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1 Introduction

The OASIS Universal Business Language (UBL) defines a generic XML interchange format for business documents that can be restricted or extended to meet the requirements of particular industries. Specifically, UBL provides the following:

- A suite of structured business objects and their associated semantics expressed as reusable data components and common business documents.
- A library of XML schemas for reusable data components such as “Address”, “Item”, and “Payment”—the common data elements of everyday business documents.
- A set of XML schemas for common business documents such as “Order”, “Despatch Advice”, and “Invoice” that are constructed from the UBL library components and can be used in generic procurement and transportation contexts.

This Committee Note describes the Universal Business Language version 2.1 common library and document models using the Unified Modeling Language (UML).

1.1 Terminology

1.1.1 Terms and Definitions

Document

A set of information components that are exchanged as part of a business transaction; for example, in placing an order.

XSD schema

An XML document definition conforming to the W3C XML Schema language [[XSD1](#)][[XSD2](#)].

The keywords MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY and OPTIONAL, when they appear in this document, are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

1.1.2 Symbols and Abbreviations

IEC

International Electrotechnical Commission

ISO

International Organization for Standardization

UML

Unified Modeling Language [[UML](#)]

XML

Extensible Markup Language [[XML](#)]

XSD

W3C XML Schema Language [[XSD1](#)][[XSD2](#)]

1.2 References

[[CCTS](#)] [ISO/TS 15000-5:2005 Electronic Business Extensible Markup Language \(eXML\)— Part 5: eXML Core Components Technical Specification, Version 2.01](#) [<http://www.oasis-open.org/>]

committees/download.php/6232/CEFACT-CCTS-Version-2pt01.zip] (identical to Part 8 of the ebXML Framework)

[RFC2119] *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels* [<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2119.html>]

[UML] *Unified Modeling Language Version 1.5 (formal/03-03-01)* [<http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/6240/03-03-01.zip>]

[XML] *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Second Edition), W3C Recommendation 6 October 2000* [<http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/REC-xml-20001006>]

[XSD1] *XML Schema Part 1: Structures. Second Edition. W3C Recommendation 28 October 2004* [<http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-xmlschema-1-20041028/>]

[XSD2] *XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes. Second Edition. W3C Recommendation 28 October 2004* [<http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-xmlschema-2-20041028/>]

2 UML Representation of UBL Document Models

UBL 2.1 continues the practice, adopted at the beginning of the UBL effort, of creating its normative XML specifications using W3C Schema (XSD) syntax. Alternative representations of the same content are generated directly from the XSD and, with the exception of the UBL 2.1 digital signature extension, are intended to implement the same document instance constraints.

Alternative representations of the same content are technically non-normative.

The UBL 2.1 UML provides a series of class diagrams of the UBL common library and document models using Enterprise Architect from [Sparx Systems](http://www.sparxsystems.com/) [http://www.sparxsystems.com/]. The model provided uses a UML profile based on the CCTS [[CCTS](#)] used to define the business information entities from which the normative XSD syntax is derived.

Important note

The artefacts included in this package conform to UBL 2.1 Public Review Draft 3. When this Committee Note is completed the included artefacts will conform to the final UBL 2.1.

Appendix A Release Notes

A.1 Availability

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A.2 Status of this Release

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DocBook documentation support files

uml
UBL 2.1 UML diagrams

A.4 Support

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<http://lists.oasis-open.org/archives/ubl-dev/>

Subscriptions to ubl-dev can be made through the OASIS list manager at

<http://www.oasis-open.org/mlmanage/index.php>

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<http://ubl.xml.org/>

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