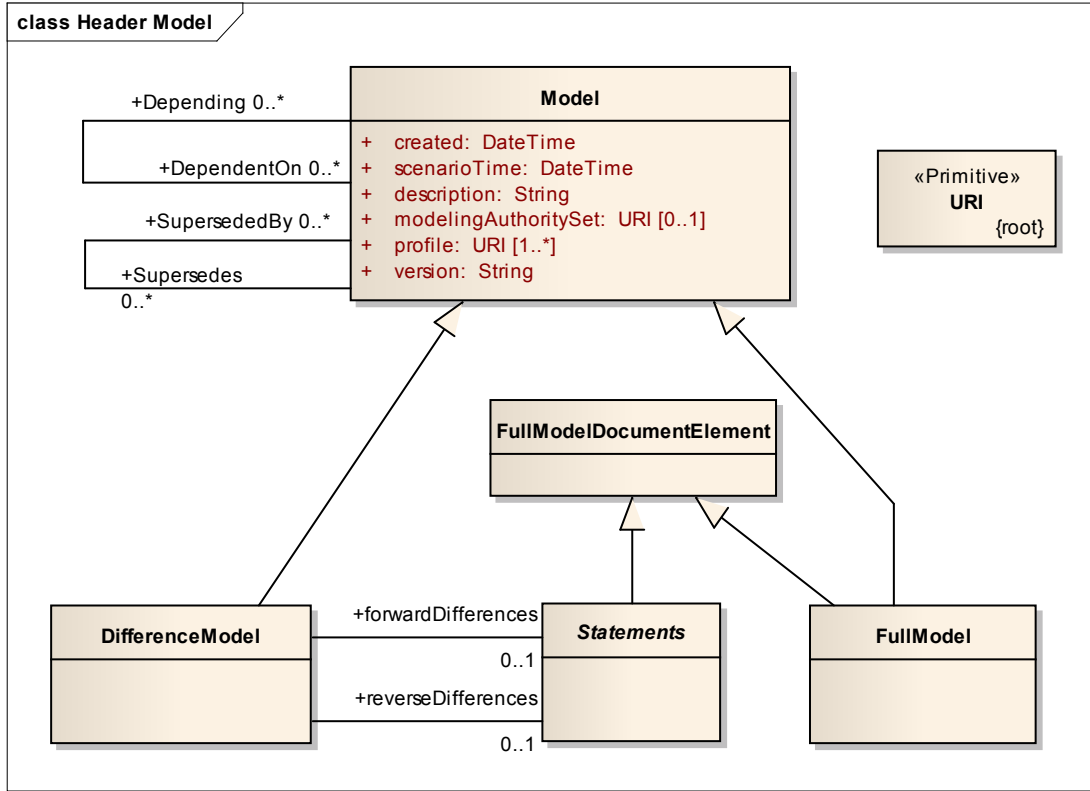
226 A CIMXML document is described by a single header. Multiple headers in a CIMXML document are  
227 not allowed. Hence instance data in a CIMXML document adhere to a single profile.

228 In case multiple and possibly related CIMXML documents need to be kept together they shall be  
229 collected in an archive, e.g. zip.

### 230 **4.3 Model and header data description**

231 A description of a model is attached as header data to the model. Figure 1 describes the model  
232 with header information.





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Figure 1 Model with header

235 In Figure 1 the classes FullModel, DifferenceModel and Statements describe the model data while  
236 the header is described by the classes Model and Description. The following is a bottom up  
237 description of these classes:

238 • The FullModelDocumentElement class represents any of the elements that may appear in  
239 a full model document. It has the two sub types Statements or FullModel, both are further  
240 described below. A full model document typically contains one FullModel element and one  
241 set of Definition elements.

242 • The Statements class represent a set of Definition (refer to section 5.2.3.4) and/or  
243 Description (refer to section 5.2.3.5) elements.

244 • The FullModel (refer to section 5.2.3.3) class represent the full model header and its  
245 contents is described by the Model class.

246 • The DifferenceModel (refer to section 5.2.4.6) class represents the difference model  
247 header. The content is described by the Model class, the association role  
248 forwardDifferences and association role reverseDifferences. Both association roles may  
249 have one set of Statements.

250 • The Model class describe the header content that is the same for the FullModel and the  
251 DifferenceModel. A Model is identified by a rdf:about attribute. The rdf:about attribute  
252 uniquely describe the model and not the document where the header exists. Hence multiple  
253 documents created from the same unchanged data model will have the same rdf:about.

254 The Model class attributes are described in Table 1.

255 **Table 1 Header attributes**

Class	Attribute	Description
Model	created	The date when the model was created (note this is typically not when the CIMXML document was created which is after this time).
Model	scenarioTime	The date and time that the model represents, e.g. the current time for an operational model, a historical model or a future planned model.
Model	description	A description of the model, .e.g. the name of person that created the model and for what purpose.
Model	modelingAuthoritySet	A uri describing the equipment model sourcing the data in a CIMXML document, e.g. a model for the whole or a part of a country.
Model	profile	A uri describing the Profiles that governs this model. It uniquely identifies the Profile and its version.
Model	version	A description of the version of the model sourcing the data in a CIMXML document. Examples are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Variations of the equipment model for the ModelingAuthoritySet</li> <li>- Different study cases resulting in different solutions.</li> </ul>
Model	DependentOn	A reference to CIMXML documents describing the models that the model described by this document depends on, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A load flow solution depends on the topology model it was computed from</li> <li>- A topology model computed by a topology processor depends on the network model it was computed from.</li> </ul>
Model	Depending	All models depending on this model. This role is not intended to be included in any document.
Model	Supersedes	When a model is updated the resulting model supersedes the models that were used as basis for the update. Hence this is a reference to CIMXML documents describing the updated models.
Model	SupersededBy	All models superseding this model. This role is not intended to be included in any document.

256 The profile attribute is an uri having the following format

257 <http://iec.ch/<committee>/<year>/<standard>-<part>/<profileGroup>/<profile>/<version>>

258 e.g. <http://iec.ch/TC57/2011/61970-452/CPSM/Equipment/2>

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261 The UML in Figure 1 translates into CIMXML elements as follows

262 1. A leaf class in Figure 1 (DifferenceModel, Statements and FullModel) appears as class  
263 elements under the document element (section 6.2.3.3).

264 2. Statement elements appear as Definition (section 6.2.3.5) or Description elements (section  
265 6.2.3.6).

266 3. Literal attributes, e.g. Model.created, appears as literal property elements (section 6.2.3.8).

267 4. Roles appear, e.g. Model.Supersedes, as resource property elements (section 6.2.3.10).

