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# Introduction

This specification defines a profile for the use of the OASIS eXtensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML) to write policies that reflect the intent of United States government, particularly the Department of Commerce export compliance (EC) laws and regulations. Use of this profile requires no changes or extensions to the [XACML] standard.

This specification begins with a non-normative discussion of the topics of interest in this profile. The normative section of the specification describes the attributes defined by this profile and provides recommended usage patterns for attribute values.

This specification assumes the reader is somewhat familiar with XACML. A brief overview sufficient to understand these examples is available in [XACMLIntro]. Information about USA government export laws and regulations can be found at [BIS] and [DDTC].

Any U.S. organization that ships goods, materials, software, and/or technical information may be subject to U.S. export control laws. Non-military products may be classified according to the U.S. Department of Commerce "Commerce Control List". Military products are controlled according to the United States Munitions List. Destination countries are also classified by a variety of criteria. Even specific entities and individuals may have restrictions. The recipient's U.S. person status, location, and organization must also be taken into account in these export control authorization decisions.

This EC-US profile provides a standard framework for the subject and resource attributes that must be considered for U.S. export control decisions.

## 1.1 Glossary

### Authority-to-export

A legal agreement authorizing exports. An export license is an example of an authorization document between the authoritative agency and an organization which has requested an exception to allow exports to otherwise prohibited locations. "NLR" (No License Required) indicates that no export license is required for the export of the item in question.

### CCL, Commerce Control List

Regulations that define the geopolitical restrictions on goods and services covered by *EAR*.

### Country

A national political administrative unit recognized, for diplomatic and trade purposes, by the US government.

### Current nationality

For any person, the *current nationality* is the *country* that most recently granted citizenship to that person.

### EAR

Export Administration Regulations, US laws and regulations administered by the Department of Commerce.

### ECCN

Export Control Classification Number, a classification system for data and products covered by *EAR*.

### Effective date

The date on which an authorization document or export license takes effect, thereby implying access for authorized purposes.

### Expiration date
The date on which an authorization document or export license expires, thereby terminating
access.

**ITAR**

International Traffic in Arms Regulations; USA laws and regulations administered by the
Department of State.

**Jurisdiction**

The US department which governs the applicable export regulations: either Department of
Commerce for EAR or Department of State for ITAR.

**Location**

The *country* in which a person is currently located.

**Nationality**

A country of which a person is a citizen.

**Organization**

A company or other legal entity of which a person can be an employee or agent.

**USML**

United States Munitions List, a classification system for data and products covered by *ITAR*.

**US Person**

A designation that a person meets the requirements to be considered exempt from most US
government export regulations.

**Work effort**

This attribute can be used to indicate the specific work effort, statement of work, project, or
program which is associated with the export-controlled resource. This attribute provides
additional granularity to limit access to users within organizations to those with a specific need to
know for a given work effort.

### 1.2 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].

### 1.3 Normative References

[RFC2119] S. Bradner, *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels*,

[XACML] OASIS, Committee Draft 02, 21 January 2010, *eXtensible Access Control

### 1.4 Non-Normative References

[BIS] US Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security,
http://www.bis.doc.gov/.

[DDTC] US Department of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls,
http://www.pmddtc.state.gov/.

[ISO3166] ISO 3166 Maintenance agency (ISO 3166/MA),
http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes.htm.
1.5 Scope

Many export compliance decisions can be made on the basis of the subject’s location, organization, and nationalities (including country of birth) or current nationality, and the resource’s ECCN or USML classification. This profile defines standard XACML attributes for these properties, and recommends the use of standardized attribute values.

In practice, an organization’s export compliance policies will be a mixture of rules derived from US government laws and regulations, along with enterprise-specific rules derived from government-approved bilateral or multilateral agreements with foreign organizations.

1.6 Disclaimer

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Organizations that use this profile should ensure their export compliance by consulting the resources at [BIS] and [DDTC], and by engaging qualified professional legal services.
2 Profile

2.1 Resource Attributes

2.1.1 Jurisdiction

To identify whether a resource is controlled under [ITAR] or [EAR], the following attribute identifier shall be used:

urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:jurisdiction

The(DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string. The value of the attribute SHALL be "ITAR" or "EAR".

2.1.2 ECCN

ECCN classification values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:eccn

The(DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string.

The attribute value (or pattern) used in equality or matching comparisons (in policies), and the attribute values used in the decision context SHALL conform to the following requirements:

- The base ECCN classification shall be 5 characters with upper-case letters.

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- Subclassification levels may be used, corresponding to the subparagraph labels in the CCL. The subclassification designators shall be delimited with dots (".").

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- Items without an ECCN may be identified as "EAR99".

- All comparisons shall be case-sensitive.

2.1.3 USML

USML classification values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:usml

The(DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string.

