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## › 1 Overview

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### › 1.1 Purpose and Scope

#### **This section is informative**

This specification, EPUB Publications 3.0.1, defines semantics and conformance requirements for EPUB® Publications, including the format of the [Package Document](#) that describes each [Rendition](#) of the content and rules for how this document and other [Publication Resources](#) are associated to create a conforming EPUB Publication.

This specification is one of a family of related specifications that compose EPUB 3, the third major revision of an interchange and delivery format for digital publications based on XML and Web Standards. It is meant to be read and understood in concert with the other specifications that make up EPUB 3:

- The EPUB 3 Overview [\[EPUB3Overview\]](#), which provides an informative overview of EPUB and a roadmap to the rest of the EPUB 3 documents. The Overview should be read first.
- EPUB Content Documents 3.0.1 [\[ContentDocs301\]](#), which defines profiles of XHTML, SVG and CSS for use in the context of [EPUB Publications](#).
- EPUB Open Container Format (OCF) 3.0.1 [\[OCF301\]](#), which defines a file format and processing model for encapsulating a set of related resources into a single-file (ZIP) [EPUB Container](#).
- EPUB Media Overlays 3.0.1 [\[MediaOverlays301\]](#), which defines a format and a processing model for synchronization of text and audio.

This specification supersedes EPUB Publications 3.0 [\[Publications30\]](#). Refer to [\[EPUB3Changes\]](#) for information on differences between this specification and its predecessor.

### › 1.2 Terminology

#### **EPUB Publication**

A collection of one or more [Renditions](#) conforming to this specification and its [sibling specifications](#), packaged in an [EPUB Container](#).

An EPUB Publication typically represents a single intellectual or artistic work, but this specification and its [sibling specifications](#) do not circumscribe the nature of the content.

#### **Rendition**

A logical document entity consisting of a set of interrelated [resources](#) representing one rendering of an [EPUB Publication](#).

### Default Rendition

The Rendition listed in the first **rootfile** element in the [Container – META-INF/container.xml](#) [OCF301] file.

### Publication Resource

A resource that contains content or instructions that contribute to the logic and rendering of at least one [Rendition](#) of an [EPUB Publication](#). In the absence of this resource, the EPUB Publication might not render as intended by the Author. Examples of Publication Resources include a Rendition's [Package Document](#), [EPUB Content Document](#), [EPUB Style Sheets](#), audio, video, images, embedded fonts and scripts.

With the exception of the Package Document itself, the Publication Resources required to render a Rendition are listed in that Rendition's [manifest](#) and bundled in the [EPUB Container](#) file (unless specified otherwise in [Publication Resource Locations](#)).

Examples of resources that are not Publication Resources include those identified by the Package Document [link](#) element and those identified in outbound hyperlinks that resolve outside the [EPUB Container](#) (e.g., referenced from an [\[HTML5\]](#) [a](#) element **href** attribute).

### Foreign Resource

A Publication Resource that is not a [Core Media Type](#). A Foreign Resource requires at least one fallback, as defined in [Restrictions and Fallbacks](#).

### Core Media Type Resource

A Publication Resource that is a [Core Media Type](#) and may therefore be included in the [EPUB Publication](#) without the provision of [fallbacks](#).

### EPUB Content Document

A Publication Resource that conforms to one of the EPUB Content Document definitions ([XHTML](#) or [SVG](#)).

An EPUB Content Document is a [Core Media Type](#), and may therefore be included in the [EPUB Publication](#) without the provision of [fallbacks](#).

### XHTML Content Document

An EPUB Content Document conforming to the profile of [\[HTML5\]](#) defined in [XHTML Content Documents](#) [ContentDocs301] .

XHTML Content Documents use the [XHTML syntax](#) of [\[HTML5\]](#).

### SVG Content Document

An EPUB Content Document conforming to the constraints expressed in [SVG Content Documents](#) [ContentDocs301] .

### EPUB Navigation Document

A specialization of the [XHTML Content Document](#), containing human- and machine-readable global navigation information, conforming to the constraints expressed in [EPUB Navigation Documents](#) [ContentDocs301] .

### Scripted Content Document



An EPUB Content Document that includes scripting or an XHTML Content Document that contains HTML5 forms elements.

Refer to Scripted Content Documents [ContentDocs301] for more information.

### Top-level Content Document

An EPUB Content Document referenced from the spine, whether directly or via a fallback chain [Publications301].

### Fixed-Layout Document

An EPUB Content Document directly referenced from the spine that has been designated **pre-paginated** in the Package Document, as defined in The rendition:layout Property [Publications301].

The dimensions to use for rendering Fixed-Layout Documents are defined in Fixed-Layout Documents [ContentDocs301].

### Synthetic Spread

The rendering of two adjacent pages simultaneously on a device screen.

### Core Media Type

A set of Publication Resource types for which no fallback is required. Refer to Publication Resources for more information.

### Package Document

A Publication Resource carrying bibliographical and structural metadata about a given Rendition of an EPUB Publication, as defined in Package Documents.

### Unique Identifier

The Unique Identifier is the primary identifier for an EPUB Publication, as identified by the unique-identifier attribute. The Unique Identifier may be shared by one or many Renditions of the same EPUB Publication that conform to the EPUB standard and embody the same content.

The Unique Identifier is less granular than the ISBN. However, significant revision, abridgement, etc. of the content requires a new Unique Identifier.

### Release Identifier

The Release Identifier allows any instance of an EPUB Publication to be compared against another to determine if they are identical, different versions, or unrelated.

Refer to Release Identifier for more information.

### Manifest

A list of all Publication Resources that constitute the given Rendition of a EPUB Publication.

Refer to manifest for more information.

### Spine

An ordered list of Publication Resources, typically EPUB Content Documents, representing the default reading order of the given Rendition of an EPUB Publication.

Refer to [spine](#) for more information.

### Media Overlay Document

An XML document that associates the [XHTML Content Document](#) with pre-recorded audio narration in order to provide a synchronized playback experience, as defined in [\[MediaOverlays301\]](#).

### Text-to-Speech (TTS)

The rendering of the textual content of an [EPUB Publication](#) as artificial human speech using a synthesized voice.

### EPUB Style Sheet (or Style Sheet)

A CSS Style Sheet conforming to the CSS profile defined in [EPUB Style Sheets \[ContentDocs301\]](#).

### Viewport

The region of an [EPUB Reading System](#) in which the content of an [EPUB Publication](#) is rendered visually to a [User](#).

### CSS Viewport

A [Viewport](#) capable of displaying CSS-styled content.

### EPUB Container (or Container)

The ZIP-based packaging and distribution format for [EPUB Publications](#) defined in [\[OCF301\]](#).

### Author

The person(s) or organization responsible for the creation of an [EPUB Publication](#), which is not necessarily the creator of the content and resources it contains.

### User

An individual that consumes an [EPUB Publication](#) using an [EPUB Reading System](#).

### EPUB Reading System (or Reading System)

A system that processes [EPUB Publications](#) for presentation to a [User](#) in a manner conformant with this specification and its [sibling specifications](#).

### User Agent

A client or application that consumes generic HTML (e.g., Web browser, screen readers)

## › 1.3 Typographic Conventions

The following typographic conventions are used in this specification:

#### markup

All markup (elements, attributes, properties), code (JavaScript, pseudo-code), machine processable values (string, characters, media types) and file names are in red-orange monospace font.

**markup**

Links to markup and code definitions are underlined and in red-orange monospace font. Only the first instance in each section is linked.

<http://www.idpf.org/>

URIs are in navy blue monospace font.

**hyperlink**

Hyperlinks are underlined and in blue.

**[reference]**

Normative and informative references are enclosed in square brackets.

**Term**

Terms defined in the [Terminology](#) are in capital case.

**Term**

Links to term definitions have a dotted blue underline. Only the first instance in each section is linked.

Normative element, attribute and property definitions are in blue boxes.

Informative markup examples are in white boxes.

**NOTE**

Informative notes are in yellow boxes with a "Note" header.

**CAUTION**

Informative cautionary note are in red boxes with a "Caution" header.

› **1.4 Conformance Statements**

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

All sections of this specification are normative except where identified by the informative status label "This section is informative". The application of informative status to sections and appendices applies to all child content and subsections they may contain.

All examples in this specification are informative.

## › 2 EPUB Publications

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This section defines conformance requirements for EPUB Publications and EPUB Reading Systems at the Rendition level. Conformance requirements particular to specific Publication Resources and processing contexts are located in the specifications referenced herein.

### › 2.1 Content Conformance

Each Rendition of an EPUB Publication **MUST** meet all of the following criteria:

#### All Publication Resources

- › All Publication Resources **MUST** be listed in the Package Document (as defined in manifest), adhere to the constraints for Core Media Types and Fallback and be located as per Publication Resource Locations.

#### The Package Document

- › It **MUST** contain exactly one Package Document, which **MUST** conform to the content requirements defined in Package Document — Content Conformance.

#### Content Documents

- › It **MUST** contain at least one EPUB Content Document conformant to the content requirements defined in EPUB Content Documents [ContentDocs301] .

#### The EPUB Navigation Document

- › It **MUST** contain exactly one EPUB Navigation Document conformant to the content requirements defined in EPUB Navigation Documents — Content Conformance [ContentDocs301] .

#### EPUB Style Sheets

- › It **MAY** contain zero or more EPUB Style Sheets conformant to the content requirements defined in EPUB Style Sheets — Content Conformance [ContentDocs301] .

#### EPUB Pronunciation Lexicons

- › It **MAY** contain zero or more PLS Documents conformant to the content requirements defined in PLS Documents — Content Conformance [ContentDocs301] .

#### Media Overlay Documents

- › It **MAY** contain zero or more Media Overlay Documents conformant to the content requirements defined in [MediaOverlays301].

#### Additional Publication Resources

- › It **MAY** contain zero or more Publication Resources in addition to those listed above, each of which **MUST** adhere to the requirements in All Publication Resources.

#### Container

- › It **MUST** be packaged in a [EPUB Container](#) as defined in [\[OCF301\]](#).

## › 2.2 Reading System Conformance

An [EPUB Reading System](#) **MUST** meet all of the following criteria:

### EPUB 3 Processing

- › It **MUST** process the [EPUB Container](#) as defined in [\[OCF301\]](#).
- › It **MUST** process the [Package Document](#) as defined in [Package Document — Reading System Conformance](#), and honor all presentation logic expressed through the Package Document (e.g., the reading order, fallback chains, bindings, page progression direction and fixed layouts).
- › It **MUST NOT** fail catastrophically if it encounters two distinct EPUB Publications with the same [Unique Identifier](#).
- › Unless specified as conditional behavior in this section, it **MUST** support all [Core Media Type Resources](#).
- › It **MAY** support an arbitrary set of [Foreign Resource](#) types, and **MUST** process fallbacks for unsupported Foreign Resources as defined in [Restrictions and Fallbacks](#) if not.
- › It **MUST** process [XHTML Content Documents](#) as defined in [XHTML Content Documents — Reading System Conformance \[ContentDocs301\]](#).
- › It **MUST** process [SVG Content Documents](#) as defined in [SVG Content Documents — Reading System Conformance \[ContentDocs301\]](#).
- › If it has a [CSS Viewport](#), it **MUST** support visual rendering of [XHTML Content Documents](#) as defined in [EPUB Style Sheets — Reading System Conformance \[ContentDocs301\]](#).
- › If it has the capability to render raster images, it **MUST** support the [raster image Core Media Types](#).
- › If it has the capability to render vector images, it **MUST** support the [vector image Core Media Types](#).
- › If it has the capability to render pre-recorded audio, it **MUST** support the [MP3 audio Core Media Type](#), **SHOULD** support the [MP4 audio Core Media Type](#) and **SHOULD** support Media Overlays [\[MediaOverlays301\]](#).
- › If it supports [Text-to-Speech \(TTS\)](#) rendering, it **SHOULD** support [PLS Documents \[ContentDocs301\]](#), the CSS3 Speech features of the [EPUB CSS Profile \[ContentDocs301\]](#) and [SSML attributes \[ContentDocs301\]](#) in [XHTML Content Documents](#).
- › It **MUST** support the EPUB Canonical Fragment Identifiers scheme [\[EPUBCFI\]](#) for linking, and **MAY** support additional linking schemes as defined in the [EPUB Linking Scheme Registry](#).

#### NOTE

It is recommended that Reading Systems support at least one of the [\[H.264\]](#) and [\[VP8\]](#) video codecs, but this is not a conformance requirement; a Reading System may support no video codecs at all. Content creators and Reading System developers should take

into consideration factors such as breadth of adoption, video playback quality, and technology usage royalty requirements when making a choice to include or implement video in either (or potentially, both) formats.

## Backward Compatibility

- › It **SHOULD** process EPUB version 2 Publications as defined in [OPF2], [OPS2] and [OCF2].
- › It **MUST** attempt to process any given Rendition of an EPUB Publication whose Package Document **version** attribute designates a version lower than "3.0" or which omits the **version** attribute.

## Forward Compatibility

- › It **SHOULD** attempt to process any given Rendition of an EPUB Publication whose Package Document **version** attribute designates a version higher than "3.0".

## XML Processing

- › It **MUST** be a [conformant non-validating processor](#) [XML].
- › It **MUST** be a [conformant processor](#) as defined in [XMLNS].
- › It **MUST** support **xml-stylesheet** processing instructions [ASSOCSS], and **MAY** support additional processing instructions.
- › It **MUST** be a conformant application as defined by [XML Base].

### NOTE

A conforming Reading System is not necessarily a single dedicated program or device, but may exist as a distributed system.

## › 3 Package Documents

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### › 3.1 Introduction

#### **This section is informative**

The Package Document carries bibliographic and structural metadata about a Rendition of an EPUB Publication, and is thus the primary source of information about how to process and display that Rendition.

The Package Document is an XML document consisting of a set of container elements, each dedicated to housing information about a particular aspect of the Rendition. These containers effectively centralize metadata, detail the individual resources that compose the Rendition and

provide reading order and other information for rendering the EPUB Publication is represents to a User.

The following list summarizes the information a Package Document contains:

- Rendition [metadata](#) — mechanisms for including and/or referencing metadata applicable to the EPUB Publication and/or the specific Rendition of it, including for particular resources within the Rendition.
- A [manifest](#) — identifies (via IRI) and describes (via MIME media type) the set of resources that collectively compose the given Rendition of the EPUB Publication.
- A [spine](#) — an ordered sequence of ID references to top-level resources in the manifest from which all other resources in the set can be reached or utilized. The spine defines the default reading order of the given Rendition.
- [Fallback chains](#) — an optional means for defining an ordered list of top-level resources that can be considered content equivalents that a Reading System can choose between for rendering.
- [Bindings](#) — an optional means of associating script-based implementations with custom media types.

