XML Manifest Specification

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ABSTRACT
The XML Manifest specification defines a manifest along with minimal profile management that is used to contain the XML content.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Executive Summary

The OSTA XML Manifest provides a common XML document wrapper element, defines the concept of Profiles, and defines the mechanism for embedding content from multiple Profiles within the same XML document without collision.

This specification defines the minimal mechanisms and policies that are necessary in order to allow a wide range of metadata to be encapsulated in a single document. Its initial purpose is to support the interchange of MPV (MusicPhotoVideo) metadata but it can also be used to transport metadata that does not directly conform to the mechanisms and policies defined by the various specifications that make up the MPV initiative.

The MPV (MusicPhotoVideo) Initiative is defining a family of open specifications that makes easier the representation, exchange, processing and playback of collections of photo-video content, including stills, stills with audio, still sequences, video clips, and audio clips.

The development and promotion of MusicPhotoVideo is sponsored by the Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA). The specification development and promotion process is open to all members; all organizations and individuals are welcomed as members. The association includes over 50 member companies from all over the world that produce products that collectively represent a majority marketshare in mainstream recordable optical storage categories.

MPV is not only a family of specifications. It also includes a compliance test suite and processes, compliance testing materials, a logo program for compliant products, and a website. These materials and procedures are made available and administered by OSTA at a modest cost. OSTA charges no royalty for use of the specification or logo. In addition, sample open-source code implementations of key steps in processing Manifest content may be contributed by interested parties.
1.2 Terms of Use

This section of the specification is descriptive and not intended to be complete nor definitive. Please refer to the definitive statement of licensing terms at the beginning of the MusicPhotoVideo specification document for a precise and legal description.

The MusicPhotoVideo Initiative, which includes this specification, is developed using an open process. The resulting specifications are available from OSTA. No royalty is charged by OSTA for use of the specifications. The overall desire is to develop a specification that is not subject to separate licensing requirements or royalty. During the development process, the expectation is that all participants contribute their efforts and intellectual property without any expectation or requirement for compensation. However, OSTA does not warrant that the specification is not or will not be subject to such claims by other parties.

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1.3 Requirements

The keywords MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL, if and where they appear in this document, are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].
Chapter 2: Key Concepts of the XML Manifest and Related Specifications

The XML Manifest is a stand-alone specification that is being developed as part of the MusicPhotoVideo (MPV) initiative. It makes use of the Normalized Metadata Format (NMF) which is another stand-alone specification which is being developed as part of the MPV initiative. It is possible to use the XML Manifest without using any other parts of the MPV initiative (other than NMF). While this is possible, it is important to note that the initial focus of the definition process for the XML Manifest is to provide a carrier for MPV based content.

Understanding the mechanisms and policies of the XML Manifest is done in the context of the MPV initiatives various components which are briefly discussed in the following sections. Complete coverage of these components can be found in the MPV specifications which are accessible from the OSTA MPV web site [OSTA-WEB]

2.1 MPV Specification Architecture

MPV is not just one specification, it is a family of related specifications. This architecture results from several principle objectives:

- MPV should be highly extensible, allowing anyone to create proprietary or open extensions to MPV without modifying the MPV specification itself.
- Adding extensions should not damage interoperability of the basic collection information.
- Specifications that are fundamentally separable concepts should be separated. This allows each specification to be used and evolve independently of each other.
- MPV should not define alternate representations where mainstream representations exist.

These principles result in the following characteristics of the MPV and related specifications.

- The **MPV Core** is the essence of the MPV specification. However, it cannot be used by itself; it must always be incorporated into a Profile, which is the basic unit of extension in MPV.
• The **MPV Basic and Presentation Profiles** are extensions that utilize the MPV Core. **Other Profiles** are extensions organized in exactly the same way.
• The **MPV Music Profile** defines music-specific metadata, making use of the MPV Presentation Profile and Dublin Core.
• MPV makes use of the **OSTA XML Manifest**, which defines the Profile concept and defines rules for reading, writing, and updating Manifests.
• MPV makes use of the **NMF Specification** for structured representation of arbitrary metadata. NMF is a wholly separate concept.
• MPV recommends use of the NMF-encoding of **Dublin Core**, a separate and widely adopted specification for representing basic metadata about assets of all kinds.

### 2.2 Profiles, Product Categories, Schema and Practices

The MPV specifications utilize the following core concepts and content:

**Schema** define the structure of the content, providing a precise grammar and vocabulary of expression. MPV uses XML-Schema [XSCHEMA], a well-known schema definition language, to define this grammar and vocabulary in combination with prose descriptions to clarify usage and behaviour. A wide variety of commercial and open source tools support the use of XML Schema, including for schema design and schema and content validation.

In MPV, all schema are available in machine-readable form in addition to inclusion on a fragmentary basis within the specification document. The machine-readable schema in the informative definition; in the case of discrepancy, the specification document supercedes the machine-readable schema.

