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100 **4 Introduction**

101 **4.1 Summary of Contents of Document**

102 It describes those contexts that have been identified as most critical in describing the use  
 103 of generic Core Components for business information purposes. It also suggests source  
 104 lists of context such as, for example ISO 3166 for country related contexts.

105  
 106 The document will also describe how new context categorisations can be added and used.  
 107 This might include adding new categories, or refining existing ones. The refinement may  
 108 include both addition and subtraction of sections of a context taxonomy.

109  
 110 This document contains the context definitions, the recommended sources; and examples  
 111 of how these contexts may be applied in business use.

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 113 The keywords **MUST**, **MUST NOT**, **REQUIRED**, **SHALL**, **SHALL NOT**, **SHOULD**,  
 114 **SHOULD NOT**, **RECOMMENDED**, **MAY**, and **OPTIONAL**, when they appear in this  
 115 document, are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [Bra97].

116

117 **4.2 Context Defined**

118 When a business process is taking place, the context in which it is taking place can be  
 119 specified by a set of contextual categories and their associated values. For example, if an  
 120 auto manufacturer is purchasing paint from a chemical manufacturer, the context values  
 121 might be as follows:

122

<b>Contextual Category</b>	<b>Value</b>
Process	Procurement
Product Classification	Paint
Region (buyer)	France
Region (seller)	U.S.
Industry (buyer)	Not required (generic)
Industry (seller)	retail

123

124 Rules indicate which context values (or combination thereof) must be present in order for  
 125 them to be applied, as well as the action to be undertaken if a match occurs. Actions  
 126 include adding additional information to a functional unit, making this information  
 127 optional, required or eliminating optional information. We might, for instance, specify  
 128 that addresses associated with organizations in the U.S. region be required to include a  
 129 state (which might otherwise be optional). Note that these contextual changes are made  
 130 individually to the Core Components that make up a business document, and not to the  
 131 business document itself.

132

133 Despite this underlying simplicity, complications arise in certain cases that make real-  
134 world implementation of context rules extremely tricky. Broadly speaking, these  
135 complications relate to scenarios where two rules both match the context, but have  
136 conflicting results, or where different results are reached depending on the order in which  
137 matching rules are applied. The following examples illustrate these two cases (and refer  
138 to the sample context given above):

139

- 140 • One rule could require that if the buyer is in the U.S. region, product description  
141 should not be included in invoice line items. Another specifies that if the seller is  
142 in France, the product description (in French) shall be included.
- 143 • One rule could require that if the buyer's industry is automotive, the product  
144 category should be added to the invoice line items. Another specifies that if a  
145 product category information entity exists and the seller's industry is chemicals,  
146 an attribute should be added to the product category to indicate the toxicity of the  
147 products in the category. If the toxicity requirement were applied first, the  
148 attribute would not be added (since the product category was not yet present). The  
149 outcome therefore depends on the order in which the rules are applied.

150

151 The problem with these types of situations is not so much that there is no way to resolve  
152 them. It is rather that there are many possible solutions with no clear way of deciding  
153 which to choose, and all are sufficiently complex to place a significant burden on the  
154 implementer.

155

156 Additional complications result from the potentially hierarchical nature of context values.  
157 For example, the possible values for region belong in a hierarchical space (e.g. continent,  
158 country, region, city, etc.). The region specification can therefore be very general or very  
159 specific. Since rules can match a general value (e.g. apply if the organization is in North  
160 America) or a specific value (e.g. apply if the organization is in Omaha, Nebraska), there  
161 must be some way of determining which rules to apply (any combination including all of  
162 them) if several match. This is because, in some cases, a specific rule may complement  
163 the general rule, while in others it may override it.

164

165 The main reason for using context is to allow reuse of components to enable maximum  
166 interoperability between trading partners. By working from a common set of components  
167 and agreeing the context for business processes, partners can clearly understand the data  
168 that is required to take part in a Business Process.

