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## 262 **3 Introduction**

### 263 **3.1 Summary of Contents of Document**

264 This document specifies the information model for the ebXML *Registry*.

265

266 A separate document, ebXML Registry Services Specification [ebRS], describes  
267 how to build *Registry Services* that provide access to the information content in  
268 the ebXML *Registry*.

### 269 **3.2 General Conventions**

270 The following conventions are used throughout this document:

271

272 UML diagrams are used as a way to concisely describe concepts. They are not  
273 intended to convey any specific *Implementation* or methodology requirements.

274

275 The term "*repository item*" is used to refer to an object that resides in a  
276 repository for storage and safekeeping (e.g., an XML document or a DTD). Every  
277 repository item is described in the Registry by a RegistryObject instance.

278

279 The term "*RegistryEntry*" is used to refer to an object that provides metadata  
280 about a *repository item*.

281

282 The information model does not deal with the actual content of the repository. All  
283 *Elements* of the information model represent metadata about the content and not  
284 the content itself.

285

286 *Capitalized Italic* words are defined in the ebXML Glossary.

287

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

291

292 Software practitioners MAY use this document in combination with other ebXML  
293 specification documents when creating ebXML compliant software.

#### 294 **3.2.1 Naming Conventions**

295

296 In order to enforce a consistent capitalization and naming convention in this  
297 document, "Upper Camel Case" (*UCC*) and "Lower Camel Case" (*LCC*)

298 Capitalization styles are used in the following conventions:

- 299 ○ Element name is in *UCC* convention  
300 (example: <UpperCamelCaseElement/>)
- 301 ○ Attribute name is in *LCC* convention



- 302 (example: <UpperCamelCaseElement  
303 lowerCamelCaseAttribute="whatEver"/>)  
304 ○ *Class*, *Interface* names use UCC convention  
305 (examples: *ClassificationNode*, *Versionable*)  
306 ○ Method name uses LCC convention  
307 (example: *getName()*, *setName()*).

308

309 Also, *Capitalized Italics* words are defined in the ebXML Glossary [ebGLOSS].

### 310 **3.3 Audience**

311 The target audience for this specification is the community of software  
312 developers who are:

- 313 ○ Implementers of ebXML *Registry Services*  
314 ○ Implementers of ebXML *Registry Clients*

### 315 **3.4 Related Documents**

316 The following specifications provide some background and related information to  
317 the reader:

318

- 319 a) ebXML Registry Services Specification [ebRS] - defines the actual  
320 *Registry Services* based on this information model  
321 b) ebXML Collaboration-Protocol Profile and Agreement Specification  
322 [ebCPP] - defines how profiles can be defined for a *Party* and how two  
323 *Parties'* profiles may be used to define a *Party* agreement  
324

## 325 **4 Design Objectives**

### 326 **4.1 Goals**

327 The goals of this version of the specification are to:

- 328 ○ Communicate what information is in the *Registry* and how that information  
329 is organized  
330 ○ Leverage as much as possible the work done in the *OASIS* [OAS] and the  
331 *ISO 11179* [ISO] Registry models  
332 ○ Align with relevant works within other ebXML working groups  
333 ○ Be able to evolve to support future ebXML *Registry* requirements  
334 ○ Be compatible with other ebXML specifications  
335

## 336 **5 System Overview**

### 337 **5.1 Role of ebXML Registry**

338

339 The *Registry* provides a stable store where information submitted by a  
340 *Submitting Organization* is made persistent. Such information is used to facilitate  
341 ebXML-based *Business to Business* (B2B) partnerships and transactions.  
342 Submitted content may be *XML* schema and documents, process descriptions,  
343 ebXML *Core Components*, context descriptions, *UML* models, information about  
344 parties and even software components.

### 345 **5.2 Registry Services**

346 A set of *Registry Services* that provide access to *Registry* content to clients of the  
347 *Registry* is defined in the ebXML Registry Services Specification [ebRS]. This  
348 document does not provide details on these services but may occasionally refer  
349 to them.

### 350 **5.3 What the Registry Information Model Does**

351 The Registry Information Model provides a blueprint or high-level schema for the  
352 ebXML *Registry*. Its primary value is for implementers of ebXML *Registries*. It  
353 provides these implementers with information on the type of metadata that is  
354 stored in the *Registry* as well as the relationships among metadata *Classes*.

355 The Registry information model:

- 356 ○ Defines what types of objects are stored in the *Registry*
- 357 ○ Defines how stored objects are organized in the *Registry*

358

### 359 **5.4 How the Registry Information Model Works**

360 Implementers of the ebXML *Registry* MAY use the information model to  
361 determine which *Classes* to include in their *Registry Implementation* and what  
362 attributes and methods these *Classes* may have. They MAY also use it to  
363 determine what sort of database schema their *Registry Implementation* may  
364 need.

365 [Note]The information model is meant to be  
366 illustrative and does not prescribe any  
367 specific *Implementation* choices.

368

### 369 **5.5 Where the Registry Information Model May Be Implemented**

370 The Registry Information Model MAY be implemented within an ebXML *Registry*  
371 in the form of a relational database schema, object database schema or some



## 390 **6.1 RegistryObject**

391 The RegistryObject class is an abstract base class used by most classes in the  
392 model. It provides minimal metadata for registry objects. It also provides methods  
393 for accessing related objects that provide additional dynamic metadata for the  
394 registry object.

## 395 **6.2 Slot**

396 Slot instances provide a dynamic way to add arbitrary attributes to  
397 RegistryObject instances. This ability to add attributes dynamically to  
398 RegistryObject instances enables extensibility within the Registry Information  
399 Model. For example, if a company wants to add a “copyright” attribute to each  
400 RegistryObject instance that it submits, it can do so by adding a slot with name  
401 “copyright” and value containing the copyrights statement.

## 402 **6.3 Association**

403 Association instances are RegistryObject instances that are used to define many-  
404 to-many associations between objects in the information model. Associations are  
405 described in detail in section 9.

## 406 **6.4 ExternalIdentifier**

407 ExternalIdentifier instances provide additional identifier information to a  
408 RegistryObject instance, such as DUNS number, Social Security Number, or an  
409 alias name of the organization.

## 410 **6.5 ExternalLink**

411 ExternalLink instances are RegistryObject instances that model a named URI to  
412 content that is not managed by the *Registry*. Unlike managed content, such  
413 external content may change or be deleted at any time without the knowledge of  
414 the *Registry*. A RegistryObject instance may be associated with any number of  
415 ExternalLinks.

416 Consider the case where a *Submitting Organization* submits a repository item  
417 (e.g., a *DTD*) and wants to associate some external content to that object (e.g.,  
418 the *Submitting Organization's* home page). The ExternalLink enables this  
419 capability. A potential use of the ExternalLink capability may be in a GUI tool that  
420 displays the ExternalLinks to a RegistryObject. The user may click on such links  
421 and navigate to an external web page referenced by the link.

## 422 **6.6 ClassificationScheme**

423 ClassificationScheme instances are RegistryEntry instances that describe a  
424 structured way to classify or categorize RegistryObject instances. The structure  
425 of the classification scheme may be defined internal or external to the registry,  
426 resulting in a distinction between internal and external classification schemes. A  
427 very common example of a classification scheme in science is the *Classification*  
428 *of living things* where living things are categorized in a tree like structure. Another

429 example is the Dewey Decimal system used in libraries to categorize books and  
430 other publications. ClassificationScheme is described in detail in section 10.

### 431 **6.7 ClassificationNode**

432 ClassificationNode instances are RegistryObject instances that are used to  
433 define tree structures under a ClassificationScheme, where each node in the tree  
434 is a ClassificationNode and the root is the ClassificationScheme. *Classification*  
435 trees constructed with ClassificationNodes are used to define the structure of  
436 *Classification* schemes or ontologies. ClassificationNode is described in detail in  
437 section 10.

### 438 **6.8 Classification**

439 Classification instances are RegistryObject instances that are used to classify  
440 other RegistryObject instances. A Classification instance identifies a  
441 ClassificationScheme instance and taxonomy value defined within the  
442 classification scheme. Classifications can be internal or external depending on  
443 whether the referenced classification scheme is internal or external.  
444 Classification is described in detail in section 10.

### 445 **6.9 RegistryPackage**

446 RegistryPackage instances are RegistryEntry instances that group logically  
447 related RegistryObject instances together.

### 448 **6.10 AuditableEvent**

449 AuditableEvent instances are RegistryObject instances that are used to provide  
450 an audit trail for RegistryObject instances. AuditableEvent is described in detail in  
451 section 8.

### 452 **6.11 User**

453 User instances are RegistryObject instances that are used to provide information  
454 about registered users within the *Registry*. User objects are used in audit trail for  
455 RegistryObject instances. User is described in detail in section 8.

### 456 **6.12 PostalAddress**

457 PostalAddress is a simple reusable *Entity Class* that defines attributes of a postal  
458 address.

### 459 **6.13 EmailAddress**

460 EmailAddress is a simple reusable *Entity Class* that defines attributes of an email  
461 address.

## 462 **6.14 Organization**

463 Organization instances are RegistryObject instances that provide information on  
464 organizations such as a *Submitting Organization*. Each Organization instance  
465 may have a reference to a parent Organization.

## 466 **6.15 Service**

467 Service instances are RegistryEntry instances that provide information on  
468 services (e.g., web services).

## 469 **6.16 ServiceBinding**

470 ServiceBinding instances are RegistryObject instances that represent technical  
471 information on a specific way to access a specific interface offered by a Service  
472 instance. A Service has a collection of ServiceBindings.  
473

## 474 **6.17 SpecificationLink**

475 A SpecificationLink provides the linkage between a ServiceBinding and one of its  
476 technical specifications that describes how to use the service with that  
477 ServiceBinding. For example, a ServiceBinding may have a SpecificationLink  
478 instance that describes how to access the service using a technical specification  
479 in the form of a WSDL document or a CORBA IDL document.  
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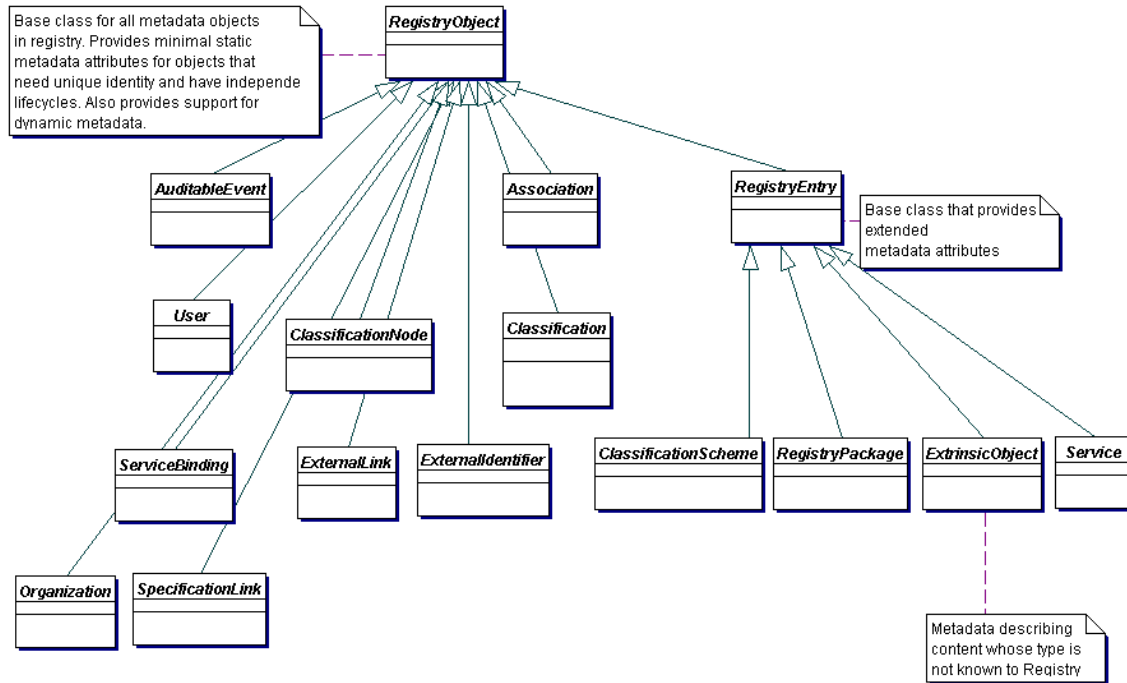
## 481 **7 Registry Information Model: Detail View**

482 This section covers the information model *Classes* in more detail than the Public  
483 View. The detail view introduces some additional *Classes* within the model that  
484 were not described in the public view of the information model.  
485

486 Figure 2 shows the *Inheritance* or “is a” relationships between the *Classes* in the  
487 information model. Note that it does not show the other types of relationships,  
488 such as “has a” relationships, since they have already been shown in a previous  
489 figure. *Class* attributes and *class* methods are also not shown. Detailed  
490 description of methods and attributes of most interfaces and *Classes* will be  
491 displayed in tabular form following the description of each *Class* in the model.  
492

493 The class Association will be covered in detail separately in section 9. The  
494 classes ClassificationScheme, Classification, and ClassificationNode will be  
495 covered in detail separately in section 10.  
496

497 The reader is again reminded that the information model is not modeling actual  
498 repository items.



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501

Figure 2: Information Model *Inheritance View*

502 **7.1 Attribute and Methods of Information Model Classes**

503 Information model classes are defined primarily in terms of the attributes they  
504 carry. These attributes provide state information on instances of these classes.  
505 Implementations of a registry often map class attributes to attributes in an XML  
506 store or columns in a relational store.

