



“Progress in standardizing BR* documentation in S1000D”

This presentation is made on behalf of Implementation Guide and Business Rules Task Team

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Agenda

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IGBRTT: active since Fall 2005



to all active members and observers of the team,
especially to the “Checkpoint Charlie” group!!!

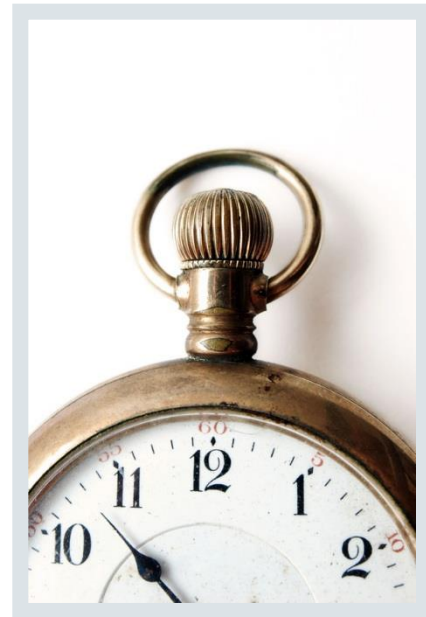
Starting with Issue 4.0 we made huge steps towards
standardization of S1000D business rules!

One of highlights in reactions to our work:

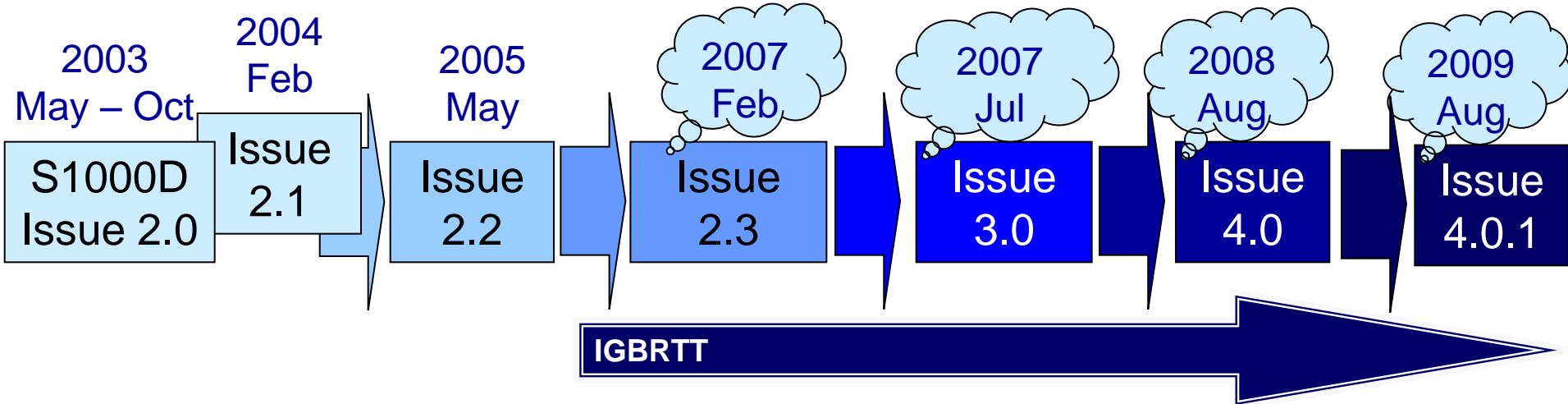
Users applying earlier Issues of S1000D
wish the Chapters and concepts developed by IGBRTT
would have been introduced into these earlier Issues they use!

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Business rules practices in the past



Business Rules before Issue 4.0:

- Prior to Issue 4.0 it was difficult for projects to find the points in the Specification on which they had to make a business decision.
- For this purpose, they often searched for the words “project”, “must”, “should”, “shall” and those searches did not give consistent results.
- The whole work of business rules production was very complex and cumbersome.