169

170 The following set of scenarios explain when context may be applied:

171

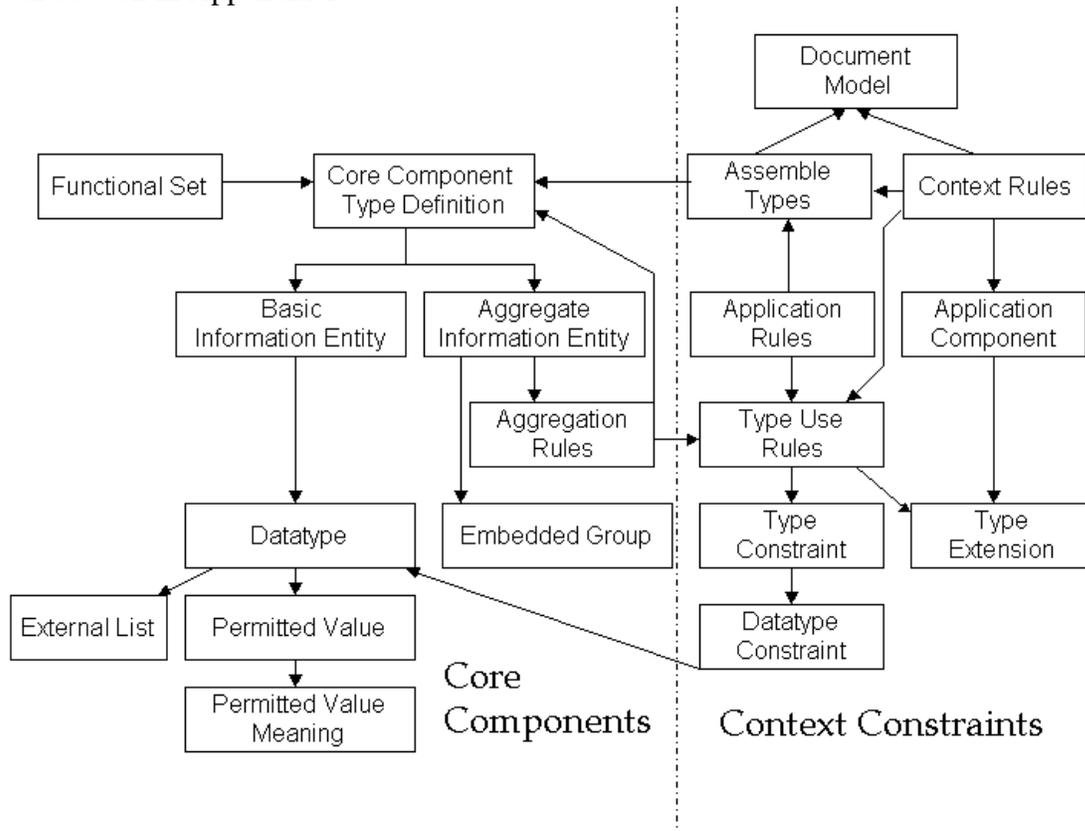
- 172 • Design Time - to create the minimum useful schema.
- 173 • Integration Time - Identify and help resolve data requirements conflicts required  
174 for business transactions
- 175 • Run Time - to express the business relationships between data.
  - 176 ○ Used by Trading Partners to validate the runtime document instances

- 177 • Navigation of the registry to find other data sets.
- 178 ○ Need to hold the data about the context in the rules.
- 179 • Discovery Process for creating Core Components or extensions.
- 180 ○ Core Components are discovered along with the business Context in
- 181 which they are used.
- 182 ○ Strip out context for Rules and Components
- 183 • Developing Document Templates for the Registry

184 **5 Using Context Descriptors**

185 **5.1 Context-controlled Core Component Metamodel**

186 The diagram below summarises the formal model for the Context Controlled Core  
 187 Component Metamodel. The left-hand side of this diagram identifies the units specific to  
 188 the definition of Core Components. The right-hand side of the diagram identifies the units  
 189 used in defining Context Constraints. Type Use Rules are used both to manage  
 190 component reuse within core components and to manage constraints within Context  
 191 Constraints. The formal model for the Context-controlled Core Component Metamodel  
 192 can be seen in Appendix 1.



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195 **5.2 Core Component Type Definitions**

196 A Core Component Type Definition defines a reusable type of core component for which  
 197 no pre-determined use name has been assigned.

198  
 199 Each definition is given a globally unique Identifier, which should be suitable for use as a  
 200 database key.