## › 3.2 Content Conformance

A Package Document **MUST** meet all of the following criteria:

### Document Properties

- › It **MUST** meet the conformance constraints for XML documents defined in [XML Conformance](#).
- › It **MUST** be valid to the Package Document schema, as defined in [Appendix A, Package Document Schema](#), and conform to all content conformance constraints expressed in [Package Document Definition](#).

### File Properties

- › The Package Document filename **SHOULD** use the file extension **.opf**.

Package Documents have the MIME media type **application/oebps-package+xml** [\[RFC4839\]](#).

## › 3.3 Reading System Conformance

An EPUB Reading System **MUST** meet all of the following criteria:

### Processing

- › It **MUST** process the Package Document in conformance with all Reading System conformance constraints expressed in [Package Document Definition](#).
- › It **SHOULD** process presentational metadata, as expressed in [General Properties](#)
- › It **MUST** process fixed layout metadata, as expressed in [Fixed-Layout Properties](#)

- › For [fixed layouts](#) expressed using the `rendition:layout` property, it **MUST** determine the rendering dimensions as defined in [Fixed-Layout Documents \[ContentDocs301\]](#) .
- › It **MUST** ignore proprietary metadata properties that pertain to layout expressions if they conflict behaviorally with the property semantics defined in [Fixed-Layout Properties](#).

### › 3.4 Package Document Definition

All elements [\[XML\]](#) defined in this section are in the `http://www.idpf.org/2007/opf` namespace [\[XMLNS\]](#) unless otherwise specified.

#### › 3.4.1 The `package` Element

The `package` element is the root container of the [Package Document](#) and encapsulates metadata and resource information for a [Rendition](#).

##### Element Name

`package`

##### Usage

The `package` element is the root element of the Package Document.

##### Attributes

`version` [required]

Specifies the EPUB specification version to which the given Rendition conforms.

The attribute **MUST** have the value `3.0` to indicate compliance with this version of the specification.

`unique-identifier` [required]

An IDREF [\[XML\]](#) that identifies the `dc:identifier` element that provides the package's preferred, or primary, identifier.

Refer to [Publication Identifiers](#) for more information.

`prefix` [optional]

Declaration mechanism for prefixes not [reserved by this specification](#).

Refer to [The prefix Attribute](#) for more information.

`xml:lang` [optional]

Specifies the language used in the contents and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants, as defined in section [2.12 Language Identification](#) of [\[XML\]](#).

`dir` [optional]



Specifies the base text direction of the content and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants.

Inherent directionality specified using [\[Unicode\]](#) takes precedence over this attribute.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right) and **rtl** (right-to-left).

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

### Content Model

In this order: **metadata** [required], **manifest** [required], **spine** [required], **guide** [optional/deprecated], **bindings** [optional], **collection** [0 or more]

## › 3.4.2 The **metadata** Element

The **metadata** element encapsulates meta information for the given [Rendition](#).

### Element Name

**metadata**

### Usage

Required first child of **package** .

### Attributes

The **metadata** element has no attributes defined in this specification.

### Content Model

In any order: **dc:identifier** [1 or more], **dc:title** [1 or more], **dc:language** [1 or more], **DCMES Optional Elements** [0 or more], **meta** [1 or more], **OPF2 meta** [0 or more], **link** [0 or more]

The minimal required metadata that each Rendition of an EPUB Publication **MUST** include consists of three elements from the Dublin Core Metadata Element Set [\[DCMES\]](#) — **title** , **identifier** and **language** — together with the **modified** property from DCMI Metadata Terms [\[DCTERMS\]](#). Refer to the [example](#) at the end of this section for an instance of a complete minimal metadata set.

Additional optional metadata is expressed using the [DCMES optional elements](#) and the **meta** element.

## › Examples

*The following example represents the minimal set of metadata that all Renditions have to contain.*

```
<package ... unique-identifier="pub-id">
...
  <metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
```

```

    <dc:identifier id="pub-id">urn:uuid:A1B0D67E-2E81-4DF5-9E67-
A64CBE366809</dc:identifier>
    <dc:title>Norwegian Wood</dc:title>
    <dc:language>en</dc:language>
    <meta property="dcterms:modified">2011-01-01T12:00:00Z</meta>
  </metadata>
  ...
</package>

```

### 3.4.3 The DCMES **identifier** Element

The [DCMES] **identifier** element contains a single identifier associated with the given Rendition of the EPUB Publication, such as a UUID, DOI, ISBN or ISSN.

#### Element Name

**dc:identifier**

#### Namespace

<http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

#### Usage

Required child of **metadata** . Repeatable.

#### Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID [XML] of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

The **id** attribute is required on the **identifier** element containing the unique identifier. See below.

#### Content Model

Text

Every Rendition's **metadata** section **MUST** include at least one **identifier** element containing an unambiguous identifier for the EPUB Publication. Multiple **identifier** elements are permitted, but only one can be marked as the Unique Identifier via the **package** element **unique-identifier** attribute.

*The following example shows the unique **identifier** element for an EPUB Publication.*

```

<package ... unique-identifier="pub-id">
  <metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
    <dc:identifier id="pub-id">urn:uuid:A1B0D67E-2E81-4DF5-9E67-
A64CBE366809</dc:identifier>
    ...
  </metadata>
</package>

```

This specification makes a distinction between the Unique Identifier for an EPUB Publication and the identifier that uniquely identifies a specific version of it (i.e., to be able to differentiate different versions of the same EPUB Publication). Whenever a Rendition is modified, it **MUST** include a new [last modified date](#).

To identify a specific version of a packaged EPUB Publication, a Release Identifier can be constructed by combining the Unique Identifier with the last modified date of the Rendition. For more information on the semantics and requirements of the Release Identifier, refer to [Release Identifier](#).

Identifiers **MAY** differ from Rendition to Rendition.

This specification imposes no additional restrictions or requirements on identifiers except that they **MUST** be at least one character in length. It is strongly **RECOMMENDED** that all identifiers be fully qualified URIs, however.

Reading Systems **MUST** trim all leading and trailing whitespace from the element value, as defined by the XML specification [\[XML\]](#), before processing the value.

To determine whether an **identifier** conforms to an established system or has been granted by an issuing authority, Reading Systems **SHOULD** parse the value of the property. For additional precision (e.g., if the scheme cannot be determined from the value or could lead to an ambiguous result), Authors **MAY** [attach](#) an **identifier-type** property to assist in Reading System identification. When included, the **identifier-type** property **SHOULD** take precedence over value parsing the **identifier**.

*The following example shows how an **identifier** can be additionally marked as a DOI using the **identifier-type** property.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  <dc:identifier id="pub-
id">urn:doi:10.1016/j.iheduc.2008.03.001</dc:identifier>
  <meta refines="#pub-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="onix:codelist5">06</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

This specification does not require or endorse the use of any specific scheme for identifiers, and imposes no restrictions or requirements on **identifier-type** identifiers beyond those specified in the property definition.

When an EPUB Publication is derived from another publication, the identifier for that source publication **MAY** be included in the EPUB Publication metadata, and **MUST** be represented using the [DCMES source element](#).

### › 3.4.4 The DCMES **title** Element

The [\[DCMES\]](#) **title** element represents an instance of a name given to the EPUB Publication.

#### Element Name

**dc:title**

#### Namespace

<http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

## Usage

Required child of [metadata](#) . Repeatable.

## Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**xml:lang** [optional]

Specifies the language used in the contents and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants, as defined in section [2.12 Language Identification](#) of [\[XML\]](#).

**dir** [optional]

Specifies the base text direction of the content and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants.

Inherent directionality specified using [\[Unicode\]](#) takes precedence over this attribute.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right) and **rtl** (right-to-left).

## Content Model

Text

Every **metadata** section **MUST** include at least one **title** element containing the title for the EPUB Publication. Multiple **title** elements are permitted, but the **title-type** property **SHOULD** be [attached](#) to indicate the type of title (e.g., the main title of a work or a subtitle).

*The following example shows how to indicate different title types.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:title id="t1">A Dictionary of Modern English Usage</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t1" property="title-type">main</meta>

  <dc:title id="t2">First Edition</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t2" property="title-type">edition</meta>

  <dc:title id="t3">Fowler's</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t3" property="title-type">short</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

When adding the **title-type** property, Authors **SHOULD** designate only one **title** element as containing the main title for the Publication. If no means of determining title types is provided, or understood, Reading Systems **MUST** treat the first **title** element in document order as the main title. This specification does not define how additional **title** elements **SHOULD** be processed in such situations.

The optional **display-seq** property **MAY** also be attached to each **title** to indicate their primacy for display and other rendering purposes.

*The following example shows how to indicate display sequence.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:title id="t1">The Red and the Black</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t1" property="title-type">main</meta>
  <meta refines="#t1" property="display-seq">1</meta>

  <dc:title id="t2">A Chronicle of the Nineteenth Century</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t2" property="title-type">subtitle</meta>
  <meta refines="#t2" property="display-seq">2</meta>

  <dc:title id="t3">A Chronicle of 1830</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t3" property="title-type">subtitle</meta>
  <meta refines="#t3" property="display-seq">3</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

Titles **MAY** differ from Rendition to Rendition.

This specification imposes no additional restrictions or requirements on titles except that they **MUST** be at least one character in length.

Reading Systems **MUST** trim all leading and trailing whitespace from the element value, as defined by the XML specification [XML], before processing the value.

## › Examples

*The following example shows how the title "THE LORD OF THE RINGS, Part One: The Fellowship of the Ring" could be classified.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  <dc:title id="t1">The Fellowship of the Ring</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t1" property="title-type">main</meta>

  <dc:title id="t2">The Lord of the Rings</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t2" property="title-type">collection</meta>

  <dc:title id="t3">THE LORD OF THE RINGS, Part One: The Fellowship of
the Ring</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t3" property="title-type">expanded</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

*The following example shows how the complex title "The Great Cookbooks of the World: Mon premier guide de cuisson, un Mémoire. The New French Cuisine Masters, Volume Two. Special Anniversary Edition" could be classified.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  <dc:title id="t1" xml:lang="fr">Mon premier guide de cuisson, un
Mémoire</dc:title>
  <meta refines="#t1" property="title-type">main</meta>
```

```

<meta refines="#t1" property="display-seq">2</meta>

<dc:title id="t2">The Great Cookbooks of the World</dc:title>
<meta refines="#t2" property="title-type">collection</meta>
<meta refines="#t2" property="display-seq">1</meta>

<dc:title id="t3">The New French Cuisine Masters</dc:title>
<meta refines="#t3" property="title-type">collection</meta>
<meta refines="#t3" property="display-seq">3</meta>

<dc:title id="t4">Special Anniversary Edition</dc:title>
<meta refines="#t4" property="title-type">edition</meta>
<meta refines="#t4" property="display-seq">4</meta>

<dc:title id="t5">The Great Cookbooks of the World:
    Mon premier guide de cuisson, un Mémoire.
    The New French Cuisine Masters, Volume Two.
    Special Anniversary Edition</dc:title>
<meta refines="#t5" property="title-type">expanded</meta>
...
</metadata>

```

### 3.4.5 The DCMES **language** Element

The **[DCMES]** **language** element specifies the language of the content of the given Rendition.

#### Element Name

**dc:language**

#### Namespace

**http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/**

#### Usage

Required child of metadata .

#### Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID **[XML]** of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

#### Content Model

Text

Each Rendition's **metadata** section **MUST** include at least one **language** element with a value conforming to **[RFC5646]**.

*The following example shows an EPUB Publication is in U.S. English.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:language>en-US</dc:language>
  ...
</metadata>
```

Additional **language** elements **MAY** be included for multilingual Publications, but each element's value **MUST** conform to [\[RFC5646\]](#).

Languages **MAY** differ from [Rendition](#) to Rendition.

Reading Systems **MUST** trim all leading and trailing whitespace from the element value, as defined by the XML specification [\[XML\]](#), before processing the value.

### 3.4.6 The DCMES Optional Elements

All elements from the [\[DCMES\]](#) element set — except for **identifier**, **language** and **title**, as defined above — are designated as optional. These elements all conform to the following generalized definition:

#### Element Name

**contributor** | **coverage** | **creator** | **date** | **description** | **format** | **publisher** | **relation** | **rights** | **source** | **subject** | **type**

#### Namespace

<http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

#### Usage

Optional child of [metadata](#). Repeatable.

#### Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**xml:lang**\* [optional]

Specifies the language used in the contents and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants, as defined in section [2.12 Language Identification](#) of [\[XML\]](#).

**dir**\* [optional]

Specifies the base text direction of the content and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants.

Inherent directionality specified using [\[Unicode\]](#) takes precedence over this attribute.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right) and **rtl** (right-to-left).

## Content Model

## Text

\* The **xml:lang** and **dir** attributes are permitted only on the following elements: **contributor**, **coverage**, **creator**, **description**, **publisher**, **relation**, **rights** and **subject**.

Optional metadata **MAY** differ from Rendition to Rendition.

The value of all optional **[DCMES]** elements **MUST** be at least one character in length.

Reading Systems **MUST** trim all leading and trailing whitespace from the element value, as defined by the XML specification **[XML]**, before processing the value.

Except as detailed below, this specification does not modify the **[DCMES]** definitions for these elements.

### › The DCMES **contributor** Element

The **contributor** element is used to represent the name of a person, organization, etc. that played a secondary role in the creation of the content of an EPUB Publication.

The use of the **contributor** element is identical to the use of the **creator** element in all other respects, as detailed in the next section.

### › The DCMES **creator** Element

The **creator** element represents the name of a person, organization, etc. responsible for the creation of the content of an EPUB Publication. The **role** property can be **attached** to the element to indicate the function the creator played in the creation of the content.

*The following example shows how to represent a **creator** as an author using a MARC relators term.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:creator id="creator">Haruki Murakami</dc:creator>
  <meta refines="#creator" property="role" scheme="marc:relators"
id="role">aut</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

The **creator** element **SHOULD** contain the name of the creator as a Reading System will present it to a User. The **file-as** property **MAY** be attached to include a normalized form of the name, and the **alternate-script** property can be used to represent a creator's name in another language or script.