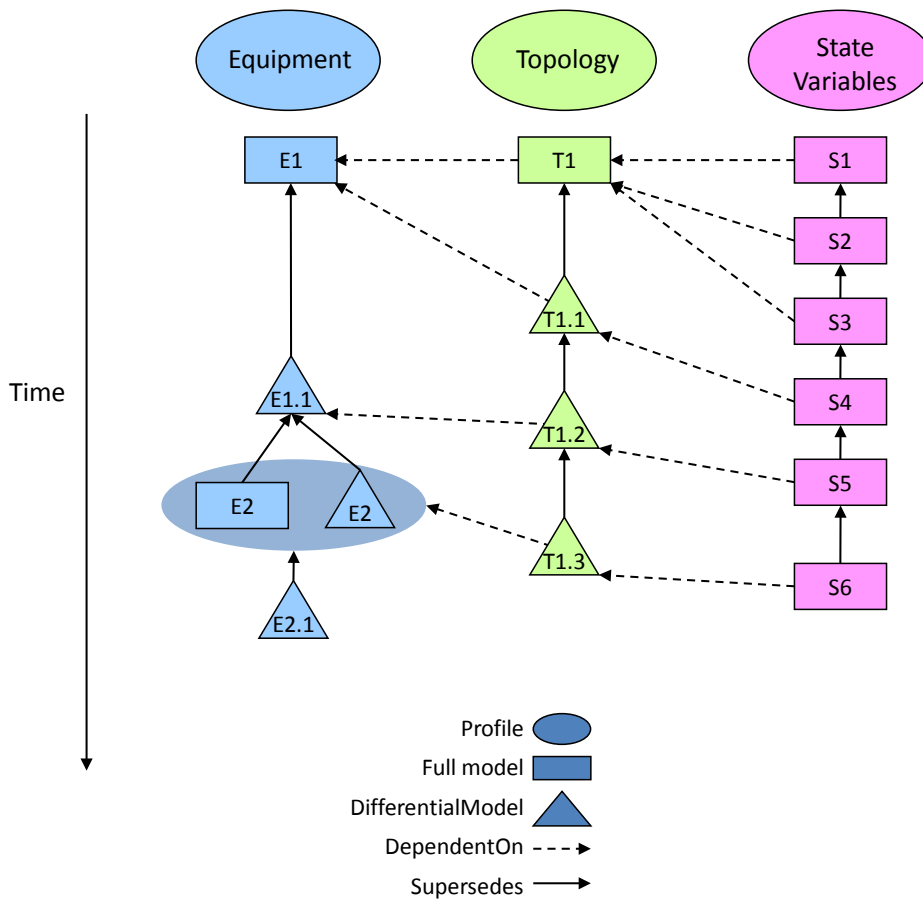
268 5. Inherited attributes and roles appear directly as elements under the leaf class following the  
269 rules 3, 4 and 5 above.

- 270 6. A CIMXML model document is identified by a Model rdf:about attribute (implicit in the UML).
- 271 Hence the roles DependentOn and Supersedes are references to the Model rdf:about attribute.
- 272 7. A full model document may be regenerated multiple times from the same source data. Full
- 273 model documents regenerated from unchanged source data keep the model identification
- 274 (Model rdf:about) unchanged from the original full model document.
- 275 8. When generating a full model document superseding a differential the new full model document
- 276 will have the same model identification (Model rdf:about) as the differential if the model is
- 277 unchanged since the differential was created. Hence it is an alternate to the differential.

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### 279 4.4 Work flow

280 A work flow is described by a sequence of exchange events. The model description in section 4.2  
 281 supports work flow events related in time with the Model.Supersedes attribute and events related  
 282 to profiles with the Model.DependentOn attribute. An example of this is shown in Figure 2.



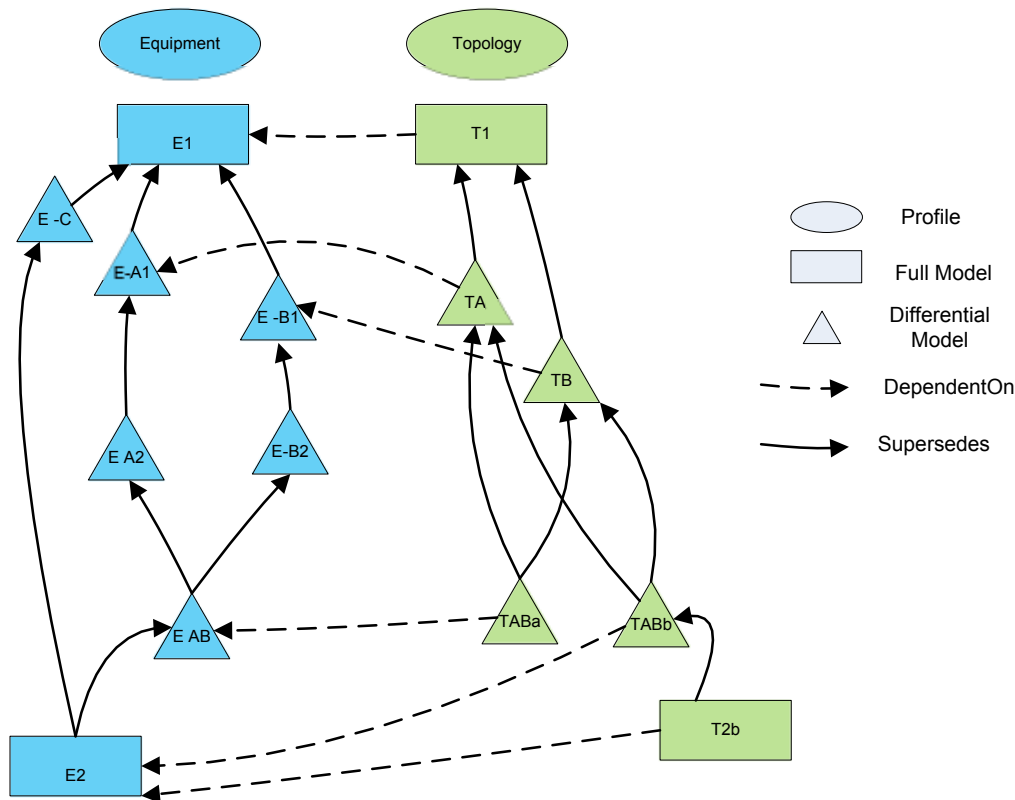
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**Figure 2 Example work flow events**

285 In this example, a solved network model is exchanged as a collection of models governed by a  
 286 Profile Group comprising Equipment , Topology, and State Variables documents. The left time line  
 287 in Figure 2 represents how the Equipment model document is exchanged over time. The center  
 288 time line shows how new Topology results are exchanged over time and the Equipment models on  
 289 which each depends. The right most time line shows how multiple State Variable documents are

290 exchanged and the Topology files on which they depend. Also note that the equipment model E2 is  
 291 represented both by a full and an incremental document. The situation in Figure 2 represents a  
 292 simple case. A more complex situation is shown in Figure 3.



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**Figure 3 Example work flow events with more dependencies**

295 The CIMXML documents in Figure 3 may be created from a data modeller environment where  
 296 multiple change tracks of a model appear in parallel, e.g. the equipment model has three tracks E-  
 297 Ax, E-Bx and A-C that eventually merge into the full model E2 superseding the equipment model  
 298 tracks.