507  
508 Information model classes may also have methods defined for them. These  
509 methods provide additional behavior for the class they are defined within.  
510 Methods are currently used in mapping to filter query and the SQL query  
511 capabilities defined in [ebRS].

512  
513 Since the model supports inheritance between classes, it is usually the case that  
514 a class in the model inherits attributes and methods from its base classes, in  
515 addition to defining its own specialized attributes and methods.

516



## 516 7.2 Data Types

517 The following table lists the various data types used by the attributes within  
 518 information model classes:  
 519

Data Type	XML Schema Data Type	Description	Length
Boolean	boolean	Used for a true or false value	
String4	string	Used for 4 character long strings	4 characters
String8	string	Used for 8 character long strings	8 characters
String16	string	Used for 16 character long strings	16 characters
String32	string	Used for 32 character long strings	32 characters
ShortName	string	A short text string	64 characters
LongName	string	A long text string	128 characters
FreeFormText	string	A very long text string for free-form text	256 characters
UUID	string	DCE 128 Bit Universally unique Ids used for referencing another object	64 characters
URI	string	Used for URL and URN values	256 characters
Integer	integer	Used for integer values	4 bytes
DateTime	dateTime	Used for a timestamp value such as Date	

520

## 521 7.3 Internationalization (I18N) Support

522 Some information model classes have String attributes that are I18N capable and  
 523 may be localized into multiple native languages. Examples include the name and  
 524 description attributes of the RegistryObject class in 7.4.

525

526 The information model defines the InternationalString and the LocalizedString  
 527 interfaces to support I18N capable attributes within the information model  
 528 classes. These classes are defined below.

### 529 7.3.1 Class InternationalString

530 This class is used as a replacement for the String type whenever a String  
 531 attribute needs to be I18N capable. An instance of the InternationalString class  
 532 composes within it a Collection of LocalizedString instances, where each String  
 533 is specific to a particular locale. The InternationalString class provides set/get  
 534 methods for adding or getting locale specific String values for the  
 535 InternationalString instance.



### 536 **7.3.2 Class LocalizedString**

537 This class is used as a simple wrapper class that associates a String with its  
 538 locale. The class is needed in the InternationalString class where a Collection of  
 539 LocalizedString instances are kept. Each LocalizedString instance has a charset  
 540 and lang attribute as well as a value attribute of type String.

## 541 **7.4 Class RegistryObject**

### 542 **Direct Known Subclasses:**

543 [Association](#), [AuditableEvent](#), [Classification](#), [ClassificationNode](#),  
 544 [ExternalIdentifier](#), [ExternalLink](#), [Organization](#), [RegistryEntry](#), [User](#),  
 545 [Service](#), [ServiceBinding](#), [SpecificationLink](#)

546 RegistryObject provides a common base class for almost all objects in the  
 547 information model. Information model *Classes* whose instances have a unique  
 548 identity are descendants of the RegistryObject *Class*.  
 549

550  
 551 Note that Slot, PostalAddress, and a few other classes are not descendants of  
 552 the RegistryObject Class because their instances do not have an independent  
 553 existence and unique identity. They are always a part of some other Class's  
 554 Instance (e.g., Organization has a PostalAddress).

### 555 **7.4.1 Attribute Summary**

556 The following is the first of many tables that summarize the attributes of a class.  
 557 The columns in the table are described as follows:  
 558

Column	Description
Attribute	The name of the attribute
Data Type	The data type for the attribute
Required	Specifies whether the attribute is required to be specified
Default	Specifies the default value in case the attribute is omitted
Specified By	Indicates whether the attribute is specified by the client or specified by the registry. In some cases it may be both
Mutable	Specifies whether an attribute may be changed once it has been set to a certain value

559

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
accessControlPolicy	UUID	No		Registry	No
description	International-String	No		Client	Yes
id	UUID	Yes		Client or registry	No
name	International-String	No		Client	Yes
objectType	LongName	Yes		Registry	No

#### 560 **7.4.2 Attribute accessControlPolicy**

561 Each RegistryObject instance may have an accessControlPolicy instance  
562 associated with it. An accessControlPolicy instance defines the *Security Model*  
563 associated with the RegistryObject in terms of “who is permitted to do what” with  
564 that RegistryObject.

#### 565 **7.4.3 Attribute description**

566 Each RegistryObject instance may have textual description in a human readable  
567 and user-friendly manner. This attribute is I18N capable and therefore of type  
568 InternationalString.

#### 569 **7.4.4 Attribute id**

570 Each RegistryObject instance must have a universally unique ID. Registry  
571 objects use the id of other RegistryObject instances for the purpose of  
572 referencing those objects.

573  
574 Note that some classes in the information model do not have a need for a unique  
575 id. Such classes do not inherit from RegistryObject class. Examples include  
576 Entity classes such as TelephoneNumber, PostalAddress, EmailAddress and  
577 PersonName.

578  
579 All classes derived from RegistryObject have an id that is a Universally Unique ID  
580 as defined by [UUID]. Such UUID based id attributes may be specified by the  
581 client. If the UUID based id is not specified, then it must be generated by the  
582 registry when a new RegistryObject instance is first submitted to the registry.

#### 583 **7.4.5 Attribute name**

584 Each RegistryObject instance may have human readable name. The name does  
585 not need to be unique with respect to other RegistryObject instances. This  
586 attribute is I18N capable and therefore of type InternationalString.

#### 587 **7.4.6 Attribute objectType**

588 Each RegistryObject instance has an objectType. The objectType for almost all  
589 objects in the information model is the name of their class. For example the  
590 objectType for a Classification is “Classification”. The only exception to this rule  
591 is that the objectType for an ExtrinsicObject instance is user defined and  
592 indicates the type of repository item associated with the ExtrinsicObject.

##### 593 **7.4.6.1 Pre-defined Object Types**

594 The following table lists pre-defined object types. Note that for an ExtrinsicObject  
595 there are many types defined based on the type of repository item the  
596 ExtrinsicObject catalogs. In addition there are object types defined for all leaf  
597 sub-classes of RegistryObject.

598  
599

600 These pre-defined object types are defined as a *ClassificationScheme*. While the  
 601 scheme may easily be extended a *Registry* MUST support the object types listed  
 602 below.  
 603

<b>Name</b>	<b>description</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	An ExtrinsicObject that catalogues content whose type is unspecified or unknown.
<b>CPA</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues an <i>XML</i> document <i>Collaboration Protocol Agreement (CPA)</i> representing a technical agreement between two parties on how they plan to communicate with each other using a specific protocol.
<b>CPP</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues an document called <i>Collaboration Protocol Profile (CPP)</i> that provides information about a <i>Party</i> participating in a <i>Business</i> transaction. See [ebCPP] for details.
<b>Process</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues a process description document.
<b>SoftwareComponent</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues a software component (e.g., an EJB or <i>Class</i> library).
<b>UMLModel</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues a <i>UML</i> model.
<b>XMLSchema</b>	An ExtrinsicObject of this type catalogues an <i>XML</i> schema ( <i>DTD</i> , <i>XML</i> Schema, RELAX grammar, etc.).
<b>RegistryPackage</b>	A RegistryPackage object
<b>ExternalLink</b>	An ExternalLink object
<b>ExternalIdentifier</b>	An ExternalIdentifier object
<b>Association</b>	An Association object
<b>ClassificationScheme</b>	A ClassificationScheme object
<b>Classification</b>	A Classification object
<b>ClassificationNode</b>	A ClassificationNode object
<b>AuditableEvent</b>	An AuditableEvent object
<b>User</b>	A User object
<b>Organization</b>	An Organization object
<b>Service</b>	A Service object
<b>ServiceBinding</b>	A ServiceBinding object
<b>SpecificationLink</b>	A SpecificationLink object

604

## 605 7.4.7 Method Summary

606 In addition to its attributes, the RegistryObject class also defines the following  
 607 methods. These methods are used to navigate relationship links from a  
 608 RegistryObject instance to other objects.  
 609

Method Summary for RegistryObject	
Collection	<a href="#">getAssociations</a> () Gets all Associations where this object is the source of the Association.
Collection	<a href="#">getAuditTrail</a> () Gets the complete audit trail of all requests that effected a state change in this object as an ordered Collection of AuditableEvent objects.
Collection	<a href="#">getClassifications</a> () Gets the Classification that classify this object.
Collection	<a href="#">getExternalIdentifiers</a> () Gets the collection of ExternalIdentifiers associated with this object.
Collection	<a href="#">getExternalLinks</a> () Gets the ExternalLinks associated with this object.
Collection	<a href="#">getOrganizations</a> (String type) Gets the Organizations associated with this object. If a non-null type is specified it is used as a filter to match only specified type of organizations as indicated by the associationType attribute in the Association instance linking the object to the Organization.
Collection	<a href="#">getRegistryPackages</a> () Gets the RegistryPackages that this object is a member of.
Collection	<a href="#">getSlots</a> () Gets the Slots associated with this object.

610

611

## 612 7.5 Class RegistryEntry

613 **Super Classes:**

614 [RegistryObject](#)

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616 **Direct Known Subclasses:**

617 [ClassificationScheme](#), [ExtrinsicObject](#), [RegistryPackage](#)

618

619 RegistryEntry is a common base Class for classes in the information model that  
 620 require additional metadata beyond the minimal metadata provided by  
 621 RegistryObject class. RegistryEntry is used as a base class for high level coarse  
 622 grained objects in the registry. Their life cycle typically requires more  
 623 management (e.g. may require approval, deprecation). They typically have

624 relatively fewer instances but serve as a root of a composition hierarchy  
 625 consisting of numerous objects that are sub-classes of RegistryObject but not  
 626 RegistryEntry.

627  
 628 The additional metadata is described by the attributes of the RegistryEntry class  
 629 below.

### 630 **7.5.1 Attribute Summary**

631

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
expiration	DateTime	No		Client	Yes
majorVersion	Integer	Yes	1	Registry	Yes
minorVersion	Integer	Yes	0	Registry	Yes
stability	LongName	No		Client	Yes
status	LongName	Yes		Registry	Yes
userVersion	ShortName	No		Client	Yes

632

633 Note that attributes inherited by RegistryEntry class from the RegistryObject  
 634 class are not shown in the table above.

