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4 Introduction

The challenge of ebXML is to create a framework for automating trading partner interactions that is both:

- Sufficiently generic to permit implementation across the entire range of business processes (in various industries, geographical regions, legislative environments, etc.)
- Expressive enough to be more effective than ad hoc implementations between specific trading partners.

This specification document describes the way in which rules can be formed and/or derived, but is not a prescriptive specification. It is believed that rule mechanisms will be achieved in different ways within different implementations/solutions.

This document deals with two specific aspects of the task:

- The assembly of core component schemas into full business document schemas,
- The modeling of core components for business documents that provide useful building blocks for real-world trading scenarios and, at the same time, are open enough to take into account the wide variety of document formats required by organizations with differing business practices and requirements.

Complicating this situation is the need for interoperability: companies must be able to communicate business documents effectively with minimum human intervention, even though the formats used may have a significantly different syntax.

Central to achieving this goal is the notion of context. Context provides a framework for adapting generic core components to specific business needs, while keeping the transformation process transparent so that the processing engine can find a useful set of common information for use by different trading partners. An example of a contextual category that is useful for business is industry: different industries will have different requirements for the syntax of core components. By starting with a generic core component and using context to derive a context-specific core component, we ensure that, at the very least, the information in the generic component will be useful when interacting with a trading partner in a different context (i.e. industry, region, etc.). This should be contrasted with the alternative: context-specific business documents that are not built from generic core components and therefore provide no common basis for interaction outside of that context.

In order to assemble full business documents from core components, rules are drawn specifying what components are to be included in the document, and how.

In order to generate a context-specific core component, rules are associated with different values for each of the context categories. This document presents a proposed syntax for these context rules, and a methodology for applying them, in order to achieve maximum reuse of existing XML software development tools and libraries.

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

4.1 Summary of Contents of Document

This specification describes the mechanism for assembling documents from the library of Core Components. It describes the process of refining the components to contain exactly the information required by a specific business context and describes the output of this process such that it enables interoperability independent of any syntax binding. This approach also lends itself to an automated comparison with other, similar document definitions created in other syntaxes. The provided specifications are;

- A syntax for providing the assembly rules, with a DTD and sample;
- A syntax for refining the assembled structures, and indicating specific context drivers, also with DTD and sample;
- A format for capturing the critical information about the final result, provided as an XML DTD.

4.2 Related Documents

As mentioned above, other documents provide detailed definitions of some of the components and their inter-relationship. They include ebXML Specifications on the following topics;

- ebXML The role of context in the re-usability of Core Components and Business Processes Ver 1.01
- ebXML Naming conventions for Core Components and Business Processes Ver1.01
- ebXML Initial catalogue of Core Components Ver1.01

5 Document Assembly

Document assembly is the rules-based process whereby Core Components are extracted from the repository and used to create a schema model. That can then be used to create an XML schema which, when appropriate, and after the application of any relevant Context Rules, can be used to validate the contents of a business document.

For example, a Purchase order schema may consist of two parties (buyer, seller), and a sequence of items. Purchase orders are not Core Components; they must be assembled out of Core Components found in the repository.

6 Context and Context Rules

When a business process is taking place, the context can be specified by a set of contextual categories and their associated values. For example, if an auto manufacturer is purchasing paint from a chemicals manufacturer, the context values might be as follows:

Contextual Category	Value
Process	Procurement
Product Classification	Paint
Region (buyer)	France
Region (seller)	U.S.
Industry (buyer)	Not required (generic)
Industry (seller)	retail

Rules indicate which context values (or combination thereof) must be present in order for them to be applied, as well as the action to be undertaken if a match occurs. Actions include adding additional information to a functional unit, making this information optional, required or eliminating optional information. We might, for instance, specify that addresses associated with organizations in the U.S. region be required to include a state (which might otherwise be optional). Note that these contextual changes are made individually to the Core Components that make up a business document, and not to the business document itself.

Despite this underlying simplicity, complications arise in certain cases that make real-world implementation of context rules extremely tricky. Broadly speaking, these complications relate to scenarios where two rules both match the context, but have conflicting results, or where different results are reached depending on the order in which matching rules are applied. The following examples illustrate these two cases (and refer to the sample context given above):

- One rule could require that if the buyer is in the U.S. region, product description should not be included in invoice line items. Another specifies that if the seller is in France, the product description (in French) shall be included.
- One rule could require that if the buyer's industry is automotive, the product category should be added to the invoice line items. Another specifies that if a product category information entity exists and the seller's industry is chemicals, an attribute should be added to the product category to indicate the toxicity of the products in the category. If the toxicity requirement were applied first, the attribute would not be added (since the product category was not yet present). The outcome therefore depends on the order in which the rules are applied.