299 A receiver of the CIMXML documents may use any of the topology documents TA, TB, TABa or  
 300 T2b with the equipment model from E2. As the sender (the data modeller in this example) only  
 301 verified T2b with E2 this is the only combination that is supposed to fit together. Concerning T2b  
 302 the receiver may choose to apply TB and TABb to T1 instead of using T2b.

## 303 5 Object identification

### 304 5.1 URIs as identifiers

305 CIM XML elements are identified by a URI. A URI can have two forms

- 306 • URL
- 307 • URN

308 The URL and URN forms have fundamentally different structures, i.e.

- 309 • URL form; *protocol://authority/path?query#fragment* where the *protocol* in CIM XML is http  
310 • URN form: *urn:namespace:specification* where the *namespace* in CIM XML is uuid (for more  
311 details refer to section 6.4)

312 A CIM XML document may use either or.

## 313 **5.2 About rdf:ID and rdf:about**

314 A CIM XML element can be identified by two different RDF constructs

- 315 • rdf:ID  
316 • rdf:about

317 The use of rdf:ID and rdf:about has a specific meaning that does not align with their definition in  
318 RDF. The meanings are

- 319 • an rdf:ID specify the life of object globally, i.e. it's creation or deletion.  
320 • an rdf:about is a reference to an existing object.

## 321 **5.3 CIM XML element identification**

322 CIM XML files contain XML elements describing CIM objects (ACLineSegments, Substations etc.).  
323 The CIM has lots of association roles that show up as references in the XML elements (typically as  
324 rdf:resource or rdf:about attributes). CIM data show up in different CIM XML files that depend on  
325 each other as described in section 4. Some references then cross CIM XML file boundaries. A  
326 consequence of this is that the identification of a CIM object must be stable during its life time.  
327 Otherwise referencing objects across file boundaries will break.

328 A common practice in object oriented systems is to assume all objects has an identifier that is  
329 unique in space and time which means

- 330 • Different objects are assigned different identifiers.  
331 • Identifiers once assigned are never reused even if the original object having it is gone.

332 Object identification is so central that it is implicitly modelled i.e. it is not explicit in an object model  
333 as a base class attribute (e.g. the class Object with the attribute mrid).

334 The different CIM XML identifications that are possible

- 335 • rdf:ID in the URL form.  
336 • rdf:ID in the URN from.  
337 • rdf:about in the URL.  
338 • rdf:about in the URNform.

339 Note that the xml:base attribute is not required.

340 Some examples

- 341 • rdf:ID="\_26CC8D713B7E4CF88C938D9D557A4846" where a UUID is used  
342 • rdf:ID="ACLineSegment1" where a type and a number is used  
343 • rdf:about="#\_26CC8D713B7E4CF88C938D9D557A4846" where a UUID is used  
344 • rdf:about="#ACLineSegment1" where a type and a number is used

- `rdf:about="urn:uuid:26CC8D71-3B7E-4CF8-8C93-8D9D557A4846"` where a UUID is used

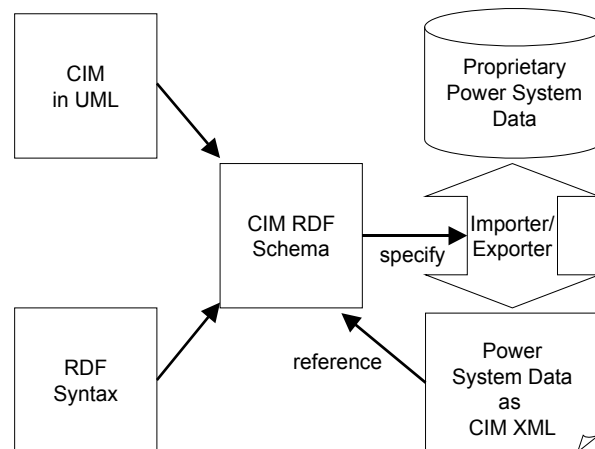
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## 347 6 CIM XML format rules and conventions

### 348 6.1 General

349 Given the CIM RDF Schema described in IEC 61970-501, a power system model can be converted  
 350 for export as an XML document (see Figure 3). This document is referred to as a CIM XML  
 351 document. All of the tags (resource descriptions) used in the CIM XML document are supplied by  
 352 the CIM RDF schema. The resulting CIM XML model exchange document can be parsed and the  
 353 information imported into a foreign system.

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Figure 3 CIM XML-based power system model exchange mechanism

### 357 6.2 Simplified RDF syntax

#### 358 6.2.1 General

359 RDF syntax provides many ways to represent the same set of data. For example, an association  
 360 between two resources can be written with a resource attribute or by nesting one element within  
 361 another. This could make it difficult to use some XML tools, such as XSL processors, with the CIM  
 362 XML document.

363 Therefore, only a subset of the RDF Syntax is to be applied in creating CIM XML documents. This  
 364 syntax simplifies the work of implementers to construct model serialization and de-serialization  
 365 software, as well as to improve the effectiveness of general XML tools when used with CIM XML  
 366 documents. The reduced syntax is a proper subset of the standard RDF syntax; thus, it can be  
 367 read by available RDF de-serialization software.

368 The following subsections define a subset of the RDF Syntax. This simplified syntax is for  
 369 exchanging power system models between utilities. The aim of the specification is to make it  
 370 easier for implementers to construct de-serialization software for RDF data, to simplify their  
 371 choices when serializing RDF data, and to improve the effectiveness of general XML tools such as  
 372 XSLT processors when used with the serialized RDF data.

373 The reduced syntax is a proper subset of the standard RDF syntax. Thus, it can be read by RDF  
 374 de-serialization software such as SirPAC [8]. In this, it differs from other proposals for a simplified  
 375 syntax, such as [9], [10].

376 The reduced syntax does not sacrifice any of the power of the RDF data model. That is, any RDF  
 377 data can be exchanged using this syntax. Moreover, features of RDF such as the ability to extend  
 378 a model defined in one document with statements in second document are preserved.

### 379 **6.2.2 Notation**

380 The simplified syntax is defined in the following section. Each kind of element is defined in a  
 381 subsection beginning with a model of the element, followed by some defining text, and a reference  
 382 to the RDF grammar. The semantics of the element are not detailed (refer to the RDF  
 383 recommendation [3] for that information). The notation for the element model is as follows:

- 384 1. A symbol in italics in the position of an element type, attribute name or attribute value indicates  
 385 the type of name or value required. The symbol will be defined in the text.
- 386 2. The symbol *rdf* stands for whatever namespace prefix is chosen by the implementation for the  
 387 RDF namespace. Similarly the symbol *cim* stands for the chosen CIM namespace prefix.
- 388 3. A comment within the element model indicates the allowed content. A symbol in italics stands  
 389 for a kind of element or other content defined in the text. A construction (*a* | *b*) indicates that *a*  
 390 and *b* are alternatives. A construction *a*\* indicates zero or more repetitions of *a*.
- 391 4. All other text in the model is literal.

