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## Abstract

The OWL 2 Web Ontology Language, informally OWL 2, is an ontology language for the Semantic Web with formally defined meaning. OWL 2 ontologies provide classes, properties, individuals, and data values and are stored as Semantic Web documents. OWL 2 ontologies can be used along with information written in RDF, and OWL 2 ontologies themselves are primarily exchanged as RDF documents. The OWL 2 [Document Overview](#) describes the overall state of OWL 2, and should be read before other OWL 2 documents.

This document specifies an XML serialization for OWL 2 that mirrors its structural specification. An XML schema defines this syntax and is available as a separate document, as well as being included here.

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## 1 Overview

This document defines the XML serialization for OWL 2, an alternative exchange syntax for OWL 2 designed for use by XML tools (e.g., tools using, for example, XQuery [XQuery]). Although the XML serialization is designed as an exchange syntax for OWL 2, RDF/XML is the only required exchange syntax for OWL—use of the XML serialization by OWL 2 tools is optional.

The italicized keywords *must*, *must not*, *should*, *should not*, and *may* are used to specify normative features of OWL 2 documents and tools, and are interpreted as specified in RFC 2119 [RFC 2119].

The XML serialization mirrors the structural specification of OWL 2 [OWL 2 Specification] and is defined by means of an XML schema [XML Schema] plus some additional constraints in prose.

The elements in the XML Schema belong to the `<http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>` namespace, and the attributes belong to no namespace. The local parts of the names used in the XML Schema are the same as the names of their corresponding elements from the structural specification. Thus, the XML serialization can be seen as a notational variant of the functional syntax.

## 2 Example Ontology (Informative)

Example:

The following is an example of an OWL 2 ontology written in the XML serialization.

More examples can be found in the OWL 2 Primer [[OWL 2 Primer](#)].

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Ontology xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/ns/owl2-xml http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
  xml:base="http://example.com/myOntology"
  ontologyIRI="http://example.com/myOntology">

  <Prefix name="myOnt" IRI="http://example.com/myOntology#" />
  <Import>http://example.com/someOtherOntology</Import>

  <Declaration>
    <Class IRI="#Animal" />
  </Declaration>
  <Declaration>
    <Class abbreviatedIRI="myOnt:Tabloid" />
  </Declaration>
  <Declaration>
    <ObjectProperty IRI="#eats" />
  </Declaration>
  <Declaration>
    <ObjectProperty IRI="#reads" />
  </Declaration>

  <SubClassOf>
    <Class abbreviatedIRI="myOnt:Animal" />
    <ObjectAllValuesFrom>
      <ObjectProperty IRI="#reads" />
      <Class IRI="#Tabloid" />
    </ObjectAllValuesFrom>
  </SubClassOf>

</Ontology>
```

## 3 The Serialization Syntax

### 3.1 IRIs

During parsing of ontology documents written in the XML serialization of OWL 2, all values that are declared in the schema given below as being of type *xsd:anyURI* *must* be resolved against the respective *base IRI* as specified in the XML Base specification [[XML Base](#)].

In contrast, OWL 2 literals of the `xsd:anyURI` datatype *must not* be resolved against the base IRI: all literals of OWL 2 are treated as opaque values whose value is fully defined by their lexical representation (as described in [Section 4.6](#) of the [OWL 2 Specification](#)).

Ontology documents written in the XML serialization of OWL 2 may make use of abbreviated IRIs as described in [Section 2.4](#) of the [OWL 2 Specification](#). Such ontology documents *must* declare all prefixes used in the values of *abbreviatedIRI* attributes using a *Prefix* element in that document. In any particular file, a prefix may be defined by only one *Prefix* element and prefix declarations are scoped to the file in which they lexically appear. Thus, prefix declarations are not imported.

On any element, one, and exactly one, of an *IRI* attribute or an *abbreviatedIRI* attribute *must* appear. This constraint is not expressed in the Schema for technical reasons.

During parsing of ontology documents written in the XML serialization of OWL 2, every *abbreviatedIRI* attribute *must* be replaced with a corresponding *IRI* attribute. The value of the *abbreviatedIRI* attribute *must* be expanded into a full IRI as described in [Section 2.4](#) of the [\[OWL 2 Specification\]](#).

Note: The structural specification does not handle either relative IRIs or abbreviated IRIs and their attendant syntax. Thus, an API which exactly conforms to the structural syntax can handle only absolute IRIs as the identifier for OWL entities. However, implementations are free to use whatever internal representation they see fit. An implementation based on the XML DOM [[Document Object Model](#)] could sensibly choose to maintain the abbreviated IRI machinery so long as it also exposed an API which presented all corresponding expanded IRIs.

### 3.2 Imports and Global Conditions

OWL imports are not handled at the XML level, but must be handled separately.

An OWL 2 ontology written in the XML serialization of OWL 2 *must* satisfy the conditions on OWL 2 ontologies from Section 3 of the OWL 2 Specification [[OWL 2 Specification](#)].

An OWL 2 DL ontology written in the XML serialization of OWL 2 *must* satisfy the conditions on OWL 2 DL ontologies from Section 3 of the OWL 2 Specification [[OWL 2 Specification](#)]. Some of these conditions involve imported ontologies, thus it is possible for an OWL 2 DL ontology written in the XML serialization of OWL 2 to satisfy the conditions to be an OWL 2 DL ontology in a manner invisible to XML Schema checking tools since they are not sensitive to OWL imports.

### 3.3 Profiles

The XML schema presented here covers the entire OWL 2 structural specification, and thus includes all the features available in OWL 2 profiles [[OWL 2 Profiles](#)].

**Editor's Note:** The OWL Working Group has committed to developing a GRDDL [[GRDDL](#)] mechanism for transformation of OWL 2 XML serialization ontology documents into RDF graphs. The exact details of this transform will be determined before Proposed Recommendation stage.

### 3.4 The XML Schema

This schema may also be [downloaded directly](#).

