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Abstract

The Incident Object Description Exchange Format (IODEF) defines a data representation that provides a framework for sharing information commonly exchanged by Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) about computer security incidents. This document describes the data model for the IODEF and provides the associated XML Schema.
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1. Introduction

Organizations require help from other parties to mitigate malicious activity targeting their network and to gain insight into potential threats. This coordination might entail working with an ISP to filter attack traffic, contacting a remote site to take down a bot-network, or sharing watch-lists of known malicious IP addresses in a consortium.

The Incident Object Description Exchange Format (IODEF) is a format for representing computer security information commonly exchanged between Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs). It provides an XML representation for conveying incident information across administrative domains between parties that have an operational responsibility of remediation or a watch-and-warning over a defined constituency. The data model encodes information about hosts, networks, and the services running on these systems; attack methodology and associated forensic evidence; impact of the activity; and limited approaches for documenting workflow.

The overriding purpose of the IODEF is to enhance the operational capabilities of CSIRTs. Community adoption of the IODEF provides an improved ability to resolve incidents and convey situational awareness by simplifying collaboration and data sharing. This structured format provided by the IODEF allows for:

- increased automation in processing of incident data since the resources of security analysts to parse free-form textual documents will be reduced;
Coordinating with other CSIRTs is not strictly a technical problem. There are numerous procedural, trust, and legal considerations that might prevent an organization from sharing information. The IODEF does not attempt to address them. However operational implementations of the IODEF will need to consider this broader context.

Section 3 describes the abstract IODEF data model and Section 8 provides the corresponding XML Schema implementation. The types used by the data model are covered in Section 2. Processing considerations, the handling of extensions, and internationalization issues related to the data model are covered in Sections 4, 5, and 6 respectively. Examples are listed in Section 7. Section 1 provides the background for the IODEF, and Section 9 documents the security considerations.

1.1. Terminology

The key words "MUST," "MUST NOT," "REQUIRED," "SHALL," "SHALL NOT," "SHOULD," "SHOULD NOT," "RECOMMENDED," "MAY," and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC2119 [6].

Definitions for some of the common computer security-related terminology used in this document can be found in Section 2 of [18].

1.2. Notations

The IODEF is specified in two ways, as an abstract data model and as an XML Schema. Section 3 provides a Unified Modeling Language (UML) model describing the individual classes and their relationship with each other. The semantics of each class are discussed and their attributes explained. In Section 8, this UML model is converted in an XML Schema.
For clarity in this document, the term "XML document" will be used when referring generically to any instance of an XML document. The term "IODEF document" will be used to refer to specific elements and attributes of the IODEF schema. Finally, the terms "class", and "element" will be used interchangeably to reference either a given UML class in the data model or its corresponding schema implementation.

1.3. About the IODEF Data Model

The IODEF data model is a data representation that provides a framework for sharing information commonly exchanged by CSIRTs about computer security incidents. A number of considerations were made in the design of the data model.

- The data model serves as a transport format. Therefore, its specific representation is not the optimal representation for on-disk storage, long-term archiving, or in-memory processing.

- As there is no precise, widely agreed upon definition for an incident, the data model does not attempt to dictate one through its implementation. Rather, a broad understanding is assumed in the IODEF that is flexible enough to encompass most operators.

- Describing an incident for all definitions would require an extremely complex data model. Therefore, the IODEF only intends to be a framework to convey commonly exchanged incident information. It ensures that there are ample mechanisms for extensibility to support organization-specific information, and techniques to reference information kept outside of the explicit data model.

- The domain of security analysis is not fully standardized and must rely on free-form textual descriptions. The IODEF attempts to strike a balance between supporting this free-form content, while still allowing automated processing of incident information.

- The IODEF is only one of several security relevant data representations being standardized. Attempts were made to ensure
they were complimentary. The data model of the Intrusion Detection Message Exchange Format [19] influenced the design of the IODEF.

Further discussion of the desirable properties for the IODEF can be found in the Requirements for the Format for Incident Information Exchange (FINE) [18].

1.4. About the IODEF Implementation


Implementing the IODEF in XML provides numerous advantages. Its extensibility makes it ideal for specifying a data encoding framework that supports various character encodings. Likewise, the abundance of related technologies (e.g., XSL, XPath, XML-Signature) makes for simplified manipulation. However, XML is fundamentally a text representation which makes it inherently inefficient when binary data must be embedded or large volumes of data must be exchanged.

2. IODEF Data Types

The various data elements of the IODEF data model are typed. This section discusses these data types. When possible, these types are enforced in the XML Schema.

2.1. Integers
An integer is represented by the INTEGER data type. Integer data MUST be encoded in Base 10.

The INTEGER data type is implemented as an "xs:integer" [3] in the schema.

2.2. Real Numbers

Real (floating-point) attributes are represented by the REAL data type. Real data MUST be encoded in Base 10.

The REAL data type is implemented as an "xs:float" [3] in the schema.

2.3. Characters and Strings

A single character is represented by the CHARACTER data type. A character string is represented by the STRING data type. Special characters must be encoded using entity references. See Section 4.1.

The CHARACTER and STRING data types are implement as an "xs:string"[3] in the schema.

2.4. Multilingual Strings

STRING data that represents multi-character attributes in a language different than the default encoding of the document are of the ML_STRING data type.

The ML_STRING data type is implemented as an "iodef:MLStringType" in the schema.

2.5. Bytes

A binary octet is represented by the BYTE data type. A sequence of binary octets is represented by the BYTE[] data type. These octets are encoded using base64.

The BYTE data type is implemented as an "xs:base64Binary" [3] in the schema.

2.6. Hexadecimal Bytes
A binary octet is represented by the HEXBIN (and HEXBIN[]) data type. This octet is encoded as a character tuple consisting of two hexadecimal digits.

The HEXBIN data type is implemented as an "xs:hexBinary" [3] in the schema.