The problem with these types of situations is not so much that there is no way to resolve them. It is rather that there are many possible solutions with no clear way of deciding which to choose, and all are sufficiently complex to place a significant burden on the implementer.

207 Additional complications result from the potentially hierarchical nature of context values.
208 For example, the possible values for region belong in a hierarchical space (e.g. continent,
209 country, region, city, etc.). The region specification can therefore be very general or very
210 specific. Since rules can match a general value (e.g. apply if the organization is in North
211 America) or a specific value (e.g. apply if the organization is in Omaha, Nebraska), there
212 must be some way of determining which rules to apply (any combination including all of
213 them) if several match. This is because, in some cases, a specific rule may complement
214 the general rule, while in others it may override it.

7 XML-Based Rules Model

The custom XML syntax for assembly and context rules presented in this document is designed to ensure an appropriate level of abstraction for the rules, and to allow them to be applied both manually and/or by programs.

7.1 Rules Syntax

The syntax is presented here in tabular form, to avoid tying the definition of the schemas it describes to a given schema language syntax. This table should be sufficiently expressive to permit the derivation of a corresponding schema definition in various concrete schema syntaxes (DTD, XML Schema, SOX, XDR, etc.). This syntax describes two XML schemas describing two classes of XML documents whose roots are, respectively, <Assembly> and <ContextRules>. They are presented here in a single table because there is conceptual commonality.

A specific rules file is thus an XML document conforming to one of these schemas.

The following values are allowed for the occurrence field:

Name	Meaning
Required	Must occur exactly once
Optional	May occur once at most
+	Required and may occur multiply
*	Optional and may occur multiply
(m,n)	Occurs at least m and at most n times

Names separated by the vertical bar (|) represent a disjunction (i.e one and only one of the list of names may occur). For example, Apple|Orange|Banana indicates that either an Apple or an Orange or a Banana may occur in this location.

Names prefixed with the commercial at sign (@) are represented as attributes in the XML instance (and the leading @ is removed from the attribute name).

Name	Type	Occurrence	Default	Description
Assembly				
Assemble	complex	+		List of assembled Core Components
@name	string	optional		Name of collection of assembled document schemas.
@version	string	optional		Version of the Assembly Rules document.
Context	complex	required		List of contexts used in this

				assembly
Assemble				
CreateElement	complex	+		List of Core Components
CreateGroup	complex	*		Create a group of elements
@name	string	required		Name of the document schema being assembled
CreateGroup				
@Type	enum	default	sequence	Type of group to be created (the only permitted values are 'sequence' and 'choice')
CreateGroup	complex	*		Create a group of elements
CreateElement	complex	*		Create an Element
UseElement	complex	*		Use the named element from among the children of the element being created.
CreateElement				
@Type	enum	optional		Type of element to be created
@minOccurs	integer	optional		Minimum occurrences for the element created
@maxOccurs	integer	optional		Maximum occurrences for the element created. One possible value (other than integer) is 'unbounded'.
@id	ID	required		Id of the created element
@idref	IDREF	optional		Reference to the ID of another created element
Name	string	required		Name of the element to be assembled
@location	GUID URI	required		Location of the element to be assembled (i.e. query to the registry)
Rename	EMPTY	optional		renames children of the created element
ApplySequence	complex	+		Creates a sequence of elements in the result document.
ApplyChoice	complex	+		Creates a choice of elements in the result document.
Rename				
@from	string	required		original name of the child element being renamed