```

<!DOCTYPE xsd:schema [
<!ENTITY PN_CHARS_BASE "[A-Z]|[a-z]|[#x00C0;-&#x00D6;]|[#x00D8;-&#x00F6;]"
<!ENTITY PN_CHARS_U "&PN_CHARS_BASE;|_"
<!ENTITY PN_CHARS "&PN_CHARS_U;|\-|[0-9]|[#x00B7;]|[#x0300;-&#x036F;]"
<!ENTITY PN_PREFIX "(&PN_CHARS_BASE;)((&PN_CHARS;|\.)*(&PN_CHARS; ))"
<!ENTITY PN_LOCAL "(&PN_CHARS_U;|[0-9])((&PN_CHARS;|\.)*(&PN_CHARS;|\.)*)"
<!ENTITY PNAME_NS "(&PN_PREFIX;)?:"
<!ENTITY PNAME_LN "(&PNAME_NS;)(&PN_LOCAL;)"
<!ENTITY PrefixedName "(&PNAME_LN;)|(&PNAME_NS;)"
]>
<!-- From: http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-query/#grammar
The entities implement productions [95] (PN_CHARS_BASE), [96] (PN_CHARS
[100] (PN_LOCAL), [71] (PNAME_NS), [72] (PNAME_LN) and [68] (PrefixedName)

PN_PREFIX is roughly equivalent to NCName.-->

<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
targetNamespace="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#" elementFormDefault="qualified"
attributeFormDefault="unqualified">

<xsd:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2001/xml.xsd"/>

<!-- The ontology -->

<xsd:complexType name="Prefix">
<xsd:attribute name="name" use="required">
<xsd:simpleType>
<xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
<xsd:pattern value="&PN_PREFIX;"/>
</xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:attribute>
<xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Prefix" type="owl:Prefix"/>

<xsd:complexType name="Import">

```

```

    <xsd:simpleContent>
      <xsd:extension base="xsd:anyURI">
        <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:simpleContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="Import" type="owl:Import"/>

  <xsd:complexType name="Ontology">
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:Prefix" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:Import" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xsd:group ref="owl:ontologyAnnotations"/>
      <xsd:group ref="owl:Axiom" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:attribute name="ontologyIRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
    <xsd:attribute name="versionIRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
    <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="Ontology" type="owl:Ontology">
    <xsd:unique name="prefix">
      <xsd:selector xpath="owl:Prefix"/>
      <xsd:field xpath="@name"/>
    </xsd:unique>
  </xsd:element>

  <!-- Entities, anonymous individuals, and literals -->

  <!-- Note that the "Entity" group does not have a corresponding abstract
  This is due to the fact that XML Schema 1.1 does not support multi-
  "owl:Class" is both an entity and a class expression. The authors
  determined it was more useful to be able to retrieve "owl:Class" i
  as schema(*, owl:ClassExpression).
  -->
  <xsd:group name="Entity">
    <xsd:choice>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:Class"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:Datatype"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectProperty"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:DataProperty"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
      <xsd:element ref="owl:NamedIndividual"/>
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:group>