2.7. Enumerated Types

Enumerated types are represented by the ENUM data type, and consist of an ordered list of acceptable values. Each value has a representative keyword. Within the IODEF schema, the enumerated type keywords are used as attribute values.

The ENUM data type is implemented as a series of "xs:NMTOKEN" in the schema.

2.8. Date-Time Strings

Date-time strings are represented by the DATETIME data type. Each date-time string identifies a particular instant in time; ranges are not supported.

Date-time strings are formatted according to a subset of ISO 8601: 2000 [14] documented in RFC 3339 [13].

The DATETIME data type is implemented as an "xs:dateTime" [3] in the schema.

2.9. Timezone string

A timezone offset from UTC is represented by the TIMEZONE data type. It is formatted according to the following regular expression: "Z[\+\-]([0-9]|\d[0-9][0-9]):([0-9][0-9])".

The TIMEZONE data type is implemented as an "xs:string" with a regular expression constraint in the schema. This regular expression is identical to the timezone representation implemented in an "xs:dateTime".

2.10. Port Lists

A list of network ports are represented by the PORTLIST data type. A PORTLIST consists of a comma-separated list of numbers and ranges (N-M means ports N through M, inclusive). It is formatted according to the following regular expression: "\d+(\-\d+)?(,\d+(\-\d+))?*".
For example, "2,5-15,30,32,40-50,55-60".

The PORTLIST data type is implemented as an "xs:string" with a regular expression constraint in the schema.

2.11. Postal Address

A postal address is represented by the POSTAL data type. This data type is a ML_STRING whose format is documented in Sections 6.27 of RFC 2252 [11]. It defines a postal address as a free-form multi-line string separated by the "$" character.

The POSTAL data type is implemented as an "xs:string" in the schema.

2.12. Person or Organization

The name of an individual or organization is represented by the NAME data type. This data type is an ML_STRING whose format is documented in Section 5.4 of RFC 2256 [10].

The NAME data type is implemented as an "xs:string" in the schema.

2.13. Telephone and Fax Numbers

A telephone number is represented by the PHONE data type. The format of the PHONE data type is documented in Section 6.30 of RFC 2252 [10].

The PHONE data type is implemented as an "xs:string" in the schema.

2.14. Email string

An email address is represented by the EMAIL data type. The format of the EMAIL data type is documented in Section 3.4.1 RFC 2822 [12].

The EMAIL data type is implemented as an "xs:string" in the schema.

2.15. Uniform Resource Locator strings

A uniform resource locator (URL is represented by the URL data type. The format of the URL data type is documented in RFC 2396 [8].

The URL data type is implemented as an "xs:string" in the schema.
3. The IODEF Data Model

In this section, the individual components of the IODEF data model will be discussed in detail. For each class, the semantics will be described and the relationship with other classes will be depicted with UML. When necessary, specific comments will be made about corresponding definition in the schema in Section 8.

3.1. IODEF-Document class

The IODEF-Document class is the top level class in the IODEF data model. All IODEF documents are an instance of this class.

```
+---------------+
| IODEF-Document |
+---------------+
| STRING version |<>--{1..*}--[ Incident ]
| ENUM lang     |<>--{0..*}--[ ds:Signature ]
| STRING formatid |
+---------------+
```

Figure 1: IODEF-Document class

The aggregate classes that constitute IODEF-Document are:

Incident

One or more. The information related to a single incident.

Signature

Zero or more. Cryptographic signature per [15] to ensure the integrity and authenticity of the document.

The IODEF-Document class has three attributes:

version

Required. STRING. The IODEF specification version number to which this IODEF document conforms. The value of this attribute MUST be "1.00"
lang
   Required. ENUM. A valid language code per RFC 3066 [7]
   constrained by the definition of "xs:language". The
   interpretation of this code is described in Section 6.

formatid
   Optional. STRING. A free-form string to convey processing
   instructions to the recipient of the document. Its semantics must
   be negotiated out-of-band.

3.2. Incident class

   Every incident is represented by an instance of the Incident class.
   This class provides a standardized representation for commonly
   exchanged incident data.

   +-------------------+
   | Incident           |
   +-------------------+
   | ENUM purpose       |<>--------[ IncidentID ]
   | STRING ext-purpose |<>-{0..1}--[ AlternativeID ]
   | ENUM lang          |<>-{0..1}--[ RelatedActivity ]
   | ENUM restriction   |<>-{0..1}--[ DetectTime ]
   |                    |<>-{0..1}--[ StartTime ]
   |                    |<>-{0..1}--[ EndTime ]
   |                    |<--------[ ReportTime ]
   |                    |<>-{0..1}--[ Description ]
   |                    |<>-{1..*}--[ Assessment ]
   |                    |<>-{0..*}--[ Method ]
   |                    |<>-{1..*}--[ Contact ]
   |                    |<>-{0..*}--[ EventData ]
   |                    |<>-{0..1}--[ History ]
   |                    |<>-{0..*}--[ AdditionalData ]
   +-------------------+

   Figure 2: the Incident class
The aggregate classes that constitute Incident are:

**IncidentID**
One. An incident tracking number assigned to this incident by the CSIRT that generated the IODEF document.

**AlternativeID**
Zero or one. The incident tracking numbers used by other CSIRTs to refer to the incident described in the document.

**RelatedActivity**
Zero or one. The incident tracking numbers of related incidents.

**DetectTime**
Zero or one. The time the incident was first detected.

**StartTime**
Zero or one. The time the incident started.

**EndTime**
Zero or one. The time the incident ended.

**ReportTime**
One. The time the incident was reported.

**Description**
Zero or more. ML_STRING. A free-form textual description of the incident.

**Assessment**
One or more. A characterization of the impact of the incident.

**Method**
Zero or more. The techniques used by the intruder in the incident.

**Contact**
One or more. Contact information for the parties involved in the
incident.

EventData
Zero or more. Description of the events comprising the incident,

History
Zero or one. A log of significant events or actions that occurred
during the course of handling the incident.