### 635 **7.5.2 Attribute expiration**

636 Each RegistryEntry instance may have an expirationDate. This attribute defines a  
 637 time limit upon the stability indication provided by the stability attribute. Once the  
 638 expirationDate has been reached the stability attribute in effect becomes  
 639 STABILITY\_DYNAMIC implying that the repository item can change at any time  
 640 and in any manner. A null value implies that there is no expiration on stability  
 641 attribute.

### 642 **7.5.3 Attribute majorVersion**

643 Each RegistryEntry instance must have a major revision number for the current  
 644 version of the RegistryEntry instance. This number is assigned by the registry  
 645 when the object is created. This number may be updated by the registry when an  
 646 object is updated.

### 647 **7.5.4 Attribute minorVersion**

648 Each RegistryEntry instance must have a minor revision number for the current  
 649 version of the RegistryEntry instance. This number is assigned by the registry  
 650 when the object is created. This number may be updated by the registry when an  
 651 object is updated.

652 **7.5.5 Attribute stability**

653 Each RegistryEntry instance may have a stability indicator. The stability indicator  
 654 is provided by the submitter as an indication of the level of stability for the  
 655 repository item.

656 **7.5.5.1 Pre-defined RegistryEntry Stability Enumerations**

657 The following table lists pre-defined choices for RegistryEntry stability attribute.  
 658 These pre-defined stability types are defined as a *ClassificationScheme*. While  
 659 the scheme may easily be extended, a *Registry* MAY support the stability types  
 660 listed below.

661

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Dynamic	Stability of a RegistryEntry that indicates that the content is dynamic and may be changed arbitrarily by submitter at any time.
DynamicCompatible	Stability of a RegistryEntry that indicates that the content is dynamic and may be changed in a backward compatible way by submitter at any time.
Static	Stability of a RegistryEntry that indicates that the content is static and will not be changed by submitter.

662

663 **7.5.6 Attribute status**

664 Each RegistryEntry instance must have a life cycle status indicator. The status is  
 665 assigned by the registry.

666 **7.5.6.1 Pre-defined RegistryObject Status Types**

667 The following table lists pre-defined choices for RegistryObject status attribute.  
 668 These pre-defined status types are defined as a *ClassificationScheme*.

669

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Submitted	Status of a RegistryObject that catalogues content that has been submitted to the <i>Registry</i> .
Approved	Status of a RegistryObject that catalogues content that has been submitted to the <i>Registry</i> and has been subsequently approved.
Deprecated	Status of a RegistryObject that catalogues content that has been submitted to the <i>Registry</i> and has been subsequently deprecated.
Withdrawn	Status of a RegistryObject that catalogues content that has been withdrawn from the <i>Registry</i> .

670

671 **7.5.7 Attribute userVersion**

672 Each RegistryEntry instance may have a userVersion. The userVersion is similar  
 673 to the majorVersion-minorVersion tuple. They both provide an indication of the  
 674 version of the object. The majorVersion-minorVersion tuple is provided by the  
 675 registry while userVersion provides a user specified version for the object.  
 676

677 **7.5.8 Method Summary**

678 In addition to its attributes, the RegistryEntry class also defines the following  
 679 methods.

Method Summary for RegistryEntry	
Organization	<p><a href="#">getSubmittingOrganization()</a>                      Gets the Organization instance of the organization that submitted the given RegistryEntry instance. This method returns a non-null result for every RegistryEntry. For privilege assignment, the organization returned by this method is regarded as the owner of the RegistryEntry instance.</p>
Organization	<p><a href="#">getResponsibleOrganization()</a>                      Gets the Organization instance of the organization responsible for definition, approval, and/or maintenance of the repository item referenced by the given RegistryEntry instance. This method may return a null result if the submitting organization of this RegistryEntry does not identify a responsible organization or if the registration authority does not assign a responsible organization.</p>

680

681 **7.6 Class Slot**

682 Slot instances provide a dynamic way to add arbitrary attributes to  
 683 RegistryObject instances. This ability to add attributes dynamically to  
 684 RegistryObject instances enables extensibility within the information model.  
 685

686 A RegistryObject may have 0 or more Slots. A slot is composed of a name, a  
 687 slotType and a collection of values.

688 **7.6.1 Attribute Summary**

689

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
name	LongName	Yes		Client	No
slotType	LongName	No		Client	No
values	Collection of ShortName	Yes		Client	No

690

## 691 **7.6.2 Attribute name**

692 Each Slot instance must have a name. The name is the primary means for  
693 identifying a Slot instance within a RegistryObject. Consequently, the name of a  
694 Slot instance must be locally unique within the RegistryObject *Instance*.

## 695 **7.6.3 Attribute slotType**

696 Each Slot instance may have a slotType that allows different slots to be grouped  
697 together.

## 698 **7.6.4 Attribute values**

699 A Slot instance must have a Collection of values. The collection of values may be  
700 empty. Since a Slot represent an extensible attribute whose value may be a  
701 collection, therefore a Slot is allowed to have a collection of values rather than a  
702 single value.  
703

## 704 **7.7 Class ExtrinsicObject**

705 **Super Classes:**

706 [RegistryEntry](#), [RegistryObject](#)

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708

709 ExtrinsicObjects provide metadata that describes submitted content whose type  
710 is not intrinsically known to the *Registry* and therefore **MUST** be described by  
711 means of additional attributes (e.g., mime type).

712

713 Since the registry can contain arbitrary content without intrinsic knowledge about  
714 that content, ExtrinsicObjects require special metadata attributes to provide some  
715 knowledge about the object (e.g., mime type).

716

717 Examples of content described by ExtrinsicObject include *Collaboration Protocol*  
718 *Profiles* [ebCPP], *Business Process* descriptions, and schemas.

### 719 **7.7.1 Attribute Summary**

720

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
isOpaque	Boolean	No		Client	No
mimeType	LongName	No		Client	No

721

722 Note that attributes inherited from RegistryEntry and RegistryObject are not  
723 shown in the table above.



## 724 **7.7.2 Attribute isOpaque**

725 Each ExtrinsicObject instance may have an isOpaque attribute defined. This  
 726 attribute determines whether the content catalogued by this ExtrinsicObject is  
 727 opaque to (not readable by) the *Registry*. In some situations, a *Submitting*  
 728 *Organization* may submit content that is encrypted and not even readable by the  
 729 *Registry*.

## 730 **7.7.3 Attribute mimeType**

731 Each ExtrinsicObject instance may have a mimeType attribute defined. The  
 732 mimeType provides information on the type of repository item catalogued by the  
 733 ExtrinsicObject instance.  
 734

## 735 **7.8 Class RegistryPackage**

### 736 **Super Classes:**

737 [RegistryEntry](#), [RegistryObject](#)

738  
 739 RegistryPackage instances allow for grouping of logically related RegistryObject  
 740 instances even if individual member objects belong to different Submitting  
 741 Organizations.

### 742 **7.8.1 Attribute Summary**

743  
 744 The RegistryPackage class defines no new attributes other than those that are  
 745 inherited from RegistryEntry and RegistryObject base classes. The inherited  
 746 attributes are not shown here.

### 747 **7.8.2 Method Summary**

748 In addition to its attributes, the RegistryPackage class also defines the following  
 749 methods.

750

Method Summary of RegistryPackage	
Collection	<a href="#">getMemberObjects()</a> Get the collection of RegistryObject instances that are members of this RegistryPackage.

751

## 752 **7.9 Class ExternalIdentifier**

### 753 **Super Classes:**

754 [RegistryObject](#)

755  
 756 ExternalIdentifier instances provide the additional identifier information to  
 757 RegistryObject such as DUNS number, Social Security Number, or an alias

758 name of the organization. The attribute *identificationScheme* is used to  
 759 reference the identification scheme (e.g., “DUNS”, “Social Security #”), and the  
 760 attribute *value* contains the actual information (e.g., the DUNS number, the social  
 761 security number). Each RegistryObject may contain 0 or more ExternalIdentifier  
 762 instances.

### 763 **7.9.1 Attribute Summary**

764

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
identificationScheme	UUID	Yes		Client	Yes
registryObject	UUID	Yes		Client	No
value	ShortName	Yes		Client	Yes

765 Note that attributes inherited from the base classes of this class are not shown.

### 766 **7.9.2 Attribute identificationScheme**

767 Each ExternalIdentifier instance must have an identificationScheme attribute that  
 768 references a ClassificationScheme. This ClassificationScheme defines the  
 769 namespace within which an identifier is defined using the value attribute for the  
 770 RegistryObject referenced by the RegistryObject attribute.

### 771 **7.9.3 Attribute registryObject**

772 Each ExternalIdentifier instance must have a RegistryObject attribute that  
 773 references the parent RegistryObject for which this is an ExternalIdentifier.

### 774 **7.9.4 Attribute value**

775 Each ExternalIdentifier instance must have a value attribute that provides the  
 776 identifier value for this ExternalIdentifier (e.g., the actual social security number).

## 777 **7.10 Class ExternalLink**

### 778 **Super Classes:**

779 [RegistryObject](#)

780

781 ExternalLinks use URIs to associate content in the *Registry* with content that may  
 782 reside outside the *Registry*. For example, an organization submitting a *DTD*  
 783 could use an ExternalLink to associate the *DTD* with the organization's home  
 784 page.

### 785 **7.10.1 Attribute Summary**

786

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
externalURI	URI	Yes		Client	Yes

787

### 788 **7.10.2 Attribute externalURI**

789 Each ExternalLink instance must have an externalURI attribute defined. The  
 790 externalURI attribute provides a URI to the external resource pointed to by this  
 791 ExternalLink instance. If the URI is a URL then a registry must validate the URL  
 792 to be resolvable at the time of submission before accepting an ExternalLink  
 793 submission to the registry.

### 794 **7.10.3 Method Summary**

795 In addition to its attributes, the ExternalLink class also defines the following  
 796 methods.

797

Method Summary of ExternalLink	
Collection	<a href="#">getLinkedObjects</a> () Gets the collection of RegistryObjects that are linked by this ExternalLink to content outside the registry.

798

## 799 **8 Registry Audit Trail**

800 This section describes the information model *Elements* that support the audit trail  
 801 capability of the *Registry*. Several *Classes* in this section are *Entity Classes* that  
 802 are used as wrappers to model a set of related attributes. They are analogous to  
 803 the “struct” construct in the C programming language.

804

805 The getAuditTrail() method of a RegistryObject returns an ordered Collection of  
 806 AuditableEvents. These AuditableEvents constitute the audit trail for the  
 807 RegistryObject. AuditableEvents include a timestamp for the *Event*. Each  
 808 AuditableEvent has a reference to a User identifying the specific user that  
 809 performed an action that resulted in an AuditableEvent. Each User is affiliated  
 810 with an Organization, which is usually the *Submitting Organization*.

### 811 **8.1 Class AuditableEvent**

812 **Super Classes:**

813 [RegistryObject](#)

814

815 AuditableEvent instances provide a long-term record of *Events* that effect a  
 816 change in a RegistryObject. A RegistryObject is associated with an ordered  
 817 Collection of AuditableEvent instances that provide a complete audit trail for that  
 818 RegistryObject.

819

820 AuditableEvents are usually a result of a client-initiated request. AuditableEvent  
 821 instances are generated by the *Registry Service* to log such *Events*.

822

823 Often such *Events* effect a change in the life cycle of a RegistryObject. For  
 824 example a client request could Create, Update, Deprecate or Delete a

825 RegistryObject. An AuditableEvent is created if and only if a request creates or  
 826 alters the content or ownership of a RegistryObject. Read-only requests do not  
 827 generate an AuditableEvent. No AuditableEvent is generated for a  
 828 RegistryObject when it is classified, assigned to a RegistryPackage or associated  
 829 with another RegistryObject.

### 830 **8.1.1 Attribute Summary**

831

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
eventType	LongName	Yes		Registry	No
registryObject	UUID	Yes		Registry	No
timestamp	DateTime	Yes		Registry	No
user	UUID	Yes		Registry	No

832

### 833 **8.1.2 Attribute eventType**

834 Each AuditableEvent must have an eventType attribute which identifies the type  
 835 of event recorded by the AuditableEvent.