*The following example shows the different ways a creator's name can be included to facilitate processing and rendering.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:creator id="creator">Haruki Murakami</dc:creator>
  <meta refines="#creator" property="role" scheme="marc:relators"
id="role">aut</meta>
```



```

    <meta refines="#creator" property="alternate-script" xml:lang="ja">村上 春樹</meta>
    <meta refines="#creator" property="file-as">Murakami, Haruki</meta>
    ...
</metadata>

```

If an EPUB Publication has more than one creator, each **SHOULD** be included in a separate **creator** element. The order in which to render the **creator** names **SHOULD** be specified using the **display-seq** property.

*The following example shows how to indicate the display order for **creator** elements.*

```

<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:creator id="creator01">Lewis Carroll</dc:creator>
  <meta refines="#creator01" property="role"
scheme="marc:relators">aut</meta>
  <meta refines="#creator01" property="display-seq">1</meta>

  <dc:creator id="creator02">John Tenniel</dc:creator>
  <meta refines="#creator02" property="role"
scheme="marc:relators">ill</meta>
  <meta refines="#creator02" property="display-seq">2</meta>
  ...
</metadata>

```

If no means of establishing the primacy of creators for rendering is identifiable, Reading Systems **MUST** use the document order of **creator** elements in the **metadata** section (i.e., where the first **creator** element encountered is the primary creator). If a Reading System exposes creator metadata for the User, it **SHOULD** include all the creators listed in the **metadata** section whenever possible (e.g., when not constrained by display considerations).

Secondary contributors **SHOULD** be represented using DCMES **contributor** elements.

### › The DCMES **date** Element

The **date** element **MUST** only be used to define the publication date of the EPUB Publication. The publication date is not the same as the last modified date (the last time the Rendition was changed), which **MUST** be included using the [DCTERMS] **modified** property.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the date string conform to [ISO8601], particularly the subset expressed in W3C Date and Time Formats [DateTime], as such strings are both human and machine readable.

*The following example shows a publication date.*

```

<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:date>2000-01-01T00:00:00Z</dc:date>
  ...
</metadata>

```

Additional dates **SHOULD** be expressed using the specialized date properties available in the [\[DCTERMS\]](#) vocabulary, or similar.

The publication date **MAY** be common to all instances of an EPUB Publication or **MAY** change from instance to instance (e.g., if the EPUB Publication gets generated on demand).

Only one **date** element is allowed.

### › The DCMES **source** Element

The **source** element identifies the related resource(s) from which this [EPUB Publication](#) is derived.

When a [Rendition](#) includes page identifiers, using the [pagebreak](#) property from the EPUB Structural Semantics Vocabulary [\[StructureVocab\]](#), a **source-of** refinement property **SHOULD** be attached to the **source** element that identifies the source of the pagination.

*The following example shows the ISBN identifier for an EPUB Publication together with the source ISBN identifier for the print work it was derived from.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:identifier id="isbn-id">urn:isbn:9780101010101</dc:identifier>
  <meta refines="#isbn-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="onix:codelist5">15</meta>

  <dc:source id="src-id">urn:isbn:9780375704024</dc:source>
  <meta refines="#src-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="onix:codelist5">15</meta>
  <meta refines="#src-id" property="source-of">pagination</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

### › The DCMES **type** Element

The **type** element is used to indicate that the given EPUB Publication is of a specialized type (e.g., annotations packaged in EPUB format or a dictionary).

The IDPF maintains an informative registry of specialized EPUB Publication types for use with this element at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/types>.

### › 3.4.7 The **meta** Element

The **meta** element provides a generic means of including package metadata, allowing the expression of primary metadata about the package or content and refinement of that metadata.

#### Element Name

**meta**

#### Usage

As child of the [metadata](#) element. Repeatable.

## Attributes

**property** [required]

A [property](#).

Refer to [Vocabulary Association Mechanisms](#) for more information.

**refines** [context dependent]

Identifies the expression or resource augmented by this element. The value of the attribute **MUST** be a relative IRI [\[RFC3987\]](#) referencing the resource or element it describes.

The **refines** attribute is optional depending on the type of metadata being expressed. When omitted, the **meta** element defines a [primary expression](#).

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**scheme** [optional]

A [property](#) data type value indicating the source the value of the element is drawn from.

**xml:lang** [optional]

Specifies the language used in the contents and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants, as defined in section [2.12 Language Identification](#) of [\[XML\]](#).

**dir** [optional]

Specifies the base text direction of the content and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants.

Inherent directionality specified using [\[Unicode\]](#) takes precedence over this attribute.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right) and **rtl** (right-to-left).

## Content Model

Text

Each **meta** element defines a metadata expression, where the **property** attribute defines the statement being made in the expression and the text content of the element represents the assertion.

This specification defines two types of metadata expressions that can be defined using the **meta** element:

- A *primary expression* is one in which the expression defined in the **meta** element establishes some aspect of the [EPUB Publication](#). A **meta** element that omits a **refines** attribute defines a primary expression.
- A *subexpression* is one in which the expression defined in the **meta** element enhances the meaning of the expression or resource referenced in its **refines** attribute. A subexpression **MAY**

refine a media clip, for example, by expressing its duration, or refine a creator or contributor expression by defining the person's role.

Subexpressions are not limited to refining only primary expressions and resources; they **MAY** be used to refine the meaning of other subexpressions, thereby creating chains of information.

**NOTE**

All of the [DCMES] elements represent primary expressions, and permit refinement by **meta** element subexpressions.

This specification reserves a set of vocabularies for use in the **property** attribute, but terms from any vocabulary **MAY** be used so long as a prefix is declared for the vocabulary.

The **scheme** attribute can be used to identify the system or scheme that a **meta** element's value is drawn from. The value of the **scheme** attribute is a property data type that resolves to the resource that defines the scheme.

*The following example shows how a subexpression can be attached to an **creator** to indicate it represents an author. The **scheme** indicates the value is drawn from the MARC relators terms.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
  <dc:creator id="creator">Haruki Murakami</dc:creator>
  <meta refines="#creator" property="role" scheme="marc:relators"
id="role">aut</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

If a Reading System does not recognize the **scheme** attribute value, it **SHOULD** treat the value of the element as a string.

Reading Systems **SHOULD** ignore all **meta** elements whose **property** attributes define expressions they do not recognize. A Reading System **MUST NOT** fail when encountering unknown expressions.

In order to ensure that a Release Identifier can be constructed, the **metadata** element **MUST** contain exactly one **meta** element defining a [DCTERMS] **modified** property for the given Rendition. Additional **modified** properties **MAY** be included, but they **MUST** have a different subject (i.e., they **MUST** include a **refines** attribute that references an element or resource).

Every **meta** element **MUST** express a value that is at least one character in length after whitespace normalization.

Unless an individual property explicitly defines a different whitespace normalization algorithm, Reading Systems **MUST** trim all leading and trailing whitespace from the **meta** element values, as defined by the XML specification [XML], before further processing them.

## › Examples

*The following example represents a more complete set of metadata that a Rendition will typically contain.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  ...
```

```

<dc:identifier id="pub-id">urn:uuid:A1B0D67E-2E81-4DF5-9E67-
A64CBE366809</dc:identifier>
<meta refines="#pub-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="xsd:string">uuid</meta>

<dc:identifier id="isbn-id">urn:isbn:9780101010101</dc:identifier>
<meta refines="#isbn-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="onix:codelist5">15</meta>

<dc:source id="src-id">urn:isbn:9780375704024</dc:source>
<meta refines="#src-id" property="identifier-type"
scheme="onix:codelist5">15</meta>

<dc:title id="title">Norwegian Wood</dc:title>
<meta refines="#title" property="title-type">main</meta>

<dc:language>en</dc:language>

<dc:creator id="creator">Haruki Murakami</dc:creator>
<meta refines="#creator" property="role" scheme="marc:relators"
id="role">aut</meta>
<meta refines="#creator" property="alternate-script" xml:lang="ja">村上 春樹</meta>
<meta refines="#creator" property="file-as">Murakami, Haruki</meta>

<meta property="dcterms:modified">2011-01-01T12:00:00Z</meta>

</metadata>

```

*The following example shows an identifier that has been issued by a metadata authority.*

```

<package version="3.0"
  unique-identifier="pub-id"
  xmlns="http://www.idpf.org/2007/opf">
  <metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
    <dc:identifier id="pub-id">urn:uuid:1234-5678</dc:identifier>
    <dc:identifier id="isbn-
id">urn:isbn:9780101010101</dc:identifier>

    <meta refines="#isbn-id" property="meta-auth" id="meta-
authority-01">Metadata Authority Inc.</meta>
    <link refines="#meta-authority-01" rel="xml-signature"
href="..../META-INF/Signatures.xml#MAI-Signature"/>
    ...
  </metadata>
</package>

<!-- in Signatures.xml -->
<signatures>
  <Signature Id="MAI-Signature"
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
    ...
  </Signature>
</signatures>

```

### › 3.4.8 The **meta** Element (OPF2) [OBSOLETE]

The **meta** element defined in [OPF2] has been obsoleted and replaced by the new **meta** element, but **MAY** be included as an optional repeatable child of the **metadata** element for forwards compatibility purposes.

EPUB 3 Reading Systems **MUST** ignore this element.

### › 3.4.9 The **link** Element

The **link** element is used to associate resources with the given Rendition of the EPUB Publication, such as metadata records.

#### Element Name

**link**

#### Usage

As a child of **metadata** . Repeatable.

#### Attributes

**href** [required]

An absolute or relative IRI reference [RFC3987] to a resource.

**rel** [required]

A space-separated list of property values.

**id** [optional]

The ID [XML] of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**refines** [optional]

Identifies the expression or resource augmented by this element. The value of the attribute **MUST** be a relative IRI [RFC3987] referencing the resource or element it describes.

When the **refines** attribute is omitted, the expression applies to the EPUB Publication as a whole.

**media-type** [optional]

A media type [RFC2046] that specifies the type and format of the resource referenced by this **link**.

#### Content Model

Empty

The **metadata** element **MAY** contain zero or more **link** elements.

The **href** attribute of the **link** element identifies the location of the resource — inclusion of which is optional in the container file — and the **rel** attribute defines the nature of the resource (i.e., its relation to the given Rendition of the EPUB Publication or property specified in the **refines** attribute). Reading Systems are **NOT REQUIRED** to dereference these resources. Refer to [Metadata link Properties](#) for the list of resource types that are recognized by this specification.

Resources identified by the **link** element **href** attribute **MUST NOT** be listed in the [manifest](#).

When the **link** element references a metadata record, precedence **MUST** be given to metadata defined inline in the Package Document **metadata** element in the case of conflicts.

The optional **refines** attribute can be attached when the referenced resource applies to another metadata item (e.g., to tie an XML Signature [\[XML DSIG Core\]](#) to a metadata authority). The resource applies to the Rendition when the attribute is not present.

If a Reading System does not recognize the relationship of the resource as defined in the **rel** attribute, it **SHOULD** ignore the **link** element.

## › Examples

*The following example shows the **link** element used to associate three metadata resources with the Rendition: an ONIX record, an XMP record, and a link to an informational web page. Note that as **foaf** is not a [predefined prefix](#), the [metadata extensibility mechanism](#) is employed to associate the vocabulary.*

```
<package ... prefix="foaf: http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/">
  <metadata>
    ...
    <link rel="onix-record"
href="http://example.org/onix/12389347"/>
    <link rel="xmp-record" href="http://example.org/xmp/12389347"/>
    <link rel="foaf:homepage" href="http://example.org/book-
info/12389347" />
    ...
  </metadata>
  ...
</package>
```

## › 3.4.10 The **manifest** Element

The **manifest** element provides an exhaustive list of the [Publication Resources](#) that constitute the given [Rendition](#), each represented by an **item** element.

### Element name

**manifest**

### Usage

Required second child of **package** , following **metadata** .

### Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

### Content Model

One or more **item** elements [required]

#### NOTE

This specification supports internationalized resource naming, so elements and attributes that reference Publication Resources accept IRIs as their value. For compatibility with older Reading Systems that only accept URIs, resource names should be restricted to the ASCII character set.

## › 3.4.11 The **item** Element

The **item** element represents a [Publication Resource](#).

### Element Name

**item**

### Usage

As a child of **manifest** . Repeatable.

### Attributes

**id** [required]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**href** [required]

An IRI [\[RFC3987\]](#) specifying the location of the Publication Resource described by this **item**.

**media-type** [required]

A media type [\[RFC2046\]](#) that specifies the type and format of the Publication Resource described by this **item**.

**fallback** [conditionally required]

An IDREF [\[XML\]](#) that identifies the fallback for a non-Core Media Type.

Refer to [Manifest Fallbacks](#) for more information.

**properties** [optional]

A space-separated list of [property](#) values.

Refer to [Manifest item Properties](#) for a set of properties defined by this specification.



**media-overlay** [optional]

An IDREF [XML] that identifies the [Media Overlay Document](#) for the resource described by this **item**.

Refer to [Packaging \[MediaOverlays301\]](#) for more information.

### Content Model

Empty

Each **item** element in the **manifest** identifies a [Publication Resource](#) by the IRI provided in its **href** attribute. The IRI **MAY** be absolute or relative. In the case of relative IRIs, Reading Systems **MUST** use the IRI of the Package Document as the base when resolving these to absolute IRIs. The resulting absolute IRI **MUST** be unique within the **manifest** scope.

All Publication Resources **MUST** be referenced from the **manifest**, regardless of whether they are included in the [EPUB Container](#) or made available remotely. Refer to [Publication Resource Locations](#) for media type-specific requirements regarding resource locations.

The Publication Resource identified by an **item** element **MUST** conform to the applicable specification(s) as inferred from the MIME media type provided in the **media-type** attribute. [Core Media Type Resources](#) **MUST** use the media type designated in [EPUB Core Media Types](#).

All [Foreign Resources](#) **MUST** provide a fallback as defined in [Restrictions and Fallbacks](#).

All Publication Resources **MUST** declare any applicable descriptive metadata properties as defined in [Manifest item Properties](#) via the **item** element **properties** attribute. Exactly one **item** **MUST** be declared as the [EPUB Navigation Document](#) using the **nav** property.

Reading Systems **MUST** ignore all descriptive metadata properties that they do not recognize.

The **manifest** is not self-referencing: it **MUST NOT** include an **item** element that refers to the Package Document itself.

#### NOTE

The order of **item** elements in the **manifest** is not significant. The presentation sequence of content documents is provided in the **spine**.