@to	string	required		new name of the child being renamed
ContextRules				
Rule	complex	+		List of rules to be applied
@version	string	optional		Version of the ContextRules document.
context	complex	required		List of contexts used in this ContextRules document.
Rule				
@Apply	enum	default	exact	(see below)
Condition	complex	required		When rule should be run
Action	complex	+		What happens when rule is run
@Order	integer	default	0	Defines order for running rules. Rules with higher value for order are run first
Taxonomy	EMPTY	+		List of taxonomies used in a Rule that employs hierarchical conditions.
Taxonomy				
@ref	URI	Required		Pointer to a taxonomy.
Condition				
@Test	string	Required		Boolean expression testing whether the rule should be run. Uses the same XPath syntax as XSLT [XSLT]
Action				
@ApplyTo	string	Required		Node to apply action to
Add Subtract Occur	complex	+		List of modifications to content model
Add				
@MinOccurs	integer	default	1	Minimum number of times that the new field must occur
@MaxOccurs	integer	default	1	Maximum number of times that the new field can occur
@Before	string	optional		Specifies before which child the addition should occur.
@After	string	optional		Specifies after which child the subtraction should occur.
Field	complex	required		Adds a new field to the content model.

NewElement	complex	required		Adds a new element to the content model.
Subtract				
Field	complex	required		Removes a field from the content model .
Occur				
Field	complex	required		Changes an optional field to required.
@minOccurs	integer	default	1	Overrides the minimum number of occurrences for this Field
@maxOccurs	integer	default	1	Overrides the maximum number of occurrences for this Field
Field				
@Name	string	required		Name of field to be modified
@Type	string	optional		Type of field, required only if contained in an Add tag
UseElement				
Name	string	required		Name of the element being used
Comment				
	string	optional		Ubiquitous. Records comments about the rules document at the location it appears. It is not intended to be output in the result document.
Context				
Region	string	*		Value of region context used in this rules document.
Industry				Value of industry context used in this rules document.
Process				Value of process context used in this rules document.
Product				Value of product context used in this rules document.
Legislative				Value of legislative context used in this rules document.
Role				Value of role context used in this rules document.

7.1.1 Notes on Assembly

The @minOccurs and @maxOccurs attributes on the Create element specify the occurrence indicator that the created element will have in the resulting schema. Thus, an element created with @min='1' @max='1' should be specified in the resulting schema as an element that must occur only once.

An <Assembly> may contain more than one assembled document schema. Whether a separate document is output for each assembled schema is implementation dependent.

Issue: Do we need to create attributes? If so, how?

7.1.2 Notes on Context

Several built-in variables are used to access context information. These variables correspond to the various context drivers identified by the CCWG:

- Industry
- Process
- Product
- Region
- Legislative
- Role

All of these variables have values of type string.

The “Apply” attribute of the “Rule” element type is used for determining the behavior of rules that use hierarchical value spaces. Possible values are “exact” (match only if the value in the provided context is precisely the same as that specified in the rule) and “hierarchical” (match if the value provided is the same or a child of that specified in the rule). For example, if the rule specifies the region “Europe”, the value “France” would match only if the “Apply” attribute is set to “hierarchical” (“exact” being the default).

The minOccurs and maxOccurs attributes of Field are defaulted. If neither is present, the intent is to change an optional field into a required one (that is, it's a shortcut for minOccurs="1", maxOccurs="1").

(also see ebXML The role of context in the re-usability of Core Components and Business Processes Ver 1.0)

7.2 DTD for Assembly Documents

```

<!ELEMENT Assembly (Assemble+)>
<!ATTLIST Assembly
    version CDATA #IMPLIED
    id      ID     #IMPLIED
    idref   IDREF  #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT Assemble (CreateElement|CreateGroup)+>
<!ATTLIST Assemble
    name      CDATA  #REQUIRED
    id        ID     #IMPLIED
    idref     IDREF  #IMPLIED
>
<!-- the name is the name of the schema that is created -->

```

```

285 <!ELEMENT CreateGroup
286 (CreateGroup|CreateElement|UseElement|Annotation)+ >
287 <!ATTLIST CreateGroup
288     type (sequence|choice) "sequence"
289     id ID #IMPLIED
290     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
291 >
292
293 <!ELEMENT CreateElement (Name?,
294 (CreateGroup|Rename|UseElement|Condition|Annotation)*)>
295 <!ATTLIST CreateElement
296     type CDATA #IMPLIED
297     minOccurs NUMBER #IMPLIED
298     maxOccurs CDATA #IMPLIED
299     id ID #IMPLIED
300     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
301     location CDATA #IMPLIED
302 >
303 <!-- you need either a Name sub-element and
304 an ID attribute, or just an IDREF attribute -->
305 <!-- max can be an integer or the word "unbounded" -->
306
307 <!ELEMENT Name (#PCDATA)>
308 <!ELEMENT Rename EMPTY>
309 <!ATTLIST Rename
310     from CDATA #REQUIRED
311     to CDATA #REQUIRED
312     id ID #IMPLIED
313     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
314 >
315
316 <!ELEMENT UseElement (Annotation|CreateGroup|UseElement)*>
317 <!ATTLIST UseElement
318     name CDATA #REQUIRED
319     id ID #IMPLIED
320     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
321 >
322
323 <!ELEMENT Condition (Rename|CreateGroup|UseElement|CreateElement)+>
324 <!ATTLIST Condition
325     test CDATA #REQUIRED
326     id ID #IMPLIED
327     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
328 >