AdditionalData
Zero or more. Mechanism by which to extend the data model.

The Incident class has four attributes:

purpose
Required. ENUM. The purpose attribute represents the reason why
the IODEF document was created. It is closely related to the
Expectation class (Section 3.13). This attribute is defined as an
enumerated list:

1. traceback. The document was sent for trace-back purposes;

2. mitigation. The document was sent to request aid in
mitigating the described activity;

3. reporting. The document was sent to comply with reporting
requirements;

4. other. The document was sent for purposes specified in the
Expectation class.

5. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute.
See Section 5.1.

ext-purpose
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the purpose
attribute. See Section 5.1.

lang
Optional. ENUM. A valid language code per RFC 3066 [7]
constrained by the definition of "xs:language". The interpretation of this code is described in Section 6.

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute indicates the disclosure guidelines to which the sender expects the recipient to adhere. This guideline provides no real security since it is the choice of the recipient of the document to honor it.

The value of this attribute is logically inherited by the children of this class. That is to say, the disclosure rules applied to this class, also apply to its children.

It is possible to set a granular disclosure policy, since all of the high-level classes (i.e., children of the Incident class) have a restriction attribute. Therefore, a child can override the guidelines of a parent class, be it to restrict or relax the disclosure rules (e.g., a child has a weaker policy than an ancestor; or an ancestor has a weak policy, and the children selectively apply more rigid controls). The implicit value of the restriction attribute for a class that did not specify one can be found in the closest ancestor that did specify a value.

This attribute is defined as an enumerated value with a default value of "private". Note that the default value of the restriction attribute is only defined in the context of the Incident class. In other classes where this attribute is used, no default is specified.

1. public. There are no restrictions placed in the information;

2. need-to-know. The information may be shared with other parties that are involved in the incident (e.g., multiple victim sites can be informed of each other);

3. private. The information may not be shared.

4. default. The information can be shared according to an
3.3. IncidentID class

The IncidentID class represents an incident tracking number that is unique in the context of the CSIRT and identifies the activity characterized in an IODEF Document. This identifier would serve as an index into the CSIRT incident handling system. The combination of the name attribute and the string in the element content MUST be a globally unique identifier describing the activity. Documents generated by a given CSIRT MUST NOT reuse the same value unless they are referencing the same incident.

+------------------+
| IncidentID       |
+------------------+
| STRING           |
|                  |
| STRING name      |
+------------------+

Figure 3: the IncidentID class

The IncidentID class has one attribute:

name

Required. STRING. An identifier describing the CSIRT that created the document. In order to have a globally unique CSIRT name, the fully qualified domain name associated with the CSIRT MUST be used.

3.4. AlternativeID class

The AlternativeID class lists the incident tracking numbers used by CSIRTs, other than the one generating the document, to refer to the
identical activity described the IODEF document. A tracking number listed as an AlternativeID references the same incident detected by another CSIRT. The incident tracking numbers of the CSIRT that generated the IODEF document should never be considered an AlternativeID.

```
+------------------+
| AlternativeID    |
+------------------+
| ENUM restriction |<>--{1..*}--[ IncidentID ]
|                  |
+------------------+
```

Figure 4: the AlternativeID class

The aggregate class that constitutes AlternativeID is:

IncidentID

One or more. The incident tracking number of another CSIRT.

The AlternativeID class has one attribute:

restriction

Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

3.5. RelatedActivity class

The RelatedActivity class lists the incident tracking numbers of incidents that are related to the one described in the IODEF document. These references may be to local incident tracking numbers or to those of other CSIRTs.

The specifics of how a CSIRT comes to believe that two incidents are related are considered out of scope.

```
+------------------+
| RelatedActivity  |
+------------------+
| ENUM restriction |<>--{1..*}--[ IncidentID ]
|                  |
+------------------+
```
Figure 5: RelatedActivity class

The aggregate class that constitutes RelatedActivity is:

IncidentID
   One or more. The incident tracking number of a related incident.

The RelatedActivity class has one attribute:

restriction
   Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

3.6. AdditionalData

The AdditionalData class serves as an extension mechanism for information not otherwise represented in the data model. For relatively simple information, atomic data types (e.g., integers, strings) are provided with a mechanism to annotate their meaning. The class can also be used to extend the data model (and the associated Schema) to support proprietary extensions by encapsulating entire XML documents conforming to another Schema (e.g., IDMEF). A detailed discussion for extending the data model and the schema can be found in Section 5.

Unlike XML, which is self-describing, atomic data must be documented to convey its meaning. This information is described in the 'meaning' attribute. Since these description are outside the scope of the specification, some additional coordination may be required to ensure that a recipient of a document using the AdditionalData classes can make sense of the custom extensions.

+------------------+
| AdditionalData   |
+------------------+
|                  |
| ENUM dtype       |
| STRING ext-dtype |
| STRING meaning   |
| STRING formatid  |
| ENUM restriction |
+------------------+

Figure 6: the AdditionalData class

The AdditionalData class has five attributes:
dtype
    Required. ENUM. The data type of the element content. The permitted values for this attribute are shown below. The default value is "string".

1. boolean. The element content is of type BOOLEAN.
2. byte. The element content is of type BYTE.
3. character. The element content is of type CHARACTER.
4. date-time. The element content is of type DATETIME.
5. integer. The element content is of type INTEGER.
6. portlist. The element content is of type PORTLIST.
7. real. The element content is of type REAL.
8. string. The element content is of type STRING.
9. file. The element content is a base64 encoded binary file encoded as a BYTE[] type.
10. frame. The element content is a layer-2 frame encoded as a HEXBIN type.
11. packet. The element content is a layer-3 packet encoded as a HEXBIN type.
12. ipv4-packet. The element content is an IPv4 packet encoded as a HEXBIN type.
13. ipv6-packet. The element content is an IPv6 packet encoded as a HEXBIN type.
14. path. The element content is a file-system path encoded as a STRING type;
15. url. The element content is of type URL.
16. csv. The element content is a common separated value list encoded as a STRING type.