## › Examples

The following example shows a **manifest** that only contains [Core Media Type Resources](#).

```
<manifest>
  <item id="nav"
        href="nav.xhtml"
        properties="nav"
        media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
  <item id="intro"
        href="intro.xhtml"
        media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
```

```

<item id="c1"
      href="chap1.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="c1-answerkey"
      href="chap1-answerkey.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="c2"
      href="chap2.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="c2-answerkey"
      href="chap2-answerkey.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="c3"
      href="chap3.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="c3-answerkey"
      href="chap3-answerkey.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="notes"
      href="notes.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
<item id="cover"
      href="./images/cover.svg"
      properties="cover-image"
      media-type="image/svg+xml"/>
<item id="f1"
      href="./images/fig1.jpg"
      media-type="image/jpeg"/>
<item id="f2"
      href="./images/fig2.jpg"
      media-type="image/jpeg"/>
<item id="css"
      href="./style/book.css"
      media-type="text/css"/>
<item id="pls"
      href="./speech/dict.pls"
      media-type="application/pls+xml"/>
</manifest>

```

The following example shows a **manifest** that references two Foreign Resources, and therefore uses the fallback chain mechanism to supply content alternatives. The fallback chain terminates with a Core Media Type.

```

<manifest>
  <item id="item1"
        href="chap1_docbook.xml"
        media-type="application/docbook+xml"
        fallback="fall1"/>
  <item id="fall1"
        href="chap1.xml"
        media-type="application/z3986-auth+xml"
        fallback="fall2" />
  <item id="fall2"
        href="chap1.xhtml"
        media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
  ...
</manifest>

```

## NOTE

Refer also to the [Manifest item properties examples](#) for use of the **properties** attribute.

### 3.4.12 The **spine** Element

The **spine** element defines the default reading order of the given [Rendition](#) of the [EPUB Publication](#) content by defining an ordered list of [manifest item references](#).

#### Element name

**spine**

#### Usage

Required third child of **package** , following **manifest** .

#### Attributes

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**toc** [optional]

An IDREF [\[XML\]](#) that identifies the manifest **item** that represents the superseded NCX.

Refer to [NCX Superseded](#) for more information.

**page-progression-direction** [optional]

The global direction in which the content flows.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right), **rtl** (right-to-left) and **default**.

When the **default** value is specified, the Author is expressing no preference and the Reading System **MAY** chose the rendering direction. This value **MUST** be assumed when the attribute is not specified.

#### Content Model

One or more **itemref** elements [required]

The **spine** represents an ordered subset of the Publication Resources listed in the **manifest**, providing the default reading order for the given Rendition.

Reading Systems **MUST** provide a means of rendering the Rendition in the order defined in the **spine**, which includes: 1) recognizing the first primary **itemref** as the beginning of the default reading order; and, 2) rendering successive primary items in the order given in the **spine**.

All [EPUB Content Documents](#) that are linked to from EPUB Content Documents in the **spine** **MUST** themselves be listed in the **spine**. Linked documents include documents referenced from the **href**

attribute of **a** and **area** elements and scripted links (e.g., using DOM Events and/or form elements). All EPUB Content Documents linked to from the EPUB Navigation Document **MUST** be listed in the **spine**, as well, regardless of whether the Navigation Document has been included in the **spine**. The requirement to list linked documents applies recursively (i.e., all Content Documents linked to from linked Content Documents also have to be listed, and so on.).

Although the **page-progression-direction** attribute sets the global flow direction, individual Content Documents and parts of Content Documents **MAY** override this setting (e.g., via the **writing-mode** CSS property). Reading Systems **MAY** also provide mechanisms to override the default direction (e.g., buttons or settings that allow the application of alternate style sheets).

Reading Systems **MUST** ignore the page progression direction defined in **pre-paginated** XHTML Content Documents. The **page-progression-direction** attribute defines the flow direction from one fixed-layout page to the next.

### › NCX Superseded

The NCX feature defined in [OPF2] is superseded by the [EPUB Navigation Document \[ContentDocs301\]](#). EPUB 3 Publications **MAY** include an NCX (as defined in OPF 2.0.1) for EPUB 2 Reading System forwards compatibility purposes, but EPUB 3 Reading Systems **MUST** ignore the NCX.

#### NOTE

As the EPUB 2 NCX and the EPUB 3 Navigation Document use different mechanisms for identification in the Package Document (the spine **toc** attribute and the **nav** property on the manifest **item** element, respectively) they can co-exist without conflict in an EPUB 3 Publication.

### › 3.4.13 The **itemref** Element

The child **itemref** elements of the **spine** represent a sequential list of Publication Resources ([typically EPUB Content Documents](#)). The order of the **itemref** elements defines the default reading order of the given [Rendition](#) of the [EPUB Publication](#).

#### Element Name

**itemref**

#### Usage

As a child of **spine**. Repeatable.

#### Attributes

**idref** [required]

An IDREF [XML] that identifies a manifest [item](#).

**linear** [optional]

Specifies whether the referenced content is primary.

The value of the attribute **MUST** be **yes** or **no**. The default value is **yes**.

**id** [optional]

The ID [XML] of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**properties** [optional]

A space-separated list of [property](#) values.

Refer to [Spine itemref Properties](#) for a set of properties defined by this specification.

## Content Model

Empty

Each **itemref** element **MUST** reference a unique **item** in the [manifest](#) via its **idref** attribute.

Each referenced manifest **item** **MUST** be either a) an [EPUB Content Document](#) or b) another type of Publication Resource which, *regardless of whether it is a [Core Media Type Resource](#) or a [Foreign Resource](#)*, **MUST** include an EPUB Content Document in its [fallback chain](#).

### NOTE

Although the [EPUB Navigation Document](#) is [required in EPUB Publications](#), it is optional to include it in the **spine**.

The **itemref** element **linear** attribute indicates whether referenced item is considered primary (**yes**) or auxiliary (**no**) in the **spine**. Each Rendition **MUST** include at least one primary **itemref**.

The **linear** attribute **MAY** be used to enable Reading Systems to distinguish presentation of body content from supplementary content which might be, for example, presented in a popup window or omitted from an aural rendering. Reading Systems **SHOULD** provide Users the ability to control whether non-linear content is rendered in the default reading order.

Any applicable descriptive metadata properties, such as those defined in the [Spine itemref Properties](#), **SHOULD** be declared via the **properties** attribute.

Reading Systems **MUST** ignore all metadata properties expressed in the **properties** attribute that they do not recognize.

## › Examples

The following example shows a **spine** element corresponding to [the manifest example above](#).

```
<spine page-progression-direction="ltr">
  <itemref idref="intro"/>
  <itemref idref="c1"/>
  <itemref idref="c1-answerkey" linear="no"/>
  <itemref idref="c2"/>
  <itemref idref="c2-answerkey" linear="no"/>
  <itemref idref="c3"/>
  <itemref idref="c3-answerkey" linear="no"/>
</spine>
```

```
<itemref idref="notes" linear="no"/>
</spine>
```

### › 3.4.14 The **guide** Element [DEPRECATED]

The **guide** element [OPF2] is deprecated in favor of the **landmarks** feature in the EPUB Navigation Document. Refer to [The landmarks nav Element \[ContentDocs301\]](#) for more information.

Authors **MAY** include the **guide** element in the Package Document for EPUB 2 Reading System forwards compatibility purposes. EPUB 3 Reading Systems **MUST** ignore the **guide** element when provided in EPUB 3 Publications whose [EPUB Navigation Document](#) includes the **landmarks** feature.

### › 3.4.15 The **bindings** Element

The **bindings** element defines a set of custom handlers for media types not supported by this specification.

#### Element Name

**bindings**

#### Usage

Optional fourth or fifth child of **package** , following **spine** or **guide** .

#### Attributes

None.

#### Content Model

One or more **mediaType** elements [required]

The **package** element **MAY** contain at most one **bindings** element.

The **bindings** element provides a means for Authors to include more sophisticated fallbacks than would otherwise be possible with the [HTML5] **object** element's intrinsic fallback mechanisms. When present, Reading Systems that support scripting **MUST** utilize the **bindings** element to handle **object** elements that reference unsupported media types.

Each of the **bindings** element's child **mediaType** elements defines a unique handler for one of the foreign media types referenced in the [Rendition's XHTML Content Documents](#).

When an unsupported media type is encountered during processing of a document, the Reading System **MUST** look up the handler in the **bindings** element by checking the **media-type** attribute of each **mediaType** element for a match (and before attempting any other type of [fallback processing](#)). If a match is found, the XHTML Content Document referenced in the element's **handler** attribute **MUST** be instantiated instead of the referenced resource. If no match is found, the Reading System **SHOULD** continue with normal fallback processing (i.e., check for an intrinsic fallback for the **object**).

The Reading System **MUST** instantiate the designated handler as if it had been referenced from the **object** element's **data** attribute with the following parameters:

#### **src**

the value of which **MUST** be an IRI [RFC3987] to the resource (i.e., the value of the **object** element's **data** attribute).

#### **type**

the value of which **MUST** be the resource media type (i.e., the value of the **object** element's **type** attribute).

Any additional **param** children of the **object** element **MUST** be similarly added as parameters using the **param** element's **name** attribute as the new parameter name and its **value** attribute as the new value.

For example, the following **object** element containing a foreign media type:

```
<object data="horse.ogg" type="audio/ogg">
  <param name="autoplay" value="false"/>
</object>
```

would result in the following query string being sent to the handler XHTML Content Document after processing:

```
src=horse.ogg&type=audio/ogg&autoplay=false
```

All IRI reserved characters, plus the characters **<**, **>**, **"**, **space**, **{**, **}**, **|**, **\**, **^** and **`**, in the generated query string **MUST** be encoded and decoded as per [RFC3987].

**object** elements that reference media types handled by the **bindings** element are only processed in spine-referenced XHTML Content Documents (i.e., they are ignored in [container-constrained scripting contexts](#)).

### › Example

The following partial example illustrates how bindings can be used to provide a slideshow.

Consider a Rendition of an EPUB Publication with the following Package Document:

```
<package ...>
  ...
  <manifest>
    <item id="pict1"
      href="images/Pict1.jpg"
      media-type="image/jpeg"/>
    ...
    <item id="content"
      href="content.xhtml"
      media-type="application/xhtml+xml"/>
    <item id="impl"
```

```

        href="impl.xhtml"
        media-type="application/xhtml+xml"
        properties="scripted"/>
    <item id="slideshow"
        href="slideshow.xml"
        media-type="application/x-demo-slideshow"/>
</manifest>

<bindings>
    <mediaType handler="impl"
        media-type="application/x-demo-slideshow"/>
</bindings>
...
</package>

```

and the following content in the file **content.xhtml**:

```

<html ...>
    ...
    <body>
        ...
        <object data="slideshow.xml"
            type="application/x-demo-slideshow">
            
            
            
            
        </object>
        ...
    </body>
</html>

```

and the following content in the file **slideshow.xml**:

```

<slides>
    <slide src="images/Pict1.jpg" dur="3"/>
    <slide src="images/Pict2.jpg" dur="3"/>
    <slide src="images/Pict3.jpg" dur="3"/>
    <slide src="images/Pict4.jpg" dur="3"/>
</slides>

```

Depending on the capabilities of the User's Reading System, they will see one of the following renderings of the slideshow:

- If the Reading System supports the native slideshow format, it will render a rotating set of images as specified in **slideshow.xml**.
- If the Reading System cannot support the slideshow media type but supports scripting, it can check the **bindings** element in the Package Document for a scripted fallback. There it will find a reference to the **item** element containing the handler document (**impl.xhtml**). The Reading System can now load this document to render a JavaScripted equivalent of the slideshow (source not shown).



- If the Reading System does not support the slideshow media type and also does not support scripting, it will use the fallback images specified in the **object** element to show a static set of all the images.

### › 3.4.16 The **mediaType** Element

The **mediaType** element associates a Foreign Resource media type with a handler XHTML Content Document.

#### Element Name

**mediaType**

#### Usage

As a child of **bindings** . Repeatable.

#### Attributes

**media-type** [required]

A media type [RFC2046] that specifies the type and format of the resource to be handled.

**handler** [required]

An IDREF [XML] that identifies the manifest XHTML Content Document to be invoked to handle content of the type specified in this element

#### Content Model

Empty

Each child **mediaType** of a **bindings** element **MUST** define a unique content type in its **media-type** attribute, and the media type specified **MUST NOT** be a Core Media Type.

The required **handler** attribute **MUST** reference the ID [XML] of an **item** in the **manifest** of the default implementation for this media type. The referenced **item** **MUST** be an XHTML Content Document.

All XHTML Content Documents designated as handlers **MUST** have the **scripted** property set in their **manifest item** element's **properties** attribute.

### › 3.4.17 The **collection** Element

The **collection** element defines a related group of resources.

#### Element Name

**collection**

#### Usage

Optional sixth element of **package**. Repeatable.

### Attributes

**xml:lang** [optional]

Specifies the language used in the contents and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants, as defined in section [2.12 Language Identification](#) of [\[XML\]](#).

**dir** [optional]

Specifies the base text direction of the content and attribute values of the carrying element and its descendants.

Inherent directionality specified using [\[Unicode\]](#) takes precedence over this attribute.

Allowed values are **ltr** (left-to-right) and **rtl** (right-to-left).

**id** [optional]

The ID [\[XML\]](#) of this element, which **MUST** be unique within the document scope.

**role** [required]

Specifies the nature of the **collection**, as defined below.

### Content Model

In this order: **metadata** [optional], ( **collection** [1 or more] OR ( **collection** [0 or more], **link** [1 or more] ))

The **collection** element allows resources to be assembled into logical groups for a variety of potential uses: enabling content that has been split across multiple [EPUB Content Documents](#) to be reassembled back into a meaningful unit (e.g., an index split across multiple documents), identifying resources for specialized purposes (e.g., preview content), or collecting together resources that present additional information about the given [Rendition](#).

The **collection** element, as defined in this section, represents a generic framework from which specific implementations are intended to be derived (e.g., through IDPF sub-specifications). Such implementations **MUST** define the purpose of the **collection** element within a Rendition, as well as all requirements for its valid production and use (specifically any requirements that differ from the general framework presented below).

Each implementation **MUST** define a role value that uniquely identifies all conformant **collection** elements. The role of each **collection** element in the Package Document **MUST** be identified in its **role** attribute, whose value **MUST** be one or more NMTOKENs [\[XSD-DATATYPES\]](#) and/or full IRIs [\[RFC3987\]](#). The use of NMTOKEN values is reserved for IDPF-defined roles, a registry of which is maintained at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/roles>. NMTOKEN values not defined in the registry are not valid. No roles are defined in this section.

Third parties **MAY** define custom roles for the **collection** element, but such roles **MUST** be identified using full IRIs. Custom roles **MUST NOT** incorporate the string **idpf.org** in the host component of their identifying IRI.

To facilitate interoperability of custom roles across Reading Systems, implementers are strongly encouraged to document their use of the **collection** element at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/extensions/roles> .

The optional **metadata** element child of **collection** is an adaptation of the package **metadata** element, with the following differences in syntax and semantics:

- No metadata is required by default.
- Package-level restrictions on the use of metadata elements **MAY** be overridden.
- All primary metadata expressions apply to the **collection**.
- The **refines** attribute **MUST NOT** reference elements outside the containing **collection**.
- The **OPF2 meta element** **MUST NOT** be included.

A **collection** **MAY** define sub-collections through the inclusion of one or more child **collection** elements.