#### 836 **8.1.2.1 Pre-defined Auditable Event Types**

837 The following table lists pre-defined auditable event types. These pre-defined  
 838 event types are defined as a pre-defined *ClassificationScheme* with name  
 839 "EventType". A *Registry* MUST support the event types listed below.

840

Name	description
Created	An <i>Event</i> that created a RegistryObject.
Deleted	An <i>Event</i> that deleted a RegistryObject.
Deprecated	An <i>Event</i> that deprecated a RegistryObject.
Updated	An <i>Event</i> that updated the state of a RegistryObject.
Versioned	An <i>Event</i> that versioned a RegistryObject.

### 841 **8.1.3 Attribute registryObject**

842 Each AuditableEvent must have a registryObject attribute that identifies the  
 843 RegistryObject instance that was affected by this event.

### 844 **8.1.4 Attribute timestamp**

845 Each AuditableEvent must have a timestamp attribute that records the date and  
 846 time that this event occurred.

### 847 **8.1.5 Attribute user**

848 Each AuditableEvent must have a user attribute that identifies the User that sent  
 849 the request that generated this event affecting the RegistryObject instance.

850  
851

## 852 **8.2 Class User**

### 853 **Super Classes:**

854 [RegistryObject](#)

855

856 User instances are used in an AuditableEvent to keep track of the identity of the  
857 requestor that sent the request that generated the AuditableEvent.

### 858 **8.2.1 Attribute Summary**

859

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
address	PostalAddress	Yes		Client	Yes
emailAddresses	Collection of EmailAddress	Yes		Client	Yes
organization	UUID	Yes		Client	No
personName	PersonName	Yes		Client	No
telephoneNumbers	Collection of TelephoneNumber	Yes		Client	Yes
url	URI	No		Client	Yes

860

### 861 **8.2.2 Attribute address**

862 Each User instance must have an address attribute that provides the postal  
863 address for that user.

### 864 **8.2.3 Attribute emailAddresses**

865 Each User instance has an attribute emailAddresses that is a Collection of  
866 EmailAddress instances. Each EmailAddress provides an email address for that  
867 user. A User must have at least one email address.

### 868 **8.2.4 Attribute organization**

869 Each User instance must have an organization attribute that references the  
870 Organization instance for the organization that the user is affiliated with.

### 871 **8.2.5 Attribute personName**

872 Each User instance must have a personName attribute that provides the human  
873 name for that user.

874 **8.2.6 Attribute telephoneNumbers**

875 Each User instance must have a telephoneNumbers attribute that contains the  
876 Collection of TelephoneNumber instances for each telephone number defined for  
877 that user. A User must have at least one telephone number.

878 **8.2.7 Attribute url**

879 Each User instance may have a url attribute that provides the URL address for the web  
880 page associated with that user.

881 **8.3 Class Organization**

882 **Super Classes:**

883 [RegistryObject](#)

884

885 Organization instances provide information on organizations such as a  
886 *Submitting Organization*. Each Organization *Instance* may have a reference to a  
887 parent Organization.

888 **8.3.1 Attribute Summary**

889

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
address	PostalAddress	Yes		Client	Yes
parent	UUID	No		Client	Yes
primaryContact	UUID	Yes		Client	No
telephoneNumbers	Collection of TelephoneNumber	Yes		Client	Yes

890

891 **8.3.2 Attribute address**

892 Each Organization instance must have an address attribute that provides the  
893 postal address for that organization.

894 **8.3.3 Attribute parent**

895 Each Organization instance may have a parent attribute that references the  
896 parent Organization instance, if any, for that organization.

897 **8.3.4 Attribute primaryContact**

898 Each Organization instance must have a primaryContact attribute that references  
899 the User instance for the user that is the primary contact for that organization.

900 **8.3.5 Attribute telephoneNumbers**

901 Each Organization instance must have a telephoneNumbers attribute that  
902 contains the Collection of TelephoneNumber instances for each telephone

903 number defined for that organization. An Organization must have at least one  
904 telephone number.

## 905 **8.4 Class PostalAddress**

906 PostalAddress is a simple reusable *Entity Class* that defines attributes of a postal  
907 address.

### 908 **8.4.1 Attribute Summary**

909

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
city	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
country	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
postalCode	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
state	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
street	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
streetNumber	String32	No		Client	Yes

910

### 911 **8.4.2 Attribute city**

912 Each PostalAddress may have a city attribute identifying the city for that address.

### 913 **8.4.3 Attribute country**

914 Each PostalAddress may have a country attribute identifying the country for that  
915 address.

### 916 **8.4.4 Attribute postalCode**

917 Each PostalAddress may have a postalCode attribute identifying the postal code  
918 (e.g., zip code) for that address.

### 919 **8.4.5 Attribute state**

920 Each PostalAddress may have a state attribute identifying the state, province or  
921 region for that address.

### 922 **8.4.6 Attribute street**

923 Each PostalAddress may have a street attribute identifying the street name for  
924 that address.

### 925 **8.4.7 Attribute streetNumber**

926 Each PostalAddress may have a streetNumber attribute identifying the street  
927 number (e.g., 65) for the street address.

928 **8.4.8 Method Summary**

929 In addition to its attributes, the PostalAddress class also defines the following  
930 methods.

931

Method Summary of ExternalLink	
Collection	<p><a href="#">getSlots</a> ()</p> <p>Gets the collection of Slots for this object. Each PostalAddress may have multiple Slot instances where a Slot is a dynamically defined attribute. The use of Slots allows the client to extend PostalAddress class by defining additional dynamic attributes using slots to handle locale specific needs.</p>

932

933 **8.5 Class TelephoneNumber**

934 A simple reusable *Entity Class* that defines attributes of a telephone number.

935 **8.5.1 Attribute Summary**

936

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
areaCode	String4	No		Client	Yes
countryCode	String4	No		Client	Yes
extension	String8	No		Client	Yes
number	String16	No		Client	Yes
phoneType	String32	No		Client	Yes
url	URI	No		Client	Yes

937

938 **8.5.2 Attribute areaCode**

939 Each TelephoneNumber instance may have an areaCode attribute that provides  
940 the area code for that telephone number.

941 **8.5.3 Attribute countryCode**

942 Each TelephoneNumber instance may have an countryCode attribute that  
943 provides the country code for that telephone number.

944 **8.5.4 Attribute extension**

945 Each TelephoneNumber instance may have an extension attribute that provides  
946 the extension number, if any, for that telephone number.



947 **8.5.5 Attribute number**

948 Each TelephoneNumber instance may have a number attribute that provides the  
949 local number (without area code, country code and extension) for that telephone  
950 number.

951 **8.5.6 Attribute phoneType**

952 Each TelephoneNumber instance may have phoneType attribute that provides  
953 the type for the TelephoneNumber. Some examples of phoneType are “home”,  
954 “office”.

955 **8.6 Class EmailAddress**

956 A simple reusable *Entity Class* that defines attributes of an email address.

957 **8.6.1 Attribute Summary**

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
address	ShortName	Yes		Client	Yes
type	String32	No		Client	Yes

958 **8.6.2 Attribute address**

959 Each EmailAddress instance must have an address attribute that provides the  
960 actual email address.

961 **8.6.3 Attribute type**

962 Each EmailAddress instance may have a type attribute that provides the type for  
963 that email address. This is an arbitrary value. Examples include “home”, “work”  
964 etc.

965 **8.7 Class PersonName**

966 A simple *Entity Class* for a person’s name.

967 **8.7.1 Attribute Summary**

968

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
firstName	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
lastName	ShortName	No		Client	Yes
middleName	ShortName	No		Client	Yes

969 **8.7.2 Attribute firstName**

970 Each PersonName may have a firstName attribute that is the first name of the  
971 person.

972 **8.7.3 Attribute lastName**

973 Each PersonName may have a lastName attribute that is the last name of the  
974 person.

975 **8.7.4 Attribute middleName**

976 Each PersonName may have a middleName attribute that is the middle name of the  
977 person.

978 **8.8 Class Service**

979 **Super Classes:**

980 [RegistryEntry](#), [RegistryObject](#)

981

982 Service instances provide information on services, such as web services.

983 **8.8.1 Attribute Summary**

984 The Service class does not define any specialized attributes other than its  
985 inherited attributes.

986 **8.8.2 Method Summary**

987 In addition to its attributes, the Service class also defines the following methods.

988

Method Summary of Service	
Collection	<p><a href="#">getServiceBindings</a> ()</p> <p>Gets the collection of ServiceBinding instances defined for this Service.</p>

989 **8.9 Class ServiceBinding**

990 **Super Classes:**

991 [RegistryObject](#)

992

993 ServiceBinding instances are RegistryObjects that represent technical  
994 information on a specific way to access a specific interface offered by a Service  
995 instance. A Service has a Collection of ServiceBindings.

996 The description attribute of ServiceBinding provides details about the relationship  
997 between several specification links comprising the Service Binding. This  
998 description can be useful for human understanding such that the runtime system  
999 can be appropriately configured by the human being. There is possibility of  
1000 enforcing a structure on this description for enabling machine processing of the  
1001 Service Binding, which is however not addressed by the current document.

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1004 **8.9.1 Attribute Summary**

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Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
accessURI	URI	No		Client	Yes
targetBinding	UUID	No		Client	Yes

1006

1007 **8.9.2 Attribute accessURI**

1008 A ServiceBinding may have an accessURI attribute that defines the URI to  
 1009 access that ServiceBinding. This attribute is ignored if a targetBinding attribute is  
 1010 specified for the ServiceBinding. If the URI is a URL then a registry must validate  
 1011 the URL to be resolvable at the time of submission before accepting a  
 1012 ServiceBinding submission to the registry.

1013 **8.9.3 Attribute targetBinding**

1014 A ServiceBinding may have a targetBinding attribute defined which references  
 1015 another ServiceBinding. A targetBinding may be specified when a service is  
 1016 being redirected to another service. This allows the rehosting of a service by  
 1017 another service provider.

1018 **8.9.4 Method Summary**

1019 In addition to its attributes, the ServiceBinding class also defines the following  
 1020 methods.

1021

Method Summary of ServiceBinding	
Collection	<a href="#">getSpecificationLinks</a> () Get the collection of SpecificationLink instances defined for this ServiceBinding.

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1025 **8.10 Class SpecificationLink**1026 **Super Classes:**1027 [RegistryObject](#)

1028

1029 A SpecificationLink provides the linkage between a ServiceBinding and one of its  
 1030 technical specifications that describes how to use the service using the  
 1031 ServiceBinding. For example, a ServiceBinding may have a SpecificationLink  
 1032 instances that describe how to access the service using a technical specification  
 1033 in form of a WSDL document or a CORBA IDL document.

1034 **8.10.1 Attribute Summary**

1035

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
specificationObject	UUID	Yes		Client	Yes
usageDescription	InternationalString	No		Client	Yes
usageParameters	Collection of FreeFormText	No		Client	Yes

1036

1037 **8.10.2 Attribute specificationObject**

1038 A SpecificationLink instance must have a specificationObject attribute that  
 1039 provides a reference to a RegistryObject instance that provides a technical  
 1040 specification for the parent ServiceBinding. Typically, this is an ExtrinsicObject  
 1041 instance representing the technical specification (e.g., a WSDL document).

1042 **8.10.3 Attribute usageDescription**

1043 A SpecificationLink instance may have a usageDescription attribute that provides  
 1044 a textual description of how to use the optional usageParameters attribute  
 1045 described next. The usageDescription is of type InternationalString, thus allowing  
 1046 the description to be in multiple languages.

1047 **8.10.4 Attribute usageParameters**

1048 A SpecificationLink instance may have a usageParameters attribute that provides  
 1049 a collection of Strings representing the instance specific parameters needed to  
 1050 use the technical specification (e.g., a WSDL document) specified by this  
 1051 SpecificationLink object.