201  
 202 A human-readable name for the type (ending in the word Type, e.g. AddressType), and a  
 203 brief description of the purpose of the type, are also required.

204

205 By default a Core Component Type Definition is deemed to be restrictable or extendable.  
206 If this is not the case the isRestrictable or isExtendable boolean properties must be set to  
207 False.

208

### 209 **5.2.1 Basic Information Entity**

210 Where the types of data that are permitted for a Basic Information Entity are defined by  
211 an external agency the name of the MaintenanceAgency and the agency assigned  
212 identifier (id) must be recorded.

213

214 A formal definition of the relevant Datatype, defined in accordance with Part 2 of the  
215 XML Schema specification, must be associated with each Basic Information Entity.

216

217 If a data type is associated with an externally defined list of permitted values, then the  
218 URL of a resource that defines the set of currently approved permitted values should be  
219 recorded as an External Value List object.

220

221 If the list of permitted values is defined as part of the core component definition a  
222 Permitted Value List must be created. The list consists of one or more Permitted Values  
223 identified by a name that is unique within the list, each of which should be assigned one  
224 or more Permitted Value Meanings, each of which consists of a statement of the meaning  
225 assigned to the value and the IETF RFC1766 language code identifying the language in  
226 which the meaning has been defined.

227

### 228 **5.2.2 Aggregate Information Entity**

229 For each component forming part of an Aggregate Information Entity an Aggregation  
230 Rule that identifies a Type Use Rules object must be created. The Type Use Rules record  
231 the Name assigned to the referenced type within the location and, optionally, an  
232 explanation of the use to which the embedded component is being put within this  
233 component.

234

235 Where there are constraints on the number of times an embedded component can be used  
236 these are recorded as the MinMaxConstraints property.

237

238 Where there are constraints on the order in which sub-components within the aggregate  
239 are to be used an Embedded Group must be defined to identify whether the constraint  
240 applies to the use of a choice or sequence of objects.

241

### 242 **5.2.3 Functional Set**

243 A Functional Set is a set of two or more Core Component Type Definitions or Functional  
244 Sets that can be used to record information related to a single function in different ways.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For example, a location could be recorded as a postal address, a United Nations location code or as a set of co-ordinates as generated by a Global Positioning System. Which of this set of equivalent functions would be chosen for a particular message is context dependent.

245

### 246 **5.3 Context Constraints**

247 A Document Model is created by applying a set of Context Rules to a set of Core  
248 Component Type Definitions that have been “assembled” to meet a defined business  
249 process.

250

251 The Assemble Types object identifies the base Core Component Type Definitions,  
252 applies an appropriate sequence to the components and renames embedded components  
253 as required within the business process.

254 The Constraint Rules define modifications to be made to existing Core Component Type  
255 Definitions when used within specific contexts, and any Application Component needed  
256 to extend a core component or the document model.

257

258 Individual constraints are associated with a particular value within a named Taxonomy  
259 stored as a named context classification within an ebXML repository.

260

261 Where the constraint requires that the base definition of a core component be redefined  
262 the constraints are defined as a Type Constraint. Where the constraint applies to a facet of  
263 a Datatype definition it forms a Datatype Constraint that is associated with a specific  
264 Datatype.

265

### 266 **5.4 Seeding Core Components**

267 Lower level core components, either basic or aggregate information entities, can be re-  
268 used within higher level aggregates. Fundamentally, they are used "in the context of" the  
269 higher level aggregate. This is a purely structural context, not a business context, creating  
270 stereotype (i.e. fundamental or generic) information entities.

271

272 Recognizing that there are situations in which equivalent information can be expressed in  
273 several ways, relevant core components can be grouped together into Functional Sets.

274 These provide a means by which a limited choice of stereotype information entities can  
275 be offered as alternative ways of specifying information for a particular function, e.g. a  
276 location can be specified as an address, a GPS reference, or a UN Locode. While the  
277 functional set is still a stereotype, the choice is dependent on a business context or  
278 contexts.

279

### 280 **5.5 Using Core Components**

281 Use of a core component without any modification in a particular business context  
282 creates a Substitute Information Entity. This is registered under a unique business name  
283 formed from the context and the stereotype component names.

