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- *STIX Version 1.2.1. Part 7: Threat Actor.* <http://docs.oasis-open.org/cti/stix/v1.2.1/csd01/part7-threat-actor/stix-v1.2.1-csd01-part7-threat-actor.html>
- *STIX Version 1.2.1. Part 8: Campaign.* <http://docs.oasis-open.org/cti/stix/v1.2.1/csd01/part8-campaign/stix-v1.2.1-csd01-part8-campaign.html>
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- *STIX Version 1.2.1. Part 14: Vocabularies.* <http://docs.oasis-open.org/cti/stix/v1.2.1/csd01/part14-vocabularies/stix-v1.2.1-csd01-part14-vocabularies.html>
- *STIX Version 1.2.1. Part 15: UML Model* (this document). <http://docs.oasis-open.org/cti/stix/v1.2.1/csd01/part15-uml-model/stix-v1.2.1-csd01-part15-uml-model.html>
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- *Cybox<sup>TM</sup> 2.1.* <https://cyboxproject.github.io/>

#### Abstract:

The Structured Threat Information Expression (STIX) is a collaborative, community-driven effort to define and develop a framework for expressing cyber threat information to enable cyber threat information sharing and cyber threat analysis. The STIX framework comprises a collection of extensible component specifications along with an overarching core specification and supporting specifications. This document describes the use of UML to create a data model for STIX.

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# 1 Introduction

[All text is normative unless otherwise labeled]

The objective of the Structured Threat Information Expression (STIX<sup>™</sup>) effort is to specify the structure and semantics of a language for capturing and characterizing cyber threat information. The normative specification of the language structure is defined in the form of a formal UML model and a set of textual specification documents that explain the UML model. The set of textual specification documents also provides clarification of language semantics that the UML model is unable to convey.

This specification document provides brief summary information on the form and use of the STIX Language UML model. In addition to this textual specification document, [STIX Version 1.2.1 Part 15: UML Model](#) consists of an actual digital serialization of the UML model and a set of relevant UML diagrams extracted from the UML model and used throughout the STIX Language specification.

In Section 1.1 we discuss the additional specification documents, in Section 1.2 we provide document conventions, and in Section 1.3 we provide terminology. References are given in Sections 1.4 and 1.5. In Section 2, we give summary information on the form of the digitally serialized UML model artifact, and in Section 3 we provide general information and conventions for how the UML model is used to define the individual data models. Conformance information is provided in Section 4.

## 1.1 STIX<sup>™</sup> Specification Documents

Specification documents have been written for each of the key individual data models that compose the full STIX UML model.

The [STIX Version 1.2.1 Part 1: Overview](#) document provides a comprehensive overview of the full set of STIX data models, which in addition to the nine data models (Observable<sup>1</sup>, Indicator, Incident, TTP, ExploitTarget, CourseOfAction, Campaign, ThreatActor, and Report), includes a core data model, a common data model, a cross-cutting data marking data model, various extension data models, and a set of default controlled vocabularies. [STIX Version 1.2.1 Part 1: Overview](#) also summarizes the relationship of STIX to other languages and outlines general STIX data model conventions.

**Figure 1-1** illustrates the [set of specification documents](#) that are available. The color black is used to indicate the specification overview document, altered shading differentiates the overarching Core and Common data models from the supporting data models (vocabularies, data marking, and default extensions), and the color white indicates the component data models. This STIX Language UML Model specification document is shown in yellow. For a list of all STIX documents and related information sources, please see [STIX Version 1.2.1 Part 1: Overview](#).

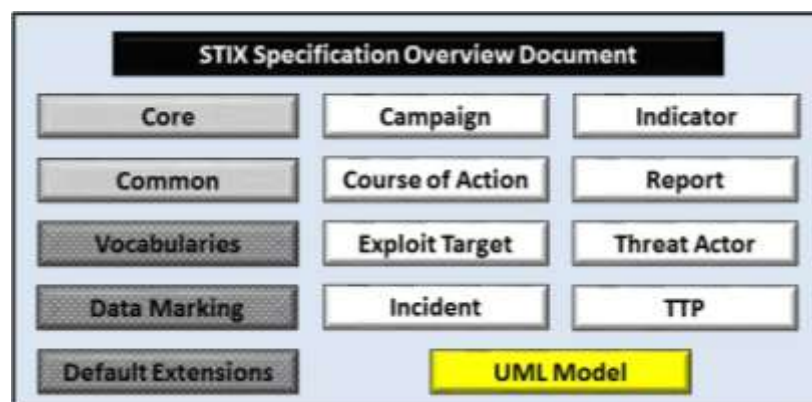


Figure 1-1. STIX<sup>™</sup> Language v1.2.1 specification documents

## 1.2 Document Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document.

### 1.2.1 Fonts

The following font and font style conventions are used in the document:

- Capitalization is used for STIX high level concepts.