### 392 **6.2.3 Syntax definition (Normative)**

#### 393 **6.2.3.1 General**

394 The syntax definition is enriched with examples. The examples should help to get a better  
 395 understanding of the formal syntax definition. The same example is used for several syntax  
 396 definitions. The syntax focused in the example is indicated in bold.

#### 397 **6.2.3.2 Name space URIs defined in this specification**

398 The following name spaces are defined in this specification

- 399 • *cim-model-description\_uri* described by `xmlns:md`
- 400 • *difference-model-namespace-uri* described by `xmlns:dm`

401 Their values are defined as

- 402 • `xmlns:md="http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-552/ModelDescription/1#"`
- 403 • `xmlns:dm="http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-552/DifferenceModel/1#"`

#### 404 **6.2.3.3 Document element**

```
405 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf=http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
406         xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
407         xmlns:md="cim-model-description_uri">
408     <!-- Content: full-model (definition|description)* -->
409 </rdf:RDF>
```

```
411 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf=http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
412         xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
413         xmlns:md="cim-model-description_uri"
414         xml:base="power-system-base-uri">
```

```
415     <!-- Content: full-model (definition|description)* -->
416 </rdf:RDF>
```

417  
418

419 *Example:*

```
420 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
421 <rdf:RDF
422     xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
423     xmlns:cim="http://iec.ch/TC57/2004/CIM-schema-cim10#"
424     xmlns:md="http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-552/ModelDescription/1#">
425
426 </rdf:RDF>
```

- 427
- 428 1. The element type is rdf:RDF.
- 429 2. The RDF namespace must be declared as http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
- 430 3. The CIM namespace must be declared. With newer versions of the CIM schema the version
- 431 needs to be adjusted in the CIM name space. Parties exchanging documents have to agree on
- 432 the used version.
- 433 4. Other namespaces may be declared.
- 434 5. The xml:base attribute shall be present when the rdf:about URL form is used, refer to
- 435 section 5.3.

436 The RDF grammar clause: 6.1

#### 437 6.2.3.4 FullModel element

```
438 <md:FullModel rdf:about=model-uri>
439     <!-- Content: (literal-property|resource-property
440                                     |compound-property)* -->
441 </md:FullModel >
```

442

443 *Example:*

```
444 <md:FullModel rdf:about="http://polarenergy.com/2008/case1234/solution">
445     <md:Model.created>2008-12-24</md:Model.created>
446     <md:Model.Supersedes rdf:resource="http://polarenergy.com/2008/case1233/solution"/>
447     <md:Model.DependentOn rdf:resource="http://polarenergy.com/2008/case1234/topology"/>
448     <md:Model.version>V32</md:Model.version>
449     <md:Model.modelingAuthoritySet>http://polarenergy.com/2008/NorthPoleTSO</md:Model.modelingAuthoritySet>
450     <md:Model.description>Santa Claus made a study case peak load summer base topology solution</md:Model.description>
451     <md:Model.profile>http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-456/StateVariables/1</md:Model.profile>
452 </md:FullModel>
```

453

- 454 1. The full model element introduces a new model.
- 455 2. The value of the about attribute, model-uri, is a name chosen by the implementation. The
- 456 model-uri uniquely identifies a document and is the name referenced by other documents, e.g.
- 457 by Supersedes or DependentOn, as indicated in Figure 2. Hence it must be unique among all
- 458 documents being exchanged by a number of parties.

#### 459 6.2.3.5 Definition element

```
460 <classname rdf:ID=identity>
461     <!-- Content:
462     (literal-property|resource-property|compound-property)*
463     -->
```



```

464 </classname>
465
466
467 <classname rdf:about=resource-uri>
468     <!-- Content:
469         (literal-property|resource-property|compound-property) *
470     -->
471 </classname>
472

```

473 Example :

```

474
475
476 <cim:SynchronousMachine rdf:about="#_31DFC4296BFB4E2EB299642491B3ABC1">
477     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>IN-2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
478     <cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>-9999</cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>
479     <cim:SynchronousMachine.operatingMode rdf:resource="http://iec.ch/TC57/2001/CIM-schema-
480     cim10#SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.generator"/>
481     <cim:RegulatingCondEq.RegulationSchedule rdf:resource="#_CA32746FA0024C2BBCF47BC97430BF87"/>
482     <cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_6CB8701A12F14DE99E68125D95073A75"/>
483 </cim:SynchronousMachine>
484
485

```

- 486 1. The definition element introduces a new resource and gives its type. There are two forms: the  
487 first as an rdf:ID attribute and the second an rdf:about attribute. The rdf:ID attribute has a  
488 limited scope as described in section 5.3 and shall not be used.
- 489 2. The element type, *classname*, is the XML qualified name of a class from the CIM schema or  
490 other schema declared as a namespace in the document element.
- 491 3. The value of the id attribute, *identity*, is a XML name symbol chosen by the implementation. It  
492 must be unique in the document. (It is not necessarily related to the power system resource  
493 name.)
- 494 4. The value of the about attribute, *resource-uri*, is a URI-reference that identifies the subject  
495 resource. (This can be reduced to the fragment part for identifying resources defined in the  
496 present base namespace.) This may also be a UUID URI, refer to 6.4.

### 497 6.2.3.6 Description element

```

498 <rdf:Description rdf:about=resource-uri>
499     <!-- Content:
500         (literal-property|resource-property|compound-property) *
501     -->
502 </rdf:Description >
503

```

504 Example:

```

505
506 <rdf:Description rdf:about="#Substation-2">
507     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>TROY</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
508 </rdf:Description>
509

```

- 510 1. The description element adds information about a resource introduced elsewhere in this or  
511 another document.
- 512 2. The *resource-uri* is a URI-reference that identifies the subject resource. (This can be reduced  
513 to the fragment part for identifying resources defined in the present base namespace.) This  
514 may also be a UUID URI.
- 515 3. The Description element is used only in difference models (refer to section 6.2.4). It is never  
516 used in full models.

**517 6.2.3.7 Compound element**

```

518 <classname>
519     <!-- Content:
520         (literal-property|resource-property|compound-property) *
521     -->
522 </classname>

```

523

524 *Example:*

```

525 <md:Description>
526     <md:Description.name>Santa Claus</md:Description.name>
527 </md:Description>

```

528

529

530 1. The compound element introduces a structured value. The value does not represent a  
 531 resource nor have any *identity*. It can only appear as the object of a property.

532 2. The element type, *classname*, is the XML qualified name of a compound class.