Business Rules in Issue 4.0.1 (4.0):

- A step forward by isolating ‘business rules decision points’ (BRDP) into a separate paragraph, ‘Para 3’, and by having pointers within main body of the given chapter, ‘Para 2’, to the corresponding BRDP.
- The problem with this structure: The main body of a chapter was ripped apart. It was difficult to follow and understand the given chapter because the users had to jump between the main body and Para 3 (often many pages apart) in order find out the details on business rules.
- All the business rules paragraphs, Para 3, did not give a clear picture of how many BRDPs S1000D defines altogether.
- A number of BRDPs were captured twice in the Specification.

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Chapter 2.5.3 *Business rules - Business rules decision points (BRDP) index*

S1000D-I9005-01000-00



BRDP reference/location	BRDP unique identifier	BRDP title	BRDP definition
Chap 3.4.3		No BRDP	
Chap 3.4.3.1		No BRDP	
Chap 3.4.3.2		No BRDP	
Chap 3.5		No BRDP	
Chap 3.6 Para 2.4	BRDP-S1-00012	Define security classification values and terms (attribute <code>securityClassification</code>)	Decide which values to use for the attribute <code>securityClassification</code> and allocate suitable definitions. Refer to Chap 3.9.6.1.
Chap 3.6 Para 2.4	BRDP-S1-00013	Use and markings of security classifications (attribute <code>securityClassification</code>)	Determine how the security classifications will be used.
Chap 3.6 Para 2.4	BRDP-S1-00014	Application of caveats	Determine if the policies that apply to security marking, instructions, etc, and how those markings are required to be applied within the given project.

Special highlights:
Structure, accessibility,
usability and clean-up!!!

BREX enhancements

Chapter number

4.10

4.10.2

4.10.3

7.9 (New Chapter)

Chapter Title

Information management - Business rules exchange

Business rules exchange - The BREX data module

Business rules exchange - The default BREX data module

Information processing - Business rules processing

Including guidance for handling layered BREX DMs

CPF number and title	Summary and/or title of the change
2009-039S1 Handle missing BREX default explanation	Attribute valueTailoring added to element <objectValue> to allow indication if/how a value can be tailored to a project
2009-040S1 BREX introduction paragraph	Element <commonInfo> added to enable inclusion of an introduction to a BREX data module
2009-041S1, See title →	Clarify layered BREX priorities
2009-042S1, See title →	Explain layered BREX checking process
2009-043S1 Explain unassigned BREX flag value	Use of attribute allowedObjectFlag has been revised and a new value (default) has been added
2009-130S1, See title →	Default BREX coding
2009-132S1, See title →	BREX narrative rules