17. winreg. The element content is a Windows registry key encoded as a STRING type.

18. xml. The element content is XML (see Section 5).

19. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-dtype
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the dtype attribute. See Section 5.1.

meaning
Optional. STRING. A free-form description of the element content.

formatid
Optional. STRING. An identifier referencing the format and semantics of the element content.

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

3.7. Contact class

The Contact class describes contact information for organizations and personnel involved in the incident. This class allows for the naming of the involved party, specifying contact information for them, and identifying their role in the incident.

People and organizations are treated interchangeably as contacts; one can be associated with the other using the recursive definition of the class (the Contact class is aggregated into the Contact class). The 'type' attribute disambiguates the type of contact information being provided.
This recursive definition provides a way to relate information without requiring the explicit use of identifiers in the classes. For example, separate contact information for two individuals from the same organization would not require duplicating the organization information.

The aggregate classes that constitute the Contact class are:

- **ContactName**
  Zero or one. ML_STRING. The name of the contact. The contact may either be an organization or a person. The type attribute disambiguates the semantics.

- **Description**
  Zero or many. ML_STRING. A free-form description of this
contact. In the case of a person, this is often the organizational title of the individual.

RegistryHandle
Zero or many. A handle name into the registry of the contact.

PostalAddress
Zero or one. POSTAL. The postal address of the contact formatted according to Section 2.11.

Email
Zero or many. EMAIL. The email address of the contact formatted according to Section 2.14.

Telephone
Zero or many. PHONE. The telephone number of the contact formatted according to Section 2.13.

Fax
Zero or one. PHONE. The facsimile telephone number of the contact formatted according to Section 2.13.

Timezone
Zero or one. TIMEZONE. The timezone in which the contact resides formatted according to Section 2.9.

Contact
Zero or many. A Contact instance contained within another Contact instance inherits the values of the parent(s). This recursive definition can be used to group common data pertaining to multiple points of contact and is especially useful when listing multiple contacts at the same organization. When Contact elements are defined recursively, only the leaf instances (those Contact instances not containing other Contact instances) represent actual points of contact.

AdditionalData
Zero or many. A mechanism by which to extend the data model.

At least one of the aggregate classes MUST be present in an instance of the Contact class. This is not enforced in the IODEF schema as
there is no simple way to accomplish it.

The Contact class has five attributes:

role
   Required. ENUM. Indicates the role the contact fulfills. This attribute is defined as an enumerated list:

   1. creator. The entity that generate the document.
   2. admin. An administrative contact for a host or network.
   3. tech. A technical contact for a host or network.
   4. irt. The CSIRT involved in handling the incident.
   5. cc. An entity that is to be kept informed about the handling of the incident.
   6. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-role
   Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the role attribute. See Section 5.1.

type
   Required. ENUM. Indicates the type of contact being described. This attribute is defined as an enumerated list:

   1. person. The information for this contact references an individual.
   2. organization. The information for this contact references an organization.
   3. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.
ext-type
  Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the type attribute. See Section 5.1.

restriction
  Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

3.7.1. RegistryHandle class

The RegistryHandle class represents a handle into an Internet registry or community-specific database. The handle is specified in the element content and the type attribute specifies the database.

+---------------------+
| RegistryHandle      |
+---------------------+
| STRING              |
| ENUM registry       |
| STRING ext-registry |
+---------------------+

Figure 8: The RegistryHandle class

The RegistryHandle class has one attribute:

registry
  Required. ENUM. The database to which the handle belongs. The default value is 'local'. The possible values are:

  1. internic. Internet Network Information Center
  2. apnic. Asia Pacific Network Information Center
  3. arin. American Registry for Internet Numbers
  4. lacnic. Regional Latin-American and Caribbean IP Address Registry
5. ripe. Reseaux IP Europeens
6. afrinic. African Internet Numbers Registry
7. local. A database local to the CSIRT.
8. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-registry
  Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the registry attribute. See Section 5.1.

3.8. Time classes

The data model uses five different classes to represent a timestamp. Their definition is identical, but each has a distinct name to convey a difference in semantics.

The element content of each class is a timestamp formatted according to the DATETIME data type (see Section 2.8).

+----------------------------------+
| {Start| End| Report| Detect}Time |
+----------------------------------+
| DATETIME                          |
+----------------------------------+

Figure 9: the Time classes

3.8.1. StartTime

The StartTime class represents the time the incident began.

3.8.2. EndTime

The EndTime class represents the time the incident ended.

3.8.3. DetectTime

The DetectTime class represents the time the first activity of the incident was detected.
3.8.4.  ReportTime

The ReportTime class represents the time the incident was reported. This timestamp SHOULD coincide to the time at which the IODEF document is generated.

3.8.5.  DateTime

The DateTime class is a generic representation of a timestamp. Its semantics should be inferred from the parent class in which it is aggregated.

3.9.  Method class

The Method class describes the methodology used by the intruder to perpetrate the events of the incident. This class consists of a list of references describing the attack method and a free form description of the technique.

+------------------+
| Method          |
+------------------+
| ENUM restriction |<>--{0..*}--[ Reference ]
| |<>--{0..*}--[ Description ]
| |<>--{0..*}--[ AdditionalData ]
+------------------+

Figure 10: The Method class

The Method class is composed of two aggregate classes.

Reference
Zero or many. A reference to a vulnerability, malware sample, advisory, or analysis of an attack technique.

Description
Zero or many. ML_STRING. A free-form text description of the methodology used by the intruder.

AdditionalData
Zero or many. A mechanism by which to extend the data model.

Either an instance of the Reference or Description class MUST be present.