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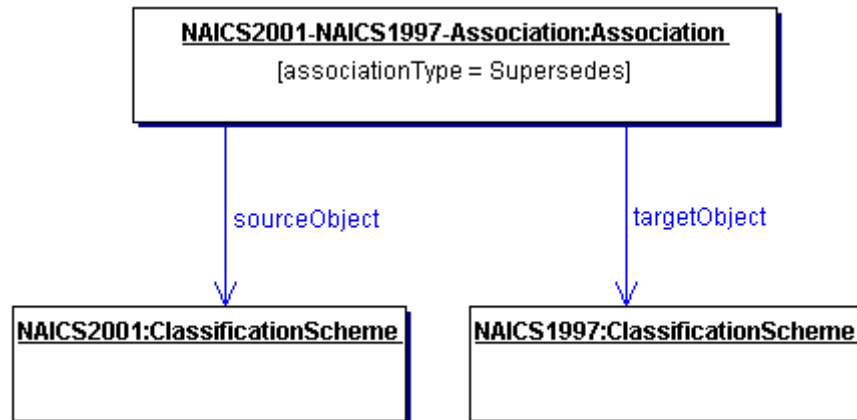
## 1052 9 Association of Registry Objects

1053 A RegistryObject instance may be *associated* with zero or more RegistryObject  
 1054 instances. The information model defines an Association class, an instance of  
 1055 which may be used to associate any two RegistryObject instances.

### 1056 9.1 Example of an Association

1057 One example of such an association is between two ClassificationScheme  
 1058 instances, where one ClassificationScheme supersedes the other  
 1059 ClassificationScheme as shown in Figure 3. This may be the case when a new  
 1060 version of a ClassificationScheme is submitted.

1061 In Figure 3, we see how an Association is defined between a new version of the  
 1062 NAICS ClassificationScheme and an older version of the NAICS  
 1063 ClassificationScheme.  
 1064



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1066

Figure 3: Example of RegistryObject Association

### 1067 9.2 Source and Target Objects

1068 An Association instance represents an association between a *source*  
 1069 RegistryObject and a *target* RegistryObject. These are referred to as  
 1070 *sourceObject* and *targetObject* for the Association instance. It is important which  
 1071 object is the sourceObject and which is the targetObject as it determines the  
 1072 directional semantics of an Association.

1073 In the example in Figure 3, it is important to make the newer version of NAICS  
 1074 ClassificationScheme be the sourceObject and the older version of NAICS be the  
 1075 targetObject because the associationType implies that the sourceObject  
 1076 supersedes the targetObject (and not the other way around).

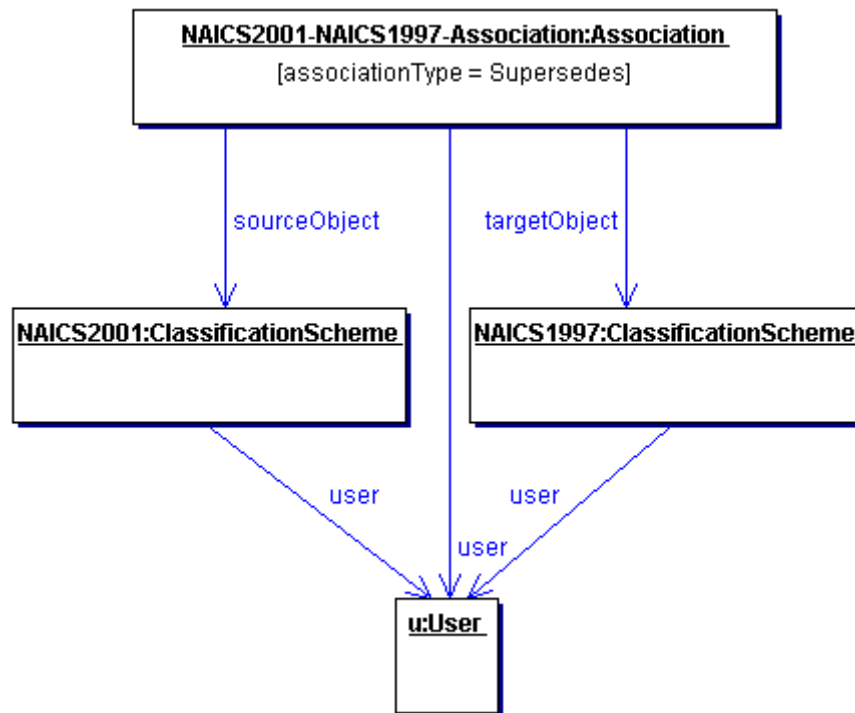
### 1077 9.3 Association Types

1078 Each Association must have an associationType attribute that identifies the type  
 1079 of that association.

## 1080 9.4 Intramural Association

1081 A common use case for the Association class is when a User “u” creates an  
 1082 Association “a” between two RegistryObjects “o1” and “o2” where association “a”  
 1083 and RegistryObjects “o1” and “o2” are objects that were created by the same  
 1084 User “u.” This is the simplest use case, where the association is between two  
 1085 objects that are owned by the same User that is defining the Association. Such  
 1086 associations are referred to as *intramural associations*.  
 1087 Figure 4 below, extends the previous example in Figure 3 for the intramural  
 1088 association case.

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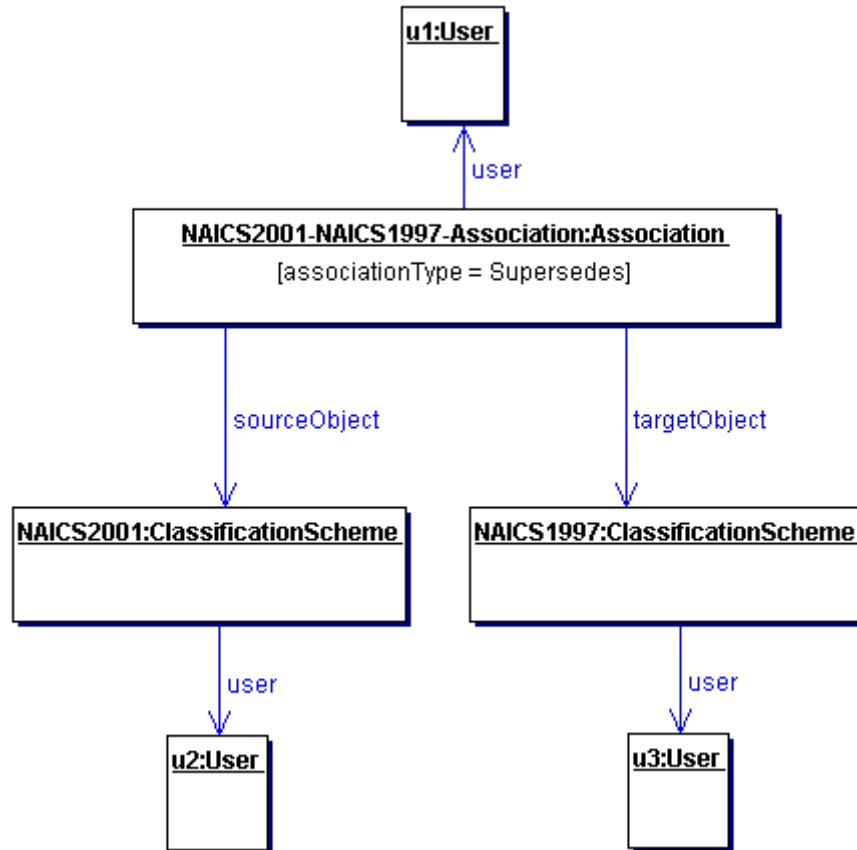
Figure 4: Example of Intramural Association

## 1092 9.5 Extramural Association

1093 The information model also allows more sophisticated use cases. For example, a  
 1094 User “u1” creates an Association “a” between two RegistryObjects “o1” and “o2”  
 1095 where association “a” is owned by User “u1”, but RegistryObjects “o1” and “o2”  
 1096 are owned by User “u2” and User “u3” respectively.

1097 In this use case an Association is defined where either or both objects that are  
 1098 being associated are owned by a User different from the User defining the  
 1099 Association. Such associations are referred to as *extramural associations*. The  
 1100 Association class provides a convenience method called `isExtramural` that  
 1101 returns "true" if the Association instance is an extramural Association.

1102 Figure 5 below, extends the previous example in Figure 3 for the extramural  
 1103 association case. Note that it is possible for an extramural association to have  
 1104 two distinct Users rather than three distinct Users as shown in Figure 5. In such  
 1105 case, one of the two users owns two of the three objects involved (Association,  
 1106 sourceObject and targetObject).  
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Figure 5: Example of Extramural Association

## 1110 9.6 Confirmation of an Association

1111 An association may need to be confirmed by the parties whose objects are  
 1112 involved in that Association as the sourceObject or targetObject. This section  
 1113 describes the semantics of confirmation of an association by the parties involved.

### 1114 9.6.1 Confirmation of Intramural Associations

1115 Intramural associations may be viewed as declarations of truth and do not  
 1116 require any explicit steps to confirm that Association as being true. In other  
 1117 words, intramural associations are implicitly considered confirmed.

## 1118 **9.6.2 Confirmation of Extramural Associations**

1119 Extramural associations may be thought of as a unilateral assertion that may not  
1120 be viewed as truth until it has been confirmed by the other (extramural) parties  
1121 involved (Users “u2” and “u3” in the example in section 9.5).

1122 To confirm an extramural association, each of the extramural parties (parties that  
1123 own the source or target object but do not own the Association) must submit an  
1124 identical Association (clone Association) as the Association they are intending to  
1125 confirm using a SubmitObjectsRequest. The clone Association must have the  
1126 same id as the original Association.

## 1127 **9.7 Visibility of Unconfirmed Associations**

1128 Extramural associations require each extramural party to confirm the assertion  
1129 being made by the extramural Association before the Association is visible to  
1130 third parties that are not involved in the Association. This ensures that  
1131 unconfirmed Associations are not visible to third party registry clients.

## 1132 **9.8 Possible Confirmation States**

1133 Assume the most general case where there are three distinct User instances as  
1134 shown in Figure 5 for an extramural Association. The extramural Association  
1135 needs to be confirmed by both the other (extramural) parties (Users “u2” and “u3”  
1136 in example) in order to be fully confirmed. The methods  
1137 `isConfirmedBySourceOwner` and `isConfirmedByTargetOwner` in the  
1138 Association class provide access to the confirmation state for both the  
1139 `sourceObject` and `targetObject`. A third convenience method called  
1140 `isConfirmed` provides a way to determine whether the Association is fully  
1141 confirmed or not. So there are the following four possibilities related to the  
1142 confirmation state of an extramural Association:

- 1143 ○ The Association is confirmed neither by the owner of the `sourceObject` nor  
1144 by the owner of the `targetObject`.
- 1145 ○ The Association is confirmed by the owner of the `sourceObject` but it is not  
1146 confirmed by the owner of the `targetObject`.
- 1147 ○ The Association is not confirmed by the owner of the `sourceObject` but it is  
1148 confirmed by the owner of the `targetObject`.
- 1149 ○ The Association is confirmed by both the owner of the `sourceObject` and  
1150 the owner of the `targetObject`. This is the only state where the Association  
1151 is fully confirmed.

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## 1153 **9.9 Class Association**

1154 **Super Classes:**

1155 [RegistryObject](#)

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1158 Association instances are used to define many-to-many associations among  
1159 RegistryObjects in the information model.



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1161 An *Instance* of the Association Class represents an association between two  
1162 RegistryObjects.

### 1163 9.9.1 Attribute Summary

1164

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
associationType	LongName	Yes		Client	No
sourceObject	UUID	Yes		Client	No
targetObject	UUID	Yes		Client	No

1165

### 1166 9.9.2 Attribute associationType

1167 Each Association must have an associationType attribute that identifies the type  
1168 of that association.

#### 1169 9.9.2.1 Pre-defined Association Types

1170 The following table lists pre-defined association types. These pre-defined  
1171 association types are defined as a *Classification* scheme. While the scheme may  
1172 easily be extended a *Registry* MUST support the association types listed below.