284 *Note: This is essential to record the industry sector(s) that use the substitute*  
285 *information entity, the context(s) in which they are used, and all the substitute*  
286 *information entities that use the Core Component.*

287

288 Use of a core component with extensions (or indeed reductions) in a particular business  
289 context creates a Process Specific Entity. This is registered under a unique business name  
290 formed from the context and the stereotype component names.

291 *Note: This is essential to record the industry sector(s) that use the substitute*  
292 *information entity, the context(s) in which they are used, and all the process specific*  
293 *entities that use the Core Component.*

294

295 Substitute information entities and process specific entities are collectively Context  
296 Constrained Information Entities. Registration of all these, however numerous, is  
297 essential to achieve maximum re-use, to avoid "re-inventing the wheel", and to gain  
298 interoperability.

## 299 **5.6 Building Business Documents**

300 Business documents are built by drawing on the repository 'library' of components. The  
301 context descriptors that are registered for each component are used to select the  
302 appropriate context constrained information entities for the business document that is  
303 being built.

304

305 If no appropriate context constrained information entity exists, a new one must be  
306 created, according to the principles described in the previous section, and ideally using an  
307 existing stereotype. Registration of the new process specific information entity adds to  
308 the range of available context descriptors.

## 309 **5.7 Beyond Re-use**

310 If no appropriate existing stereotype exists, an industry grouping may need to:

- 311 • create additional Basic components for pieces of information which do not have  
312 already-defined Core Components. These are Domain Basic Components.
- 313 • use Core Component(s) to construct a non-core Aggregate Component, called a  
314 Domain Complex Component.
- 315 • use Core Component(s) and Domain Components to construct a non-core  
316 Complex Component, also known as a Domain Complex Component.
- 317 • use Domain Component(s) to construct a non-core Complex Component. These  
318 are also Domain Complex Components.

319

320 Ideally, Domain Components need to be recorded in the same detail as Core  
321 Components, complete with relevant Context(s). They are part of extensibility and ought  
322 to be registered so as to avoid 're-inventing the wheel'. Newcomers can re-use Domain  
323 Components and register any additional Context(s).

324

325 At some point, non-core Domain Components can become Core Components, according  
326 to criteria that judge the degree of re-use, and by a process yet to be defined.  
327

## 328 **5.8 Non-compliance Issue**

329 This section raises two basic issues:

- 330 1) Extensibility
- 331 2) Registration

332

333 Registering Domain Components cannot be completely policed. Groups or companies  
334 might decide to use Core Components, extend them and invent their own Domain  
335 Components and never register them.

336

337 As a consequence, the use of these Domain Components will be limited to single use and  
338 will not become part of the ebXML standards community. Exact equivalents may well be  
339 re-invented in a different way, with different naming, and formally registered as a  
340 Domain Components.

341

342 Unregistered Domain Components:

- 343 • will hinder communication and interoperability between different communities.
- 344 • must not be, in any circumstances, be favored over formally registered  
345 equivalents.

## 346 **6 Context Classifications**

### 347 **6.1 List of discovered Context Drivers**

348 A large number of different context descriptors were considered, some of which were  
349 selected for full inclusion and definition.

350

351 This approach defines component reuse within business documents and now requires  
352 that some implementation take place before final decisions can be made regarding the  
353 value of all of these descriptors. It is intended that the thinking around possible  
354 descriptors not be discarded until their worth can better be judged.

355

- 356 • Region: (*Geopolitical*)
- 357 • Industry:
- 358 • Business Process:
- 359 • Product:
- 360 • Legislative: (*Legal*)
- 361 • Role
- 362 • Temporal:
- 363 • Information Structural Context:
- 364 • Application Processing:
- 365 • Service Level:
- 366 • Business Purpose:
- 367 • Virtual Marketplace:
- 368 • Contractual:

369

### 370 **6.2 Classifications**

371 These context classifications are the ones recommended by ebXML CCWG. It has been  
372 recognized that other classification schemes may be needed, and that it will be possible to  
373 reference other classification schemes for any of the identified context descriptors.