The attribute value (or pattern) used in equality or matching comparisons (in policies), and the attribute values used in the decision context SHALL conform to the following requirements:

- The minimal value (or pattern) shall consist of an upper-case roman numeral (in the range specified by the USML), followed by a balanced set of parentheses containing a single lower-case letter.

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- Additional balanced parentheses may be appended to the minimal value (or pattern), corresponding to subparagraph designations in the USML.

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- All comparisons shall be case-sensitive.

2.1.4 Authority-to-export

Authorization-document values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:authority-to-export

The(DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string.
Authority-to-export values may include “EAR99”, “NLR” (No License Required), or the type of license as well as license numbers for tracking. Examples of license types include TAA (Technical Assistance Agreement, a type of ITAR license), MLA (Manufacturing License Agreement, a type of ITAR license), or EAR. Examples of attribute values could be TA1234-56 or AG1234-56.

2.1.5 Effective-Date
Effective-date values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:effective-date
```

The DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#date.

This attribute can be used to indicate the date on which an export license takes effect, thereby implying access for authorized purposes.

2.1.6 Expiration-Date
Expiration-date values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:expiration-date
```

The DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#date.

The date on which an export license expires, thereby terminating access.

2.1.7 Work-effort
Work-effort values shall be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:work-effort
```

The DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string.

This attribute can be used to indicate the specific work effort, statement of work, project, or program which is associated with the export-controlled resource. This attribute provides additional granularity to limit access to users within organizations to those with a specific need to know for a given work effort.

2.2 Subject Attributes

2.2.1 Nationality
Nationality values applicable to a subject SHALL be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:nationality
```

The DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string. The value of this attribute MUST be in the range of 2-letter country codes defined by [ISO3166].

A request context may have several instances of this attribute to reflect multiple citizenships held by a subject. Nationality must include country of birth if different from other nationalities held by the subject.

2.2.2 Current nationality
The most recent nationality value applicable to a subject SHALL be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:current-nationality
```

The DataType of this attribute is http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string. The value of this attribute MUST be in the range of 2-letter country codes defined by [ISO3166].

2.2.3 Location
The current geographical location of a subject SHALL be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:location
```
The **DataType** of this attribute is `http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string`. The value of this attribute MUST be in the range of 2-letter country codes defined by [ISO3166].

### 2.2.4 Organization

The organization of which the subject is an employee or agent SHALL be designated with the following attribute identifier:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:organization
```

The **DataType** of this attribute is `http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string`.

Organization shall denote the organization to which the subject in the request belongs. A common scheme such as DUNS SHOULD be used to promote interoperability.

### 2.2.5 US Person

The following attribute identifier SHALL be used to designate a subject’s status as a **US person**:

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:us-person
```

The **DataType** of this attribute is `http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#boolean`.
3 Identifiers

This profile defines the following URN identifiers.

3.1 Profile Identifier

The following identifier SHALL be used as the identifier for this profile when an identifier in the form of a URI is required.

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profiles:ec-us
```
4 Examples (non-normative)

This section contains two examples illustrating the use of the attribute IDs defined by this profile.

The following entity definitions are used in these examples:

```xml
<!ENTITY ec-us-subj "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:subject:">
<!ENTITY ec-us-res "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:resource:">
<!ENTITY func10 "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:function:">
<!ENTITY resource_category "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:attribute-category:resource">
<!ENTITY subject_category "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:subject-category:access-subject">
<!ENTITY xacml-res "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:resource:">
<!ENTITY xs "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#">
<!ENTITY rca "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:rule-combining-algorithm:">
```

Some required attributes, not essential for understanding, are omitted from the examples.

4.1 Commerce Control List rule

This illustrates one way to implement a rule for an **ECCN** as defined in the **CCL**. In English, this rule denies access to persons and locations in the anti-terrorism (AT1) and non-proliferation (NP1) country lists if the resource has **ECCN** starting with “3A980”.

```xml
[...]
```

```xml
<xacml:PolicyId>urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:ec-us:example:CCL</xacml:PolicyId>
<xacml:RuleCombiningAlgId>&rca;first-applicable</xacml:RuleCombiningAlgId>
<xacml:Version>1.0</xacml:Version>
<xacml:Description>Simple rule for one ECCN.</xacml:Description>
<xacml:Target/>
```

```xml
<VariableDefinition VariableId="AT1">
  <Apply FunctionId="&func10;any-of-any">
    <Function FunctionId="&func10;string-equal"/>
    <Apply FunctionId="&func10;string-union">
      <AttributeDesignator
        AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;current-nationality"
        Category="&subject_category;"
        DataType="&xs;string"
        MustBePresent="false"/>
      <AttributeDesignator
        AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;location"
        Category="&subject_category;"
        DataType="&xs;string"
        MustBePresent="false"/>
      </Apply>
    </Apply>
  </Apply>
```