The Method class has one attribute:
restriction
  Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

3.9.1. Reference class

The Reference class is a reference to a vulnerability, IDS alert, malware sample, advisory, or attack technique. A reference consists of a name, a URL to this reference, and an optional description.

+------------------+
| Reference        |
+------------------+
  |<------------[ ReferenceName ] |
  |<--{0..*}--[ URL ] |
  |<--{0..*}--[ Description ] |
+------------------+

Figure 11: The Reference class

The aggregate classes that constitute Reference:

ReferenceName
  One. ML_STRING. Name of the reference.

URL
  Zero or many. URL. A URL associated with the reference.

Description
  Zero or many. ML_STRING. A free-form text description of this reference.

3.10. Assessment class

The Assessment class describes the technical and non-technical repercussions of the incident on the CSIRT's constituency.

This class was derived from the IDMEF[19].
The aggregate classes that constitute Assessment are:

**Impact**
Zero or many. Technical impact of the incident on a network.

**TimeImpact**
Zero or many. Impact of the activity measured with respect to time.

**MonetaryImpact**
Zero or many. Impact of the activity measured with respect to financial loss.

**Confidence**
Zero or one. An estimate of confidence in the assessment.

**AdditionalData**
Zero or many. A mechanism by which to extend the data model.

A least one instance of the possible three impact classes (i.e., Impact, TimeImpact, or MonetaryImpact) MUST be present.

The Assessment class has one attribute:
3.10.1. Impact class

The Impact class allows for categorizing and describing the technical impact of the incident on the network of an organization.

This class is based on the IDMEF [19].

The element content will be a free-form textual description of the impact.

The Impact class has three attributes:

lang
   Required. ENUM. A valid language code per RFC 3066 [7] constrained by the definition of "xs:language". The interpretation of this code is described in Section 6.

severity
   Optional. ENUM. An estimate of the relative severity of the activity. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.
1. low. Low severity

2. medium. Medium severity

3. high. High severity

**completion**

Optional. ENUM. An indication whether the described activity was successful. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.

1. failed. The attempted activity was not successful.

2. succeeded. The attempted activity succeeded.

**type**

Required. ENUM. Classifies the malicious activity into incident categories. The permitted values are shown below. The default value is "other".

1. admin. Administrative privileges were attempted.

2. dos. A denial of service was attempted.

3. file. An action that impacts the integrity of a file or database was attempted.

4. info-leak. An attempt was made to exfiltrate information.

5. misconfiguration. An attempt was made to exploit a misconfiguration in a system.

6. policy. Activity violating site's policy was attempted

7. recon. Reconnaissance activity was attempted.
social-engineering. A social engineering attack was attempted.

user. User privileges were attempted.

unknown. The classification of this activity is unknown.

ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-type
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the type attribute. See Section 5.1.

3.10.2. TimeImpact class

The TimeImpact class describes the impact of the incident on an organization as a function of time. It provides a way to convey down time and recovery time.

+---------------------+
| TimeImpact           |
+---------------------+
| REAL                 |
| ENUM severity        |
| ENUM metric          |
| STRING ext-metric    |
| ENUM duration        |
| STRING ext-duration  |
+---------------------+

Figure 14: TimeImpact class
The element content is a positive, floating point (REAL) number specifying a unit of time. The duration and metric attributes will imply the semantics of the element content.

The TimeImpact class has three attributes:

severity
Optional. ENUM. An estimate of the relative severity of the activity. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.

1. low. Low severity
2. medium. Medium severity
3. high. High severity

metric
Required. ENUM. Defines the metric in which the time is expressed. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.

1. labor. Total staff-time to recovery from the activity (e.g., 2 employees working 4 hours each would be 8 hours).
2. elapsed. Elapsed time from the beginning of the recovery to its completion (i.e., wall-clock time).
3. downtime. Duration of time for which some provided service(s) was not available.
4. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-metric
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the metric attribute. See Section 5.1.

duration
Required. ENUM. Defines a unit of time, that when combined with the metric attribute, fully describes a metric of impact that will
be conveyed in the element content. The permitted values are shown below. The default value is "hour".

1. second. The unit of the element content is seconds.
2. minute. The unit of the element content is minutes.
3. hour. The unit of the element content is hours.
4. day. The unit of the element content is days.
5. month. The unit of the element content is months.
6. quarter. The unit of the element content is quarters.
7. year. The unit of the element content is years.
8. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-duration
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the duration attribute. See Section 5.1.

3.10.3 MonetaryImpact class

The MonetaryImpact class describes the financial impact of the activity on an organization. For example, this impact may consider losses due to the cost of the investigation or recovery, diminished productivity of the staff, or a tarnished reputation that will affect future opportunities.
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MonetaryImpact</td>
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<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>REAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENUM severity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STRING currency</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 15: MonetaryImpact class

The element content is a positive, floating point number (REAL) specifying a unit of currency described in the currency attribute.

The MonetaryImpact class has two attributes:

severity
  Optional. ENUM. An estimate of the relative severity of the activity. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.

1. low. Low severity
2. medium. Medium severity
3. high. High severity

currency
  Required. STRING. Defines the currency in which the monetary impact is expressed. The permitted values are defined in ISO 4217:2001, Codes for the representation of currencies and funds [16]. There is no default value.

3.10.4. Confidence class

The Confidence class represents a best estimate of the validity and accuracy of the described impact (see Section 3.10) of the incident activity. This estimate can be expressed as a category or a numeric calculation.

This class if based upon the IDMEF [19]).
The element content expresses a numerical assessment in the confidence of the data when the value of the rating attribute is "numeric". Otherwise, this element should be empty.

The Confidence class has one attribute.

rating

    Required.  ENUM.  A rating of the analytical validity of the specified Assessment. The permitted values are shown below. There is no default value.

    1.  low.  Low confidence in the validity.
    2.  medium.  Medium confidence in the validity.
    3.  high.  High confidence in the validity.
    4.  numeric.  The element content contains a number that conveys the confidence of the data. The semantics of this number outside the scope of this specification.