### 374 **6.3 Business Process Context**

375 The Business Process context relies on a classification based on the list of core business  
376 processes, but contains some additional information. It will be possible to indicate that  
377 some minor variations have been made to an existing core process; that a process not in  
378 the core is being used; or that an extension may be made at any level of the classification,  
379 to accommodate existing business processes.

380

381 Further, to be used meaningfully in qualifying variation within information entity  
382 structure, business process context descriptors may need to go to a finer level of detail  
383 than merely specifying the overall business process of which they are a part. This is  
384 especially true in a case where both trading partners may be adding information to a

385 single functional aggregate at different points in the business process, and the optionality  
 386 of that information is being determined by where in the process the information entity is  
 387 used. (An example of these concepts can be found in the ebXML Methodology for the  
 388 Discovery and Analysis of Core Components Ver 1.01, under section 9.4.3.6.1 Grammar)

389  
 390 The requirement to identify a particular event in the overall business process is  
 391 complicated by the fact that there may be many players involved in a single business  
 392 process, and even in a single "leg" of the overall exchange. This occurs when one or both  
 393 trading partners have agents, as is often the case in payments processing where the  
 394 trading partner's banks are involved in the exchange, and providing services to facilitate  
 395 the overall business process. The existence of a portal - where a wide range of "en route"  
 396 services may be provided - further complicates the issue.  
 397

398 **6.4 Regional context**

399 **6.5 Regional classification**

400 The regional classification allows one or more values to be associated with any business  
 401 message or component, according to the following structure.

- 402
- 403 Global
  - 404 [Continent]
    - 405 [Economic Region]
      - 406 [Country] - ISO 3166.1
        - 407 [Region] - ISO 3166.2

408 There is no single hierarchy. At any level of the hierarchy, a value may be a single value,  
 409 a named aggregate, or cross-border value. These values are structured as follows:

410  
 411 **Single Value:** A single value as shown in the example under 6.5.1 List of Values,  
 412 indicating a single continent, economic region, country, or region, depending on  
 413 position within the hierarchy.  
 414

415 **Named Aggregate:** A related group of values (which may themselves be named  
 416 aggregates or cross-border constructions), which have been related and assigned a  
 417 name. A named aggregate contains at least two values.  
 418

419 **Cross-Border:** One or more pairs of values, designated "To", "From", or  
 420 "Bidirectional", indicating the direction of cross-border context. Values may be  
 421 named aggregates or single values.  
 422

423 Points in the hierarchy are specified by the use of the node value, or by the full or partial  
 424 path. There are cases where the full path is required to understand the hierarchy, as a  
 425 result of the use of the more complex constructs. A single-point specification is  
 426 understood to inherit all of the properties of the single-value hierarchy except where  
 427 otherwise specified.

428

### 429 **6.5.1 List of Values**

430 The following example shows an extract of the basic, single-value hierarchy of  
431 recommended values, based on the common ISO 3166 Country Codes.

432 Europe

433 Eastern Europe

434 AL – ALBANIA

435 AM – ARMENIA

436 etc.

## 437 **6.6 Official Constraints Context**

438 The official constraints context driver describes data use contexts, which are the result of  
439 standards, legal or regulatory requirements, contractual or business agreements, and  
440 similar "official" drivers. This classification is outlined as follows:

441

- 442 • Regulatory And Legislative (includes customs)
- 443 • Standards (includes ISO, Milspecs, etc.)
- 444 • Guidelines (best practices, unofficial standards)
- 445 • Conventions And Treaties (these are different from Regulatory and Legislative)
- 446 • Contractual And Trading Partner Agreement

447

448 This classification shall be structured as either:

- 449 • A free-text field with a qualifying text field to put in "schema" or reference  
450 describing what is contained in the text field (legal reference system, for example).
- 451 • A free text "code" field with the ability to reference the source.