**Practices** define required and recommended behaviours in prose or pseudo code. Practices are a critical component to interoperability because they establish expectations and processes for how MPV content is handled.

**Profiles** are a set of Schema and Practices and additional content and are the principle unit of formal specification, of specification implementation and of specification compliance. Products can implement or not implement profiles. Each profile in MusicPhotoVideo defines only those schema and practices that are necessary for the key tasks targeted by the profile.

**Categories** are a set of Practices to be used in implementation of a specific product category, such as DVD players, digital cameras, home printers, etc. Category practices are defined in a specification and refine the use of the profile according to the specific needs of the product category. The usage defined by a category specification all falls within that required by all Profiles which are specified.

**Referenced Specifications** are other specifications used by the MPV specifications. These specifications may be from OSTA or other organizations.

### 2.3 NMF-structured Metadata

MPV makes use of a format called Normalized Metadata Format. NMF is an approach to structuring metadata that has the advantage of being mechanically interchangeable across several important metadata encodings: XML Schema-based, RDF-Schema-based, and SQL database tables. NMF can be used to structure any kind of metadata and this is the preferred mechanism for representing metadata in MPV because it provides for ready interchange across supported encodings. NMF metadata schema and content are validatable using commonly available XML-Schema-based tools.
MPV recommends that new metadata schema be designed using this format. In addition, existing schema may be encoded in this format as well. One such schema is Dublin Core [DC], a widely adopted schema for describing asset properties such as title, creator, created date, etc. MPV recommends use of DC for representing this information in MPV documents.

### 2.4 More about Profiles

Profiles are the most important unit of modular extension in the interchange standards that make use of the XML Manifest. Any number of profiles can co-exist within an XML Manifest.

The minimum requirement that the XML Manifest makes of profiles is that they provide a single namespace identifier for the profile which corresponds to the namespace of the top-level schema of the profile. This namespace must then be declared via the mechanism described in the next chapter.

Profiles can make use of other profiles in which case, these profiles are considered to be embedded in the using profile. Embedded profiles do not need to be declared, except if interoperability is desired with consumers of embedded profiles and can be meaningfully processed independent of the top-level profile. Top level profiles MUST be declared.

The XML manifest metadata schema provides a property for specifying the profiles that are being transported in the Manifest. This list of profiles MUST be produced and SHOULD be processed by every Manifest-aware application. Applications processing a manifest that encounter valid content not expected by the Profiles they are processing should leave it untouched and carry it forward.

There are no rules in the XML Manifest regarding the design of Profile schema, but consistency with existing design practices is recommended. It is important to recognize the purpose of the XML Manifest wrapper element. A wrapper element is required of all XML documents. The XML Manifest defines a wrapper element that can be conveniently recognized by Manifest-aware applications.

### 2.5 XML Usage

**XML LEVERAGE**

Manifest content is well-formed XML. This allows the XML Manifest to be processed using standard XML processing tools and environments. For example, when opened in the Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 and above web browser, a XML Manifest with associated style sheet can present an attractive user interface for playback of MPV photo-video collections. Similarly, straightforward XSLT translation can convert an XML Manifest into a SMIL-based presentation for playback with an appropriate player. MPV can also be easily utilized within other XML specifications.

**NAMESPACE**

XML namespaces are a means to allow XML elements of the same name that exist in different schema to co-exist within the same document.

MPV requires the use of namespaces. By convention, all elements and attributes in MPV are used with their prefixes in all XML encodings. MPV does not support namespace-unaware processing. Most modern XML tools support namespace-aware processing.
Chapter 3: Overall Required and Best Practices

The following required and best practices apply to all Manifest content in all profiles unless explicitly stated otherwise.

3.1 Reading an XML Manifest

An XML Manifest may be read (processed) in any manner that complies with XML processing conventions and is consistent with the XML specification and the XML Schema specifications. XML processing instructions shall be permitted; if the processor cannot honor the processing instructions, they may be ignored.

Significantly, processors MUST support the DOCTYPE and external parameter entity constructs that allow XML content to be inserted inline from one file into another. This is supported by most commercially available and open source parsers.

A variety of commercial and open source tools are available for processing XML content. For example, many firmware and application software implementations utilize expat [EXPAT], a C language open source XML parser that is namespace aware.

3.2 Character Set

All Manifest content shall use the UTF-8 character set [UTF-8]. Content is further constrained by XML allowable characters.

3.3 Allowable Characters

XML documents are encoded in text format and parsed; binary offsets are not used. This places constraints on the allowable characters of element and attribute names and values. In particular, string values need to be transformed on writing and reading to encode and decode disallowed characters.
3.4 Writing and Updating an XML Manifest

We must assume an environment in which there are many XML Manifest Readers and Writers, implemented by different companies and organizations and containing a variety of standard and proprietary content.