The **link** element child of **collection** is an adaptation of the metadata **link** element, with the following differences in syntax and semantics:

- The **href** attribute **MAY** reference any resource, including those listed in the **manifest** .
- The IRI value of the **href** attribute **MAY** have a fragment component to indicate that only a portion or subset of a resource is included in the collection.
- The **rel** attribute is **OPTIONAL**.
- The **refines** attribute **MUST NOT** be attached.

Each **link** **MUST** reference a resource that is a member of the group. The order of **link** elements is not significant.

Specific implementations of the **collection** element **MAY** tailor the requirements defined above to better reflect their needs (e.g., requiring metadata, imposing further restrictions on the use of elements and attributes, or making the order of **link** elements significant). However, the resulting content model **MUST** represent a valid subset of the one defined in this section (e.g., specific implementations cannot introduce new elements or attributes, or re-introduce those expressly forbidden above). Specific implementations **MUST NOT** define collections in a way that overrides the requirements of the **manifest** and **spine** .

In the context of this specification, support for collections in Reading Systems is **OPTIONAL**. Reading Systems **MUST** ignore **collection** elements that define unrecognized roles.

The rendering of a Rendition **MUST NOT** be dependent on the recognition of **collection** elements. The content **MUST** remain consumable by a User without any information loss or other significant deterioration.

## › Examples

*The following example shows the assembly of two XHTML Content Documents that represent a single unit.*

```

<package ...>
  ...
  <collection role="http://example.org/roles/unit">
    <metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
      <dc:title>Foo Bar</dc:title>
    </metadata>
    <link href="EPUB/xhtml/foo-1.xhtml"/>
    <link href="EPUB/xhtml/foo-2.xhtml"/>
  </collection>
  ...
</package>

```

## › 4 Package Metadata

### › 4.1 Publication Identifiers

#### › 4.1.1 Unique Identifier

The Author is responsible for including a primary identifier in the Package Document metadata that is unique to one and only one EPUB Publication. This Unique Identifier, whether chosen or assigned, **MUST** be stored in a **dc:identifier** element and be referenced as the Unique Identifier in the **package** element **unique-identifier** attribute.

Although not static, changes to the Unique Identifier for an EPUB Publication **SHOULD** be made as infrequently as possible. New identifiers **SHOULD NOT** be issued when updating metadata, fixing errata or making other minor changes to the EPUB Publication.

#### › 4.1.2 Release Identifier

The Unique Identifier of an EPUB Publication typically **SHOULD NOT** change with each minor revision to the package or its contents, as Unique Identifiers are intended to have maximal persistence both for referencing and distribution purposes. Each release of an EPUB Publication normally requires that the new version be uniquely identifiable, however, which results in the contradictory need for reliable Unique Identifiers that are changeable.

To redress this problem of identifying minor modifications and releases without changing the Unique Identifier, this specification defines the semantics for a *Release Identifier*, or means of distinguishing and sequentially ordering EPUB Publications with the same Unique Identifier. The Release Identifier is not an actual property in the package **metadata** section, but is a value that can be obtained from two required pieces of metadata: the Unique Identifier and the last modification date of the Rendition.

When the taken together, the combined value represents a unique identity that can be used to distinguish any particular version of an EPUB Publication from another. To ensure that a Release Identifier can be constructed, each Rendition **MUST** include exactly one **[DCTERMS] modified** property containing its last modification date (see **meta**). The value of this property **MUST** be an XML Schema **[XSD-DATATYPES]** **dateTime** conformant date of the form:

CCYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ

The last modification date **MUST** be expressed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and **MUST** be terminated by the **z** time zone indicator.

Although not a part of the package metadata, for referencing and other purposes all string representations of the identifier **MUST** be constructed using the at sign (**@**) as the separator (i.e., of the form "id@date"). Whitespace **MUST NOT** be included when concatenating the strings.

*The following example shows how a Unique Identifier and modification date are combined to form the Release Identifier.*

```
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  <dc:identifier id="pub-id">urn:uuid:A1B0D67E-2E81-4DF5-9E67-
A64CBE366809</dc:identifier>
  <meta property="dcterms:modified">2011-01-01T12:00:00Z</meta>
  ...
</metadata>
```

results in the Package ID:

```
urn:uuid:A1B0D67E-2E81-4DF5-9E67-A64CBE366809@2011-01-01T12:00:00Z
```

Note that it is possible that the separator character **MAY** occur in the Unique Identifier, as these identifiers **MAY** be any string value. The Release Identifier consequently **MUST** be split on the last instance of the at sign when decomposing it into its component parts.

The Release Identifier does not supersede the Unique Identifier, but represents the means by which different versions of the same EPUB Publication can be distinguished and identified in distribution channels and by Reading Systems. The sequential, chronological order inherent in the required format of the timestamp also places EPUB Publications in order without requiring knowledge of the exact identifier that came before.

The Release Identifier consequently allows a set of EPUB Publications to be inspected to determine if they represent the same version of the same Publication, different versions of a single EPUB Publication, or any combination of differing and similar EPUB Publications.

#### NOTE

When an EPUB Container includes more than one Rendition of an EPUB Publication, updating the last modified date of the Default Rendition for each release — even if it has not been updated — will help ensure that the EPUB Publication does not appear to be the same version as an earlier release, as Reading Systems are only required to process the Default Rendition.

## › 4.2 Vocabulary Association Mechanisms

### › 4.2.1 Overview

## This section is informative

The **property**, **properties**, **rel** and **scheme** attributes use the [property data type](#) to represent terms from metadata vocabularies. Similar to a CURIE [RDFa11], the property data type represents an IRI [RFC3987] in compact form and simplifies the authoring of metadata from standardized vocabularies.

A property value is an expression that consists of a prefix and a reference, where the prefix — whether literal or implied — is a shorthand mapping of an IRI that typically resolves to a term vocabulary. When the prefix is converted to its IRI representation and combined with the reference, the resulting IRI normally resolves to a fragment within that vocabulary that contains human- and/or machine-readable information about the term.

To assist Reading Systems in processing property values, the means of establishing the IRI a prefix maps to is required, and this specification defines three such mechanisms:

- a [default vocabulary](#) — defines the mapping when a property value does not include a prefix;
- a set of [reserved prefixes](#) — these mappings are predefined (i.e., all Reading Systems recognize them) and can be used without having to be declared; and
- the **prefix** attribute — a declarative means of creating new prefix mappings on the root **package** element.

### › 4.2.2 Default Vocabulary

The default vocabulary is a vocabulary that does not require a prefix to be declared in order to use its terms, and whose terms **MUST** always be unprefixed.

As the Package Document has multiple unrelated uses for metadata terms, a single default vocabulary is not defined. Instead, different default vocabularies are defined for use in attributes that accept a [property data type](#) as follows:

- The [Package Metadata Vocabulary](#) is defined to be the default vocabulary for the **meta property**, **meta scheme**, **item properties** and **itemref properties** attributes.

If a property value in any of these attributes does not include a prefix, the IRI [RFC3987] stem <http://idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/#> **MUST** be used to generate the resulting IRI.

- The [Link Relationships Vocabulary](#) is defined to be the default vocabulary for the **link rel** attribute.

If a property value in this attribute does not include a prefix, the IRI [RFC3987] stem <http://idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/link/#> **MUST** be used to generate the resulting IRI.

The IRIs associated with the Package Metadata Vocabulary and Link Relationships Vocabulary **MUST NOT** be assigned a prefix using the **prefix** attribute.

### › 4.2.3 Reserved Prefixes

This specification reserves a set of prefixes that Authors **MAY** use in package metadata. These prefixes are defined in the normative document [EPUB Package Document Reserved Prefixes](#).

The prefixes defined in this document are maintained and updated separately of this specification and are subject to change at any time.

Reading Systems **MUST** resolve all reserved prefixes used in Package Documents using their pre-defined URIs. Reserved prefixes **SHOULD NOT** be overridden in the [prefix attribute](#), but Reading Systems **MUST** use such local overrides when encountered.

As changes to the reserved prefixes and updates to Reading Systems are not always going happen in synchrony, Reading Systems **MUST NOT** fail when encountering unrecognized prefixes (i.e., not reserved and not declared using the **prefix** attribute).

#### › 4.2.4 The **prefix** Attribute

The **prefix** attribute defines additional prefix mappings not [reserved](#) by the specification.

The value of the **prefix** attribute is a whitespace-separated list of one or more prefix-to-IRI mappings of the form:

(EBNF productions [ISO/IEC 14977](#))

All terminal symbols are in the Unicode Block 'Basic Latin' (U+0000 to U+007F).

<a href="#">prefixes</a>	=	<a href="#">mapping</a> , { <a href="#">whitespace</a> , { <a href="#">whitespace</a> } , <a href="#">mapping</a> } ;
<a href="#">mapping</a>	=	<a href="#">prefix</a> , ":", <a href="#">space</a> , { <a href="#">space</a> } , ? xsd:anyURI ? ;
<a href="#">prefix</a>	=	? xsd:NCName ? ;
<a href="#">space</a>	=	#x20 ;
<a href="#">whitespace</a>	=	(#x20   #x9   #xD   #xA) ;

*The following example shows prefixes for the Friend of a Friend (**foaf**) and DBPedia (**dbp**) vocabularies being declared using the **prefix** attribute.*

```
<package ...
    prefix="foaf: http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/
           dbp: http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">
    ...
</package>
```

To avoid conflicts, the **prefix** attribute **MUST NOT** be used to define a prefix that maps to the [default vocabulary](#). If the **prefix** attribute includes a declaration for a [pre-defined prefix](#), Reading Systems **MUST** use the URI mapping defined in the **prefix** attribute, regardless of whether of it maps to the same URI as the pre-defined prefix.

The prefix '\_' is reserved for future compatibility with RDFa [\[RDFa11\]](#) processing, so **MUST NOT** be defined.

#### › 4.2.5 The property Data Type

##### › 4.2.5.1 Syntax

The property data type is a compact means of expressing an IRI [RFC3987] and consists of an optional prefix separated from a reference by a colon.

(EBNF productions [ISO/IEC 14977](#))

All terminal symbols are in the Unicode Block 'Basic Latin' (U+0000 to U+007F).

<u>property</u>	=	[ <u>prefix</u> , ":" ] , <u>reference</u> ;	
<u>prefix</u>	=	? xsd:NCName ? ;	
<u>reference</u>	=	? irrelative-ref ? ;	/* as defined in <a href="#">RFC3987</a> */

The property data type is derived from the CURIE data type defined in [RDFa11], and represents a subset of CURIEs.

*The following example shows a property value composed of the prefix **dcterms** and the reference **modified**.*

```
<meta property="dcterms:modified">2011-01-01T12:00:00Z</meta>
```

After [processing](#), this property would expand to the following IRI:

```
http://purl.org/dc/terms/modified
```

as the **dcterms:** prefix is a [reserved prefix](#) that maps to the IRI <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>.

When a prefix is omitted from the property value, the expressed reference represents a term from the [default vocabulary](#).

*The following example shows a property value taken from the default vocabulary.*

```
<meta ... property="role">aut</meta>
```

This property would expand to:

```
http://idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/#role
```

when the IRI for the default vocabulary is concatenated with the reference.

An empty string does not represent a valid property value, even though it is valid to the definition above.

#### › 4.2.5.2 Processing

A Reading System **MUST** use the following rules to create an IRI [RFC3987] from a property:

- If the property consists only of a reference, the IRI is obtained by concatenating the IRI stem associated with the [default vocabulary](#) to the reference.



- If the property consists of a prefix and reference, the IRI is obtained by concatenating the IRI stem associated with the prefix to the reference. If no matching prefix has been defined, the property is invalid and **MUST** be ignored.

The resulting IRI **MUST** be valid to [\[RFC3987\]](#). Reading Systems are **NOT REQUIRED** to resolve this IRI, however.

## › 4.3 Package Metadata Vocabulary

### › 4.3.1 Overview

#### **This section is informative**

The following sections both define a set of properties for use in package metadata and constitute a referenceable vocabulary. This vocabulary is the [default vocabulary](#) reserved by this specification for the use of unprefixed terms in package metadata.

The properties defined in this vocabulary are referenceable using the base IRI <http://idpf.org/epub/vocab/package/#>.

#### NOTE

Property usage examples in the following sections have been drawn from the [metadata](#) and [meta](#) examples whenever possible. Refer to those examples for fuller context.

### › 4.3.2 Metadata [meta](#) Properties

The [meta](#) element properties enhance [Rendition](#) metadata by providing additional level(s) of detail.

These properties **MUST** reference the expression or resource they augment in the [refines](#) attribute on their parent [meta](#) element.

The following tables detail the available properties.

#### › 4.3.2.1 Publication

<a href="#">alternate-script</a>	
Description:	The <a href="#">alternate-script</a> property provides an alternate expression of the associated property value in a language and script identified by the <a href="#">xml:lang</a> attribute.
Allowed value(s):	This property is typically attached to <a href="#">creator</a> and <a href="#">title</a> properties for internationalization purposes.
Cardinality:	<a href="#">xsd:string</a>
	In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one

**Extends:**

All properties.

**Example:**

```
<meta refines="#creator" property="alternate-script" xml:lang="ja">村上 春樹</meta>
```

**belongs-to-collection****Description:**

The **belongs-to-collection** property identifies the name of a collection to which the EPUB Publication belongs. An EPUB Publication **MAY** belong to one or more collections.

It is also possible chain these properties using the **refines** attribute to indicate that one collection is itself a member of another collection.

To allow Reading System to organize collections and avoid naming collisions (e.g., unrelated collections might share a similar name, or different editions of a collection could be released), an identifier **SHOULD** be provided that uniquely identifies the instance of the collection. The **dcterms:identifier** property must carry this identifier.

The collection **MAY** more precisely define its nature by attaching a **collection-type** property.

The position of the EPUB Publication within the collection **MAY** be provided by attaching a **group-position** property.

**Allowed value(s):****xsd:string****Cardinality:**

In the metadata section: zero or more

Attached to other metadata: zero or more

**Extends:**

Applies to the EPUB Publication, and can refine other instances of itself.

**Example:**

```
<meta property="belongs-to-collection" id="c01">The New French Cuisine Masters</meta>
<meta refines="#c01" property="collection-type">series</meta>
<meta refines="#c01"
property="dcterms:identifier">urn:uuid:11111111-2222-3333-4444-555555555555</meta>

<meta property="belongs-to-collection" id="c02">Harry Potter</meta>
<meta refines="#c02" property="collection-type">set</meta>
<meta refines="#c02" property="group-position">2</meta>
<meta refines="#c02"
property="dcterms:identifier">urn:uuid:99999999-8888-7777-6666-555555555555</meta>
```

**collection-type****Description:**

The **collection-type** property indicates the form or nature of a collection.