## 452 **6.7 Product Context**

453

454 Definition:

455

456 The goods or services that the exchange of information describes or enables.

457

458 The subject of the transaction, eg the set of things that is being described.

459

### 460 **6.7.1 Sources for Recommended Classifications**

461

- 462 • United Nations Standard Product and Service Code (UN/SPSC)  
463 Custodian: United Nations
- 464 • Standard International Trade Classification  
465 (SITC Rev .3)  
466 Custodian: United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- 467 • World Trade Organization (WTO)  
468 The "Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System" (HS)  
469 Custodian WTO

- 470 • Classification Of the purposes of non Profit institutions serving households
- 471 (COPI)
- 472 Custodian: UNSD (This provides a mapping between the first three.)
- 473

474 Note: Others may include EAN.UCC codes or Global Trade Item Number (GTIN).

475

### 476 **6.7.2 Structure**

477 Context rules may be associated with each structure level, and more than one value may

478 be specified for defining the use of a particular information entity.

## 479 **6.8 Industry Context**

480 Definition:

481

482 The industry or sub-industry in which the information exchange takes place.

483

484 An Industry is an organisation or group of organisations involved in service, commercial

485 or institutional activity.

486

### 487 **6.8.1 Sources for Recommended Classifications**

- 488 • International Standard Industrial Classification(ISIC)
- 489 Custodian: UNSD
- 490 • United Nations Standard Product and Service Code(UN/SPSC)
- 491 Custodian: United Nations
- 492 (Top level Segment (digits 1 and 2) used to define industry.)
- 493

### 494 **6.8.2 Structure**

495 Hierarchical structure as defined by existing standard. Context rules may be associated

496 with each structure level, and more than a single value may be specified when describing

497 the use of an information entity.

## 498 **6.9 Role Context**

499 Definition:

500

501 **Roles:** Roles specify the party types (buyer, seller, assembler, catalog publisher, etc.) that

502 interactively perform interface activities that collaboratively achieve a business objective.

503

504 **Role Types:** The ebXML Business Process Methodology Guidelines, which is a

505 specialization of the UN/CEFACT Unified Modeling Methodology (UMM), specifies

506 that roles must be one of the following role types:

507

508 **Organisational:** As the name implies, the “Organisational” role is for playing the role of

509 an “organization” such as an enterprise, a company, or a factory to cite a few examples.

510 Only an organization performs a particular role in an e-business process. An employee

511 does not perform these activities. Authorization to perform an activity is granted at an  
512 organizational level.

513

514 **Employee:** The “Employee” role is used in business interactions that are performed by  
515 employees of an organization. An employee for business/legal reasons can only perform  
516 an employee role. Usually the details of the employee must be captured and  
517 stored/transmitted to another partner for auditing/liability processes when the two partner  
518 roles are not in the same organization. Authorization to perform an activity is granted on  
519 an employee level.

520

521 **Functional:** The “Functional” role is for the cases when either an employee or an  
522 organization can perform the interaction. So the functional role can be either an  
523 organizational or an employee role.

524

525 **Initiator / Responder:**

526

527 **Initiator:** The Initiator is the role that initiates the business process and contains the start  
528 state and initial activity.

529

530 **Responder:** The Responders is the role that interacts with the initiator in a business  
531 process and commercial transaction.

532

533 Sources for Recommended Classifications

534 Code List 3035 (UN/EDIFACT)

535 Data Element 98 (X12)

536

### 537 **6.9.1 Structure**

538 The Business Process will at least identify the initiator and responder role, which should  
539 be used by the context rules. In this case, there **MUST** be agreement between the  
540 classification used by the ebXML Business Process specifications and the classification  
541 used by the context rules.

542

543 For example, a business process specifies that a partner of party type “Buyer” sends a  
544 “Purchase Order Request” business document to a partner of party type “Seller”. The  
545 “Seller” responds with a “Purchase Order Acceptance” business document. In this case,  
546 the business process identifies the initiator role (i.e. the “Buyer”) and the responder role  
547 (i.e. the ”Seller”).

548

549 In this example, the roles are:

550 **Buyer:** An employee or organization that buys products for a partner type in the supply  
551 chain. The role type is *functional*.

552

553 **Seller:** An organization that sells products to partners in the supply chain. The role type is  
554 *organizational*.

555

556 The following business documents are needed to execute this business process:

557

558 **Purchase Order Request:** a request to accept a Purchase Order for fulfillment.

559

560 **Purchase Order Acceptance:** a document that confirms the creation, change or  
561 cancellation of a Purchase Order.