  <!-- This is the type for the attribute. The complex type for the element
  <xsd:simpleType name="abbreviatedIRI">
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:pattern value="&PrefixedName;"/>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:simpleType>

```

```

<xsd:complexType name="Class">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Class" type="owl:Class"/>

<xsd:complexType name="Datatype">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">
      <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Datatype" type="owl:Datatype"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectProperty">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression">
      <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectProperty" type="owl:ObjectProperty"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DataProperty">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl>DataPropertyExpression">
      <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataProperty" type="owl>DataProperty"/>

<xsd:complexType name="AnnotationProperty">
  <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="AnnotationProperty" type="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>

<xsd:complexType name="Individual" abstract="true">
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>

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<xsd:group name="Individual">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:NamedIndividual"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnonymousIndividual"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="NamedIndividual">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:Individual">
      <xsd:attribute name="IRI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="abbreviatedIRI" type="owl:abbreviatedIRI" use="optional"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="NamedIndividual" type="owl:NamedIndividual"/>

<xsd:complexType name="AnonymousIndividual">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:Individual">
      <xsd:attribute name="nodeID" type="xsd:NCName" use="required"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="AnonymousIndividual" type="owl:AnonymousIndividual"/>

<xsd:complexType name="Literal">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:attribute name="datatypeIRI" type="xsd:anyURI"/>
      <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Literal" type="owl:Literal"/>

<!-- Declarations -->

<xsd:complexType name="Declaration">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:Axiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Entity"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Declaration" type="owl:Declaration"/>

<!-- Object property expressions -->

```

```

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectPropertyExpression" abstract="true">
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:group name="ObjectPropertyExpression">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:InverseObjectProperty"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="InverseObjectProperty">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectProperty"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="InverseObjectProperty" type="owl:InverseObjectProperty"/>

<!-- Data property expressions -->

<xsd:complexType name="DataPropertyExpression" abstract="true">
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:group name="DataPropertyExpression">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataProperty"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:group>

<!-- Data ranges -->

<xsd:complexType name="DataRange" abstract="true">
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:group name="DataRange">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Datatype"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataIntersectionOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataUnionOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataComplementOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataOneOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DatatypeRestriction"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="DataIntersectionOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">

```

```

        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbound" />
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataIntersectionOf" type="owl:DataIntersectionOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DataUnionOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbound" />
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataUnionOf" type="owl:DataUnionOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DataComplementOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange" />
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataComplementOf" type="owl:DataComplementOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DataOneOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:Literal" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbound" />
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataOneOf" type="owl:DataOneOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DatatypeRestriction">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:DataRange">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:Datatype" />
        <xsd:element name="FacetRestriction" type="owl:FacetRestriction"
          maxOccurs="unbounded" />
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>

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```

</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DatatypeRestriction" type="owl:DatatypeRestriction"/

<xsd:complexType name="FacetRestriction">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Literal"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="facet" type="xsd:anyURI" use="required"/>
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>

<!-- Class expressions -->

<xsd:complexType name="ClassExpression" abstract="true">
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:group name="ClassExpression">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Class"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectIntersectionOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectUnionOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectComplementOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectOneOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectSomeValuesFrom"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectAllValuesFrom"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectHasValue"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectHasSelf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectMinCardinality"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectMaxCardinality"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectExactCardinality"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataSomeValuesFrom"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataAllValuesFrom"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataHasValue"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataMinCardinality"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataMaxCardinality"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl>DataExactCardinality"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectIntersectionOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectIntersectionOf" type="owl:ObjectIntersectionOf"/

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectUnionOf">

```

```

<xsd:complexContent>
  <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbound"/>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:extension>
</xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectUnionOf" type="owl:ObjectUnionOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectComplementOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectComplementOf" type="owl:ObjectComplementOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectOneOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbound"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectOneOf" type="owl:ObjectOneOf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectSomeValuesFrom">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectSomeValuesFrom" type="owl:ObjectSomeValuesFrom"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectAllValuesFrom">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>

```

