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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition.

- a) Ref element is added to facilitate cross reference between entries.
- b) A new version of LeXML format, which is one of the base formats of the first edition, has been expanded and becomes Annex B. (The existing format becomes Annex A.)

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INTRODUCTION

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MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – MULTIMEDIA E-PUBLISHING AND E-BOOKS – INTERCHANGE FORMAT FOR E-DICTIONARIES

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the interchange format for e-dictionaries among publishers, content creators and manufacturers.

This International Standard does not address the following aspects:

- data formats for reading devices;
- · elements necessary for final print reproduction only;
- rendering issues related to physical devices;
- · security issues such as DRM for documents.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TS 62229:2006, Multimedia systems and equipment – Multimedia e-publishing and e-book – Conceptual model for multimedia e-publishing

3/ Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

manufacturer

organization or person that manufactures hardware and/or software of the e-book

4 Position and requirements for interchange format for e-dictionaries

4.1 Interchange format for e-dictionaries in contents creation/distribution model

The conceptual model for multimedia e-publishing (IEC TS 62229) defines a contents creation/distribution model shown in Figure 1.

Author
$$\leftarrow$$
 1)--> Data preparer \leftarrow 2)--> Publisher \leftarrow 3)--> Reader

Key

- (1) content data in submission format
- (2) content data in interchange format
- (3) content data in reader's format

Figure 1 - Contents creation/distribution model

It should be noted that the role of manufacturers of e-dictionary hardware and software overlaps that of the publisher in Figure 1. Therefore, a slightly modified model will be assumed for this International Standard, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 - Contents creation/distribution model (modified)

This International Standard specifies the interchange format between data preparers and publishers, i.e. a format for (2) in Figure 2, though it may be used as a reader's format.

4.2 Requirements for interchange format for e-dictionaries

An interchange format for e-dictionaries needs to address the following.

- Description of keywords, links from the keywords to entries (link data) and the order of the entries.
- Description of articles for each entry (entry data). This includes text, image, and other multimedia functionalities generally required for e-books.
- Description of bibliographical data and other data. This should include the name of the author and the publisher, the title of the content and the explanatory note. The relationship between these concepts is visually represented in Figure 3.
- Description of contents written in various languages.

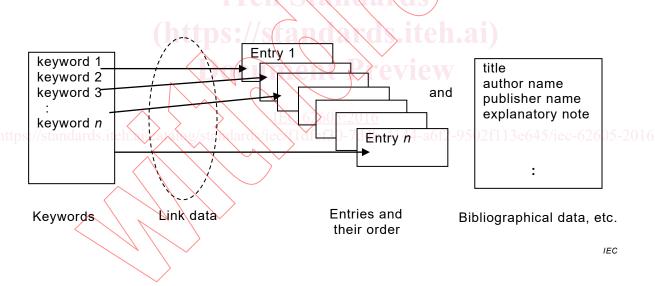


Figure 3 - Relationship between concepts

5 File formats

This International Standard defines two XML-based formats. One is based on XMDF (as described in IEC 62448:2013, Annex B) and LeXML. The format is hereafter called XMDF-LeXML format. The other is based solely on LeXML 3.0. They are presented in Annex A and Annex B, respectively.

NOTE LeXML is proposed by Digital ASSIST Ltd. Its original specifications are found at http://www.d-assist.com/index.html (in Japanese).

6 Semantics

Elements of the XMDF-LeXML format can be rendered in accordance with appropriate style specifications, which are outside the scope of this International Standard.



Annex A (normative)

XMDF-LeXML format

A.1 General

The XMDF-LeXML format is an interchange format for e-dictionaries multimedia e-book data interchange, targeted at data preparers and publishers rather than the reader, with an emphasis on mobile devices as a target platform. Much like HTML, this format does not split the document in fixed pages, but determines the layout according to the viewer device's display size, the font in use, and so on. In this annex, such contents will be referred to as flowing content, as opposed to paged content.

A.2 Overview of the format's structure

Flowing contents are usually composed of several concatenated flows. This annex makes no particular requirement concerning the way the flowing content should be split into individual flows. This decision is left to the data preparer, to accommodate the various types of contents. For instance, a newspaper may have one flow per article, a novel one per chapter, and so on. It is also possible not to split the content, and to have only one flow. However, it should be noted that particularly large flows, or an extremely large number of flows, may impact on runtime performance, depending on the specific version of the viewer in use, the available memory, and so on.

The XML tree structure of the format is shown in Figure A.1.

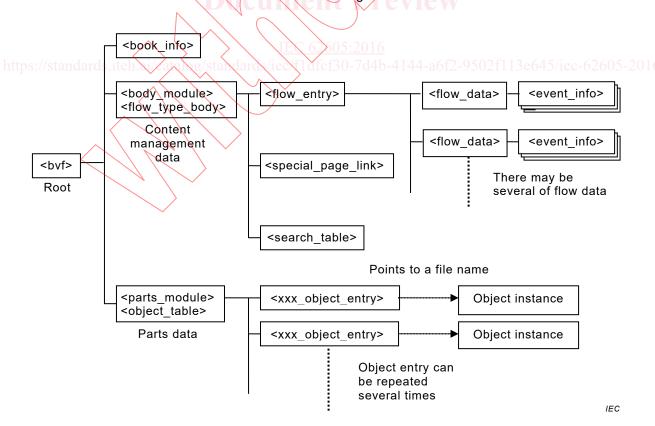


Figure A.1 – XML tree structure

The actual contents of each flow, in other words, what will be displayed by the viewer, is recorded in the object instance. The object instance is registered in object_entry, and associated with an ID number and other auxiliary data, turning it into playable/displayable data. Flow_data determines its content by pointing at such registered objects. In addition, information on functionalities such as page link is recorded in event_info.

The main part of Annex A is generic, and may be used for any country and language. However, some parts may have language specific behavior. Localization-related issues are detailed in Clause A.6.

A.3 Elements and attributes

A.3.1 General

The different types of values that may be used in the various elements or attributes are explained below. The elements and attributes detailed below will be valid throughout this annex, and will be referenced by other constructs. In the following explanations, alphanumeric characters refer to numerals from 0 to 9 and alphabetic letters from a to z and A to Z.

A.3.2 Page_ID

Page_ID specifies a unique identification number for the flow data of the flowing contents. It is a string starting by the "PG" characters, followed by alphanymeric characters.

Example:

<flow_data flow_id="PG0002" .../>

A.3.3 Object_ID

Object_ID specifies a unique identification number for objects used in the flowing contents. It is a string starting by the "OB" characters, followed by alphanumeric characters.

Example:

<dynamic_text_object_entry id="OB0ue4".../>

A.3.4 Char_ID

Char_ID specifies an identification number for positions (character strings, etc.) within text and dictionary data objects. It is an alphanumeric string which is to be given uniquely in the text (see A.4.6.2) and dictionary data object instance (see A.4.6.3). Char IDs with the same value in different object instances are regarded as separate and don't affect each other.

Example:

<trigger_pointer id="OB29s0/CR0de4"/>
Click<char_id char_id="CR0001">here</char_id>for details.

A.3.5 Reading

For sorting purposes, reading may be useful to specify the reading of each word. Restricting the characters allowed for this purpose to a limited set makes it easier to define the sorting method. Such characters should be determined on a per language basis. All languages can