When the **collection-type** value is drawn from a code list or other formal enumeration, the **scheme** attribute **SHOULD** be attached to identify its source.

When a scheme is not specified, Reading Systems **SHOULD** recognize the following collection type values:

**series**

	<p>A sequence of related works that are formally identified as a group; typically open-ended with works issued individually over time.</p> <p><b>set</b></p> <p>A finite collection of works that together constitute a single intellectual unit; typically issued together and able to be sold as a unit.</p>
Allowed value(s):	<p><b>xsd:string</b></p>
Cardinality:	<p>In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p>
Extends:	<p><b><u>belongs-to-collection</u></b></p>
Example:	<pre>&lt;meta property="belongs-to-collection" id="c02"&gt;Harry Potter&lt;/meta&gt; &lt;meta refines="#c02" property="collection-type"&gt;set&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

display-seq	
Description:	<p>The <b>display-seq</b> property indicates the numeric position in which to display the current property relative to identical metadata properties (e.g., to indicate the order in which to render multiple <b>titles</b>).</p> <p>When the <b>display-seq</b> property is attached to some, but not all, of the members in a set, only the elements identified as having a sequence <b>SHOULD</b> be included in any rendering.</p>
Allowed value(s):	<b>xsd:unsignedInt</b>
Cardinality:	<p>In the metadata section: zero or more</p> <p>Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p>
Extends:	All properties.
Example:	<pre>&lt;meta refines="#t2" property="display-seq"&gt;1&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

file-as	
Description:	The <b>file-as</b> property provides the normalized form of the associated property for sorting.
Allowed value(s):	<b>xsd:string</b>
Cardinality:	In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one
Extends:	All properties.
Example:	<code>&lt;meta refines="#creator" property="file-as"&gt;Murakami, Haruki&lt;/meta&gt;</code>

<b>group-position</b>	
<p>Description:</p>	<p>The <b>group-position</b> property indicates the numeric position in which the EPUB Publication is ordered relative to other works belonging to the same group (whether all EPUB Publications or not).</p>

<p>Allowed value(s):</p> <p>Cardinality:</p> <p>Extends:</p> <p>Example:</p>	<p>The <b>group-position</b> property can be attached to any metadata property that establishes the group, but is typically associated with the <b>belongs-to-collection</b> property.</p> <p>An EPUB Publication can belong to more than one group.</p> <p>A single <b>xsd:unsignedInt</b> or series of decimal-separated numbers (e.g., <b>1</b> or <b>2.2.1</b>).</p> <p>In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p> <p>All properties.</p> <pre>&lt;meta refines="#c02" property="group-position"&gt;2&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>
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<b>identifier-type</b>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Allowed value(s):</p> <p>Cardinality:</p> <p>Extends:</p> <p>Example:</p>	<p>The <b>identifier-type</b> property indicates the form or nature of an <b>identifier</b>.</p> <p>When the <b>identifier-type</b> value is drawn from a code list or other formal enumeration, the <b>scheme</b> attribute <b>SHOULD</b> be attached to identify its source.</p> <p><b>xsd:string</b></p> <p>In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p> <p><b>identifier, source</b></p> <pre>&lt;meta refines="#src-id" property="identifier-type" scheme="onix:codelist5"&gt;15&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

<b>meta-auth</b>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Allowed value(s):</p> <p>Cardinality:</p> <p>Extends:</p> <p>Example:</p>	<p>The <b>meta-auth</b> property identifies the party or authority responsible for an instance of package metadata.</p> <p><b>xsd:string</b></p> <p>In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p> <p>All properties.</p> <pre>&lt;meta refines="isbn-id" property="meta-auth" id="meta-authority-01"&gt;http://isbn-international.org&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

<b>role</b>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Allowed value(s):</p> <p>Cardinality:</p>	<p>The <b>role</b> property describes the nature of work performed by a <b>creator</b> or <b>contributor</b> (e.g., that the person is the author or editor of a work).</p> <p>When the <b>role</b> value is drawn from a code list or other formal enumeration, the <b>scheme</b> attribute <b>SHOULD</b> be attached to identify its source.</p> <p><b>xsd:string</b></p> <p>In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one</p>

Extends:	<b>contributor, creator</b>
Example:	<code>&lt;meta refines="#creator" property="role" scheme="marc:relators"&gt;aut&lt;/meta&gt;</code>

**source-of**

Description:	The <b>source-of</b> property indicates a unique aspect of an adapted source resource that has been retained in the given <a href="#">Rendition</a> of the EPUB Publication.  This specification defines the <b>pagination</b> value to indicate that the referenced <a href="#">source element</a> is the source of the <a href="#">pagebreak</a> properties defined in the content. This value <b>SHOULD</b> be set whenever pagination is included and the print source is known.
Allowed value(s):	<b>pagination</b>
Cardinality:	In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one
Extends:	<b>source</b>
Example:	<code>&lt;meta refines="#isbn" property="source-of"&gt;pagination&lt;/meta&gt;</code>

**title-type**

Description:	The <b>title-type</b> property indicates the form or nature of a <b>title</b> .  When the <b>title-type</b> value is drawn from a code list or other formal enumeration, the <a href="#">scheme</a> attribute <b>SHOULD</b> be attached to identify its source. When a scheme is not specified, Reading Systems <b>SHOULD</b> recognize the following title type values: <b>main</b> , <b>subtitle</b> , <b>short</b> , <b>collection</b> , <b>edition</b> and <b>expanded</b> .
Allowed value(s):	<b>xsd:string</b>
Cardinality:	In the metadata section: zero or more Attached to other metadata: zero or one
Extends:	<b>title</b>
Example:	<code>&lt;meta refines="#title" property="title-type"&gt;main&lt;/meta&gt;</code>

## › 4.3.2.2 Rendering

**rendition:flow**

Description:	Specifies the Author preference for how Reading Systems should handle content overflow.
Allowed value(s):	<b>paginated</b>   <b>scrolled-continuous</b>   <b>scrolled-doc</b>   <b>auto</b>  The default value is <b>auto</b>
Cardinality:	Zero or one
Extends:	

<p>Example:</p>	<p>Sets the global value for the given Rendition. <b>MUST NOT</b> be set on a <b>meta</b> tag with a <b>refines</b> attribute.</p> <pre>&lt;meta property="rendition:flow"&gt;scrolled-doc&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>
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rendition:layout	
Description:	Specifies whether the given Rendition is reflowable or pre-paginated.
Allowed value(s):	<p>reflowable   pre-paginated</p> <p>The default value is reflowable</p>
Cardinality:	Zero or one
Extends:	
Example:	<p>Sets the global value for the given Rendition. <b>MUST NOT</b> be set on a <b>meta</b> tag with a <b>refines</b> attribute.</p> <pre>&lt;meta property="rendition:layout"&gt;pre-paginated&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

rendition:orientation	
Description:	Specifies which orientation the Author intends the given Rendition to be rendered in.
Allowed value(s):	<p>landscape   portrait   auto</p> <p>The default value is auto</p>
Cardinality:	Zero or one
Extends:	
Example:	<p>Sets the global value for the given Rendition. <b>MUST NOT</b> be set on a <b>meta</b> tag with a <b>refines</b> attribute.</p> <pre>&lt;meta property="rendition:orientation"&gt;landscape&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

rendition:spread	
Description:	Specifies the intended Reading System synthetic spread behavior for the given Rendition.
Allowed value(s):	<p>none   landscape   portrait   both   auto</p> <p>The default value is auto</p>
Cardinality:	Zero or one
Extends:	
Example:	<p>Sets the global value for the given Rendition. <b>MUST NOT</b> be set on a <b>meta</b> tag with a <b>refines</b> attribute.</p> <pre>&lt;meta property="rendition:spread"&gt;both&lt;/meta&gt;</pre>

rendition:viewport	
Description:	Specifies the CSS initial containing block [CSS2.1] dimensions for <a href="#">pre-paginated</a> XHTML and SVG Content Documents.
Required value:	width=x, height=y

Cardinality:	Zero or one without a <b>refines</b> attribute ( <a href="#">global setting</a> ) Zero or more with a <b>refines</b> attribute ( <a href="#">spine overrides</a> )
Extends:	Applies globally for the given Rendition when no <b>refines</b> attribute set, otherwise applies to the <b>itemref</b> element referenced from the <b>refines</b> attribute.
Example:	<code>&lt;meta property="rendition:viewport"&gt;width=1200, height=800&lt;/meta&gt;</code>

### › 4.3.3 Metadata **link** Properties

Properties for use in the **metadata link** element **rel** attribute are defined in the normative [Link Relationships Vocabulary](#).

### › 4.3.4 Manifest **item** Properties

The following tables define properties for use in the **manifest item** element **properties** attribute.

The **Applies to** field indicates which Publication Resource type(s) the given property **MAY** be specified on, the **Cardinality** field indicates the number of times the property **MUST** appear within the Package Document scope, and the **Usage** field indicates usage conditions.

<b>cover-image</b>	
Description:	The <b>cover-image</b> property identifies the described Publication Resource as the cover image for the Publication.
Applies to:	All <a href="#">raster and vector image types</a>
Cardinality:	Zero or one
Usage:	Optional.

<b>mathml</b>	
Description:	The <b>mathml</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource contains one or more instances of MathML markup.
Applies to:	<a href="#">EPUB Content Documents</a>
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	<b>MUST</b> be set if and only if the criterion specified in <b>Description</b> above is met.

<b>nav</b>	
Description:	The <b>nav</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource constitutes the <a href="#">EPUB Navigation Document</a> of the given <a href="#">Rendition</a> .
Applies to:	The <a href="#">EPUB Navigation Document</a>
Cardinality:	Exactly one
Usage:	Required.

remote-resources	
Description:	The <b>remote-resources</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource contains one or more internal references to other Publication Resources that are located outside of the <u>EPUB Container</u> .
Applies to:	Refer to <u>Publication Resource Locations</u> for more information.
Cardinality:	All Publication Resources with the capability of internal referencing (e.g., XHTML Content Documents, SVG Content Documents, EPUB Style Sheets and Media Overlay Documents).
Usage:	Zero or more
	<b>MUST</b> be set if and only if the criterion specified in <b>Description</b> above is met.

scripted	
Description:	The <b>scripted</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource is a Scripted Content Document (i.e., contains scripted content and/or elements from HTML5 forms).
Applies to:	EPUB Content Documents
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	<b>MUST</b> be set if and only if the criterion specified in <b>Description</b> above is met.

svg	
Description:	The <b>svg</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource embeds one or more instances of SVG markup.
Applies to:	This property <b>MUST</b> be set when SVG markup is included directly in the resource and <b>MAY</b> be set when the SVG is referenced from the resource (e.g., from an [HTML5] <b>img</b> , <b>object</b> or <b>iframe</b> element).
Cardinality:	XHTML Content Documents; the value is implied for SVG Content Documents.
Usage:	Zero or more
	<b>MUST</b> be set if and only if the criterion specified in <b>Description</b> above is met.

switch	
Description:	The <b>switch</b> property indicates that the described Publication Resource contains one or more instances of the <u>epub:switch</u> element.
Applies to:	XHTML Content Documents.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	<b>MUST</b> be set if and only if the criterion specified in <b>Description</b> above is met.

The **mathml**, **remote-resources**, **scripted** and **switch** properties **MUST** be specified whenever the resource referenced by an **item** matches their respective definitions. These properties do not apply



recursively to content included into a resource (e.g., via the HTML5 **iframe** element). For example, if a non-scripted XHTML Content Document embeds a scripted Content Document, only the embedded document's manifest **item properties** attribute will have the **scripted** value.

## › Examples

The following example shows a **manifest item** element that represents the EPUB Navigation Document.

```
<item properties="nav" id="c1" href="c1.xhtml" media-
type="application/xhtml+xml" />
```

The following example shows a **manifest item** element that represents the cover image.

```
<item properties="cover-image" id="ci" href="cover.svg" media-
type="image/svg+xml" />
```

The following example shows a **manifest item** element representing a Scripted Content Document that also contains embedded MathML.

```
<item properties="scripted mathml" id="c2" href="c2.xhtml" media-
type="application/xhtml+xml" />
```

## › 4.3.5 Spine **itemref** Properties

The following tables define properties for use in the **itemref** element **properties** attribute.

The **Cardinality** field indicates the number of times the property **MUST** appear within the Package Document scope, and the **Usage** field indicates usage conditions.

### **rendition:align-x-center**

<b>Description:</b>	Specifies that the given spine item should be centered horizontally in the viewport or spread.
<b>Cardinality:</b>	Zero or more
<b>Usage:</b>	Optional.

### **rendition:flow-auto**

<b>Description:</b>	Indicates no preference for overflow content handling by the Author.
<b>Cardinality:</b>	Zero or more
<b>Usage:</b>	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:flow-paginated</b> , <b>rendition:flow-scrolled-continuous</b> or <b>rendition:flow-scrolled-doc</b> properties.

### **rendition:flow-paginated**

<b>Description:</b>	Indicates the Author preference is to dynamically paginate content overflow.
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Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:flow-auto</b> , <b>rendition:flow-scrolled-continuous</b> or <b>rendition:flow-scrolled</b> properties.

**rendition:flow-scrolled-continuous**

Description:	Indicates the Author preference is to provide a scrolled view for overflow content, and that consecutive spine items with this property are to be rendered as a continuous scroll.
	The scroll direction is defined relative to the block flow direction <a href="#">[CSS3WritingModes]</a> of the root element of the XHTML Content Document referenced by the <b>itemref</b> element. The scroll direction is vertical if the block flow direction is downward (top-to-bottom). It is horizontal if the block flow direction of the root element is rightward (left-to-right) or leftward (right-to-left).
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:flow-auto</b> , <b>rendition:flow-scrolled-doc</b> or <b>rendition:flow-paginated</b> properties.

**rendition:flow-scrolled-doc**

Description:	Indicates the Author preference is to provide a scrolled view for overflow content, and each spine item with this property is to be rendered as separate scrollable document.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:flow-auto</b> , <b>rendition:flow-scrolled-continuous</b> or <b>rendition:flow-paginated</b> properties.

**rendition:layout-pre-paginated**

Description:	Specifies that the given spine item is pre-paginated.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:layout-reflowable</b> property.

**rendition:layout-reflowable**

Description:	Specifies that the given spine item is reflowable.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:layout-pre-paginated</b> property.

**rendition:orientation-auto**

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Description:	Specifies that the Reading System can determine the orientation to rendered the spine item in.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:orientation-landscape</b> or <b>rendition:orientation-portrait</b> property.