```

329 **7.3 DTD for Context Rules Documents**

```

330 <!ELEMENT ContextRules (Rule+)>
331 <!ATTLIST ContextRules
332     version CDATA #IMPLIED
333     id ID #IMPLIED
334     idref IDREF #IMPLIED
335 >
336
337 <!ELEMENT Rule (Taxonomy+, Condition+)>

```

```

338 <!-- ATTLIST Rule
339      apply      (exact|hierarchical) exact
340                order      NUMBER      #IMPLIED
341                id         ID           #IMPLIED
342                idref      IDREF        #IMPLIED
343 >
344
345 <!-- ELEMENT Taxonomy      EMPTY -->
346 <!-- ATTLIST Taxonomy
347      context CDATA #REQUIRED
348      ref      CDATA #REQUIRED
349      id        ID   #IMPLIED
350      idref     IDREF #IMPLIED
351 >
352 <!-- this ref should be a URI -->
353
354 <!-- ELEMENT Condition (Action|Condition|Occurs)+ -->
355 <!-- ATTLIST Condition
356      test      CDATA #REQUIRED
357      id         ID   #IMPLIED
358      idref      IDREF #IMPLIED
359 >
360
361 <!-- ELEMENT Action (Add|Occurs|Subtract|Condition|Comment|Rename)+ -->
362 <!-- ATTLIST Action
363      applyTo CDATA #REQUIRED
364      id        ID   #IMPLIED
365      idref      IDREF #IMPLIED
366 >
367
368 <!-- ELEMENT Add (Field|CreateGroup|Annotation)+ -->
369 <!-- ATTLIST Add
370      before CDATA #IMPLIED
371      after  CDATA #IMPLIED
372      id        ID   #IMPLIED
373      idref      IDREF #IMPLIED
374
375 >
376 <!-- before and after refer to the ID of the other element -->
377
378 <!-- ELEMENT Rename      EMPTY -->
379 <!-- ATTLIST Rename
380      from      CDATA #REQUIRED
381      to         CDATA #REQUIRED
382      id         ID   #IMPLIED
383      idref      IDREF #IMPLIED
384 >
385
386 <!-- ELEMENT CreateGroup (Field)+ -->
387 <!-- ATTLIST CreateGroup
388      type (choice|sequence) sequence
389      id        ID   #IMPLIED
390      idref      IDREF #IMPLIED
391 >
392

```



```

393 <!-- ELEMENT Field (Annotation)* -->
394 <!-- ATTLIST Field
395         name      CDATA      #REQUIRED
396         type      CDATA      #IMPLIED
397         id        ID         #IMPLIED
398         idref     IDREF      #IMPLIED
399 >
400 <!-- why isn't name an IDREF that points to the ID of the element? -->
401
402 <!-- ELEMENT Annotation (Documentation)* -->
403 <!-- ATTLIST Annotation
404         id        ID         #IMPLIED
405         idref     IDREF      #IMPLIED
406 >
407
408 <!-- ELEMENT Documentation (#PCDATA) -->
409 <!-- ATTLIST Documentation
410         id        ID         #IMPLIED
411         idref     IDREF      #IMPLIED
412 >
413
414 <!-- ELEMENT Occurs (Field+) -->
415 <!-- ATTLIST Occurs
416         minOccurs NUMBER #IMPLIED
417         maxOccurs  CDATA  #IMPLIED
418         id        ID         #IMPLIED
419         idref     IDREF      #IMPLIED
420 >
421
422 <!-- ELEMENT Subtract (Field+) -->
423 <!-- ATTLIST Subtract
424         id        ID         #IMPLIED
425         idref     IDREF      #IMPLIED
426 >