3.11.  History class

The History class is a log of the significant events or actions performed by the involved parties during the course of handling the incident.

The level of detail maintained in this log is left up to the discretion of those handling the incident.
The class that constitutes History is:

HistoryItem
One or many. Entry in the history log of significant events or actions performed by the involved parties.

The History class has one attribute:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

3.11.1. HistoryItem class

The HistoryItem class is an entry in the History (Section 3.11) log that documents a particular action or event that occurred in the course of handling the incident. The details of the entry are a free-form description, but each can be categorized with the type attribute.
One. Timestamp of this entry in the history log (e.g., when the action described in the Description was taken).

IncidentID
Zero or One. In a history log created by multiple parties, the IncidentID provides a mechanism to specify which CSIRT created a particular entry and references this organization's incident tracking number. When a single organization is maintaining the log, this class can be ignored.

Description
One or many. ML_STRING. A free-form textual description of the action or event.

AdditionalData
Zero or many. A mechanism by which to extend the data model.

The HistoryItem class has three attributes:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

action
Optional. ENUM. Classifies a performed action or occurrence documented in this history log entry. As activity will likely have been instigated either through a previously conveyed expectation or internal investigation, this attribute is identical to category attribute of the Expectation class. The difference is only one of tense. When an action is in this class, it has been completed. See Section 3.13.

ext-action
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the action attribute. See Section 5.1.

3.12. EventData class

The EventData class describes a particular event of the incident for a given set of hosts or networks. This description includes the
systems from which the activity originated and those targeted, an
assessment of the techniques used by the intruder, the impact of the
activity on the organization, and any forensic evidence discovered.

Figure 19: The EventData class

The aggregate classes that constitute EventData are:

Description
Zero or more. ML_STRING. A free-form textual description of the event.

**DetectTime**
Zero or one. The time the event was detected.

**StartTime**
Zero or one. The time the event started.

**EndTime**
Zero or one. The time the event ended.

**Contact**
Zero or more. Contact information for the parties involved in the event.

**Assessment**
Zero or one. The impact of the event on the target and the actions taken.

**Method**
Zero or more. The technique used by the intruder in the event.

**Flow**
Zero or more. A description of the systems or networks involved.

**Expectation**
Zero or more. The expected action to be performed by the recipient for the described event.

**Record**
Zero or one. Supportive data (e.g., log files) that provides additional information about the event.

**EventData**
Zero or more. EventData instances contained within another EventData instance inherit the values of the parent(s); this recursive definition can be used to group common data pertaining
to multiple events. When EventData elements are defined recursively, only the leaf instances (those EventData instances not containing other EventData instances) represent actual events.

AdditionalData
Zero or one. An extension mechanism for data not explicitly represented in the data model.

At least one of the aggregate classes MUST be present in an instance of the EventData class. This is not enforced in the IODEF schema as there is no simple way to accomplish it.

The EventData class has one attribute:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

3.12.1. Relating the Incident and EventData classes

There is substantial overlap in the Incident and EventData classes. Nevertheless, the semantics of these classes are quite different. The Incident class provides summary information about the entire incident, while the EventData class provides information about the individual events comprising the incident. In the most common case, the EventData class will provide more specific information for the general description provided in the Incident class. However, it may also be possible that the overall summarized information about the incident conflicts with some individual information in an EventData class when there is a substantial composition of various events in the incident. In such a case, the interpretation of the more specific EventData MUST supersede the more generic information provided in IncidentData.

3.12.2. Cardinality of EventData

The EventData class can be thought of as a container for the properties of an event in an incident. These properties include: the hosts involved, impact of the incident activity on the hosts, forensic logs, etc. With an instance of the EventData class, hosts (i.e., System class) are grouped around these common properties.
The recursive definition (or instance property inheritance) of the EventData class (the EventData class is aggregated into the EventData class) provides a way to related information without requiring the explicit use of unique attribute identifiers in the classes or duplicating information. Instead, the relative depth (nesting) of a class is used to group (relate) information.

For example, an EventData class might be used to describe two machines involved in an incident. This description can be achieved using multiple instances of the Flow class. It happens that there is a common technical contact (i.e., Contact class) for these two machines, but the impact (i.e., Assessment class) on them is different. A depiction of the representation for this situation can be found in Figure 20.

```
+------------------+
| EventData        |
+------------------+
|                  |<>----[ Contact    ]
|                  |
|                  |<>----[ EventData  ]<>----[ Flow     ]
|                  |
|                  |[                          ]<>----[ Assessment ]
|                  |
|                  |<>----[ EventData  ]<>----[ Flow     ]
|                  |[                          ]<>----[ Assessment ]
+------------------+
```

Figure 20: Recursion in the EventData class

### 3.13. Expectation class

The Expectation class conveys to the recipient of the IODEF document the actions the sender is requesting. The scope of the requested action is limited to purview of the EventData class in which this class is aggregated.
Figure 21: the Expectation class

The aggregate classes that constitute Expectation are:

Description
Zero or many. ML_STRING. A free-form description of the desired action(s).

StartTime
Zero or one. The time at which the action should be performed. A timestamp that is earlier than the ReportTime specified in the Incident class denotes that the expectation should be fulfilled as soon as possible. The absence of this element leaves the execution of the expectation to the discretion of the recipient.

EndTime
Zero or one. The time by which the action should be completed. If the action is not carried out by this time, it should no longer be performed.

Contact
Zero or one. The expected actor for the action.

The Expectations class has three attributes:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

severity
Optional. ENUM. Indicates the desired priority of the action. This attribute is an enumerated list with no default value, and the semantics of these relative measures are context dependant.

1. low. Low priority
2. medium. Medium priority
3. high. High priority
action
Optional. ENUM. Classifies the type of action requested. This attribute is an enumerated list with no default value.