```xml
<VariableDefinition VariableId="NP1">
  <Apply FunctionId="&func10;any-of-any">
    <Function FunctionId="&func10;string-equal"/>
    <Apply FunctionId="&func10;string-union">
      <AttributeDesignator
        AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;current-nationality"
        Category="&subject_category;"
        DataType="&xs;string"
        MustBePresent="false"/>
    </Apply>
  </Apply>
```

```xml
</VariableDefinition>
```

Some required attributes, not essential for understanding, are omitted from the examples.
Define a variable that returns true if the subject’s current-nationality or location is “SD” or “SY”. These are the countries listed under the anti-terrorism reason for control in the CCL.

Define another variable to check if current-nationality or location is in the group of countries controlled for nuclear non-proliferation.

NOTE: In a real policy, it would be convenient to define variables corresponding to each “reason for control” in the CCL. This example only refers to 2 such variables.

Define a rule that applies to resources with an ECCN classification (ecrn) of “3A980”.

NOTE: A real policy could have rules for every ECCN classification used in the enterprise (or defined by [BIS]).

4.2 State Department agreement

This illustrates one way to write a XACML policy to implement an export authorization. In English:

Employees of BrazilEnterprise and employees of CanadianEnterprise who have no other nationality attributes than “CA” or “BR” are permitted to view resources identified with an “EXP” suffix that are classified as “ITAR” and have USML code “VIII(h)”.

The (fictional) authorizing document is a Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) identified as “TA-XYZ-00”.
<Policy xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:core:schema:wd-17" PolicyId="TA-XYZ-00" RuleCombiningAlgId="&rca;first-applicable" Version="1.0">
  <Description>
    Permit exports to Canadian and Brazilian partners.
  </Description>
  <Target>
    <AnyOf>
      <AllOf>
        <Match MatchId="&func10;string-regexp-match">
          <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">EXP$</AttributeValue>
          <AttributeDesignator AttributeId="&xacml-res;resource-id"
            Category="&resource_category;"
            DataType="&xs;string"
            MustBePresent="false"/>
        </Match>
      </AllOf>
      <Match MatchId="&func10;string-equal">
        <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">ITAR</AttributeValue>
        <AttributeDesignator AttributeId="&ec-us-res;jurisdiction"
          Category="&resource_category;"
          DataType="&xs;string"
          MustBePresent="false"/>
      </Match>
    </AllOf>
    <AnyOf>
      <AllOf>
        <Match MatchId="&func10;string-equal">
          <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">BrazilEnterprise</AttributeValue>
          <AttributeDesignator AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;organization"
            Category="&subject_category;"
            DataType="&xs;string"
            MustBePresent="false"/>
        </Match>
      </AllOf>
      <Match MatchId="&func10;string-equal">
        <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">CanadianEnterprise</AttributeValue>
        <AttributeDesignator AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;organization"
          Category="&subject_category;"
          DataType="&xs;string"
          MustBePresent="false"/>
      </Match>
    </AllOf>
  </AnyOf>

  <VariableDefinition VariableId="TA-XYZ-00-nationalities">
    <Apply FunctionId="&func10;string-subset">
      <AttributeDesignator AttributeId="&ec-us-subj;nationality"
        Category="&subject_category;"
        DataType="&xs;string"
        MustBePresent="false"/>
      <Apply FunctionId="&func10;string-bag">
        <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">BR</AttributeValue>
        <AttributeValue DataType="&xs;string">CA</AttributeValue>
      </Apply>
    </Apply>
  </VariableDefinition>
</Policy>
This policy applies to resources with resource-id ending in "EXP" that have jurisdiction equal to "ITAR".

This policy applies to subjects who work for (have organization attribute) of "BrazilianEnterprise" or "CanadianEnterprise".

Define a variable to test that all nationality values are in the set ("BR", "CA").

Define a rule that permits access if the usml is "VIII(h)" and the subject's nationality values are all in the specified set.

NOTE: For correct evaluation, the request context must contain the complete set of nationality values (including country of birth) for the subject.
5 Conformance

Conformance to this profile is defined for policies and requests generated and transmitted within and between XACML systems.

5.1 Attribute Identifiers

Conformant XACML policies and requests SHALL use the attribute identifiers defined in Section 2 for their specified purpose, and SHALL NOT use any other identifiers for the purposes defined by attributes in this profile. The following table lists the attributes that must be supported.

Note: “M” is mandatory “O” is optional.

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5.2 Attribute Values

Conformant XACML policies and requests SHALL use attribute values in the specified range or patterns as defined for each attribute in Section 2 (when a range or pattern is specified).
NOTE: In order to process conformant XACML policies and requests correctly, PIP and PEP modules may have to translate native data values into the datatypes and formats specified in this profile.
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