In this environment, what are the specifications and practices that allow proper reading, writing, and update of XML Manifests from different Writers? This question is addressed by the XML Manifest 2.0 specification, which introduces new schema and practices for Manifest Readers and Writers.
Chapter 4: XML Manifest Structure

This chapter defines the mechanisms and policies that encompass the XML Manifest. The XML Manifest makes use of a set of XML constructs that are defined in several schemas. The top-level schema for the XML manifest (which in turn includes the other schemas) is identified by the following information:

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Note that the preferred namespace prefix for the overall manifest schema is “file”. This prefix is not required but is used throughout the documentation and in many examples. The preferred namespace prefix for the XML Manifest 2.0 schema is file2. Note that the schema file location has been updated to manifest2/manifest.xsd for both the 1.0 and 2.0 namespaces. This is an important update to apply to schema-based validation processes.

The XML manifest groups all the MPV and other top-level components into a single XML document. It is defined to allow any well-formed XML content inside of it. In practice, specific profiles will define implied content models that describe what elements should occur as top-level elements in the manifest.

In typical usage, a XML manifest is stored in a stand-alone file. Any application that produces or consumes MPV content stored in stand-alone files in a storage filesystem shall be compliant with the Manifest schema and practices specification.

By implication of terminology, an XML manifest contains reference to all the content that is relevant – it makes manifest the content.

4.1 XML Manifest 1.0 and 2.0 Compatibility and Coexistence

All schema elements defined by XML Manifest 1.0 continue to utilize that namespace! Only new elements defined by XML Manifest 2.0 utilize the 2.0 namespace.

This is possible because the XML Manifest 2.0 schema and specification is additive relative to the XML Manifest 1.0 schema – it does not replace or obsolete the XML Manifest 1.0 schema and specification. By clever definition of the XML Manifest 2.0 schema, both the Manifest 1.0 and Manifest 2.0 schema may in effect be utilized and co-
exist in the same manifest. This approach is used to avoid incompatibility with XML Manifest 1.0 readers, thus giving enhanced functionality to XML Manifest 2.0 readers and writers while preserving backwards compatibility.

In order to achieve this behaviour, two assumptions are made:

1. The XML Manifest 1.0 Reader will gracefully ignore unknown elements that it encounters. This is consistent with the best practices of the [MPV-CORE] specification.
2. When schema-based validation is performed, the validator will only access the XML Manifest 2.0 schema definition file(s), i.e. manifest2/manifest.xsd.

These two assumptions are reasonable, but non-conforming processors will not exhibit graceful behaviour. If assumption 1 is not met by the XML Manifest 1.0 Reader, use of XML Manifest 2.0 elements will cause the 1.0 Reader to fail. If assumption 2 is not met, the validator will report an error for all XML Manifest 2.0 elements.

### 4.2 Root Element: `<file:Manifest>`

The top-level element of an XML manifest MUST have a namespace of [http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/](http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/) and a localname of “Manifest”. This element SHOULD be the root element of the XML document.

This element is the outer element of a Manifest document. It wraps any top-elements that are defined by profiles that are being transported in the manifest.

The file:Manifest element uses an open content model which means that it can contain any element irrespective of the namespace or localname of the element. This is done in order to allow a wide range of content to be transported as top-level child elements of the Manifest and also in order to support partial validation.

Partial validation refers to the ability of an XML Manifest processor to apply either strict or lax validation to elements that occur as children of the Manifest element. These two levels of validation are specified using the processContents attribute of the xs:any element. They are:

- **strict**
  - the XML processor must obtain the schema for the required namespaces and validate any element from those namespaces.

- **lax**
  - The XML processor attempts to obtain the schema for the required namespaces and validate any element from those namespaces; however, if the schema cannot be obtained, no errors will occur.

NMF provides two versions of a utility schema that defines group elements for all the open content models that are used in NMF schema. This includes the open content model used by the Manifest element.

One version uses lax validation and is intended for runtime and production environments. The other uses strict validation and is intended for development environments.

#### 4.2.1 element Manifest, type ManifestType, group ManifestAny

Manifest is the top-level element of an XML Manifest document. The contents of the manifest are defined by the profiles used by the manifest.

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Note: The ManifestAny helper group element is from the production environment version of the utility schema and therefore have the value of lax for their processContents attributes.
4.3 XML Manifest Metadata

The XML Manifest defines a single NMF based properties schema. An XML Manifest MUST contain a single instance of this properties schema. This properties schema MUST be contained in an nmf:Metadata element which in turn MUST occur as the first child of the file:Manifest element1.

4.3.1 Properties: ManifestProperties

The ManifestProperties element can contain several properties. The required properties are the Profile property and WrittenBy property. Optional properties are the AboutManifestMPVDocumentID, Category, and Redirect properties.