1. nothing. No action is requested. Do nothing with the information.

2. contact-source-site. Contact the site(s) identified as the source of the activity.

3. contact-target-site. Contact the site(s) identified as the target of the activity.

4. contact-sender. Contact the originator of the document.

5. investigate. Investigate the systems(s) listed in the event.

6. block-host. Block traffic from the machine(s) listed as sources the event.

7. block-network. Block traffic from the network(s) lists as sources in the event.

8. block-port. Block the port listed as sources in the event.

9. rate-limit-host. Rate-limit the traffic from the machine(s) listed as sources in the event.

10. rate-limit-network. Rate-limit the traffic from the network(s) lists as sources in the event.

11. rate-limit-port. Rate-limit the port(s) listed as sources in the event.

12. remediate-other. Remediate the activity in a way other than by rate limiting or blocking.


14. status-new-info. Conveys that new information was received for this incident.

15. other. Perform some custom action described in the Description class.
16. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.


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ext-action
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the action attribute. See Section 5.1.

3.14. Flow class

The Flow class groups related the source and target hosts.

+------------------+
| Flow             |
+------------------+

Figure 22: the Flow class

The aggregate class that constitutes Flow is:

System
One or More. A host or network involved in an event.

The Flow System class has no attributes.

3.15. System class

The System class describes a system or network involved in an event. The systems or networks represented by this class are categorized according to the role they played in the incident through the category attribute. The value of this category attribute dictates the semantics of the aggregated classes in the System class. If the category attribute has a value of "source", then the aggregated classes denote the machine and service from which the activity is originating. With a category attribute value of "target" or "intermediary", then the machine or service is the one targeted in the activity. A value of "sensor" dictates that this System was part of an instrumentation to monitor the network.
The aggregate classes that constitute System are:

**Node**
One. A host or network involved in the incident.

**Service**
Zero or more. A network service running on the system.

**OperatingSystem**
Zero or one. The operating system running on the system.

**Counter**
Zero or more. A counter with which to summarize properties of this host or network.

**Description**
Zero or more. ML_STRING. A free-form text description of the System.
AdditionalData
    Zero or many. A mechanism by which to extend the data model.

The System class has five attribute:

restriction
    Optional. ENUM. This attribute is defined in Section 3.2.

category
    Required. ENUM. Classifies the role the host or network played
    in the incident. The possible values are:

    1. source. The System was the source of the event.
    2. target. The System was the target of the event.
    3. intermediate. The System was an intermediary in the event.
    4. sensor. The System was a sensor monitoring the event.
    5. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute.
       See Section 5.1.

ext-category
    Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the category
    attribute. See Section 5.1.

interface
    Optional. STRING. Specifies the interface on which the event(s)
    on this System originated. If the Node class specifies a network
    rather than a host, this attribute has no meaning.

spoofed
    Optional. ENUM. An indication of confidence in whether this
    System was the true target or attacking host. The permitted
    values for this attribute are shown below. The default value is
    "unknown".

    1. unknown. The accuracy of the category attribute value is
       unknown
2. yes. The category attribute value is probably incorrect. In the case of a source, the System is likely a decoy; with a target, the System was likely not the intended victim.

3. no. The category attribute value is believed to be correct.

3.16. Node class

The Node class names a system (e.g., PC, router) or network.

This class was derived from the IDMEF [19].
Address information is given.

Address
Zero or more. The hardware, network, or application address of the Node. If a NodeName is not provided, at least one Address MUST be specified.

Location
Zero or one. ML_STRING. A free-from description of the physical location of the equipment.

DateTime
Zero or one. A timestamp of when the resolution between the name and address was performed. This information SHOULD be provided if both an Address and NodeName are specified.

NodeRole
Zero or more. The intended purpose of the Node.

Counter
Zero or more. A counter with which to summarizes properties of this host or network.

3.16.1. Counter class

The Counter class summarize multiple occurrences of some event, or conveys counts or rates on various features (e.g., packets, sessions, events).

The value of the counter is the element content with its units represented in the type attribute. A rate for a given feature can be expressed by setting the duration attribute. The complete semantics are entirely context dependant based on the class in which the Counter is aggregated.

+------------------+
| Counter          |
+------------------+
| REAL             |
|                  |
The Counter class has three attributes:

**type**
- Required. ENUM. Specifies the units of the element content.
  1. byte. Count of bytes.
  2. packet. Count of packets.
  3. flow. Count of flow (e.g., NetFlow records).
  4. session. Count of sessions.
  5. alert. Count of notifications generated by another system (e.g., IDS or SIM).
  6. message. Count of messages (e.g., mail messages).
  7. event. Count of events.
  8. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

**ext-type**
- Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the type attribute. See Section 5.1.

**duration**
- Optional. ENUM. If present, the Counter class represents a rate rather than a count over the entire event. In that case, this attribute specifies the denominator of the rate (where the type
attribute specified the nominator). The possible values of this attribute are defined in Section 3.10.2

3.16.2. Address

The Address class represents a hardware (layer-2), network (layer-3), or application (layer-7) address.

This class was derived from the IDMEF [19].

+---------------------+
| Address             |
+---------------------+
| ENUM category       |
| STRING ext-category |
| STRING vlan-name    |
| INTEGER vlan-num    |
+---------------------+

Figure 26: the Address class

The Address class has four attributes:

category
Required. ENUM. The type of address represented. The permitted values for this attribute are shown below. The default value is "ipv4-addr".