1173

name	description
RelatedTo	Defines that source RegistryObject is related to target RegistryObject.
HasMember	Defines that the source RegistryPackage object has the target RegistryObject object as a member. Reserved for use in Packaging of RegistryEntries.
ExternallyLinks	Defines that the source ExternalLink object externally links the target RegistryObject object. Reserved for use in associating ExternalLinks with RegistryEntries.
Contains	Defines that source RegistryObject contains the target RegistryObject. The details of the containment relationship are specific to the usage. For example a parts catalog may define an Engine object to have a contains relationship with a Transmission object.
EquivalentTo	Defines that source RegistryObject is equivalent to the target RegistryObject.
Extends	Defines that source RegistryObject inherits from or specializes the target RegistryObject.
Implements	Defines that source RegistryObject implements the functionality defined by the target RegistryObject.
InstanceOf	Defines that source RegistryObject is an <i>Instance</i> of

	target RegistryObject.
<b>Supersedes</b>	Defines that the source RegistryObject supersedes the target RegistryObject.
<b>Uses</b>	Defines that the source RegistryObject uses the target RegistryObject in some manner.
<b>Replaces</b>	Defines that the source RegistryObject replaces the target RegistryObject in some manner.
<b>SubmitterOf</b>	Defines that the source Organization is the submitter of the target RegistryObject.
<b>ResponsibleFor</b>	Defines that the source Organization is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the target RegistryObject.

1174

1175 **9.9.3 Attribute sourceObject**

1176 Each Association must have a sourceObject attribute that references the  
 1177 RegistryObject instance that is the source of that association.

1178 **9.9.4 Attribute targetObject**

1179 Each Association must have a targetObject attribute that references the  
 1180 RegistryObject instance that is the target of that association.

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Method Summary of Association	
boolean	<a href="#">isConfirmed()</a> Returns true if isConfirmedBySourceOwner and isConfirmedByTargetOwner both return true. For intramural Associations always return true. An association should only be visible to third parties (not involved with the Association) if isConfirmed returns true.
boolean	<a href="#">isConfirmedBySourceOwner()</a> Returns true if the association has been confirmed by the owner of the sourceObject. For intramural Associations always return true.
boolean	<a href="#">isConfirmedByTargetOwner()</a> Returns true if the association has been confirmed by the owner of the targetObject. For intramural Associations always return true.
boolean	<a href="#">isExtramural()</a> Returns true if the sourceObject and/or the targetObject are owned by a User that is different from the User that created the Association.

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## 1184 **10 Classification of RegistryObject**

1185 This section describes the how the information model supports *Classification* of  
1186 RegistryObject. It is a simplified version of the *OASIS* classification model [OAS].

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1188 A RegistryObject may be classified in many ways. For example the  
1189 RegistryObject for the same *Collaboration Protocol Profile (CPP)* may be  
1190 classified by its industry, by the products it sells and by its geographical location.

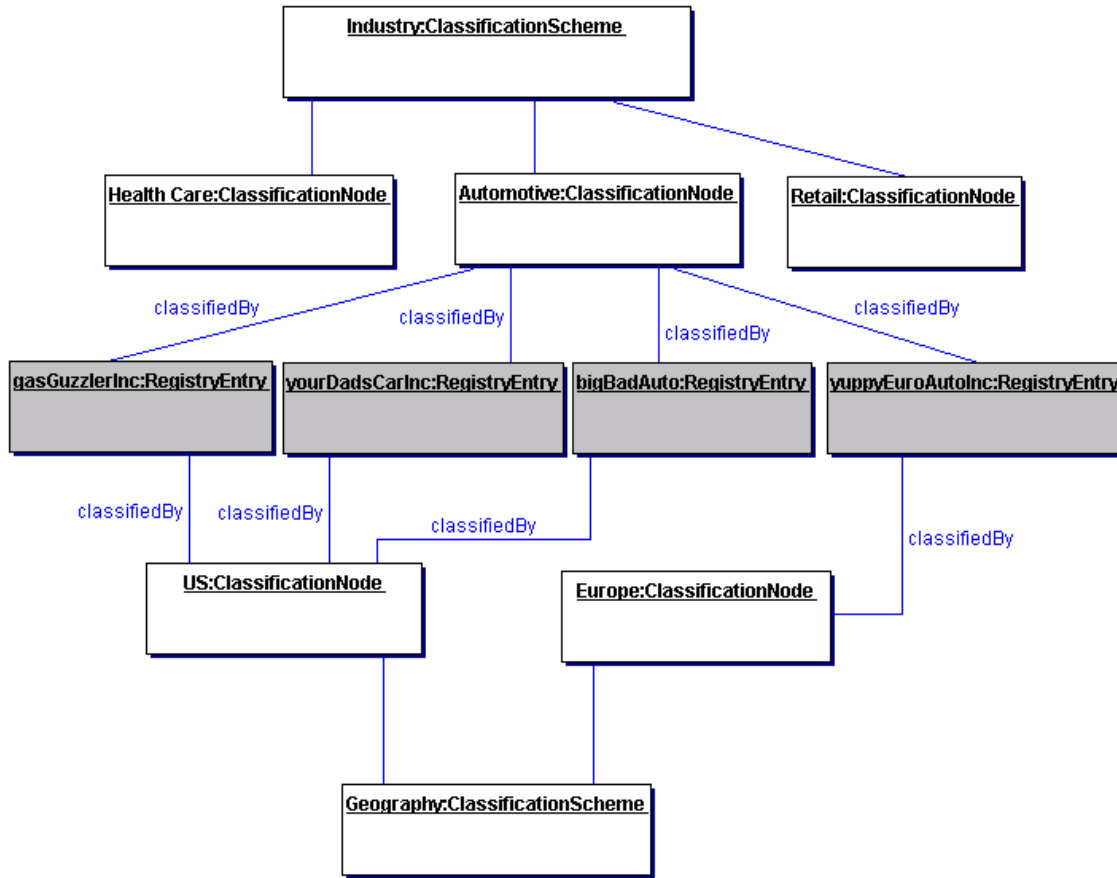
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1192 A general *ClassificationScheme* can be viewed as a *Classification* tree. In the  
1193 example shown in Figure 6, RegistryObject instances representing *Collaboration*  
1194 *Protocol Profiles* are shown as shaded boxes. Each *Collaboration Protocol*  
1195 *Profile* represents an automobile manufacturer. Each *Collaboration Protocol*  
1196 *Profile* is classified by the ClassificationNode named "Automotive" under the  
1197 ClassificationScheme instance with name "Industry." Furthermore, the US  
1198 Automobile manufacturers are classified by the US ClassificationNode under the  
1199 ClassificationScheme with name "Geography." Similarly, a European automobile  
1200 manufacturer is classified by the "Europe" ClassificationNode under the  
1201 ClassificationScheme with name "Geography."

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1203 The example shows how a RegistryObject may be classified by multiple  
1204 ClassificationNode instances under multiple ClassificationScheme instances  
1205 (e.g., Industry, Geography).

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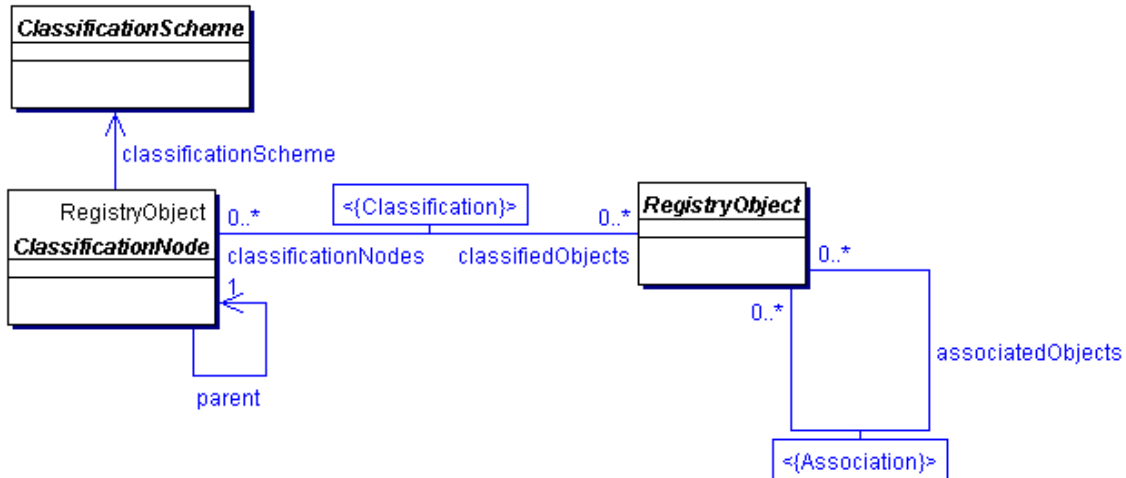
**Figure 6: Example showing a *Classification Tree***

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[Note] It is important to point out that the dark nodes (gasGuzzlerInc, yourDadsCarInc etc.) are not part of the *Classification tree*. The leaf nodes of the *Classification tree* are Health Care, Automotive, Retail, US and Europe. The dark nodes are associated with the *Classification tree* via a *Classification Instance* that is not shown in the picture

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In order to support a general *Classification* scheme that can support single level as well as multi-level *Classifications*, the information model defines the *Classes* and relationships shown in Figure 7.



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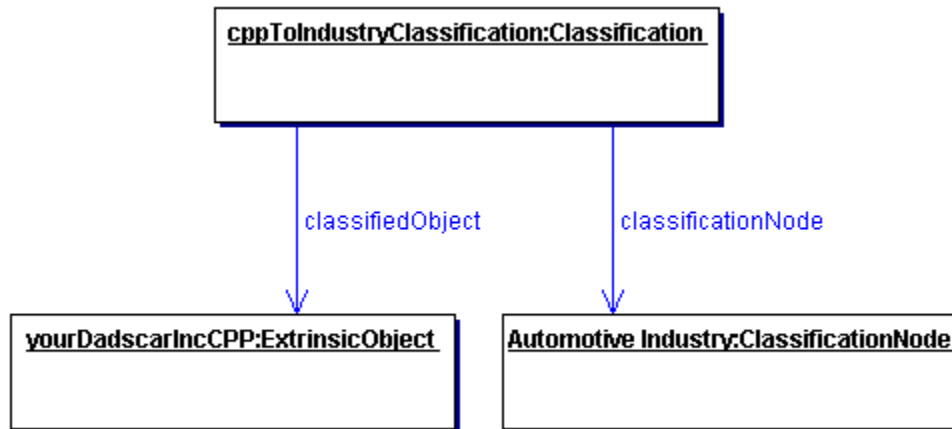
Figure 7: Information Model *Classification View*

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1225 A Classification is somewhat like a specialized form of an Association. Figure 8  
 1226 shows an example of an ExtrinsicObject *Instance* for a *Collaboration Protocol*  
 1227 *Profile (CPP)* object that is classified by a ClassificationNode representing the  
 1228 Industry that it belongs to.

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Figure 8: Classification *Instance Diagram*

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## 1238 **10.1 Class ClassificationScheme**

### 1239 **Base classes:**

1240 [RegistryEntry](#), [RegistryObject](#)

1241

1242 A ClassificationScheme instance is metadata that describes a registered  
1243 taxonomy. The taxonomy hierarchy may be defined internally to the  
1244 Registry by instances of ClassificationNode or it may be defined externally  
1245 to the Registry, in which case the structure and values of the taxonomy  
1246 elements are not known to the Registry.

1247 In the first case the classification scheme is defined to be *internal* and in  
1248 the second case the classification scheme is defined to be *external*.

1249 The ClassificationScheme class inherits attributes and methods from the  
1250 RegistryObject and RegistryEntry classes.