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1 This is not enforced directly by the XML schema of the Manifest but is still the required behavior. The compliance test suite for the XML Manifest will contain software that will check for compliance with this requirement.
### ELEMENT MANIFESTPROPERTIES, COMPLEXTYPE BySchemaPropsType

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    <xs:group ref="file2:CategoryChoiceGroup" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:group ref="ProfileChoiceGroup" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element ref="Redirect" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element ref="file2:WrittenBy" minOccurs="0"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:extension>
</xs:complexType>
```

### 4.3.2 Property: AboutManifestMPVDocumentID

The AboutManifestMPVDocumentID property is an optional property that is used to specify an ID of a mpv:Document asset in the mpv:AssetList in which information about the current manifest can be found. The AboutManifestMPVDocumentID property SHOULD be honored by a Manifest-aware processor. It instructs the processor to consider the metadata specified by the mpv:Document asset (such as manifest locale) when processing the manifest.

#### 4.3.2.1 element AboutManifestMPVDocumentID, complexType AboutManifestMPVDocumentIDType

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  <xs:simpleContent>
    <xs:extension base="xs:ID"/>
  </xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>
```
4.3.3 Property: Category

The Category property is used to indicate that there is content in the Manifest that conforms to a category specification that is identified by the URI which is the value of the property.

There are two variations of the Category property. The base property, with a localname of “Category”, is used to indicate the value of a single category. If more than one category is present in the manifest, the unordered array wrapper version of the base property should be used which has a localname of “CategoryBag”.

practice

an application that adds content to an XML Manifest that conforms to a category specification SHOULD make sure that there is a category property whose value is equal to the category namespace.

4.3.3.1 group CategoryChoiceGroup

The CategoryChoiceGroup provides the alternate versions of the Category property, Category for the single profile case, and CategoryBag for the multiple profile case.

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        </xs:group>` |

4.3.3.2 element Category, complexType CategoryType

The Category element is used to specify the value of a single profile. It is an instance of CategoryType which is derived from xs:anyURI. The category value must be a valid URI.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>diagram</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>namespace</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>used by</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>source</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| source | `<xs:complexType name="CategoryType">
            <xs:simpleContent>
              <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI"/>
            </xs:simpleContent>
        </xs:complexType>` |
4.3.3.3 element CategoryBag, complexType CategoryBagType

namespace http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/

type CategoryBagType

children Category

used by group CategoryChoiceGroup

source

<xs:element name="CategoryBag" type="CategoryBagType"/>

<xs:complexType name="CategoryBagType">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension base="nmf:BagPropType">
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
          <xs:element ref="Category"/>
        </xs:choice>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>

4.3.4 Property: Profile

The Profile property is used to indicate that there is content in the Manifest that conforms to a profile that is identified by the URI which is the value of the property.

There are two variations of the Profile property. The base property, with a localname of “Profile”, is used to indicate the value of a single profile. If more than one profile is present in the manifest, the unordered array wrapper version of the base property should be used which has a localname of “PropertyBag”.

practice

an application that adds content to an XML Manifest that conforms to a profile SHOULD make sure that there is a profile property whose value is equal to the profile namespace.

4.3.4.1 group ProfileChoiceGroup

The ProfileChoiceGroup provides the alternate versions of the Profile property, Profile for the single profile case, and ProfileBag for the multiple profile case.

source

<xs:group name="ProfileChoiceGroup">
  <xs:choice>
    <xs:element ref="Profile"/>
  </xs:choice>
<xs:choice>
  <xs:element ref="ProfileBag"/>
</xs:group>
4.3.4.2 element Profile, complexType ProfileType

The Profile element is used to specify the value of a single profile. It is an instance of ProfileType which is derived from xs:anyURI. The profile value must be a valid URI.

```
<xs:element ref="ProfileBag"/>
<xs:choice>
<xs:group>
```