Examples: Indicator, Course of Action, Threat Actor

- The `Courier New` font is used for writing UML objects.

Examples: `RelatedIndicatorsType`, `stixCommon:StatementType`

Note that all high level concepts have a corresponding UML object. For example, the Course of Action high level concept is associated with a UML class named, `CourseOfActionType`.

- The *'italic'* font (with single quotes) is used for noting actual, explicit values for STIX Language properties. The *italic* font (without quotes) is used for noting example values.

Example: *'PackageIntentVocab-1.0,' high, medium, low*

## 1.3 Terminology

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#).

## 1.4 Normative References

- [RFC2119]** Bradner, S., “Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels”, BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997. <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.

## 1.5 Non-Normative References

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## 2 UML Model Artifact

The STIX UML model is formally represented in the form of a digital serialization using the XML Metadata Interchange (XMI) language. The XMI language is intended to be an open standardized form supporting the expression of UML models in a non-proprietary manner. In reality, many UML modeling tools tend to include some proprietary elements in their XMI output. The STIX UML model was produced using Rational Software Architect (RSA) version 9.1, a product of the IBM Corporation. Effort has been made to minimize the level of proprietary content (from the RSA tool) in the XMI serialization but it should be noted that some portion may still remain.

For the broadest possible interoperability between UML tools the model is provided as an XMI serialization using UML2.2/XMI2.1 [\[XMI\]](#) containing only the model and not the diagrams. A set of relevant UML diagrams, extracted from the UML model and leveraged throughout the STIX Language specification documents, is also provided in a rastered (portable network graphics [\[PNG\]](#)) form.

In addition, for those with tools that can import the more complete RSA tool native .EMX format the model with embedded diagrams is also provided in this form.

## 3 Data Model Conventions

The following general information and conventions are used to define the individual data models in UML.

### 3.1 UML Packages

Each STIX data model is captured in a different UML package (e.g., Core package, Campaign package, etc.). To refer to a particular class of a specific package, we use the format `package_prefix:class`, where `package_prefix` corresponds to the appropriate UML package. [Table 3-1](#) lists the packages used throughout the STIX data model specification documents, along with the prefix notation and an example.

Table 3-1. Package prefixes used by the STIX<sup>TM</sup> Language

Package	STIX Core
Prefix	<b>stix</b>
Description	The STIX Core data model defines a STIX Package that encompasses all other objects of STIX.
Example	<code>stix:TTPsType</code>
Package	STIX Common
Prefix	<b>stixCommon</b>
Description	The STIX Common data model defines classes that are shared across the various STIX data models.
Example	<code>stixCommon:ConfidenceType</code>
Package	STIX Data Marking
Prefix	<b>marking</b>
Description	The STIX Data Marking data model enables data markings to be used.
Example	<code>marking:MarkingType</code>
Package	STIX Default Vocabularies
Prefix	<b>stixVocabs</b>
Description	The STIX default vocabularies define the classes for default controlled vocabularies used within STIX.
Example	<code>stixVocabs:MalwareTypeVocab</code>
Package	Packages used in STIX Default Extensions
Prefix	<b>a (ciq address); capec; ciq; stix-ciqidentity; maec; tlpMarking; cvrf; ioc; oval-def; oval-var</b>
Description	Various packages are used by STIX extensions. Details are given in <a href="#">STIX Version 1.2.1 Part 12: Default Extensions</a> .

Example	<code>capec:Attack_PatternType</code>
Package	STIX Basic Data Types
Prefix	<b>basicDataTypes</b>
Description	The STIX Basic Data Types data model defines the types used within STIX.
Example	<code>basicDataTypes:URI</code>
Package	STIX Indicator
Prefix	<b>indicator</b>
Description	The STIX Indicator data model conveys specific Observable patterns combined with contextual information intended to represent artifacts and/or behaviors of interest within a cyber security context.
Example	<code>indicator:TestMechanismType</code>
Package	STIX Incident
Prefix	<b>incident</b>
Description	The STIX Incident data model captures discrete instances of a specific set of observed events or properties affecting an organization.
Example	<code>incident:AffectedAssetType</code>
Package	STIX TTP
Prefix	<b>ttp</b>
Description	The STIX TTP data model captures the behavior or modus operandi of cyber adversaries.
Example	<code>ttp:AttackPatternType</code>
Package	STIX Campaign
Prefix	<b>campaign</b>
Description	The STIX Campaign data model encompasses one or more Threat Actors pursuing an Intended Effect as observed through sets of Incidents and/or TTP, potentially across organizations.
Example	<code>campaign:AttributionType</code>
Package	STIX Threat Actor
Prefix	<b>ta</b>
Description	The STIX Threat Actor data model captures characterizations of malicious actors (or adversaries) representing a cyber attack threat including presumed intent and historically