562

563 The "Purchase Order Request" business document must contain at least the following  
564 elements, based on the roles identified in the business process:

565

566 "BuyerParty" - derived from the core component "Party"

567

568 "SellerParty" - derived from the core component "Party"

569

570 So in order to assemble the "Purchase Order Request" business document, the following  
571 context rules will be applied, among others (these examples use XML syntax only):

572

```
573 <Rule Order = " 1" >
```

```
574     <Condition Test=" Role = 'Buyer' " >
```

```
575         <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
576             </Action>
```

```
577     </Condition>
```

```
578 </Rule>
```

579

```
580 <Rule Order = " 2" >
```

```
581     <Condition Test=" Role = 'Seller' " >
```

```
582         <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
583             </Action>
```

```
584     </Condition>
```

```
585 </Rule>
```

586

587 The buyer might want to identify its preferred carrier in the "Purchase Order Request"  
588 business document. In this case, another functional role is involved of party type  
589 "Carrier". This implies another element in the "Purchase Order Request" business  
590 document:

591 "CarrierParty" derived from the core component "Party"

592

593 In this example, the business process does NOT define the "Carrier" role!

594

```
595 <Rule Order = " 3" >
```

```
596     <Condition Test=" Role = 'Carrier' " >
```

```
597         <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
598             </Action>
```

```
599     </Condition>
```

```
600 </Rule>
```

601

602 The seller might want to identify in the “Purchase Order Acceptance” business document,  
603 which department accepted the Purchase Order or even which employee accepted the  
604 Purchase Order. In this scenario, there might be an organizational role of party type  
605 “Procurement” and an employee role of party type “Purchasing Manager”. So the  
606 “Purchase Order Acceptance” might have the following party elements (which are all  
607 derived from the core component “Party”):

608

609 “BuyerParty”, i.e. the initiator role as identified in the business process

610 “SellerParty”, i.e. the responder role as identified in the business process

611 “CarrierParty”, *not identified by the business process*

612 “ProcurementParty”, *not identified by the business process*

613 “PurchasingManagerParty”, *not identified by the business process*

614

615 So in this example, the context variable “Business Process” identified two roles: “Buyer”  
616 and “Seller”. There are other roles though that are not directly relevant for the business  
617 process, but do affect the business documents exchanged as part of this business process,  
618 i.e. “Carrier”, “Procurement” and “Purchasing Manager”.

619

620 There might be a hierarchical dependency between the roles mentioned above that affects  
621 the order in which context rules need to be applied. For example:

622

```
623 <Rule Order = " 1" >
```

```
624     <Condition Test=" Role = 'Buyer' " >
```

```
625         <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
626             </Action>
```

```
627     </Condition>
```

```
628 </Rule>
```

629

```
630 <Rule Order = " 2" >
```

```
631     <Condition Test=" Role = 'Seller' " >
```

```
632         <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
633             </Action>
```

```
634     </Condition>
```

```
635 </Rule>
```

636

```
637     <Rule Order = " 3" >
```

```
638         <Condition Test=" Role = 'Procurement' " >
```

```
639             <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
640                 </Action>
```

```
641         </Condition>
```

```
642     </Rule>
```

643

```
644     <Rule Order = " 4" >
```

```
645         <Condition Test=" Role = 'Purchasing
```

```
646 Manager' " >
```

```
647             <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
```

```
648                 </Action>
```

```
649             </Condition>
650         </Rule>
651
652     <Rule Order = " 5" >
653         <Condition Test=" Role = 'Carrier' " >
654             <Action ApplyTo=" Party" >
655                 </Action>
656             </Condition>
657     </Rule>
658
659
```