4.3.4.3 element ProfileBag, complexType ProfileBagType

```
namespace http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/

type ProfileBagType

source <xs:element name="ProfileBag" type="ProfileBagType"/>

source <xs:complexType name="ProfileBagType">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension base="nmf:BagPropType">
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
          <xs:element ref="Profile"/>
        </xs:choice>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

4.3.5 Property: Redirect
The Redirect property is an optional property that is used to specify a URL at which the actual manifest can be found. The Redirect property SHOULD be honored by an Manifest-aware processor. It instructs the processor to redirect its processing operations to the referenced document.

### 4.3.5.1 element Redirect, complexType RedirectType

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>diagram</th>
<th>namespace</th>
<th>type</th>
<th>used by</th>
<th>source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="diagram.png" alt="Redirect" /></td>
<td><a href="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/">http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/</a></td>
<td>RedirectType</td>
<td>BySchemaPropsType</td>
<td><code>&lt;xs:element name=&quot;Redirect&quot; type=&quot;RedirectType&quot;/&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;xs:complexType name=&quot;RedirectType&quot;&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;xs:simpleContent&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;xs:extension base=&quot;xs:anyURI&quot;/&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;/xs:simpleContent&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;/xs:complexType&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 4.3.6 Property: WrittenBy

The WrittenBy property is an optional property that is used to specify a URI that uniquely identifies the device or software application that write this Manifest. The WrittenBy property can be used in two ways: by Manifest Readers and Manifest Writers.

A Manifest Reader MAY test the WrittenBy element to determine easily whether the Manifest was written by a known Writer or an unknown Writer. The Reader may choose to process Manifests differently depending on this result. For example, this entry could be used to select one of many available Readers to do further processing. This would allow that extensions implemented by a given application or device could be honored to be best degree possible.

A XML Manifest 2.0 Writer MUST set the WrittenBy element value to a URI that uniquely identifies the device or software application that is writing the Manifest.

A Manifest Writer SHOULD honor the WrittenBy element when an existing Manifest is going to be updated. When the WrittenBy element value is not the same as the identifier of the current Manifest Writer, the assumption is that the Manifest Writer will NOT be able to represent with full fidelity the Manifest’s current contents. In other words, whatever is written to the Updated Manifest will by lossy with respect to the existing Manifest. This is due to the assumption that a given Manifest Reader will imperfectly capture the contents of any Manifest in the general case, as it is presumed that all extensions and elements not relevant to the current Reader will be discarded.

When an existing Manifest is updated and the WrittenBy element value is not the same as the identifier of the current Manifest Writer, then steps SHOULD be taken to preserve the existing Manifest and link to it from the updated Manifest. The details of this process are described in the Practices section 5.5 Updating an Existing XML Manifest.

### 4.3.6.1 element WrittenBy, complexType WrittenByType

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>diagram</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="diagram.png" alt="WrittenBy" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| namespace | http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/ |
4.4 Example

The following example demonstrates use of each of the XML Manifest 2.0 schema elements.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/"
    xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/"
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
    xmlns:Profile1_1="http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/"
><nmf:Metadata>
    <file:ManifestProperties>
        <file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>IDDoc01/</file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>
        <file:ProfileBag>
            <file:Profile>http://ns.osta.org/mpv/basic/1.0/</file:Profile>
            <file:Profile>http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/</file:Profile>
        </file:ProfileBag>
        <file2:WrittenBy>http://www.companyA.com/Device/Model934/</file2:WrittenBy>
    </file:ManifestProperties>
</nmf:Metadata>
...
<mpv:AssetList>
    ...
    <mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc01"/>
    ...
</mpv:AssetList>
</file:Manifest>
```
Chapter 5: XML Manifest Practices

An XML Manifest can contain top-level elements from zero or more profiles. A profile is identified by a namespace URI. The top-level elements used by the profile do not need to use the same namespace as the one used to identify the profile.

5.1 Finding an XML Manifest File

Specifications that make use of the XML Manifest as their interchange container SHOULD define specific practices for the placement and location of the XML Manifest. An example of the definition of such practices is the provided in the MPV Core Specification.

5.2 Top-level Elements

A profile MAY define its top-level elements (elements that are children of the Manifest root element) using the same namespace as the profile. This allows processors to reliably ignore top-level children from namespaces that aren’t recognized based on namespace matching.

5.3 Extending Profiles

There are two mechanisms that are available to allow processors to recognize whether they can accept a particular XML Manifest document. One mechanism is based on the namespaces that are used by the various elements and attributes that are contained in the document. The other is based on the Profile URI that are specified in the Profile properties contained in the nmf:Metadata (see section 4.3.3).

When a profile is extended, use of namespaces as a versioning mechanism SHOULD only be used for incompatible changes to the syntax or semantics of the profile. If all of the extensions are backwards compatible with the existing profile, then the namespaces used for the elements and attributes SHOULD be left alone in order to not break any existing processors.

This then leaves the question of how backwards compatible changes should be communicated to the consumers of a profile contained in an XML Manifest. The alternatives are either to replace the existing profile announcer or add an additional profile announcer. Changing the existing profile would break any processors that key off the profile.
announcer in order to determine if they can process the document. This is why backwards compatible extensions to profiles SHOULD be announced via one or more additional Profile properties. These profile announcers MAY use a common syntactic convention in their profile URI (the value of the Profile property).

In the example below, a Profile identified by the URI value of http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/ has now been extended by a 2.0 version that is backwards compatible. This new version is identified by the URI value of http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/2.0/. This extension defines some new elements that are in a new namespace with the URI value of http://www.companyA/Profile1/2.0/newElems/. This shows that the profile URI don’t have to be used for any element or attribute naming but simply as an announcer for the profile.