1251

### 1252 **10.1.1 Attribute Summary**

1253

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
isInternal	Boolean	Yes		Client	No
nodeType	String32	Yes		Client	No

1254 Note that attributes inherited by ClassificationScheme class from the  
1255 RegistryEntry class are not shown.

1256

### 1257 **10.1.2 Attribute isInternal**

1258 When submitting a ClassificationScheme instance the Submitting Organization  
1259 needs to declare whether the ClassificationScheme instance represents an  
1260 internal or an external taxonomy. This allows the registry to validate the  
1261 subsequent submissions of ClassificationNode and Classification instances in  
1262 order to maintain the type of ClassificationScheme consistent throughout its  
1263 lifecycle.

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### 1265 **10.1.3 Attribute nodeType**

1266 When submitting a ClassificationScheme instance the Submitting Organization  
1267 needs to declare what is the structure of taxonomy nodes that this  
1268 ClassificationScheme instance will represent. This attribute is an enumeration  
1269 with the following values:

- 1270 - UniqueCode. This value says that each node of the taxonomy has  
1271 a unique code assigned to it.
- 1272 - EmbeddedPath. This value says that a unique code assigned to  
1273 each node of the taxonomy at the same time encodes its path. This  
1274 is the case in the NAICS taxonomy.

1275 - NonUniqueCode. In some cases nodes are not unique, and it is  
 1276 necessary to nominate the full path in order to identify the node. For  
 1277 example, in a geography taxonomy Moscow could be under both  
 1278 Russia and the USA, where there are five cities of that name in  
 1279 different states.

1280 This enumeration might expand in the future with some new values. An example  
 1281 for possible future values for this enumeration might be NamedPathElements for  
 1282 support of Named-Level taxonomies such as Genus/Species.  
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## 1284 **10.2 Class ClassificationNode**

1285 **Base classes:**

1286 [RegistryObject](#)

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1287 ClassificationNode instances are used to define tree structures where  
 1288 each node in the tree is a ClassificationNode. Such *Classification* trees  
 1289 are constructed with ClassificationNode instances under a  
 1290 ClassificationScheme instance, and are used to define *Classification*  
 1291 schemes or ontologies.  
 1292  
 1293

### 1294 **10.2.1 Attribute Summary**

1295

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
parent	UUID	No		Client	No
code	ShortName	No		Client	No

1296

### 1297 **10.2.2 Attribute parent**

1298 Each ClassificationNode may have a parent attribute. The parent attribute either  
 1299 references a parent ClassificationNode or a ClassificationScheme instance in  
 1300 case of first level ClassificationNode instances.  
 1301

### 1302 **10.2.3 Attribute code**

1303 Each ClassificationNode may have a code attribute. The code attribute contains  
 1304 a code within a standard coding scheme.  
 1305

### 1306 **10.2.4 Method Summary**

1307 In addition to its attributes, the ClassificationNode class also defines the following  
 1308 methods.  
 1309

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Method Summary of ClassificationNode	
ClassificationScheme	<a href="#">getClassificationScheme</a> () Get the ClassificationScheme that this ClassificationNode belongs to.
Collection	<a href="#">getClassifiedObjects</a> () Get the collection of RegistryObjects classified by this ClassificationNode.
String	<a href="#">getPath</a> () Gets the canonical path from the ClassificationScheme of this ClassificationNode. The path syntax is defined in 10.2.5.
Integer	<a href="#">getLevelNumber</a> () Gets the level number of this ClassificationNode in the classification scheme hierarchy. This method returns a positive integer and is defined for every node instance.

1310

1311 In Figure 6, several instances of ClassificationNode are defined (all light colored  
1312 boxes). A ClassificationNode has zero or one parent and zero or more  
1313 ClassificationNodes for its immediate children. The parent of a  
1314 ClassificationNode may be another ClassificationNode or a ClassificationScheme  
1315 in case of first level ClassificationNodes.

1316

### 1317 10.2.5 Canonical Path Syntax

1318 The getPath method of the ClassificationNode class returns an absolute path in a  
1319 canonical representation that uniquely identifies the path leading from the  
1320 ClassificationScheme to that ClassificationNode.

1321 The canonical path representation is defined by the following BNF grammar:

1322

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1323 canonicalPath ::= '/' schemeld nodePath
1324 nodePath    ::=  '/' nodeCode
1325             |   '/' nodeCode ( nodePath )?

```

1326

1327 In the above grammar, schemeld is the id attribute of the ClassificationScheme  
1328 instance, and nodeCode is defined by NCName production as defined by  
1329 <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml-names/#NT-NCName>.

1330

#### 1331 10.2.5.1 Example of Canonical Path Representation

1332 The following canonical path represents what the getPath method would return  
1333 for the ClassificationNode with code 'United States' in the sample Geography  
1334 scheme in section 10.2.5.2.

1335

```
1336 /Geography-id/NorthAmerica/UnitedStates
```



### 1337 10.2.5.2 Sample Geography Scheme

1338 Note that in the following examples, the ID attributes have been chosen for ease  
1339 of readability and are therefore not valid URN or UUID values.

1340

```
1341 <ClassificationScheme id='Geography-id' name="Geography"/>
```

1342

```
1343 <ClassificationNode id="NorthAmerica-id" parent="Geography-id" code="NorthAmerica" />
```

1344

```
1344 <ClassificationNode id="UnitedStates-id" parent="NorthAmerica-id" code="UnitedStates" />
```

1345

```
1346 <ClassificationNode id="Asia-id" parent="Geography-id" code="Asia" />
```

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```
1347 <ClassificationNode id="Japan-id" parent="Asia-id" code="Japan" />
```