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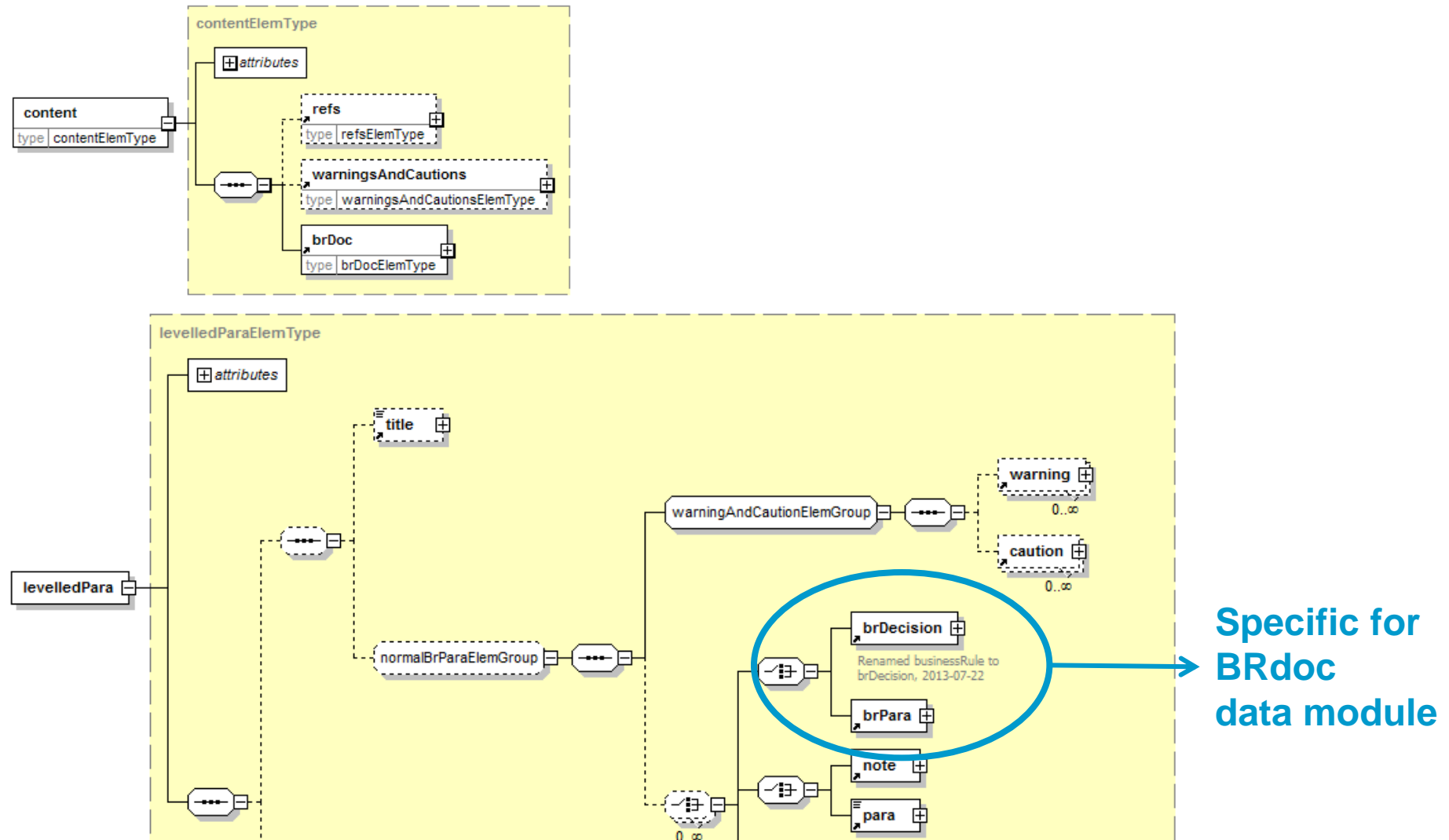
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Plans for next S1000D Issue in respect to BR

Highlights of the intended changes:

- Rules for production of Business rules publications will be given.
- Business rules publications will consist mainly of BR document data modules (new Schema) and BREX data modules.
- A business rule or a set of business rules will be defined for each required Business Rule Decision Point (BRDP). These are either defined by S1000D or added by project/organization.
- BRDPs and business rules are uniquely identified. The former by using a specific unique identity, the latter by ID-IDREF mechanism.
- Business rules will be classified regarding their severity enabling severity-based actions in case they are not followed.
- Projects and organizations will be able to assign creation priority for a business rule.
- Relationships between various S1000D BRDPs are being currently identified.
- BREX data modules will be enhanced with unique identifiers and severity for business rules.

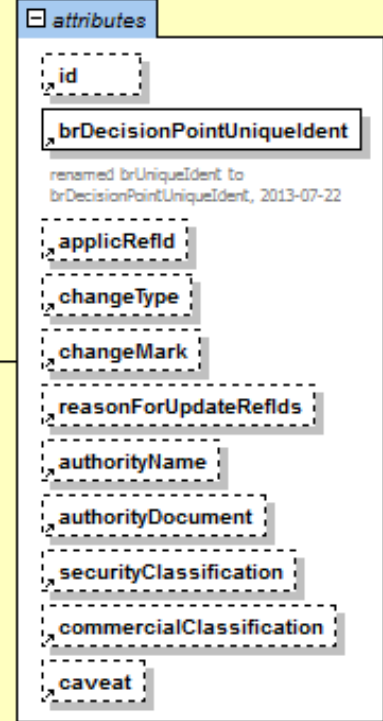
BR document (BRdoc) data module → uses 90% of the descriptive Schema