**EXAMPLE**

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
 xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/"
 xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/"
 xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
 xmlns:Profile1_1="http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/"
 xmlns:newElems="http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/2.0/newElems/">
 <nmf:Metadata>
  <ManifestProperties xmlns="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/">
   <ProfileBag>
    <Profile>http://ns.ota.org/mpv/basic/1.0/</Profile>
    <Profile>http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/</Profile>
    <Profile>http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/2.0/</Profile>
   </ProfileBag>
  </ManifestProperties>
 </nmf:Metadata>

 <Profile1_1:Outer1>
  ...
  <newElems:FooRef />
 </Profile1_1:Outer1>

 ...
 <mpv:AssetList>
  ...
  <newElems:Foo>
   ...
  </newElems:Foo>
 </mpv:AssetList>
</file:Manifest>
```

### 5.4 Writing an XML Manifest

The element

`file:Manifest/nmf:Metadata/file:ManifestProperties/file2:WrittenBy`

contains a URI that uniquely identifies the device or application that wrote the existing Manifest. Whenever a Manifest is written, the XML Manifest 2.0-compliant Writer MUST specify the WrittenBy element.
If the new Manifest is an Update of an Existing Manifest, then the new Manifest SHOULD follow the practices in the next section, 5.5 Updating an Existing XML Manifest.

### 5.5 Updating an Existing XML Manifest

#### 5.5.1 Case: Writer Updating a Manifest It Wrote

When an existing Manifest is updated and the WrittenBy element value is exactly the same as the identifier of the current Manifest Writer, then it is presumed that all the data in the existing Manifest has been preserved by the Reader and will be fully retained where appropriate in the updated Manifest. If this is case, the existing Manifest may be rewritten without further steps or precautions.

#### 5.5.2 Case: Writer Updating a Manifest It Did NOT Write

If this is not true, or when the WrittenBy element of the existing Manifest is not the same as the identifier of the current Manifest Writer, then four steps SHOULD be taken:

1. the existing manifest is preserved in its pristine original state
2. the existing manifest is renamed
3. an updated Manifest is written to take the place of the existing Manifest
4. the updated Manifest SHOULD contain a reference back to the existing manifest, with its new name.

**STEP 1: PRESERVE THE EXISTING MANIFEST IN PRISTINE STATE**

The existing manifest is presumed to have metadata that cannot be fully rewritten by the current Writer. At the same time, the exact filename of the existing Manifest must be used for the Updated Manifest to preserve compatibility with any links to that manifest from other manifests and the existing behaviour of the Manifest search algorithm employed.

A Manifest Writer SHOULD NOT attempt to preserve content it does not understand in an existing Manifest when it writes an updated Manifest, unless the Writer is confident the data can be faithfully preserved. In most cases, however, this is not possible.

To avoid the unnecessary loss of metadata, the existing manifest SHOULD be preserved in its Pristine state. This is achieved by renaming the file, including optionally moving the file to another location.

**STEP 2: BY RENAMING THE EXISTING MANIFEST**

Many manifest renaming practices are possible, and right one to use should be considered in a broader context of the usage of the XML Manifest and its contents.

When a specific manifest renaming practice is not otherwise specified, the following Existing Manifest Renaming Practice SHOULD be utilized.

1. Create a subdirectory named METAHIST in the existing manifest location. METAHIST = Metadata History.
2. Within the METAHIST directory, preserved manifests are renamed in sequential order using the naming pattern HIST<dddd>.<ext>, where dddd are digits starting at 0000 and proceeding to 9999 by decimal counting.
3. A new number should always be previously unused. Where gaps in numbering exist because a manifest has been deleted, the gap number SHOULD NOT be reused.
4. In the rare case that 9999 rewrites have occurred, the pattern may be adapted to be <ddddddd>.<ext>.

**STEP 3: WRITE THE UPDATED MANIFEST**

The updated Manifest is written to the filename of the existing Manifest. The Updated Manifest must have the element

```xml
<file:Manifest/nmf:Metadata/file:ManifestProperties/file2:WrittenBy
```

containing a URI that uniquely identifies the device or application that wrote the existing Manifest.

**STEP 4: LINK BACK TO EXISTING MANIFEST IN UPDATED MANIFEST**

The Updated Manifest SHOULD also contain a link back to the existing Manifest. This is achieved by following the specification in section 6.2.5 Chaining to a “DerivedFrom” Manifest.

### 5.5.3 Example

The following example demonstrates the state before and after an update.

**EXISTING MANIFEST BEFORE UPDATE**

Before the update, the manifest exists by itself in the file system.

Location: /MISC/ALBUM.PVM

Content:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/"
    xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/"
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmp="http://ns.osta.org/nmp/1.0/"
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/"
    xmlns:mpv2="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/2.0/"
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmp="http://ns.osta.org/nmp/1.0/"
>
</file:Manifest>
```

**UPDATED MANIFEST AFTER UPDATE**

The updated manifest contains the same content as the existing manifest plus the new version information.