**533 6.2.3.8 Literal-Property element**

```

534 <propname>
535     <!-- Content: text -->
536 </propname>

```

537

538 *Example:*

539

```

540 <cim:SynchronousMachine rdf:ID="_31DFC4296BFB4E2EB299642491B3ABC1">
541     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>IN-2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
542     <cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVAr>9999</cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVAr>
543     <cim:SynchronousMachine.operatingMode rdf:resource="http://iec.ch/TC57/2001/CIM-schema-
544     cim10#SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.generator"/>
545     <cim:RegulatingCondEq.RegulationSchedule rdf:resource="#_CA32746FA0024C2BBCF47BC97430BF87"/>
546     <cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_6CB8701A12F14DE99E68125D95073A75"/>
547 </cim:SynchronousMachine>

```

548

549

550 1. The literal-property element introduces a property and a literal value applying to the enclosing  
 551 resource.

552 2. The element type, *propname*, is the XML qualified name of a property from the CIM schema or  
 553 other schema declared as a namespace in the document element.

554 3. The content *text* is any XML text with <, >, and & escaped representing the value of the  
 555 property.

**556 6.2.3.9 Compound-Property element**

```

557 <propname>
558     <!-- Content: (compound) -->
559 </propname>

```

560

561 *Example:*

```

562 <md:Model.Creator>
563     <md:Description>
564         <md:Description.name>Santa Claus</md:Description.name>
565     </md:Description>
566 </md:Model.Creator>

```

567

568 **6.2.3.10 Resource-Property element**

569 `<propname rdf:resource=resource-uri/>`  
 570

- 571 1. The resource-property element introduces a property and a resource as its value applying to  
 572 the enclosing resource.
- 573 2. The element type, *propname*, is the XML qualified name of a property from the CIM schema or  
 574 other schema declared as a namespace in the document element.
- 575 3. The *resource-uri* is an URI-reference that identifies a resource.

576

577 *Example 1 - URI-Reference:*

578

579 *The example contains two references one for an RegulationSchedule and the*  
 580 *other to the parent represented as EquipmentContainer.*

581

582

```
583 <cim:SynchronousMachine rdf:ID="_31DFC4296BFB4E2EB299642491B3ABC1">
584   <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>IN-2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
585   <cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>-9999</cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>
586   <cim:SynchronousMachine.operatingMode rdf:resource="http://iec.ch/TC57/2001/CIM-schema-
587   cim10#SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.generator"/>
588   <cim:RegulatingCondEq.RegulationSchedule rdf:resource="#_CA32746FA0024C2BBCF47BC97430BF87"/>
589   <cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_6CB8701A12F14DE99E68125D95073A75"/>
590 </cim:SynchronousMachine>
```

591

592

593 *Example 2 - Enumeration:*

594

595 *The example defines the attribute value of*  
 596 *SynchronousMachine.operatingMode as "generator". The operatingMode is*  
 597 *specified in the CIM schema as the enumeration*  
 598 *SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.*

599

600

```
601 <cim:SynchronousMachine rdf:ID="_31DFC4296BFB4E2EB299642491B3ABC1">
602   <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>IN-2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
603   <cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>-9999</cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>
604   <cim:SynchronousMachine.operatingMode rdf:resource="http://iec.ch/TC57/2001/CIM-schema-
605   cim10#SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.generator"/>
606   <cim:RegulatingCondEq.RegulationSchedule rdf:resource="#_CA32746FA0024C2BBCF47BC97430BF87"/>
607   <cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_6CB8701A12F14DE99E68125D95073A75"/>
608 </cim:SynchronousMachine>
```

609

610 **6.2.4 Syntax extension for difference model**

611 **6.2.4.1 General**

612 The general syntax definition in the first part of this clause is used for partial and full model data  
 613 exchange. Once the initial complete set of model data is exchanged, only updates are required to  
 614 maintain the model as changes occur. In general, those changes can be specified as a set of  
 615 differences between two models. The difference file is itself an RDF model (a collection of RDF  
 616 statements) and therefore can be processed by an RDF infrastructure.

617 **6.2.4.2 Example use case (informative)**

618 To illustrate the difference file approach to handling incremental model updates, an example use  
 619 case is provided. In this example, the participants are Regional Energy Co. and Network Power  
 620 Co:

- 621 • Each participant has a copy of a power system model, B1.
- 622 • Regional Energy Co. updates B1, to reflect forthcoming power system modifications,  
623 producing B2.
- 624 • Regional Energy Co. sends the differences between B1 and B2 to Network Power Co. as a  
625 difference model.
- 626 • Network Power Co. reviews and validates the difference model.
- 627 • Network Power Co. merges the difference model with its copy of model B1, to produce B2.

628 An alternative would have been for Regional Energy Co. to simply send Network Power Co. a copy  
629 of B2. However, B2 is a very large model and it is not feasible to validate it in any reasonable  
630 period of time. Validation is not entirely automated, but involves analysis by experts. Indeed, the  
631 best validation strategy for B2 may be to compare it to the previously validated B1. This brings us  
632 back to the need for a difference model.

633 A more complicated use case would involve more than two participants. Several peers of Regional  
634 Energy Co. would contribute difference models to Network Power Co. This use case would  
635 introduce issues of parallel model changes and concurrency conflict.

#### 636 **6.2.4.3 Requirements (informative)**

637 Given two RDF models, B1 and B2, called base models, the requirement is for a difference model  
638 that:

- 639 • Represents the differences between the two base models
- 640 • Is itself an RDF model (a collection of RDF statements) and therefore can be processed by  
641 RDF infrastructure.
- 642 • Efficiently represents a small difference between two large base models.
- 643 • When an object is deleted, the system applying the differences is responsible for  
644 performing the “cascading deletions” ,i.e, finding and deleting all other contained objects.  
645 Associations with deleted objects should also be deleted.
- 646 • Remove operations are not reversible (at least, not from the information in the difference  
647 model).
- 648 • May contain information about itself such as authorship, purpose and date.
- 649 • May contain information to protect against conflicts arising when two difference models are  
650 created concurrently from the same base model.

651 The requirement to treat each difference file as a database commit operation is outside the scope  
652 of this service (i.e., a roll back functionality, if desired, is the responsibility of the receiving  
653 application, not the sending application). This is in recognition of the fact that the sending  
654 application may not be aware of changes made in the B2 model files by other agents since the last  
655 update to B1.

656

#### 657 **6.2.4.4 Structure of difference file**

658 Given two base RDF models, B1 and B2, the difference model is made up of four groups of  
659 statements, each encoded as a sequence of resource description structures:

- 660 • Header statements, comprising statements about the difference model itself.
- 661 • Forward difference statements, comprising statements found in B2, but not in B1.

- 662       • Reverse difference statements, comprising statements found in B1, but not in B2.  
 663       • Precondition statements, comprising statements found in both B1 and B2 and considered to  
 664       be dependencies of the difference model in an application defined sense.

665 Any or all of the four groups can be empty.

666 The difference model itself is represented by a resource of type `dm:DifferenceModel`. It is  
 667 conventional to use the URI of the document itself for this resource.