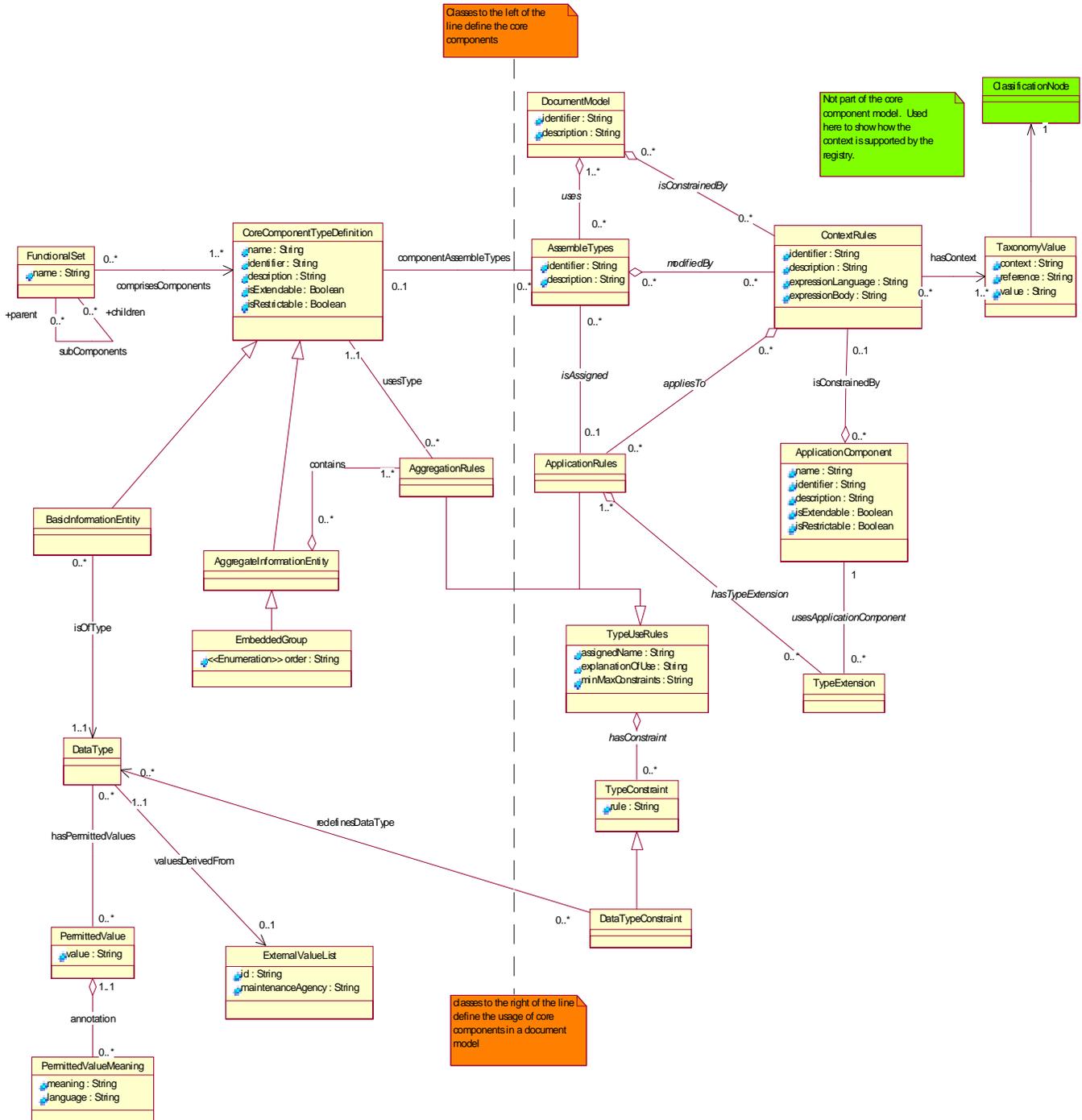
## 660 **7 Registry Support for Taxonomies**

### 661 **7.1 Set of Data required to be published**

662 The Registry Metamodel supports the requirement of attaching an arbitrary number of  
663 Classification Nodes to any Registered Entry. This is achieved by means of a  
664 Classification which can be associated with a Registered Entry, each instance of the  
665 Classification identifies a Classification Node. The top level node in the Classification  
666 Node tree can identify the type of classification (e.g. Geography) by means of its name.  
667 If this name does not give the unambiguous context within which the Registered Entry is  
668 classified then the Classification may optionally be associated with another  
669 ClassificationNode that provides the context for the Classification (e.g. LocatedIn).

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671 The Classification Node is in itself a Registered Entry and by this means benefits from  
672 the versioning facility of the Registry.  
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