```

7.4 Example of Assembly Rules document

```

427
428 <?xml version="1.0"?>
429 <!DOCTYPE Assembly SYSTEM "assembly.dtd">
430 <Assembly version="1.0">
431     <Assemble name="PurchaseOrder">
432         <CreateGroup>
433             <CreateElement type="PartyType" location="GUID" id="Buyer">
434                 <Name>Buyer</Name>
435                 <CreateGroup>
436                     <UseElement name="Name">
437                         </UseElement>
438                     <UseElement name="Address">
439                         <CreateGroup id="fred">
440                             <CreateGroup type="choice">
441                                 <UseElement name="BuildingName">
442                                     </UseElement>
443                                 <UseElement name="BuildingNumber">
444                                     </UseElement>
445                             </CreateGroup>

```

```

446         <UseElement name="StreetName">
447         </UseElement>
448         <UseElement name="City">
449         </UseElement>
450         <UseElement name="State">
451         </UseElement>
452         <UseElement name="ZIP">
453         </UseElement>
454         <UseElement name="Country">
455         </UseElement>
456     </CreateGroup>
457     </UseElement>
458 </CreateGroup>
459 <Condition test="Region='UK'">
460     <Rename from="address" to="addressUK"/>
461     <Rename from="City" to="Place"/>
462     <Rename from="address/State" to="County"/>
463     <Rename from="address/ZIP" to="PostalCode"/>
464 </Condition>
465 </CreateElement>
466 <CreateElement type="PartyType" id="Seller" location="GUID">
467     <Name>Seller</Name>
468 </CreateElement>
469 </CreateGroup>
470 <CreateElement minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"
471     type="ItemType" location="GUID" id="Item">
472     <Name>Item</Name>
473 </CreateElement>
474 </Assemble>
475 <Assemble name="PurchaseOrderReceipt">
476     <CreateGroup>
477         <CreateElement idref="Seller">
478         </CreateElement>
479         <CreateElement idref="Buyer">
480         </CreateElement>
481     </CreateGroup>
482     <CreateElement idref="Item">
483     </CreateElement>
484     <CreateElement type="AckType" location="GUID"
485         id="Ack">
486         <Name>Acknowledgment</Name>
487     </CreateElement>
488 </Assemble>
489 </Assembly>

```

7.5 Example of Context Rules Document

```

491 <?xml version="1.0"?>
492 <!DOCTYPE ContextRules SYSTEM "contextrules.dtd">
493 <ContextRules>
494     <Rule apply="hierarchical">
495         <Taxonomy context="Region"
496             ref="http://ebxml.org/classification/ISO3166"/>
497         <Taxonomy context="Industry"
498             ref="http://ebxml.org/classification/industry/aviation"/>

```

```

499     <Condition test="Region='United States' ">
500         <Action applyTo="Buyer/Address">
501             <Occurs>
502                 <Field name="State">
503                     </Field>
504             </Occurs>
505             <Add after="@id='fred' ">
506                 <CreateGroup type="choice">
507                     <Field name="Floor" type="string">
508                         </Field>
509                     <Field name="Suite" type="string">
510                         </Field>
511                 </CreateGroup>
512             </Add>
513             <Condition test="Region='California' and Industry='Aerospace' ">
514                 <Occurs>
515                     <Field name="ZIP">
516                         </Field>
517                 </Occurs>
518             </Condition>
519         </Action>
520     </Condition>
521 </Rule>
522 <Rule order="10"><Taxonomy context="Region"
523     ref="http://ebxml.org/classification/ISO3166"/>
524     <Condition test="Process='RFQ' ">
525         <Condition test="Industry='Insurance' ">
526             <Action applyTo="Party">
527                 <Add before="Address">
528                     <Field name="QualifyingInfo" type="QualifyingInfo">
529                         <Annotation>
530                             <Documentation>What this element is for.
531                             </Documentation>
532                         </Annotation>
533                     </Field>
534                 </Add>
535             </Action>
536         </Condition>
537         <Condition test="Industry='Travel' ">
538             <Action applyTo="Party">
539                 <Subtract>
540                     <Field name="@TaxIdentifier">
541                         </Field>
542                 </Subtract>
543             </Action>
544         </Condition>
545     </Condition>
546 </Rule>
547 <Rule>
548     <Taxonomy context="Industry"
549     ref="http://ebxml.org/classification/Industry/Automotive"/>
550     <Condition test="Industry='Automotive' ">
551         <Action applyTo="QualifyingInfo">
552             <Add>
553                 <Field name="DrivingRecord" type="DrivingRecord">