**rendition:orientation-landscape**

Description:	Specifies that the given spine item is to be rendered in landscape orientation.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:orientation-portrait</b> or <b>rendition:orientation-auto</b> property.

**rendition:orientation-portrait**

Description:	Specifies that the given spine item is to be rendered in portrait orientation.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>rendition:orientation-landscape</b> or <b>rendition:orientation-auto</b> property.

**rendition:page-spread-center**

Description:	Specifies the forced placement of a Content Document in a <a href="#">Synthetic Spread</a>
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>page-spread-right</b> or <b>page-spread-left</b> properties.

**page-spread-left**

Description:	The <b>page-spread-left</b> property indicates that the first page of the associated <b>item</b> element's <a href="#">EPUB Content Document</a> represents the left-hand side of a two-page spread.
Cardinality:	Zero or more
Usage:	Optional. This property <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified on an <b>itemref</b> that also specifies the <b>page-spread-right</b> or <b>rendition:page-spread-center</b> properties.

**page-spread-right**

Description:	The <b>page-spread-right</b> property indicates that the first page of the associated <b>item</b> element's <a href="#">EPUB Content Document</a> represents the right-hand side of a two-page spread.
Cardinality:	Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **page-spread-left** or **rendition:page-spread-center** properties.

**rendition:spread-auto****Description:**

Specifies the Reading System can determine when to render a synthetic spread for the spine item.

**Cardinality:**

Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **rendition:spread-portrait**, **rendition:spread-landscape**, **rendition:spread-both** or **rendition:spread-none** property.

**rendition:spread-both****Description:**

Specifies the Reading System should render a synthetic spread for the spine item in both portrait and landscape orientations.

**Cardinality:**

Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **rendition:spread-portrait**, **rendition:spread-landscape**, **rendition:spread-auto** or **rendition:spread-none** property.

**rendition:spread-landscape****Description:**

Specifies the Reading System should render a synthetic spread for the spine item only when in landscape orientation.

**Cardinality:**

Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **rendition:spread-portrait**, **rendition:spread-both**, **rendition:spread-auto** or **rendition:spread-none** property.

**rendition:spread-none****Description:**

Specifies the Reading System should not render a synthetic spread for the spine item.

**Cardinality:**

Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **rendition:spread-portrait**, **rendition:spread-landscape**, **rendition:spread-both** or **rendition:spread-auto** property.

**rendition:spread-portrait****Description:**

Specifies the Reading System should render a synthetic spread for the spine item only when in portrait orientation.

**Cardinality:**

Zero or more

**Usage:**

Optional. This property **MUST NOT** be specified on an **itemref** that also specifies the **rendition:spread-landscape**, **rendition:spread-both**,

**rendition:spread-auto** or **rendition:spread-none** property.

## › Examples

The following example shows how a two-page spread of a map might be indicated in the **spine**.

```
<spine>
  <itemref idref="title"/>
  <itemref idref="ps-1-l" properties="page-spread-left"/>
  <itemref idref="ps-1-r" properties="page-spread-right"/>
  <itemref idref="toc"/>
  ...
</spine>
```

## › 4.4 Publication Rendering

### › 4.4.1 General Properties

#### › 4.4.1.1 Overview

#### **This section is informative**

Not all rendering information can be expressed through the underlying technologies that EPUB is built upon. Although XHTML with CSS provides powerful layout capabilities, for example, those capabilities are limited to the scope of the document being rendered.

This section defines general-purpose properties that allow Authors to express package-level rendering intentions (i.e., functionality that can only be implemented by the [EPUB Reading System](#)). If a Reading System supports the desired rendering, these properties enable the User to be presented the content as the Author optimally designed it.

#### › 4.4.1.2 The **rendition:flow** Property

##### › 4.4.1.2.1 Usage

When the **rendition:flow** property is specified on a **meta** element, it indicates the Author's global preference for overflow content handling (i.e., for all spine items). Authors **MAY** indicate a preference for dynamic pagination or scrolling. For scrolled content, it is also possible to specify whether consecutive [EPUB Content Documents](#) are to be rendered as a continuous scrolling view or whether each is to be rendered separately (i.e., with a dynamic page break between each).

If a Reading System supports the specified rendering, it **SHOULD** use that method to handle overflow content, but **MAY** provide the option for [Users](#) to override the requested rendering.

The default value **auto** **MUST** be assumed by Reading Systems as the global value if no **meta** element carrying this property occurs in the **metadata** section. Reading Systems **MAY** support only this default

value.

If a Reading Systems supports the [rendition:layout](#) property, it **MUST** ignore the [rendition:flow](#) property when it has been set on a spine item that also specifies the [rendition:layout](#) value **pre-paginated**.

#### › 4.4.1.2.2 Allowed values

The following values are defined for use with the [rendition:flow](#) property:

##### [paginated](#)

The Reading System **SHOULD** dynamically paginate all overflow content.

##### [scrolled-continuous](#)

The Reading System **SHOULD** render all Content Documents such that overflow content is scrollable, and the EPUB Publication represented by the given Rendition **SHOULD** be presented as one continuous scroll from spine item to spine item (except where [locally overridden](#)).

##### [scrolled-doc](#)

The Reading System **SHOULD** render all Content Documents such that overflow content is scrollable, and each spine item **SHOULD** be presented as a separate scrollable document.

##### [auto](#)

The Author does not have a preference for overflow handling. The Reading System **MAY** render overflow content using its default method or a User preference, whichever is applicable.

#### › Examples

*The following example demonstrates an Author's intent to have a paginated Rendition with a scrollable table of contents.*

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:flow">paginated</meta>
</metadata>

<spine>
  <itemref idref="toc" properties="rendition:flow-scrolled-doc"/>
  <itemref idref="c01"/>
</spine>
```

#### › 4.4.1.2.3 Spine Overrides

The [rendition:flow-auto](#) , [rendition:flow-paginated](#) , [rendition:flow-scrolled-continuous](#) , [rendition:flow-scrolled-doc](#) and properties **MAY** be specified locally on spine [itemref](#) elements, and will, in such cases, override the [global value](#) for the given spine item.

#### › 4.4.1.3 The [rendition:align-x-center](#) Property

When the [rendition:align-x-center](#) property is set on a spine item, it indicates that the rendered content **SHOULD** be centered horizontally within the viewport or spread, as applicable. This property does not affect the rendering of the spine item, only the placement of the resulting content box.

For reflowable content, Reading Systems that support this property **MUST** center each virtual page.

This version of this specification does not define a default rendering behavior when this property is not supported or specified. Reading Systems **MAY** render spine items by their own design.

**NOTE**

This property was developed primarily to handle "Naka-Tobira (中扉)" (sectional title pages), in the absence of reliable centering control within the content rendering. As support for paged media evolves in CSS, however, this property may become obsolete. Authors are encouraged to use CSS solutions when effective.

## › 4.4.2 Fixed-Layout Properties

### › 4.4.2.1 Overview

#### **This section is informative**

EPUB documents, unlike print books or PDF files, are designed to change. The content flows, or reflows, to fit the screen and to fit the needs of the User. As noted in [Rendering and CSS \[EPUB3Overview\]](#) “content presentation should adapt to the User rather than the User having to adapt to a particular representation of content.”

But this principle doesn't work for all types of documents. Sometimes content and design are so intertwined they cannot be separated. Any change in appearance risks changing the meaning, or losing all meaning. [Fixed-Layout Documents](#) give Authors greater control over presentation when a reflowable EPUB is not suitable for the content.

This section defines a set of metadata properties to allow declarative expression of intended rendering behaviors of Fixed-Layout Documents in the context of EPUB 3.

**NOTE**

EPUB 3 affords multiple mechanisms for representing fixed-layout content. When fixed-layout content is necessary, the Author's choice of mechanism will depend on many factors including desired degree of precision, file size, accessibility, etc. This section does not attempt to dictate the Author's choice of mechanism.

### › 4.4.2.2 The **rendition:layout** Property

#### › 4.4.2.2.1 Usage

When the **rendition:layout** property is specified on a **meta** element, it indicates that the paginated or reflowable layout style applies globally for the [EPUB Publication](#) (i.e., for all spine items).

The default value **reflowable** **MUST** be assumed by [EPUB Reading Systems](#) as the global value if no **meta** element carrying this property occurs in the [metadata](#) section.

When the **rendition:layout** property is set to **pre-paginated**, Reading Systems **MUST NOT** include space between the adjacent content slots when rendering [Synthetic Spreads](#).

When the property is set to **pre-paginated** for a spine item, its content dimensions **MUST** be set as defined in [Fixed-Layout Documents \[ContentDocs301\]](#) .

## NOTE

Refer to [rendition:viewport property](#) for how to additionally declare the dimensions within the package metadata to facilitate Reading System optimization of the rendering.

## › 4.4.2.2.2 Allowed values

The following values are defined for use with the **rendition:layout** property:

**reflowable**

The given Rendition is not pre-paginated. Reading Systems **MAY** apply dynamic pagination when rendering.

**pre-paginated**

The given Rendition is pre-paginated. Reading Systems **MUST** produce exactly one page per spine [itemref](#) when rendering.

## NOTE

Reading Systems typically restrict or deny the application of User or [User Agent](#) style sheets to pre-paginated documents, since, as a result of intrinsic properties of such documents, dynamic style changes are highly likely to have unintended consequences. Authors should take into account the negative impact on usability and accessibility that these restrictions have when choosing to use pre-paginated instead of reflowable content. Refer to [Guideline 1.4 - Provide text configuration](#) of the W3C User Agent Accessibility Guidelines for related information.

## › Examples

*The following example demonstrates fully fixed-layout content, using [\[MediaQueries\]](#) to apply different style sheets for three different device categories.*

## › Package Document

```
<meta property="rendition:layout">pre-paginated</meta>
```

## › XHTML

```
<head>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=1200, height=900"/>
```



```

<link rel="stylesheet" href="eink-style.css" media="(max-monochrome:
3)"/>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="skinnytablet-style.css" media="((color)
and
(max-height:600px) and (orientation:landscape), (color) and
(max-width:600px)
and (orientation:portrait))"/>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="fattablet-style.css" media="((color)
and
(min-height:601px) and (orientation:landscape), (color) and
(min-width:601px)
and (orientation:portrait))"/>
</head>

```

*Note that the Media Queries only affect the style sheet applied to the document. The size of the content area set in the **viewport meta** tag is static.*

#### › 4.4.2.2.3 Spine Overrides

The **rendition:layout-pre-paginated** and **rendition:layout-reflowable** properties **MAY** be specified locally on spine **itemref** elements, and will, in such cases, override the **global value** for the given spine item.

#### › 4.4.2.3 The **rendition:orientation** property

##### › 4.4.2.3.1 Usage

When the **rendition:orientation** property is specified on a **meta** element, it indicates that the intended orientation applies globally for the given Rendition (i.e., for all spine items).

The default value **auto** **MUST** be assumed by Reading Systems as the global value if no **meta** element carrying this property occurs in the **metadata** section.

##### › 4.4.2.3.2 Allowed values

The following values are defined for use with the **rendition:orientation** property:

#### landscape

The given Rendition is intended for landscape rendering.

#### portrait

The given Rendition is intended for portrait rendering.

#### auto

The given Rendition is not orientation constrained.

Reading Systems that support multiple orientations **SHOULD** convey the intended orientation to the user, unless the given value is **auto**. The means by which the intent is conveyed is implementation-specific.

### › Examples

*The following example demonstrates fully fixed-layout content intended to be rendered without synthetic spreads, and locked to landscape orientation.*

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:layout">pre-paginated</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:spread">none</meta>

  <meta property="rendition:orientation">landscape</meta>
</metadata>
```

### › 4.4.2.3.3 Spine Overrides

The **rendition:orientation-landscape** , **rendition:orientation-portrait** and **rendition:orientation-auto** properties **MAY** be specified locally on spine **itemref** elements, and will, in such cases, override the **global value** for the given spine item.

### › 4.4.2.4 The **rendition:spread** Property

#### › 4.4.2.4.1 Usage

When the **rendition:spread** property is specified on a **meta** element, it indicates that the intended **Synthetic Spread** behavior applies globally for the given Rendition (i.e., for all spine items).

The default value **auto** **MUST** be assumed by Reading Systems as the global value if no **meta** element carrying this property occurs in the **metadata** section.

#### › 4.4.2.4.2 Allowed values

The following values are defined for use with the **rendition:spread** property:

#### none

Reading Systems **MUST NOT** incorporate spine items in a Synthetic Spread.

#### landscape

Reading Systems **SHOULD** render a Synthetic Spread for spine items only when the device is in landscape orientation.

#### portrait

Reading Systems **SHOULD** render a Synthetic Spread for spine items only when the device is in portrait orientation.

both

Reading Systems **SHOULD** render a Synthetic Spread regardless of device orientation.

auto

No explicit Synthetic Spread behavior is defined. Reading Systems **MAY** use Synthetic Spreads in specific or all device orientations as part of a display area utilization optimization process.

**NOTE**

When Synthetic Spreads are used in the context of XHTML and SVG Content Documents, the dimensions given via the [viewport meta element \[ContentDocs301\]](#) and [viewBox attribute \[ContentDocs301\]](#) represents the size of one page in the spread, respectively.

**NOTE**

Refer to [spine](#) for information about declaration of global flow directionality using the **page-progression-direction** attribute and that of local page-progression-direction within content documents.

## › Examples

*The following example demonstrates fully fixed-layout content intended to be rendered using synthetic spreads in landscape orientation, and with no spreads in portrait orientation.*

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:layout">pre-paginated</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:spread">landscape</meta>
</metadata>
```

*The following example demonstrates reflowable content with a single fixed-layout title page, where the fixed-layout page is intended for right-hand spread slot if the device renders Synthetic Spreads.*

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:layout">reflowable</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:spread">auto</meta>
</metadata>

<spine>
  <itemref idref="titlepage" properties="page-spread-right
rendition:layout-pre-paginated"/>
</spine>
```

## › 4.4.2.4.3 Spine Overrides

The **rendition:spread-landscape** , **rendition:spread-portrait** , **rendition:spread-both** , **rendition:spread-auto** and **rendition:spread-none** properties **MAY** be specified locally on spine **itemref** elements, and will, in such cases, override the [global value](#) for the given spine item.

#### › 4.4.2.5 The **page-spread-\*** Properties

When a Reading System renders a [Synthetic Spread](#), the default behavior is to populate the spread by rendering the next [EPUB Content Document](#) in the next available unpopulated viewport, where the next available viewport is determined by the given [page progression direction](#) or by local declarations within Content Documents. By providing one of the **page-spread-left**, **page-spread-right** or **rendition:page-spread-center** properties on a spine **itemref** element, an Author **MAY** override this automatic population behavior by forcing that document to be placed in a particular viewport.