668 The following properties apply to the difference model resource:

- 669       • `dm:forwardDifferences` is a property of the difference model whose value is a collection of  
 670       statements (i.e., resources of type `rdf:Statement`) representing the forward difference  
 671       statements.  
 672       • `dm:reverseDifferences` is a property of the difference model whose value is the collection of  
 673       reverse difference statements.  
 674       • `dm:preconditions` is a property of the difference model whose value is the collection of  
 675       precondition statements.  
 676

677 Header properties also apply to the difference model resource. These may indicate authorship,  
 678 date and purpose. These properties can be drawn from the Dublin Core vocabulary or any other  
 679 convenient schema.

680 The namespace for the difference model vocabulary, represented by the prefix `dm:` in the  
 681 foregoing, is: <http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-552/DifferenceModel/1#>

#### 682 **6.2.4.5 Preconditions and concurrency**

683 The precondition statements are a subset of both B1 and B2 and carry no difference information.  
 684 In simple, sequential model revision scenarios they can be omitted.

685 For a large shared model, sequential revision is not always feasible. Revisions are likely to be  
 686 constructed concurrently by different participants, without reference to each other. Concurrency  
 687 issues must be handled, but the conventional database-oriented approach of using locks to detect  
 688 incompatible concurrent transactions is not feasible on a web-scale.

689 The precondition statements are an alternative to locks. Informally, they represent the information  
 690 that would have been read-locked in an equivalent database transaction. Software agents that  
 691 process difference models can check that the preconditions hold and, if not, warn of incompatible  
 692 model revisions.

693 The choice of statements to include as preconditions is application-specific (as is the choice of  
 694 which information to lock in a database transaction). Preconditions should include statements that  
 695 would the affect decisions of the agent that produced the model revision.

#### 696 **6.2.4.6 Difference model template**

697 The following is a template for the conventional syntax of a difference model.

```
698 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
699     xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
700     xmlns:md="cim-model-description-uri"
701     xmlns:dm="difference-model-namespace-uri"
702     xml:base="power-system-base-uri">
703     <dm:DifferenceModel rdf:about=model-uri>
```

```

704         <!-- Content: (literal-property|resource-property|compound-property)* --
705     >
706         <dm:preconditions parseType="Statements"
707             xml:base="power-system-base-uri">
708             <!-- Content: (definition|description)* -->
709         </dm:preconditions>
710         <dm:forwardDifferences parseType="Statements">
711             xml:base="power-system-base-uri">
712             <!-- Content: (definition|description)* -->
713         </dm:forwardDifferences>
714         <dm:reverseDifferences parseType="Statements">
715             xml:base="power-system-base-uri">
716             <!-- Content: (definition|description)* -->
717         </dm:reverseDifferences>
718     </dm:DifferenceModel>
719 </rdf:RDF>
720

```

721 Just for clarification with the namespace “dm” new statements are introduced that are valid  
 722 extensions to the standard RDF syntax through the new property rdf:parseType, which is called  
 723 Statements.

```

724 <property parseType="Statements">
725     <!-- Content: (definition|description)* -->
726 </property>

```

727 The content model of an element with rdf:parseType="Statements" is the same as the content  
 728 model of the rdf:RDF element.

729 The content generates the same RDF statements as if it appeared in an rdf:RDF element.

### 730 6.2.4.7 Difference model usage

#### 731 6.2.4.7.1 General

732 The following cases explain the usage of the difference model.

#### 733 6.2.4.7.2 Add resource

734 The difference model contains for a given resource only a **forward difference** statement if the  
 735 particular is resource is added.

736 Example:

737 The following example adds two new ACLineSegments each with its adjacent Terminals. The  
 738 Terminals are linked to new ConnectivityNodes. Those ConnectivityNodes are assigned to a new  
 739 VoltageLevel in an existing Substation.

```

740 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
741     xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
742     xmlns:md="cim-model-description-uri"
743     xmlns:dm="difference-model-namespace-uri"
744     xml:base="http://example.com/example-power-system#">
745     <dm:DifferenceModel rdf:about="http://polarenergy.com/2008/change22">
746     <md:Model.created>2008-12-24</md:Model.created>
747     <md:Model.Supersedes rdf:resource="http://polarenergy.com/2008/case1234"/>
748     <md:Model.DependentOn rdf:resource="http://polarenergy.com/2008/equip/v3"/>
749     <md:Model.version>V32</md:Model.version>

```

```

750 <md:Model.modelingAuthoritySet>http://polarenergy.com/2008/NorthPoleTSO</md:Model.modelingAuthoritySet>
751 <md:Model.description>Santa Claus made a study case peak load summer base topology solution</md:Model.description>
752 <md:Model.profile>http://iec.ch/TC57/61970-452/EquipmentModel/1</md:Model.profile>
753 <dm:forwardDifferences rdf:parseType="Statements "
754   xml:base="http://polarenergy.com/2008/ident"/>
755   <!-- Add ACLineSegment ACLine_New1 -->
756   <cim:ACLineSegment rdf:ID="ACLine_New1">
757     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>New 1</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
758     <cim:Conductor.r>0.0646</cim:Conductor.r>
759     <cim:Conductor.x>0.5961</cim:Conductor.x>
760     <cim:Conductor.bch>0.4066</cim:Conductor.bch>
761   </cim:ACLineSegment>
762   <cim:Terminal rdf:ID="Term_New1">
763     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>T1</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
764     <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#_9190056CEA54055932C646A4739238C"/>
765     <cim:Terminal.ConductingEquipment rdf:resource="#ACLine_New1"/>
766   </cim:Terminal>
767   <cim:Terminal rdf:ID="Term_New2">
768     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>T2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
769     <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#_B3F193FA6E2240C9A603EF03122242D3"/>
770     <cim:Terminal.ConductingEquipment rdf:resource="#ACLine_New1"/>
771   </cim:Terminal>
772   <!-- Add ACLineSegment ACLine_New2 -->
773   <cim:ACLineSegment rdf:ID="ACLine_New2">
774     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>New 2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
775     <cim:Conductor.r>0.0646</cim:Conductor.r>
776     <cim:Conductor.x>0.5961</cim:Conductor.x>
777     <cim:Conductor.bch>0.4066</cim:Conductor.bch>
778   </cim:ACLineSegment>
779   <cim:Terminal rdf:ID="Term_New3">
780     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>T1</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
781     <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#ND_New1"/>
782     <cim:Terminal.ConductingEquipment rdf:resource="#ACLine_New2"/>
783   </cim:Terminal>
784   <cim:ConnectivityNode rdf:ID="ND_New1">
785     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>ND New1</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
786     <cim:ConnectivityNode.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#Volt_New"/>
787     <cim:ConnectivityNode.Terminals rdf:resource="#Term_New3"/>
788   </cim:ConnectivityNode>
789   <cim:Terminal rdf:ID="Term_New4">
790     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>T2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
791     <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#ND_New2"/>
792     <cim:Terminal.ConductingEquipment rdf:resource="#ACLine_New2"/>
793   </cim:Terminal>
794   <cim:ConnectivityNode rdf:ID="ND_New2">
795     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>ND New2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
796     <cim:ConnectivityNode.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#Volt_New"/>
797     <cim:ConnectivityNode.Terminals rdf:resource="#Term_New4"/>
798   </cim:ConnectivityNode>
799   <cim:VoltageLevel rdf:ID="Volt_New">
800     <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>230K</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
801     <cim:VoltageLevel.Substation rdf:resource="#_9F0A09.."/>
802     <cim:VoltageLevel.BaseVoltage rdf:resource="#_CF8BD1450E264399891F7FE5653D0760"/>
803   </cim:VoltageLevel>
804 </dm:forwardDifferences>
805 </dm:DifferenceModel>
806 </rdf:RDF>

```

807 **6.2.4.7.3 Delete resource**

808 The difference model contains for a given resource only a **reverse difference** statement if the  
809 particular resource is deleted.