```

    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectAllValuesFrom" type="owl:ObjectAllValuesFrom"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectHasValue">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectHasValue" type="owl:ObjectHasValue"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectHasSelf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectHasSelf" type="owl:ObjectHasSelf"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectMinCardinality">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:attribute name="cardinality" type="xsd:nonNegativeInteger" u
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectMinCardinality" type="owl:ObjectMinCardinality"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ObjectMaxCardinality">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassExpression">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:attribute name="cardinality" type="xsd:nonNegativeInteger" u
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="ObjectMaxCardinality" type="owl:ObjectMaxCardinality"/>

```

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</xsd:complexType>
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    </xsd:extension>
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        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
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    </xsd:extension>
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<!-- Axioms -->

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    <xsd:group ref="owl:axiomAnnotations"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
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  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Declaration"/>

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    <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassAxiom"/>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom"/>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:DataPropertyAxiom"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DatatypeDefinition"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:HasKey"/>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:Assertion"/>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:AnnotationAxiom"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<!-- Class expression axioms -->

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  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:SubClassOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:EquivalentClasses"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DisjointClasses"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DisjointUnion"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="SubClassOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassAxiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
        <!-- This is the subexpression -->
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
        <!-- This is the superexpression -->
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
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    <xsd:extension base="owl:ClassAxiom">
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      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="EquivalentClasses" type="owl:EquivalentClasses"/>

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<xsd:complexType name="DisjointClasses">
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      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
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<!-- Object property axioms -->

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  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
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  <xsd:choice>
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    <xsd:element ref="owl:EquivalentObjectProperties"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DisjointObjectProperties"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:InverseObjectProperties"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectPropertyDomain"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectPropertyRange"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:FunctionalObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:InverseFunctionalObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ReflexiveObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:IrreflexiveObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:SymmetricObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AsymmetricObjectProperty"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:TransitiveObjectProperty"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="SubObjectPropertyOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom">

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        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:choice>
            <!-- This is the subproperty expression or the property chain -->
            <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
            <xsd:element name="PropertyChain" type="owl:PropertyChain"/>
          </xsd:choice>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          <!-- This is the superproperty expression -->
        </xsd:sequence>
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    </xsd:complexContent>
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  <xsd:element name="SubObjectPropertyOf" type="owl:SubObjectPropertyOf"/>

  <xsd:complexType name="PropertyChain">
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    </xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
  </xsd:complexType>

  <xsd:complexType name="EquivalentObjectProperties">
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      <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom">
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="2"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="EquivalentObjectProperties" type="owl:EquivalentObjectProperties"/>

  <xsd:complexType name="DisjointObjectProperties">
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        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="2"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
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  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="DisjointObjectProperties" type="owl:DisjointObjectProperties"/>

  <xsd:complexType name="ObjectPropertyDomain">
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
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  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="ObjectPropertyDomain" type="owl:ObjectPropertyDomain"/>

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        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
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<xsd:element name="ObjectPropertyRange" type="owl:ObjectPropertyRange"/>

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    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
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<xsd:element name="InverseObjectProperties" type="owl:InverseObjectProperties"/>

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        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
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    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="FunctionalObjectProperty" type="owl:FunctionalObjectProperty"/>

<xsd:complexType name="InverseFunctionalObjectProperty">
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      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="InverseFunctionalObjectProperty" type="owl:InverseFunctionalObjectProperty"/>

<xsd:complexType name="ReflexiveObjectProperty">
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      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
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        </xsd:extension>
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    </xsd:complexType>
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    <xsd:complexType name="IrreflexiveObjectProperty">
      <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom">
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
      </xsd:complexContent>
    </xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:element name="IrreflexiveObjectProperty" type="owl:IrreflexiveObje

    <xsd:complexType name="SymmetricObjectProperty">
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        <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom">
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
      </xsd:complexContent>
    </xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:element name="SymmetricObjectProperty" type="owl:SymmetricObjectPr

    <xsd:complexType name="AsymmetricObjectProperty">
      <xsd:complexContent>
        <xsd:extension base="owl:ObjectPropertyAxiom">
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
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            <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
      </xsd:complexContent>
    </xsd:complexType>
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    <!-- Data property axioms -->

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    <xsd:extension base="owl:Axiom"/>