The **page-spread-left** property indicates that the given spine item **SHOULD** be rendered in the left-hand slot in the spread, and **page-spread-right** that it **SHOULD** be rendered in the right-hand slot. The **rendition:page-spread-center** property indicates that the synthetic spread mode **SHOULD** be overridden and a single viewport rendered and positioned at the center of the screen.

The **page-spread-left**, **page-spread-right** and **rendition:page-spread-center** properties apply to both pre-paginated and reflowable content, and they only apply when the Reading System is creating Synthetic Spreads.

The **page-spread-\*** properties take precedence over whatever value of the [\[CSS2.1\] page-break-before](#) property has been set for an [XHTML Content Document](#).

##### NOTE

The presence of **rendition:page-spread-center** does not change the viewport dimensions. In particular, it does not indicate that a viewport with the size of the whole spread should be created. This is important so that the scale factor stays consistent between regular and center-spread pages.

When a [reflowable](#) spine item follows a [pre-paginated](#) one, the reflowable one **SHOULD** start on the next page (as defined by the [page-progression-direction](#)) when it lacks a **page-spread-\*** property value. If the reflowable spine item has a **page-spread-\*** specification, it **MUST** be honored (e.g., by inserting a blank page).

Similarly, when a pre-paginated spine item follows a reflowable one, the pre-paginated one **SHOULD** start on the next page (as defined by the [page-progression-direction](#)) when it lacks a **page-spread-\*** property value. If the pre-paginated spine item has a **page-spread-\*** specification, it **MUST** be honored (e.g., by inserting a blank page).

#### › Examples

*The following example demonstrates reflowable content with a two-page fixed-layout center plate that is intended to be rendered using synthetic spreads in any device orientation.*

```
<spine page-progression-direction="ltr">
  ...
  <itemref idref="center-plate-left" properties="rendition:spread-both
page-spread-left"/>
  <itemref idref="center-plate-right" properties="rendition:spread-
both page-spread-right"/>
  ...
</spine>
```

Note that the author has left spread behavior for the other (reflowable) parts of the [Rendition](#) undefined, since the global value of `rendition:spread` is initialized to `auto` by default.

The following example demonstrates fixed-layout content, where synthetic spreads, when used, must be disabled for a center plate.

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:layout">pre-paginated</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:spread">auto</meta>
</metadata>
<spine>
  <itemref idref="center-plate" properties="rendition:page-spread-center"/>
</spine>
```

Note that the `rendition:spread` declaration `none` expression is not needed on the center plate item, as the `rendition:page-spread-center` property already specifies semantics that dictates that synthetic spreads be disabled.

#### › 4.4.2.6 The `rendition:viewport` Property

The `rendition:viewport` property allows Authors to express the CSS initial containing block (ICB) [CSS2.1] for XHTML and SVG Content Documents whose `rendition:layout` property has been set to `pre-paginated`.

The value of the property **MUST** be of the form:

```
width=x, height=y
```

where **x** and **y** **MUST** be the height and width of the ICB in CSS pixels [CSS2.1], respectively. The order in which the values are expressed is not significant.

The `rendition:viewport` property does not replace the required ICB expression mechanisms defined in [Fixed-Layout Documents](#) [ContentDocs301]; the property serves as a complement to facilitate Reading System optimization of the rendering. The dimensions expressed in the content and the dimensions expressed in the package metadata **MUST** match.

When the `rendition:viewport` property is specified on a `meta` element without a `refines` attribute, it defines the ICB globally for the [EPUB Publication](#) (i.e., for all pre-paginated XHTML and SVG Content Documents).

When the `rendition:viewport` property is specified on a `meta` element with a `refines` attribute, it indicates the content dimensions apply only to the referenced XHTML or SVG Content Document, overriding the global value (if set). The `refines` attribute **MUST** reference the spine `itemref` that references the XHTML or SVG Content Document when this property has been set; it **MUST NOT** reference manifest `item` elements directly.

Reading Systems **MUST** ignore this property when it is applied to spine items whose `rendition:layout` property has not been set to `pre-paginated`. Reading Systems **MUST** also ignore this property on spine items that are not XHTML or SVG Content Documents.

#### › Examples

The following example demonstrates how to set the dimensions for all spine items, overriding only a cover.

```
<metadata>
  <meta property="rendition:layout">pre-paginated</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:viewport">width=1200, height=900</meta>
  <meta property="rendition:viewport" refines="#cover-ref">width=600,
height=1200</meta>
</metadata>

<spine>
  <itemref id="cover-ref" idref="cover"/>
  <itemref idref="c01"/>
</spine>
```

## › 5 Publication Resources

### › 5.1 Core Media Types

The following table lists the [EPUB 3 Core Media Types](#). When a [Publication Resource](#) conforms to a Core Media Type specification, it is a [Core Media Type Resource](#) and can be included in the EPUB Publication without the provision of fallbacks (refer to [Restrictions and Fallbacks](#) for more information).

The columns in the table represent the following information:

#### Media Type

The MIME media type [\[RFC2046\]](#) used to represent the given Publication Resource in the [manifest](#).

#### Content Type Definition

The specification to which the given [Core Media Type Resource](#) **MUST** conform.

#### Applies to

The Publication Resource type(s) that the Media Type and Content Type Definition applies to.

#### EPUB Core Media Types

Media Type	Content Type Definition	Applies to
<i>Image Types</i>		
<a href="#">image/gif</a>	<a href="#">[GIF]</a>	GIF Images
<a href="#">image/jpeg</a>	<a href="#">[JPEG]</a>	JPEG Images
<a href="#">image/png</a>	<a href="#">[PNG]</a>	PNG Images
<a href="#">image/svg+xml</a>	<a href="#">SVG Content Documents</a> <a href="#">[ContentDocs301]</a>	SVG documents
<i>Application Types</i>		

Media Type	Content Type Definition	Applies to
<b>application/xhtml+xml</b>	<a href="#">XHTML Content Documents</a> [ContentDocs301]	XHTML Content Documents and the <a href="#">EPUB Navigation Document</a> .
<b>application/x-dtbncx+xml</b>	[OPF2]	The <a href="#">superseded</a> NCX
<b>application/vnd.ms-opentype</b>	[OpenType]	OpenType fonts
<b>application/font-woff</b>	[WOFF]	WOFF fonts
<b>application/smil+xml</b>	[MediaOverlays301]	EPUB Media Overlay documents
<b>application/pls+xml</b>	[PLS]	<a href="#">Text-to-Speech (TTS) Pronunciation lexicons</a>
<i>Audio Types</i>		
<b>audio/mpeg</b>	[MP3]	MP3 audio
<b>audio/mp4</b>	[AAC LC], [MP4]	AAC LC audio using MP4 container
<i>Text Types</i>		
<b>text/css</b>	<a href="#">EPUB Style Sheets</a> [ContentDocs301]	<a href="#">EPUB Style Sheets</a> .
<b>text/javascript</b>	[RFC4329]	Scripts

**NOTE**

This specification does not define any video codecs as Core Media Types. Refer to the [note in EPUB Publications — Reading System Conformance](#) above for informative recommendations on support for video codecs in EPUB Publications.

IDPF specifications **MAY** introduce new Core Media Types provided such Publication Resources are not included in the [spine](#) or referenced from EPUB Content Documents.

## › 5.2 Restrictions and Fallbacks

### › 5.2.1 Foreign Resource Restrictions

All [Publication Resources](#) of an [EPUB Publication](#) **MUST** be [Core Media Type Resources](#) or **MUST** provide a Core Media Type fallback. The cases in which [Foreign Resources](#) **MAY** be used, and the requirements and rules for Core Media Type fallback provision in such cases, are detailed below.

#### Intrinsic Fallback in EPUB Content Documents

- › Foreign Resources **MAY** be referenced from EPUB Content Document elements that have explicit intrinsic fallback mechanisms (e.g., fallback content in the [\[HTML5\] object](#) and [canvas](#) elements, and the [source](#) element for the [audio](#) and [video](#) elements). A Core Media Type resource **MUST** be provided via the given element's intrinsic fallback mechanism in such cases.



- › For both the [HTML5] [audio](#) and [video](#) elements, flow content embedded within the elements does not represent a Core Media Type fallback, but **MAY** be included for rendering in older Reading Systems that do not recognize these elements (e.g., EPUB 2 Reading Systems).
- › In this version of this specification, the [HTML5] [track](#) element is exempt from the [Core Media Type usage rule](#): Foreign Resources **MAY** be referenced from [track](#) without the provision of a Core Media Type fallback.

### Intrinsic Fallback in EPUB Style Sheets

- › Fonts embedded in Content Documents or EPUB Style Sheets using the [@font-face](#) mechanism **MAY** be Foreign Resources. Reading Systems **MUST** use the [rules for matching font styles \[CSS3Fonts\]](#) when identifying a fallback for an unsupported font type.

### Manifest Fallbacks when No Intrinsic Fallbacks

Foreign Resources **MAY** be referenced in contexts in which an intrinsic fallback cannot be provided (e.g., directly from [spine itemref](#) elements; from [HTML5] [img](#), [iframe](#) and [link](#) elements in XHTML Content Documents; and from [@import](#) rules in EPUB Style Sheets). [Manifest fallbacks](#) **MUST** be provided in such cases.

## › 5.2.2 Manifest Fallbacks

Manifest fallbacks are provided using the [fallback](#) attribute on the [manifest item](#) element that represents the Publication Resource. The [fallback](#) attribute's IDREF [XML] value **MUST** resolve to another [item](#) in the [manifest](#). This fallback [item](#) **MAY** itself specify another fallback [item](#), and so on.

The ordered list of all the ID references that can be reached starting from a given item's [fallback](#) attribute represents the *fallback chain* for that item. The order of the resources in the fallback chain represents the Authors' preferred fallback order.

A Reading System that does not support the Media Type of a given Publication Resource **MUST** traverse the fallback chain until it has identified at least one supported Publication Resource to be used in place of the unsupported resource. If the Reading System supports multiple Publication Resources in the fallback chain, it **MAY** select the resource to use based on specific [properties](#) of that resource, otherwise it **SHOULD** honor the Authors' preferred fallback order.

Fallback chains **MUST** conform to one of the following requirements, as appropriate:

- For Foreign Resources referenced directly from [spine itemref](#) elements, the chain **MUST** contain at least one [EPUB Content Document](#).
- For Foreign Resources for which an intrinsic fallback cannot be provided, the chain **MUST** contain at least one [Core Media Type](#).

Fallback chains **MUST NOT** contain any circular- or self-references to [item](#) elements in the chain.

Fallbacks **MAY** also be provided for [Top-level Content Documents](#) that are EPUB Content Documents; a Reading System **MAY** choose to utilize such fallbacks in order to find the optimal version of a Content Document to render in a given context. An example of when this feature can be utilized is when providing [fallbacks for scripted content \[ContentDocs301\]](#).

## › 5.3 Publication Resource Locations



All Publication Resources **MUST** be located in the EPUB Container, with the following exceptions:

- › Audio resources **MAY** be located in the Container or remotely.
- › Video resources **MAY** be located in the Container or remotely.
- › Descriptions referenced from the aria-describedby [ContentDocs301] attribute **MAY** be located in the Container or remotely.

Authors **SHOULD** prefer locating audio and video resources in the Container to allow the user access to the entire presentation regardless of connectivity status.

**NOTE**

The above rules for Publication Resource locations apply regardless of whether the given resource is a Core Media Type Resource or a Foreign Resource.

**NOTE**

The inclusion of remote resources in an EPUB Publication is indicated via the remote-resources property on the manifest item element.

## › 5.4 XML Conformance

Any Publication Resource that is an XML-Based Media Type **MUST** meet the following constraints:

- › It **MUST** be a conformant XML 1.0 Document as defined in Conformance of Documents [XMLNS].
- › External identifiers **MUST NOT** appear in the document type declaration [XML].
- › It **MUST NOT** make use of XInclude [XInclude].
- › It **MUST** be encoded in UTF-8 or UTF-16 [Unicode].

The above constraints apply regardless of whether the given Publication Resource is a Core Media Type Resource or a Foreign Resource.

## › Appendix A. Package Document Schema

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The schema for Package Documents is available at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/301/schema/package-30.nvdl>.

Validation using this schema requires a processor that supports [NVDL], [RelaxNG], [ISOSchematron] and [XSD-DATATYPES].

## NOTE

The NVDL schema layer can be substituted by a multi-pass validation using the embedded RELAX NG and ISO Schematron schemas alone.

## › Appendix B. The **application/oebps-package+xml** Media Type

### This appendix is informative

This appendix registers the media type **application/oebps-package+xml** for the EPUB Package Document. This registration supersedes [RFC4839].

The Package Document is an XML file that describes a Rendition of an EPUB Publication [Publications301]. It identifies the resources in the Rendition and provides metadata information. The Package Document and its related standards are maintained and defined by the International Digital Publishing Forum (IDPF).

#### MIME media type name:

**application**

#### MIME subtype name:

**oebps-package+xml**

#### Required parameters:

None.

#### Optional parameters:

None.

#### Encoding considerations:

Package Documents are UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoded XML.

#### Security considerations:

Package Documents contain well-formed XML conforming to the XML 1.0 specification.

Clearly, it is possible to author malicious files which, for example, contain malformed data. Most XML parsers protect themselves from such attacks by rigorously enforcing conformance.

All processors that read Package Documents should rigorously check the size and validity of data retrieved.

There is no current provision in the EPUB Publications 3.0 standard for encryption, signing, or authentication within the Package Document format.

#### Interoperability considerations:

None.

#### Published specification:

This media type registration is for the EPUB Package Document, as described by the EPUB Publications 3.0 specification located at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/30/spec/epub30-publications.html>.

The EPUB Publications 3.0 specification supersedes the Open Packaging Format 2.0.1 specification, which is located at [http://www.idpf.org/epub/20/spec/OPF\\_2.0.1\\_draft.htm](http://www.idpf.org/epub/20/spec/OPF_2.0.1_draft.htm) and which also uses the `application/oebps-package+xml` media type.

#### Applications which use this media type:

This media type is in wide use for the distribution of ebooks in the EPUB format. The following list of applications is not exhaustive.

- Adobe Digital Editions
- Aldiko
- Azardi
- Apple iBooks
- Barnes & Noble Nook
- Calibre
- Google Books
- Ibis Reader
- MobiPocket reader
- Sony Reader
- Stanza

#### Additional information:

##### Magic number(s):

none

##### File extension(s):

`.opf`

##### Macintosh File Type Code(s):

TEXT

##### Fragment Identifiers:

The IDPF maintains a registry of linking schemes at <http://www.idpf.org/epub/linking/>. Some of these schemes define custom fragment identifiers that resolve to `application/oebps-package+xml` documents.

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