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```
1348 <ClassificationNode id="Tokyo-id" parent="Japan-id" code="Tokyo" />
```

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## 1350 10.3 Class Classification

### 1351 Base Classes:

1352

[RegistryObject](#)

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1354 A Classification instance classifies a RegistryObject instance by referencing a  
1355 node defined within a particular classification scheme. An internal classification  
1356 will always reference the node directly, by its id, while an external classification  
1357 will reference the node indirectly by specifying a representation of its value that is  
1358 unique within the external classification scheme.

1359

1360 The attributes and methods for the Classification class are intended to allow for  
1361 representation of both internal and external classifications in order to minimize  
1362 the need for a submission or a query to distinguish between internal and external  
1363 classifications.

1364

1365 In Figure 6, Classification instances are not explicitly shown but are implied as  
1366 associations between the RegistryObject instances (shaded leaf node) and the  
1367 associated ClassificationNode.

### 1368 10.3.1 Attribute Summary

1369

Attribute	Data Type	Required	Default Value	Specified By	Mutable
classificationScheme	UUID	for external classifications	null	Client	No
classificationNode	UUID	for internal classifications	null	Client	No
classifiedObject	UUID	Yes		Client	No
nodeRepresentation	LongName	for external classifications	null	Client	No

1370 Note that attributes inherited from the base classes of this class are not shown.

1371

**1372 10.3.2 Attribute classificationScheme**

1373 If the Classification instance represents an external classification, then the  
1374 classificationScheme attribute is required. The classificationScheme value must  
1375 reference a ClassificationScheme instance.  
1376

**1377 10.3.3 Attribute classificationNode**

1378 If the Classification instance represents an internal classification, then the  
1379 classificationNode attribute is required. The classificationNode value must  
1380 reference a ClassificationNode instance.

**1381 10.3.4 Attribute classifiedObject**

1382 For both internal and external classifications, the ClassifiedObject attribute is  
1383 required and it references the RegistryObject instance that is classified by this  
1384 Classification.  
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**1386 10.3.5 Attribute nodeRepresentation**

1387 If the Classification instance represents an external classification, then the  
1388 nodeRepresentation attribute is required. It is a representation of a taxonomy  
1389 element from a classification scheme. It is the responsibility of the registry to  
1390 distinguish between different types of nodeRepresentation, like between the  
1391 classification scheme node code and the classification scheme node canonical  
1392 path. This allows client to transparently use different syntaxes for  
1393 nodeRepresentation.

**1394 10.3.6 Context Sensitive Classification**

1395 Consider the case depicted in Figure 9 where a *Collaboration Protocol Profile* for  
1396 ACME Inc. is classified by the Japan ClassificationNode under the Geography  
1397 *Classification* scheme. In the absence of the context for this *Classification* its  
1398 meaning is ambiguous. Does it mean that ACME is located in Japan, or does it  
1399 mean that ACME ships products to Japan, or does it have some other meaning?  
1400 To address this ambiguity a Classification may optionally be associated with  
1401 another ClassificationNode (in this example named isLocatedIn) that provides the  
1402 missing context for the Classification. Another *Collaboration Protocol Profile* for  
1403 MyParcelService may be classified by the Japan ClassificationNode where this  
1404 Classification is associated with a different ClassificationNode (e.g., named  
1405 shipsTo) to indicate a different context than the one used by ACME Inc.

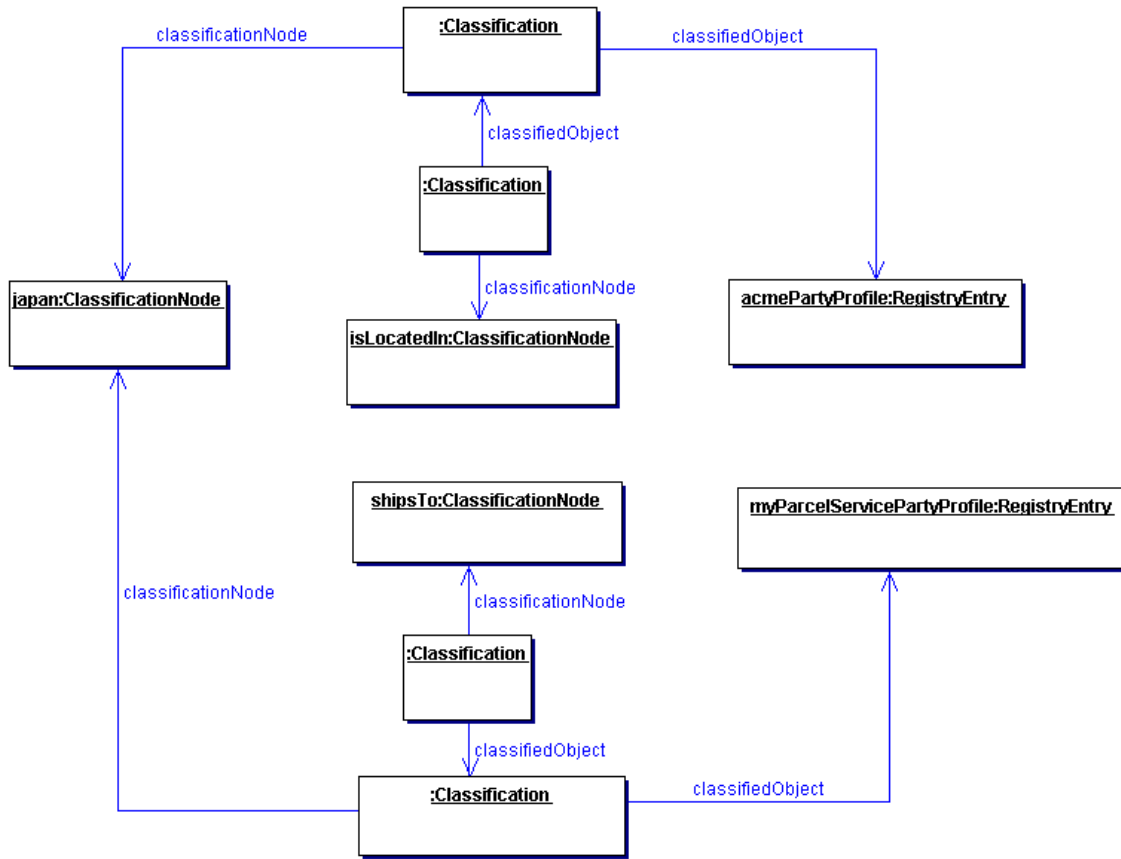


Figure 9: Context Sensitive Classification

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1411 Thus, in order to support the possibility of Classification within multiple contexts,  
 1412 a Classification is itself classified by any number of Classifications that bind the  
 1413 first Classification to ClassificationNodes that provide the missing contexts.

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1415 In summary, the generalized support for Classification schemes in the  
 1416 information model allows:

- 1417 ○ A RegistryObject to be classified by defining an internal Classification that  
 1418 associates it with a ClassificationNode in a ClassificationScheme.
- 1419 ○ A RegistryObject to be classified by defining an external Classification that  
 1420 associates it with a value in an external ClassificationScheme.
- 1421 ○ A RegistryObject to be classified along multiple facets by having multiple  
 1422 Classifications that associate it with multiple ClassificationNodes or value  
 1423 within a ClassificationScheme.
- 1424 ○ A Classification defined for a RegistryObject to be qualified by the  
 1425 contexts in which it is being classified.

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1428 **10.3.7 Method Summary**

1429 In addition to its attributes, the Classification class also defines the following  
 1430 methods:

Return Type	Method
UUID	<p><a href="#">getClassificationScheme()</a></p> <p>For an external classification, returns the scheme identified by the classificationScheme attribute.            For an internal classification, returns the scheme identified by the same method applied to the ClassificationNode instance</p>
String	<p><a href="#">getPath()</a></p> <p>For an external classification returns a string that conforms to the string structure specified for the result of the getPath() method in the ClassificationNode class.            For an internal classification, returns the same value as does the getPath() method applied to the ClassificationNode instance identified by the classificationNode attribute.</p>
ShortName	<p><a href="#">getCode()</a></p> <p>For an external classification, returns a string that represents the declared value of the taxonomy element. It will not necessarily uniquely identify that node.            For an internal classification, returns the value of the code attribute of the ClassificationNode instance identified by the classificationNode attribute.</p>
Organization	<p><a href="#">getSubmittingOrganization()</a></p> <p>Gets the Organization instance of the organization that submitted the given RegistryEntry instance. This method returns a non-null result for every RegistryEntry. For privilege assignment, the organization returned by this method is regarded as the owner of the Classification instance.</p>

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## 1443 **10.4 Example of Classification Schemes**

1444 The following table lists some examples of possible *Classification* schemes  
 1445 enabled by the information model. These schemes are based on a subset of  
 1446 contextual concepts identified by the ebXML Business Process and Core  
 1447 Components Project Teams. This list is meant to be illustrative not prescriptive.

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<b>Classification Scheme</b>	<b>Usage Example</b>	<b>Standard Classification Schemes</b>
Industry	Find all Parties in Automotive industry	NAICS
Process	Find a ServiceInterface that implements a Process	
Product / Services	Find a <i>Business</i> that sells a product or offers a service	UNSPSC
Locale	Find a Supplier located in Japan	ISO 3166
Temporal	Find Supplier that can ship with 24 hours	
Role	Find All Suppliers that have a <i>Role</i> of "Seller"	

1450 **Table 1: Sample Classification Schemes**

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## 1458 **11 Information Model: Security View**

1459 This section describes the aspects of the information model that relate to the  
 1460 security features of the *Registry*.

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 1462 Figure 10 shows the view of the objects in the *Registry* from a security  
 1463 perspective. It shows object relationships as a *UML Class* diagram. It does not  
 1464 show *Class* attributes or *Class* methods that will be described in subsequent  
 1465 sections. It is meant to be illustrative not prescriptive.

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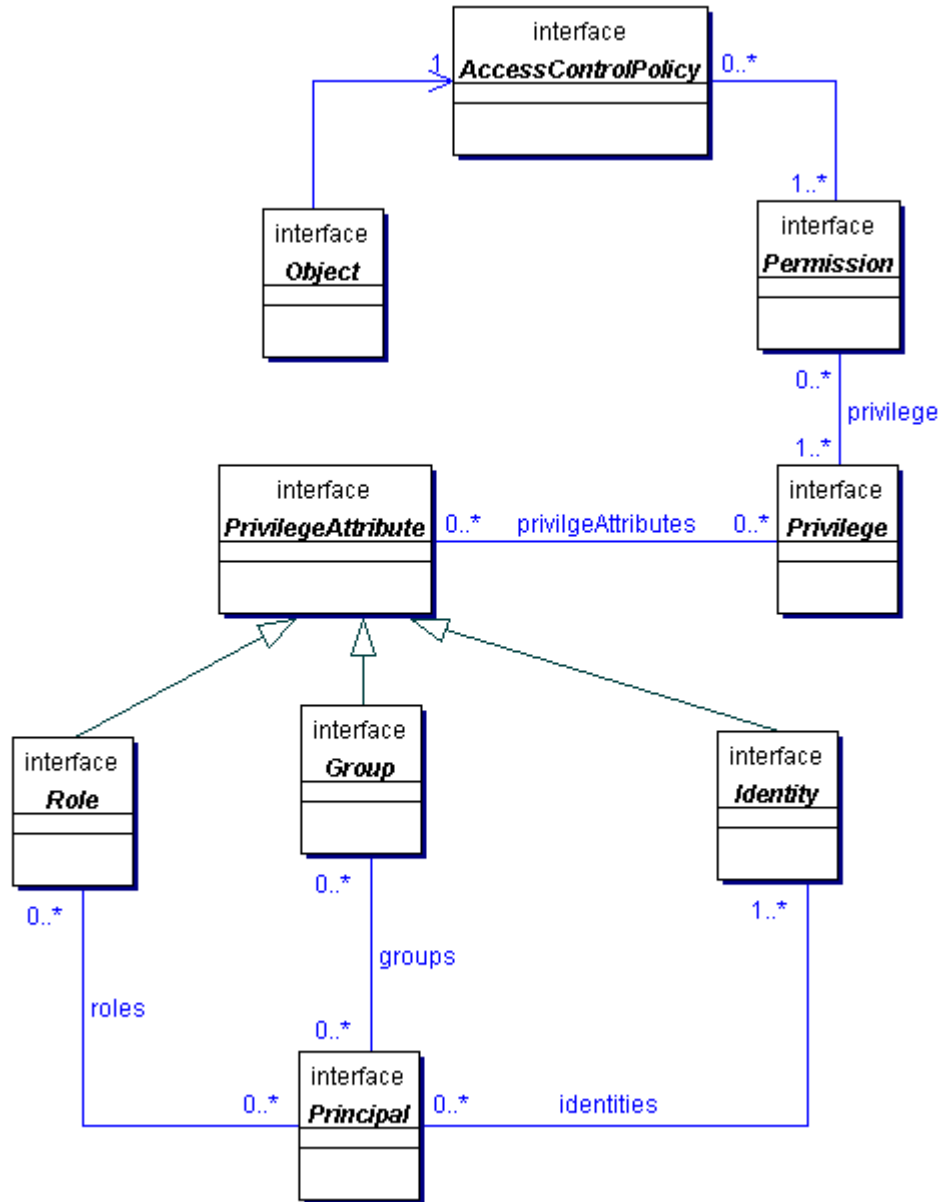


Figure 10: Information Model: Security View

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1470 **11.1 Class AccessControlPolicy**

1471 Every RegistryObject may be associated with exactly one AccessControlPolicy,  
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1473 performed on that RegistryObject. Such policy rules are defined as a collection of  
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Method Summary of AccessControlPolicy	
Collection	<a href="#">getPermissions()</a> Gets the Permissions defined for this AccessControlPolicy. Maps to attribute named <code>permissions</code> .

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## 1480 11.2 Class Permission

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1482 The Permission object is used for authorization and access control to  
 1483 RegistryObjects in the *Registry*. The Permissions for a RegistryObject are  
 1484 defined in an AccessControlPolicy object.

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1486 A Permission object authorizes access to a method in a RegistryObject if the  
 1487 requesting Principal has any of the Privileges defined in the Permission.

1488 **See Also:**

1489 [Privilege](#), [AccessControlPolicy](#)

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Method Summary of Permission	
String	<a href="#">getMethodName()</a> Gets the method name that is accessible to a Principal with specified Privilege by this Permission. Maps to attribute named <code>methodName</code> .
Collection	<a href="#">getPrivileges()</a> Gets the Privileges associated with this Permission. Maps to attribute named <code>privileges</code> .

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## 1492 11.3 Class Privilege

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1494 A Privilege object contains zero or more PrivilegeAttributes. A PrivilegeAttribute  
 1495 can be a Group, a Role, or an Identity.

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1497 A requesting Principal MUST have all of the PrivilegeAttributes specified in a  
 1498 Privilege in order to gain access to a method in a protected RegistryObject.  
 1499 Permissions defined in the RegistryObject's AccessControlPolicy define the  
 1500 Privileges that can authorize access to specific methods.

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1502 This mechanism enables the flexibility to have object access control policies that  
 1503 are based on any combination of Roles, Identities or Groups.

1504 **See Also:**

1505 [PrivilegeAttribute](#), [Permission](#)

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Method Summary of Privilege	
Collection	<a href="#">getPrivilegeAttributes()</a> Gets the PrivilegeAttributes associated with this Privilege. Maps to attribute named <code>privilegeAttributes</code> .

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## 1510 11.4 Class PrivilegeAttribute

1511 **All Known Subclasses:**

1512 [Group](#), [Identity](#), [Role](#)

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1514 PrivilegeAttribute is a common base *Class* for all types of security attributes that  
1515 are used to grant specific access control privileges to a Principal. A Principal may  
1516 have several different types of PrivilegeAttributes. Specific combination of  
1517 PrivilegeAttributes may be defined as a Privilege object.

1518 **See Also:**

1519 [Principal](#), [Privilege](#)

## 1520 11.5 Class Role

1521 **All Superclasses:**

1522 [PrivilegeAttribute](#)

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### 1524 11.5.1 A security Role PrivilegeAttribute

1525 For example a hospital may have *Roles* such as Nurse, Doctor, Administrator  
1526 etc. Roles are used to grant Privileges to Principals. For example a Doctor *Role*  
1527 may be allowed to write a prescription but a Nurse *Role* may not.

## 1528 11.6 Class Group

1529 **All Superclasses:**

1530 [PrivilegeAttribute](#)

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### 1532 11.6.1 A security Group PrivilegeAttribute

1533 A Group is an aggregation of users that may have different Roles. For example  
1534 a hospital may have a Group defined for Nurses and Doctors that are  
1535 participating in a specific clinical trial (e.g., AspirinTrial group). Groups are used  
1536 to grant Privileges to Principals. For example the members of the AspirinTrial  
1537 group may be allowed to write a prescription for Aspirin (even though Nurse Role  
1538 as a rule may not be allowed to write prescriptions).

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1541 **11.7 Class Identity**1542 **All Superclasses:**1543 [PrivilegeAttribute](#)

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1545 **11.7.1 A security Identity PrivilegeAttribute**

1546 This is typically used to identify a person, an organization, or software service.  
 1547 Identity attribute may be in the form of a digital certificate.

1548 **11.8 Class Principal**

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1550 Principal is a generic term used by the security community to include both people  
 1551 and software systems. The Principal object is an entity that has a set of  
 1552 PrivilegeAttributes. These PrivilegeAttributes include at least one identity, and  
 1553 optionally a set of role memberships, group memberships or security clearances.  
 1554 A principal is used to authenticate a requestor and to authorize the requested  
 1555 action based on the PrivilegeAttributes associated with the Principal.

1556 **See Also:**1557 PrivilegeAttributes, [Privilege](#), [Permission](#)

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Method Summary of Principal	
Collection	<a href="#">getGroups</a> () Gets the Groups associated with this Principal. Maps to attribute named <code>groups</code> .
Collection	<a href="#">getIdentities</a> () Gets the Identities associated with this Principal. Maps to attribute named <code>identities</code> .
Collection	<a href="#">getRoles</a> () Gets the Roles associated with this Principal. Maps to attribute named <code>roles</code> .

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