Example	observed behavior. <code>ta:ObservedTTPsType</code>
Package	STIX Exploit Target
Prefix	<b>et</b>
Description	The STIX Exploit Target data model conveys a vulnerability or weakness in software, systems, networks or configurations that is targeted for exploitation by the TTP of a Threat Actor.
Example	<code>et:ConfigurationType</code>
Package	STIX Course of Action
Prefix	<b>coa</b>
Description	The STIX Course of Action data model conveys specific measures to be taken to address threats whether they are corrective or preventative to address Exploit Targets, or responsive to counter or mitigate the potential impacts of Incidents.
Example	<code>coa:StructuredCOAType</code>
Package	STIX Report
Prefix	<b>report</b>
Description	The STIX Report defines a contextual wrapper for a grouping of STIX content, which could include content specified using any of the other eight top-level constructs, or even other related Reports.
Example	<code>report:RelatedReportsType</code>
CybOX Core	
Prefix	<b>cybox</b>
Description	The <a href="#">CybOX</a> core data model defines the core constructs used in CybOX.
Example	<code>cybox:ObservablesType</code>

## 3.2 Naming Conventions

The UML classes, enumerations, and properties defined in STIX follow the particular naming conventions outlined in [Table 3-2](#).

Table 3-2. Naming formats of different object types

Object Type	Format	Example
Class	CamelCase ending with “Type”	IndicatorBaseType
Property (simple)	Lowercase with underscores between words	capec_id
Property (complex)	Capitalized with underscores between words	Associated_Actor
Enumeration	CamelCase ending with “Enum” or “Type”	DateTimePrecisionEnum; IndicatorVersionType
Enumeration value	<i>varies</i>	Flash drive; Public Disclosure; Externally-Located
Data type	CamelCase or if the words are acroynms, all capitalized with underscores between words.	PositiveInteger; CVE_ID

## 3.3 UML Diagrams

This document indicates how UML diagrams are used to visually depict relationships between STIX Language constructs in the rest of the specification. Note that the example diagrams have been extracted directly from the full UML model for STIX; they have not been constructed purely for inclusion in this or the other specification documents. Typically, diagrams are included where the visualization of their relationships between classes is useful for illustration purposes. This implies that there will be very few diagrams for classes whose only properties are either a data type or a class from the STIX Common data model. All component data models include a top-level diagram (see [Figure 3-1](#)).

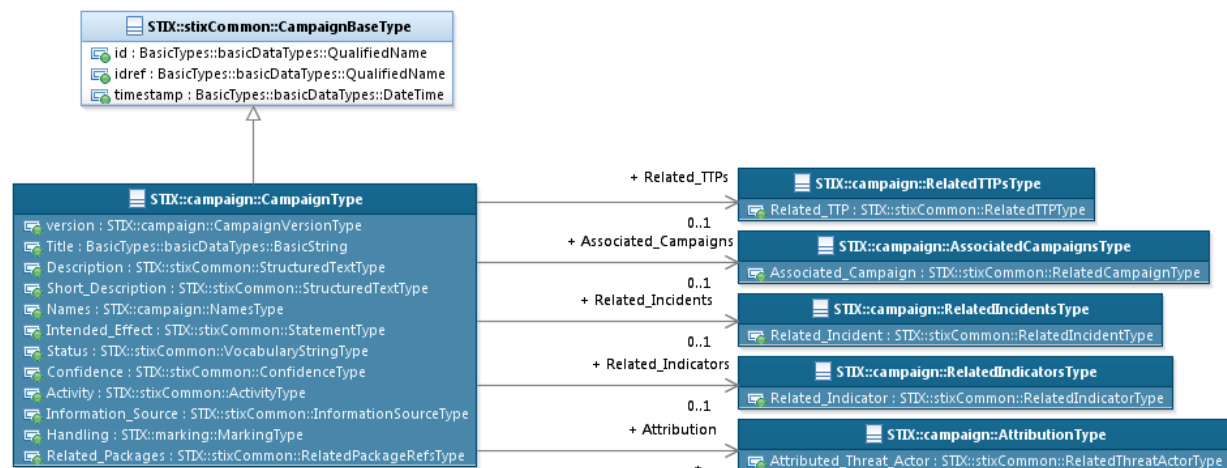


Figure 3-1. Top-level package diagram (Campaign data model)

In UML diagrams, classes are often presented with their attributes elided, to avoid clutter. The fully described class can usually be found in a related diagram. A class presented with an empty section at the bottom of the icon indicates that there are no attributes other than those that are visualized using associations (see [Figure 3-2](#)).