  </xsd:complexContent>
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  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:SubDataPropertyOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:EquivalentDataProperties"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DisjointDataProperties"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataPropertyDomain"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataPropertyRange"/>
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  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

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  <xsd:complexContent>
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      <xsd:sequence>
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        <!-- This is the subproperty expression -->
        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataPropertyExpression"/>
        <!-- This is the superproperty expression -->
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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    </xsd:extension>
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        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange"/>
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    </xsd:extension>
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      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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<!-- Datatype definitions -->

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        <xsd:element ref="owl:Datatype"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataRange"/>
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<!-- Key axioms -->

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<!-- Assertions -->

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  <xsd:choice>
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    <xsd:element ref="owl:DifferentIndividuals"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ClassAssertion"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:ObjectPropertyAssertion"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:DataPropertyAssertion"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:NegativeDataPropertyAssertion"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="SameIndividual">
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      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="SameIndividual" type="owl:SameIndividual"/>

<xsd:complexType name="DifferentIndividuals">
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    <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>

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    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="DifferentIndividuals" type="owl:DifferentIndividuals" />

  <xsd:complexType name="ClassAssertion">
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ClassExpression"/>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="ClassAssertion" type="owl:ClassAssertion"/>

  <xsd:complexType name="ObjectPropertyAssertion">
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
          <!-- This is the source individual -->
          <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
          <!-- This is the target individual -->
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:element name="ObjectPropertyAssertion" type="owl:ObjectPropertyAss" />

  <xsd:complexType name="NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion">
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:ObjectPropertyExpression"/>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
          <!-- This is the source individual -->
          <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
          <!-- This is the target individual -->
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
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  <xsd:element name="NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion" type="owl:NegativeO" />

  <xsd:complexType name="DataPropertyAssertion">
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:group ref="owl:DataPropertyExpression"/>

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        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
        <!-- This is the source individual -->
        <xsd:element ref="owl:Literal"/>
        <!-- This is the target individual -->
    </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:extension>
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</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataPropertyAssertion" type="owl:DataPropertyAsserti

<xsd:complexType name="NegativeDataPropertyAssertion">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:Assertion">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:DataPropertyExpression"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:Individual"/>
        <!-- This is the source individual -->
        <xsd:element ref="owl:Literal"/>
        <!-- This is the target individual -->
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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<!-- Annotations -->

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  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:anyURI">
      <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="IRI" type="owl:IRI"/>

<xsd:complexType name="AbbreviatedIRI">
  <xsd:simpleContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:abbreviatedIRI">
      <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:simpleContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="AbbreviatedIRI" type="owl:AbbreviatedIRI"/>

<xsd:group name="AnnotationSubject">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:IRI"/>
    <xsd:element name="AbbreviatedIRI"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnonymousIndividual"/>
  </xsd:choice>

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</xsd:group>

<xsd:group name="AnnotationValue">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:IRI"/>
    <xsd:element name="AbbreviatedIRI"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnonymousIndividual"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Literal"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="Annotation">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:annotationAnnotations"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
    <xsd:group ref="owl:AnnotationValue"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref="xml:specialAttrs"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Annotation" type="owl:Annotation"/>

<xsd:group name="axiomAnnotations">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Annotation" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:group name="ontologyAnnotations">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Annotation" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:group name="annotationAnnotations">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:Annotation" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:group>

<!-- Annotation axioms -->

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    <xsd:extension base="owl:Axiom"/>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:group name="AnnotationAxiom">
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationAssertion"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:SubAnnotationPropertyOf"/>
    <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationPropertyDomain"/>
  </xsd:choice>

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        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationPropertyRange"/>
    </xsd:choice>
</xsd:group>

<xsd:complexType name="AnnotationAssertion">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:AnnotationAxiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:AnnotationSubject"/>
        <xsd:group ref="owl:AnnotationValue"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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<xsd:complexType name="SubAnnotationPropertyOf">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:AnnotationAxiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
        <!-- This is the subproperty -->
        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
        <!-- This is the superproperty -->
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
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<xsd:complexType name="AnnotationPropertyDomain">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:AnnotationAxiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:IRI"/>
        <xsd:element name="AbbreviatedIRI"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
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<xsd:complexType name="AnnotationPropertyRange">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="owl:AnnotationAxiom">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:AnnotationProperty"/>
        <xsd:element ref="owl:IRI"/>
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  </xsd:complexContent>
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        </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="AnnotationPropertyRange" type="owl:AnnotationPropertyRange" />
</xsd:schema>
```