BR paragraph

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brParaElemType (extension)



brPara

brRelationship

brDecisionPointContent

(1) Made optional, 2013-06-11; (2) Renamed into brDecisionPointContent, 2013-07-22

brDecision

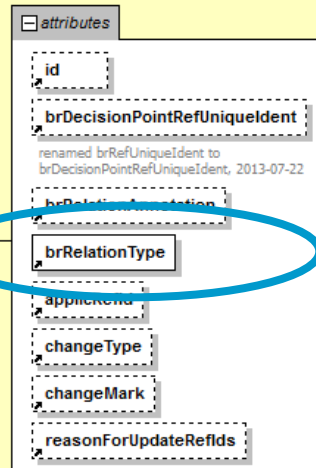
renamed businessRule to brDecision, 2013-07-22

brAudit

Changed from brAuditTrail to brAudit, 2013-06-19

brRelationshipElemType

brRelatedToElemType



brRelationshipDescr

dmRef

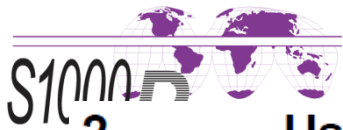
pmRef

externalPubRef

brRelationship

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BRdoc Schema can be used to XMLize the portions of S1000D needed in BR publications for guidance and rules purposes

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Using change markup

General rules

Use limitations

The use of the change markup is limited to indicate technical changes only. Change markup must only be used to indicate changes since the previous issue of a data module and not between increments of the attribute `inwork`. Any changes indicated in the previous issue must be deleted for the up-issue.

Note

The previous issue of the data module remains stored in the CSDB with the change markup at that issue.

Editorial changes must not use change markup.

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<note><notePara>The previous issue of the data module remains stored in the CSDB with the
change markup at that issue.</notePara></note>
<brDecision id="S1-00095"><brDecisionText>
<para>Editorial changes must not use change markup.</para>
<brDecisionBrexDefinition><contextRules><structureObjectRuleGroup><structureObjectRule>
<objectPath allowedObjectFlag="2">//@changeMark</objectPath>
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</brDecisionText></brDecision>
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BRDP markup

Business rule decision point BRDP-S1-00089 - Standard wording for reasons for update:

- Decide standard reason for update sentences to be used. Reason for update can be used to automatically generate a highlights data module. Normally, a project will mandate its use from issue "002" upwards. Examples are:
 - Revised to incorporate modification XYZ
 - Deleted. Data module no longer required

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<brPara brDecisionPointUniqueIdent="BRDP-S1-00089">
<brRelationship><brRelatedTo brRelationType="no_relation"></brRelatedTo></brRelationship>
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can be used to automatically generate a highlights data module. Normally, a project will mandate its
use from issue &quot;002&quot; upwards.</brDecisionPointText>
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incorporate modification XYZ</para></listItem><listItem><para>Deleted. Data module no longer
required</para></listItem></randomList></para></brDecisionPointExplanation>
</brDecisionPointContent>
<brDecision><brDecisionPending/></brDecision></brPara>
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The missing part is experience and guidance

- As with any new concept, we need to gather experience with BRdoc Schema, BR publication rules, BR relationships and corresponding BREQ enhancements → Guidance should be provided based on this gathered experience
- Guidance is to be provided for BR tools creators, and in respect to how various kinds of reports can be created and used
- For these purposes the following CPFs have been submitted:
 - CPF 2009-093IGBRTT IG - Use Cases
 - CPF 2009-135IGBRTT BR reports
 - CPF 2009-136IGBRTT Guidance for BR tools

If you would like to contribute or follow,
join IGBRTT as member or observer:
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Vielen Dank!

Mulțumesc mult!

Thank you very much!

Merci beaucoup!

Mille grazie!



Mange tak!

Большое спасибо!

Tack så mycket!

Tusen tak!