```

```
554         </Field>
555         <Field name="CarDescription" type="CarDescription">
556         </Field>
557         <Field name="DrivingHabits" type="DrivingHabits">
558         </Field>
559     </Add>
560     <Rename from="@Convictions" to="@DrivingConvictions"/>
561 </Action>
562 </Condition>
563 </Rule>
564 </ContextRules>
```

8 Rule Ordering

There are two mechanisms for determining the order in which context rules should be applied. The first is document order, that is, the order in which the rules appear in the Rules document. The second is an explicit “Order” attribute that can be used to force a given order on a set of rules. It's an error for two rules have the same order. Users should be careful not to issue rules in an order that would preclude their execution (for instance, adding an attribute to an element that has not been added yet by the rules). Applications must issue error messages when such a situation is encountered, rather than silently ignoring it.

9 Semantic Interoperability Document

This section specifies an XML document format, the Semantic Interoperability Document, that a processor applying assembly rules and context rules within a single context can output. This serves two purposes:

- It creates a syntax-neutral output format, so that two processors working with different syntax mappings could determine the semantic equivalence of their context rules by comparing the output when expressed in this form.
- It provides a mechanism for mapping from a syntax-specific output back to the syntax-neutral one, using techniques such as UUID pointers or Xpath expressions, enabling implementation using existing tools.

This document type is expressed in the following DTD:

```
<!-- Semantic Interoperability Document Defintion -->
<!element Document (Taxonomy+, Assembly, ContextRules?, Component+) >
<!attlist Document
    Name CDATA #REQUIRED
    GUID CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!--the Document element holds metadata about the document:
- Taxonomy points to the specific context that, combined with context
rules and assembly rules, produced the specific instance.
The content of the Taxonomy element is the value or values specified
from the referenced context taxonomy.
- Assembly references the assembly that produced the instance.
- ContextRules references the context rules that produced the instance.
-->
<!element Taxonomy (#PCDATA)>
<!attlist Taxonomy
    context CDATA #REQUIRED
    ref CDATA #REQUIRED
    UUID CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!element Assembly EMPTY>
<!attlist Assembly
    Name CDATA #REQUIRED
    Value CDATA #REQUIRED
    UUID CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!element ContextRules EMPTY>
<!attlist ContextRules
    Name CDATA #REQUIRED
    Value CDATA #REQUIRED
    UUID CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!element Component (Component | Group)*>
<!attlist Component
    Name CDATA #REQUIRED
    Type CDATA #IMPLIED
    Occurrence CDATA #REQUIRED
    Sequence CDATA #REQUIRED
    UUID CDATA #IMPLIED>
```

```

625
626 <!--      - Type attribute must be included if the element is of a simple
627 type. If it is not provided, the name
628 value is assumed to be the same as the complex type name.
629      - Occurrence applies to the component itself and indicates how
630 often it occurs in the final schema.
631 It must be one of the following:
632         [no value is "one and only one"]
633         ?
634         +
635         *
636         n,m where n is minimum and m is maximum
637
638
639 - Sequence applies to the children of the component. It is information
640 in the context rules that must be kept, even
641 if not all syntaxes need it or support it. Values should be:
642         FollowedBy: the order in which the children are
643 specified is important, and is
644 the order in which they will be specified in the final schema.
645         AnyOrder: the order in which the children are specified
646 is not important, since the
647 final schema will allow them in any order. All of the children must be
648 present in a document written
649 according to the final schema.
650         Choice: the order in which the children are specified
651 is not important. Only one of the
652 children is allowed in a document written according to the final
653 schema.
654 -->
655 <!element Group (Component | Group)*>
656 <!attlist Group
657         Occurrence CDATA #REQUIRED
658         Sequence CDATA #REQUIRED
659         >
660 <!-- The Group element functions as a way of describing the structural
661 relationships among nested, unnamed groups of child components. The use
662 of its attributes are the same as for the Component elements.
663 -->

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664 **10 Output Constraints**

665 Documents produced through the application of Assembly and Context Rules must
666 contain information regarding which rules and context were used as metadata.

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669 **11 References**

670 [XSL] <http://www.w3.org/Style/XSL>

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