## 4 OWL 2 XML serialization ontology document

An *OWL 2 XML serialization ontology document* is a sequence of Unicode [\[UNICODE\]](#) characters accessible from some IRI by means of the standard protocols that can be parsed into an XML document that conforms to the XML schema defined in this document and adheres to the constraints described in [Section 3](#) of this document.

## 5 Appendix: The Derivation from the Functional Syntax (Informative)

The XML schema has been obtained by a straightforward translation of the structural specification of the OWL 2 Specification [\[OWL 2 Specification\]](#) in the following way:

- Each UML class that is intended to be instantiated is mapped to a global element, whose elements and attributes correspond to the components of the UML class. Each such element has an XML Schema type with the same name.
- Each UML class that is not intended to be instantiated directly, but instead gathers together commonalities, is mapped to a global element group, whose choice members correspond to the children of the UML class. For all except a select few, there is a corresponding global, abstract XML Schema type with the same name. The particles in the content model of the group are mapped into the corresponding subtypes of the group type.

Since XML Schema's type system does not support multiple inheritance, some abstract UML classes cannot be directly mapped into an XML Schema type hierarchy with the intended result. In the case where there are multiple parent classes, only the most useful parents are mapped into the active type hierarchy. The excluded groups are:

- Entity
- AnnotationSubject
- AnnotationValue

Some groups are mere documentation in the schema, and therefore are not included as types:

- axiomAnnotations
- ontologyAnnotations
- annotationAnnotations

The XML schema thus captures the structure of OWL 2 entities, expressions, and axioms. Not all XML documents which are legal according to this schema correspond to structural correct OWL ontologies.

To get to the OWL Ontology an OWL 2 XML serialization ontology document describes one must:

- Resolve all the IRIs and expand the abbreviated IRIs in the above described way.
- Get the imports closure of the ontology.

To determine whether the OWL Ontology is structurally correct, one must:

- Check the global constraints on axioms.
- Check the typing constraints.

Each axiom in the XML syntax of OWL 2 contains complete information about the type of all the entities in it. Therefore the OWL 2 XML Syntax parsing process is simpler than the canonical parsing process from Section 3.6 of OWL 2 Specification [[OWL 2 Specification](#)].

## 6 Appendix: Internet Media Type, File Extension, and Macintosh File Type

### Contact

Sandro Hawke

### See also

How to Register a Media Type for a W3C Specification Internet Media Type registration, consistency of use TAG Finding 3 June 2002 (Revised 4 September 2002)

The Internet Media Type / MIME Type for the OWL XML Serialization is `application/owl+xml`.

It is recommended that OWL XML Serialization files have the extension `.owlx` (all lowercase) on all platforms.

It is recommended that OWL XML Serialization files stored on Macintosh HFS file systems be given a file type of `TEXT`.

The information that follows will be submitted to the IESG for review, approval, and registration with IANA.

**Type name**

application

**Subtype name**

owl+xml

**Required parameters**

None

**Optional parameters**

charset This parameter may be required when transferring non-ASCII data across some protocols.

**Encoding considerations**

The syntax of the OWL XML Serialization is expressed over code points in Unicode [[UNICODE](#)].

**Security considerations**

The OWL XML Serialization uses IRIs as term identifiers. Applications interpreting data expressed in the OWL XML Serialization should address the security issues of Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRIs) [[RFC 3987](#)] Section 8, as well as Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI): Generic Syntax [[RFC 3986](#)] Section 7. Multiple IRIs may have the same appearance. Characters in different scripts may look similar (a Cyrillic "o" may appear similar to a Latin "o"). A character followed by combining characters may have the same visual representation as another character (LATIN SMALL LETTER E followed by COMBINING ACUTE ACCENT has the same visual representation as LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH ACUTE). Any person or application that is writing or interpreting data in the OWL XML Serialization must take care to use the IRI that matches the intended semantics, and avoid IRIs that may look similar. Further information about matching of similar characters can be found in Unicode Security Considerations [[UNISEC](#)] and Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRIs) [[RFC 3987](#)] Section 8.

**Interoperability considerations**

There are no known interoperability issues.

**Published specification**

This specification.

**Applications which use this media type**

None at current time.

**Additional information**

None.

**Magic number(s)**

OWL XML documents are XML documents and thus may have initial strings similar to any XML document.

**File extension(s)**

".owx"

**Base URI**

As in XML.

**Macintosh file type code(s)**

"TEXT"

**Person & email address to contact for further information**

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**Intended usage**

COMMON

**Restrictions on usage**

None

**Author/Change controller**

The OWL XML Serialization is the product of the W3C OWL Working Group; W3C reserves change control over this specification.

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