Location: /MISC/ALBUM.UPDATED.PVM

Content:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/"
    xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/"
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmp="http://ns.osta.org/nmp/1.0/"
>
</file:Manifest>
```
UPDATED MANIFEST AFTER UPDATE

After the update, the existing manifest has been renamed but left pristine while the updated manifest chains back to it.

Location: /MISC/METAHIST/HIST0001.PVM
Content: same as above

Location: /MISC/ALBUM.PVM
Content:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
   xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/
   xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/
   xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/
   xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/
<nmf:Metadata>
  <file:ManifestProperties>
    <file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>IDDoc02/</file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>
    <file:ProfileBag>
      <file:Profile>http://ns.osta.org/mpv/basic/1.0/</file:Profile>
    </file:ProfileBag>
    <file2:WrittenBy>http://www.companyB.com/App/NameV2.1.3/</file2:WrittenBy>
  </file:ManifestProperties>
</nmf:Metadata>

<mpv:AssetList>
  <!-- This asset describes this one from which the current Manifest was derived -->
  <mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc01">
    <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/METAHIST/HIST0001.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
  </mpv:Document>
  <!-- This asset describes this very MPV Manifest -->
  <mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc02">
    <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/ALBUM.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
    <mpv:Related mpv:relationship="derivedFrom">
      <mpv:DocumentRef mpv:idRef="IDDoc01"/>
    </mpv:Related>
  </mpv:Document>
</mpv:AssetList>
</file:Manifest>
```
Chapter 6: mpv:Document Asset Usage

A primary use of the XML Manifest is to contain MPV metadata, as defined by other specifications such as [MPV-CORE]. In addition to the metadata about music, photo, and video assets, the mpv:AssetList may also contain one or more mpv:Document assets.

6.1 Locating the AboutManifestMPVDocumentID mpv:Document

The element

```
```

contains an ID value will match a mpv:id of a mpv:Document in the mpv:AssetList. That mpv:Document asset contains useful information about the current Manifest. It may also reference other mpv:Document assets, which represent prior versions of the Manifest that have been updated.

6.2 mpv:Document Content

6.2.1 mpv:InstanceID of the Manifest

The mpv:Document asset representing the manifest itself SHOULD have the mpv:InstanceID element. The mpv:InstanceID is a unique number for every manifest. It can be used to uniquely identify a manifest. In certain contexts, it may also be used to represent a tangible asset. For example, a MPV-aware application could use the mpv:InstanceID in an index.pvm file at the root of a storage file system to identify the storage product, such as a CD or DVD or HDD.

**Example:**

```
<!-- This asset describes this very MPV Manifest -->
<mpv:Document mpv:id="ID000001">
  <mpv:InstanceID>urn.osta-org.mpv.uuid.23452234BDF9BBA934338DFBFFDE8342</mpv:InstanceID>
</mpv:Document>
```
6.2.2 Dublin Core Properties of the Manifest

The mpv:Document asset representing the manifest itself SHOULD contain the dc properties to specify important information about the manifest’s content, including: creator, description, format, identifier, publisher, rights, title, created, modified.

The mpv:Document representing the MPV manifest itself can have any kind of data associated with it. Of principle interest are the Dublin Core properties that are highly interchangeable.

The usage of the Dublin Core properties for the mpv:Document referring to a Manifest are:

**DC Elements:**
- Creator – plain text name of creator application or device
- Description – any kind of description, possibly from a user
- Format – the MIME type string “application/vnd.osta-org.mpv+xml”
- Identifier – plain text of any kind
- Language – locale of the manifest
- Publisher – plain text publisher info
- Rights – plain text describing rights
- Title – plain text for title

**DC Terms:**
- Created
- Modified

6.2.3 Locale of the Manifest

The mpv:Document asset representing the manifest itself SHOULD have the dc:language element set to the default locale of the manifest’s content. The dc:language value MUST conform to [DC-NMF].

The MPV manifest is authored for a single “locale”, where a locale is a combination of language and territory, such as English-U.S. The locale of a manifest is recorded as a dc:language element of the manifest’s own mpv:Document asset. The default locale of all text in the manifest is identified by the dc:language element within the mpv:Document element representing the current manifest. A Reader MAY honor the use of dc:language for purposes of sorting, line wrapping, currency, and other values.

Example:

```xml
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/"
    xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/"
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/"
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"/>
```
6.2.4 `mpv:LastURL` of the Manifest

An optional element that provides a self-reference to the expected name of the current manifest.

Note that when an Existing Manifest has been moved aside into the History area by renaming, the LastURL of the `mpv:Document` asset in the file will not have been changed. This LastURL value can be used by a sophisticated app to recover the name and location of the Manifest prior to it being Updated.