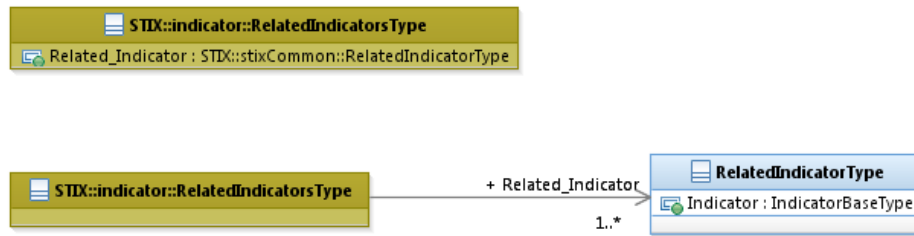


Figure 3-2. Different presentations of class attributes

### 3.3.1 Class Properties

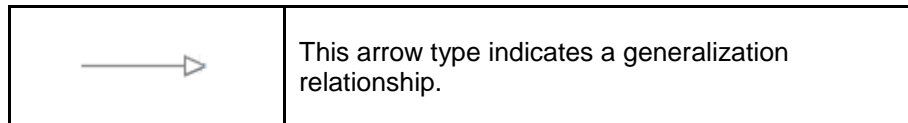
Generally, a class property can be shown in a UML diagram as either an attribute or an association (i.e., the distinction between attributes and associations is somewhat subjective). In order to make the size of UML diagrams in the specifications manageable, we have chosen to capture most properties as attributes and to capture only higher level properties as associations, especially in the main top-level component diagrams. In particular, we will always capture properties of UML data types as attributes. For example, properties of a class that are identifiers, titles, and timestamps will be represented as attributes.

### 3.3.2 Diagram Icons and Arrow Types

Diagram icons are used in a UML diagram to indicate whether a shape is a class, enumeration or data type, and decorative icons are used to indicate whether an element is an attribute of a class or an enumeration literal. In addition, two different arrow styles indicate either a directed association relationship (regular arrowhead) or a generalization relationship (triangle-shaped arrowhead). The icons and arrow styles we use are shown and described in [Table 3-3](#).

Table 3-3. UML diagram icons

Icon	Description
	This diagram icon indicates a class. If the name is in italics, it is an abstract class.
	This diagram icon indicates an enumeration.
	This diagram icon indicates a data type.
	This decorator icon indicates an attribute of a class. The green circle means its visibility is public. If the circle is red or yellow, it means its visibility is private or protected.
	This decorator icon indicates an enumeration literal.
	This arrow type indicates a directed association relationship.



### 3.3.3 Color Coding

The shapes of the UML diagrams are color coded to indicate the data model associated with a class. The colors used in the collection of specification documents via exemplars are illustrated in [Figure 3-3](#).

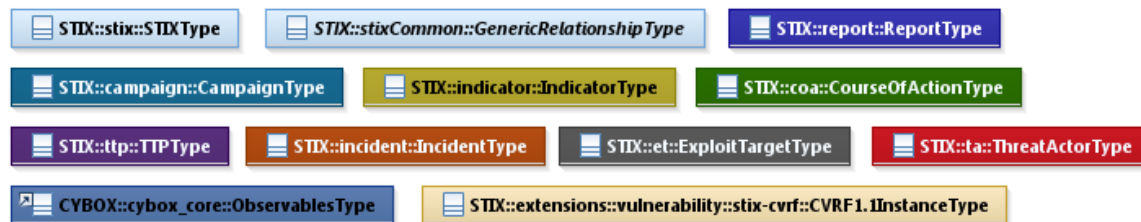


Figure 3-3. Data model color coding

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## 4 Conformance

Implementations have discretion over which parts (components, properties, extensions, controlled vocabularies, etc.) of STIX they implement (e.g., Indicator/Suggested\_COAs).

[1] Conformant implementations must conform to all normative structural specifications of the UML model or additional normative statements within this document that apply to the portions of STIX they implement (e.g., Implementers of the entire TTP component must conform to all normative structural specifications of the UML model or additional normative statements within this document regarding the TTP component).

[2] Conformant implementations are free to ignore normative structural specifications of the UML model or additional normative statements within this document that do not apply to the portions of STIX they implement (e.g., Non-implementers of any particular properties of the TTP component are free to ignore all normative structural specifications of the UML model or additional normative statements within this document regarding those properties of the TTP component).

The conformance section of this document is intentionally broad and attempts to reiterate what already exists in this document. The STIX 1.2 Specifications, which this specification is based on, did not have a conformance section. Instead, the STIX 1.2 Specifications relied on normative statements and the non-mandatory implementation of STIX profiles. STIX 1.2.1 represents a minimal change from STIX 1.2, and in that spirit no requirements have been added, modified, or removed by this section.



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<sup>1</sup> The CybOX Observable data model is actually defined in the [CybOX Language](#), not in STIX.