810 Cascading deletes are deletes where an object and its child objects (if any) are deleted. In a  
 811 cascading delete it would be possible to just include the root or parent object in a CIM XML file.  
 812 The receiver then has to figure out what child objects to delete. To make clear what objects are  
 813 included in a cascading delete the creator of the CIM XML file shall include all objects as elements  
 814 in the cascade. Including only the root or parent object is not allowed.

815 The EquipmentContainer-Equipment relation is a parent-child relation where deletion of an  
 816 EquipmentContainer shall also result in a deletion of its child Equipment. Other examples of such  
 817 parent child relations are

- 818 • EquipmentContainers also has a parent child relation, e.g. Station-VoltageLevel.
- 819 • PowerTransformer and it's TransformerEnds
- 820 • ConductingEquipment and its Terminals

821 The CIM does not currently specify the containment relations. As this information is missing it is up  
 822 to an implementer to decide which relation is regarded a containment relation. This spoils  
 823 interoperability. This is the reason to include all objects in a cascaded delete to indicate the  
 824 sending systems interpretation of containment.

825 Associations not considered a containment relation are cut from objects that that are in a  
 826 cascading delete, e.g. if a ConnectivityNode isn't affected by a delete but a ConductingEquipment  
 827 connected to it is, then the association Terminal-ConductingEquipment is cut. This means that if  
 828 the reference to a cut object is from an object that stays the reference from that objects shall be  
 829 removed which means an update of the object that stays.

830 Delete elements shall have all its property elements included. Reason is that this enables  
 831 reversing the delete operation and re-creates the object.

832 Example:

833 The example below contains the deletion of a PowerTransformer with all resources that are  
 834 hierarchically subordinated.

```
835
836 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
837 xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
838 xmlns:dm="difference-model-namespace-uri"
839 xml:base="http://example.com/example-power-system#">
840   <dm:DifferenceModel rdf:about="http://polarenergy.com/2008/change23">
841     <!-- header properties omitted for brevity -->
842     <!-- Delete Transformer -->
843     <dm:reverseDifferences rdf:parseType="Statements" xml:base="http://polarenergy.com/2008/ident/">
844       <cim:PowerTransformer rdf:ID="_41BB4445675643FA9E5A48B6CD71790E">
845         ...all properties of the transformer follows here...
846       </cim:PowerTransformer>
847       ...all parts of the transformer follows here....
848     </dm:reverseDifferences>
849   </dm:DifferenceModel>
850 </rdf:RDF>
```

#### 851 6.2.4.7.4 Update resource

852 The difference model contains for a given resource **forward difference** and **reverse difference**  
 853 statements if the resource is changed.

854 Example:



855 The example below defines the move of the EnergyConsumer from 115k to 230k through the  
856 changed link from its Terminal to a different ConnectivityNode.

```
857 <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
858     xmlns:cim="cim-namespace-uri"
859     xmlns:dm="difference-model-namespace-uri"
860     xml:base="owner">
861 <dm:DifferenceModel rdf:about="http://polarenergy.com/2008/change24">
862     <!-- header properties omitted for brevity -->
863
864     <!-- Move EnergyConsumer load from 115K to 230K -->
865     <dm:forwardDifferences rdf:parseType="Statements" xml:base="http://polarenergy.com/2008/ident/">
866         <rdf:Description rdf:about="#_39E4E3051C704DCCA42345E4812DCD07">
867             <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#_612FA147902C4F88BE3F0302B3750B18"/>
868         </rdf:Description>
869     </dm:forwardDifferences>
870     <dm:reverseDifferences rdf:parseType="Statements" xml:base="http://polarenergy.com/2008/ident/">
871         <rdf:Description rdf:about="#_39E4E3051C704DCCA42345E4812DCD07">
872             <cim:Terminal.ConnectivityNode rdf:resource="#_5D74FC6AB5184A3E9E724827EFD197CF"/>
873         </rdf:Description>
874     </dm:reverseDifferences>
875 </dm:DifferenceModel>
876 </rdf:RDF>
```

877 **6.3 CIM XML format style guide (Informative)**

878 A useful feature of RDF syntax is that it allows an arbitrary subset of a power system model to be  
879 serialized in a document. This is a two edged sword, however. A document produced by one party  
880 may not be usable by a second party if it does not contain all the properties expected. Moreover, a  
881 document containing a partial model may not be usable if the resource URI's do not agree with  
882 other documents.

883 The following guidelines apply to the content of a CIM XML document and help maximize the  
884 range of applications that can use it.

885 1. Include the likely primary key properties of each resource at the point it is introduced. For  
886 example, the *cim:IdentifiedObject.name* and  
887 *cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer* properties are likely to be required properties.

888 Reason: a large class of applications will want to load a database with the model data. Many  
889 database schemas will require primary key values on insertion.

890 2. Include single-valued properties rather than their many-valued inverse. For example, use  
891 *cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer* and not *cim:EquipmentContainer*  
892 *.Contains\_Equipments*.

893 Reason: Because these properties are inverses, a statement predicated on one implies the  
894 converse statement predicated on the other. It is less error prone to include only one side and  
895 makes editing or transforming the document easier.

896 3. When encountering many to many relationships, there is usually a primary direction of  
897 reference. Include the primary reference rather than their many-valued inverse. For example,  
898 use *cim:SynchronousMachine.MVArCapabilityCurves* and not  
899 *cim:MVArCapabilityCurve.SynchronousMachines*, since the primary relationship is from  
900 SynchronousMachine to MVArCapabilityCurve.

901 Reason: Same reasons as for item 3 above.

902 4. When encountering a single-valued relationship with a single value inverse, include either one,  
903 but not both. Importing software needs to be designed to handle either direction of reference  
904 and infer the inverse.

905 Reason: Because these properties are inverses, a statement predicated on one implies the  
906 converse statement predicated on the other. This is less error prone, and arguably, makes  
907 editing or transforming the document easier.