6.2.5 Chaining to a “DerivedFrom” Manifest

When an Existing Manifest is updated and is preserved by renaming, a link to the Existing Manifest SHOULD be created in the Updated Manifest by the current Writer. This creates a “derivedFrom” relationship between the updated and preserved manifest. This is achieved simply by the following steps:

1. The existing `mpv:Document` asset that refers to the Existing Manifest is retained.
2. The `mpv:LastURL` element(s) of the existing `mpv:Document` are updated to the renamed filename.
3. A new `mpv:Document` asset that represents the Updated Manifest is created, with a new `mpv:id`.
5. The new `mpv:id` value is stored in the `AboutManifestMPVDocumentID` element.

6.3 Example

This is an example of the `mpv:Document` representing a well-formed MPV manifest.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/
    xmlns:file2="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/2.0/
    xmlns:mpv="http://ns.osta.org/mpv/1.0/
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/"
    xmlns:file:ManifestProperties>
    <file:ManifestProperties>
        <file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>IDDoc02</file2:AboutManifestMPVDocumentID>
    </file:ManifestProperties>
</file:Manifest>
```
<!-- This asset describes the MPV Manifest from which the current one was derived -->
<mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc01">
  <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/METAHIST/HIST0001.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
</mpv:Document>

<!-- This asset describes this very MPV Manifest -->
<mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc02">
  <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/ALBUM.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
  <nmf:Metadata>
    <Properties xmlns="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
      <creator>CompanyB App V2.1.3</creator>
      <description>this is a description</description>
      <language>en-US</language>
      <title>some title</title>
    </Properties>
    <Properties xmlns="http://purl.org/dc/terms/1.0/"
      <createDate>2004-04-23T23:33:01</createDate>
      <modifiedDate>2004-05-01T12:44:10</modifiedDate>
    </Properties>
  </nmf:Metadata>
  <mpv:Related mpv:relationship="derivedFrom">
    <mpv:DocumentRef mpv:idRef="IDDoc01"/>
  </mpv:Related>
</mpv:Document>
</mpv:AssetList>
</file:Manifest>
Chapter 7: Examples

7.1 Single Profile

This example shows a manifest that contains contents from a single profile which is identified by the namespace URI of http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<file:Manifest
    xmlns:file="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/
    xmlns:nmf="http://ns.osta.org/nmf/1.0/
    xmlns:Profile1="http://www.companyA.com/Profile1/1.0/" >
    <nmf:Metadata>
    <ManifestProperties xmlns="http://ns.osta.org/manifest/1.0/">
    <Profile>http://ns.osta.org/mpv/basic/1.0/</Profile>
    </ManifestProperties>
    </Metadata>
    <Profile1:Outer1>
    ...
    </Profile1:Outer1>
</file:Manifest>
```

7.2 MPV with multiple profiles

This example shows the use of the MPV Basic profile along with several other profiles. Note that while the namespace used to identify the profile (and the top-level schema) is often used for the top-level elements from the profile, this is not necessary.

Top-level profiles can incorporate other profiles as embedded profiles. In these cases, the elements from the embedded profiles will use their own top-level namespace for elements that they may define as direct children of the Manifest.
7.3 Updated MPV Manifest With Document Metadata and Derivation Chain

This is an example of the mpv:Document representing a well-formed MPV manifest.
<file:ProfileBag>
  <file2:WrittenBy>http://www.companyB.com/App/NameV2.1.3/</file2:WrittenBy>
</file:ManifestProperties>
</nmf:Metadata>

<mpv:AssetList>
  <!-- This asset describes the MPV Manifest from which the current one was derived -->
  <mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc01">
    <mpv:LastURL>METAHIST/HIST0001.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
    <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/METAHIST/HIST0001.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
  </mpv:Document>

  <!-- This asset describes this very MPV Manifest -->
  <mpv:Document mpv:id="IDDoc02">
    <mpv:LastURL>ALBUM.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
    <mpv:LastURL>/MISC/ALBUM.PVM</mpv:LastURL>
    <nmf:Metadata>
      <Properties xmlns="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
        <creator>CompanyB App V2.1.3</creator>
        <description>this is a description</description>
        <language>en-US</language>
        <title>some title</title>
      </Properties>
      <Properties xmlns="http://purl.org/dc/terms/1.0/"
        <createDate>2004-04-23T23:33:01</createDate>
        <modifiedDate>2004-05-01T12:44:10</modifiedDate>
      </Properties>
    </nmf:Metadata>
    <mpv:Related mpv:relationship="derivedFrom">
      <mpv:DocumentRef mpv:idRef="IDDoc01"/>
    </mpv:Related>
  </mpv:Document>
</mpv:AssetList>
</file:Manifest>
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