908 5. Use the XML name conventions when specifying an *rdf:ID*. That is, “A **Name** is a token  
909 beginning with a letter or one of a few punctuation characters, and continuing with characters  
910 as defined in [7]”

911 Reason: Follows XML conventions. Though such identifiers may be named from a numbering  
912 system, they should start with a letter.

913 6. Use stable URIs for resources when a model is spread among multiple documents, or when  
914 multiple versions of the model are in use. A stable identifier is one that is never reused for  
915 another purpose and never changes. A URI that is initially derived from a registered domain  
916 name and a random number is one way to minimize accidental reuse. For example:  
917 [http://example.org/PSR#\\_2962](http://example.org/PSR#_2962) might be a stable URI that can appear as `rdf:ID="_2962"` or  
918 `rdf:about=#_2962` assuming an XML base declaration of `xml:base="http://example.org/PSR#"`.  
919 Another alternative is to use UUID's for identification (described in the next section.) However,  
920 identifiers based on property values (such as a name) and sequentially allocated identifiers are  
921 both subject to change.

922 Reason: this avoids referential integrity errors between documents.

923 7. Many valued properties, if used, appear as repeated property elements having the same  
924 property name.

#### 925 **6.4 Universally Unique Identifiers**

926 UUIDs (Universally Unique Identifier), also known as GUIDs (Globally Unique Identifier) can be  
927 used to identify resources in such a way that (a) the identifiers can be independently allocated by  
928 different authorities and (b) identifiers are stable over time and across documents.

929 If, in addition, the UUID is embedded in a Uniform Resource Name (URN) then the document can  
930 be simplified by the elimination of XML base namespace declarations (`xml:base` attributes). The  
931 URN is a concise, fixed-length, absolute URI.

932 The standard for an URN containing a UUID is defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force  
933 RFC 4122, [Ref]. The following is an example:

934 `urn:uuid:f81d4fae-7dec-11d0-a765-00a0c91e6bf6`

935 RFC 4122 specifies the syntax of the URN and how the UUID portion following the last colon is  
936 allocated. The algorithm is aligned with, and technically compatible with, IEC 9834-8:2004  
937 Information Technology, "Procedures for the operation of OSI Registration Authorities: Generation  
938 and registration of Universally Unique Identifiers (UUIDs) and their use as ASN.1 Object Identifier  
939 components" ITU-T Rec. X.667, 2004.

940 When a URN is used in a Definition Element, section 6.2.3.4, the second template given there  
941 applies and the URN replaces the *resource-uri* construction. When used in the Description  
942 Element or Resource Property Element, sections 6.2.3.5 and 6.2.3.9, the URN replaces the  
943 *resource-uri* construction in those templates.

944 A URN can also be used to identify a model. In this case the URN replaces the *model-uri*  
945 construct in the FullModel Element, section 6.2.3.3 and in the DifferenceModel element, section  
946 6.2.4.6.

947 **6.5 Representing new, deleted and changed objects as CIM XML elements (Normative)**

948 With an object it is meant a system internal representation of the data in a CIM XML file.

949 The following cases exists for identification of elements and how they appear in full or differential  
950 models

- 951 • new objects are represented by the definition element (refer to section 6.2.3.4) identified by a  
952 rdf:ID attribute in full or differential models.
- 953 • deleted objects are represented by the definition element (refer to section 6.2.3.4) identified by  
954 a rdf:ID attribute in differential models.
- 955 • changed objects are represented by the description element (refer to section 6.2.3.5) identified  
956 by a rdf:about attribute in differential models.
- 957 • an added property (e.g. internally a null value is changed to a valid value) is a change that  
958 appears only in the forward section of a difference model.
- 959 • a removed property (e.g. internally a valid value is changed to a null value) is a change that  
960 appears only in the backwards section of a difference model.

961 **6.6 CIM RDF schema generation with CIM profile**

962 IEC 61970-501 of this series discusses the generation of CIM RDF Schema. A CIM XML model  
963 exchange document uses a subset of the CIM to address the model exchange needs of a specific  
964 use case (see Part 4XX, CIM XML Model Exchange Specification). A CIM profile defines that  
965 portion of the CIM that an importer and exporter of a CIM XML document should be expected to  
966 handle. The RDF Schema for a profile then contains only the classes and properties defined for  
967 that profile.

968 **6.7 CIM extensions**

969 The CIM RDF schema can be extended with new classes and attributes by providing a separate  
970 namespace. Because a separate namespace is used, the customized CIM XML documents clearly  
971 delineate what is CIM standard and what is custom. Several different custom extensions can exist  
972 and be clearly identified within the same XML document. When these customized documents are  
973 imported to information systems that know nothing about the extensions, the elements with the  
974 unknown tags can be simply ignored. The following declaration identifies an extended namespace,  
975 *bpa*.

```
976 xmlns:bpa="http://www.bpa.gov/schema/cim_extension/2001may"
```

977 For example, we can add a non-CIM attribute, *OriginalPO*, to the *breaker* class, as shown  
978 below. These customized tags for BPA can be simply ignored if a system import program is not  
979 interested in such extensions.

```

980
981 <cim:SynchronousMachine rdf:ID="_31DFC4296BFB4E2EB299642491B3ABC1">
982   <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>IN-2</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
983   <cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>-9999</cim:SynchronousMachine.minimumMVA>
984   <cim:SynchronousMachine.operatingMode rdf:resource="http://iec.ch/TC57/2001/CIM-schema-
985   cim10#SynchronousMachineOperatingMode.generator"/>
986   <bpa:OriginalPO>PO1234378</bpa:OriginalPO>
987   <cim:RegulatingCondEq.RegulationSchedule
988   rdf:resource="#_CA32746FA0024C2BBCF47BC97430BF87"/>
989   <cim:Equipment.EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_6CB8701A12F14DE99E68125D95073A75"/>
990 </cim:SynchronousMachine>
991

```

992 The RDF schema corresponding to this extension can be added to a separate RDF schema  
993 document thereby keeping the CIM RDF schema clearly separate and allowing each to evolve  
994 independently.

## 995 **6.8 RDF simplified syntax design rationale (informative)**

996 The following points explain some of the choices made in the simplified syntax.

- 997 1. The literal properties could be represented by property attributes (RDF grammar clause 6.10).  
998 This would be more compact. However, property elements were chosen because they are  
999 easier to deal with in XSLT expressions. (For example, they can be sorted.) They also make it  
1000 easier to represent multi-line text.
- 1001 2. The syntax is flat, with a two-level resource/property structure. More deeply nested structures  
1002 might be more compact. Moreover, a well-chosen nested structure might permit common  
1003 queries to be more easily encoded in XSLT expressions. On the other hand, the flat structure  
1004 was chosen because it is the simplest structure possible and is easy to produce and interpret.  
1005 By avoiding any application dependency on the details of a nesting structure it should be a  
1006 more portable syntax.
- 1007 3. All resources are given a type at the time they are introduced (by the definition element).  
1008 However, the RDF model allows a resource to be un-typed. In the present application, un-typed  
1009 resources are not required.

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