1. asn. Autonomous System Number

2. atm. Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) address

3. e-mail. Electronic mail address (RFC 822)

4. ipv4-addr. IPv4 host address in dotted-decimal notation (a.b.c.d)

5. ipv4-net. IPv4 network address in dotted-decimal notation, slash, significant bits (a.b.c.d/nn)

6. ipv4-net-mask. IPv4 network address in dotted-decimal notation, slash, network mask in dotted-decimal notation (a.b.c.d/w.x.y.z)
7. ipv6-addr. IPv6 host address

8. ipv6-net. IPv6 network address, slash, significant bits

9. ipv6-net-mask. IPv6 network address, slash, network mask

10. mac. Media Access Control (MAC) address

11. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-category
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the category attribute. See Section 5.1.

vlan-name
Optional. STRING. The name of the Virtual LAN to which the address belongs.

vlan-num
Optional. STRING. The number of the Virtual LAN to which the address belongs.

3.16.3. NodeRole class

The NodeRole class describes the intended function performed by a particular host.

```
+---------------------+
| NodeRole            |
+---------------------+
| ML_STRING           |
| ENUM category       |
| STRING ext-category |
| ENUM lang           |
+---------------------+
```

Figure 27: The NodeRole class

The element content should be empty in all cases other than when the category attribute is set to "other".

The NodeRole class has two attributes:
category

Required. ENUM. Functionality provided by a node. If a value of "other" is specified, a description SHOULD be provided in the element content.

1. client. Client computer
2. server-internal. Server with internal services
3. server-public. Server with public services
4. www. WWW server
5. mail. Mail server
6. messaging. Messaging server (e.g., NNTP, IRC, IM)
7. streaming. Streaming-media server
8. voice. Voice server (e.g., SIP, H.323)
9. file. File server (e.g., SMB, CVS, AFS)
10. ftp. FTP server
11. p2p. Peer-to-peer node
12. name. Name server (e.g., DNS, WINS)
13. directory. Directory server (e.g., LDAP, finger, whois)
14. credential. Credential server (e.g., domain controller, Kerberos)
15. print. Print server
16. application. Application server
17. database. Database server
18. infra. Infrastructure server (e.g., router, firewall, DHCP)
19. log. Logserver (e.g., syslog)
20. other. The node performs a role documented in the element content.

21. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-category
Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the category attribute. See Section 5.1.

lang
Required. ENUM. A valid language code per RFC 3066 [7] constrained by the definition of "xs:language". The interpretation of this code is described in Section 6.

3.17. Service class

The Service class describes a network service of a host or network. The service is identified by specific port or list of ports, along with the application listening on that port.

When Service occurs as an aggregate class of a System that is a source, then this service is the one from which activity of interest is originating. Conversely, when Service occurs as an aggregate class of a System that is a target, then that service is the one to which activity of interest is directed.

This class was derived from the IDMEF [19].

+---------------------+
|   Service           |
+---------------------+
| INTEGER ip_version  |<>--{0..1}--[ Port ]
| INTEGER ip_protocol |<>--{0..1}--[ Portlist ]
|                     |<>--{0..1}--[ ProtoCode ]
The aggregate classes that constitute Service are:

Port
   Zero or one. INTEGER. A port number.

Portlist
   Zero or one. PORTLIST. A list of port numbers formatted according to Section 2.10.

ProtoCode
   Zero or one. INTEGER. A layer-4 protocol-specific code field.

ProtoType
   Zero or one. INTEGER. A layer-4 protocol specific type field.

ProtoFlags
   Zero or one. INTEGER. A layer-4 protocol specific flag field.

Application
   Zero or more. The application bound to the specified Port or Portlist.

Either a Port or Portlist class MUST be specified for a given instance of a Service class.

For a given source, System@type="source", a corresponding target, System@type="target", maybe defined, or vice versa. When a Portlist class is defined in the Service class of both the source and target in a given instance of the Flow class, there MUST be symmetry in the enumeration of the ports. Thus, if n-ports are listed for a source, n-ports should be listed for the target. Likewise, the ports should
be listed in an identical sequence such that the n-th port in the
source corresponds to the n-th port of the target. This symmetry in
listing and sequencing of ports applies whether there are 1-to-1,
1-to-many, or many-to-many sources-to-targets. In the 1-to-many or
many-to-many, the exact order in which the System classes are
enumerated in the Flow class is significant.

The Service class has two attributes:

\[
\begin{align*}
ip\textunderscore version & \quad \text{Required. INTEGER. The IP version number.} \\
ip\textunderscore protocol & \quad \text{Required. INTEGER. The IANA protocol number.}
\end{align*}
\]

3.17.1. Application class

The Application class describes an application running on a System
providing a Service.

\[
\begin{align*}
+--------------------+
| \text{Application} |<--{0..1}--[ \text{URL} ]
+--------------------+
\end{align*}
\]

Figure 29: The Application class

The aggregate classes that constitute Application are:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{URL} & \quad \text{Zero or one. URL. A URL describing the application.}
\end{align*}
\]
The Application class has seven attributes:

swid
  Optional. STRING. An identifier that can be used to reference this software.

configid
  Optional. STRING. An identifier that can be used to reference a particular configuration of this software.

vendor
  Optional. STRING. Vendor name of the software.

family
  Optional. STRING. Family of the software.

name
  Optional. STRING. Name of the software.

version
  Optional. STRING. Version of the software.

patch
  Optional. STRING. Patch or service pack level of the software.

3.18. OperatingSystem class

The OperatingSystem class describes the operating system running on a System. The definition is identical to the Application class (Section 3.17.1).

3.19. Record class

The Record class is a container class for log and audit data that provides supportive information about the incident. The source of this data will often be the output of monitoring tools. These logs should substantiate the activity described in the document.
The aggregate class that constitutes Record is:

RecordData
One or more. Log or audit data generated by a particular type of sensor. Separate instances of the RecordData class SHOULD be used for each sensor type.

The Record class has one attribute:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

3.19.1. RecordData class

The RecordData class groups log or audit data from a given sensor (e.g., IDS, firewall log) and provides a way to annotate the output.
Figure 31: The RecordData class

The aggregate classes that constitutes RecordData is:

DateTime
Zero or one. Timestamp of the RecordItem data.

Description
Zero or more. ML_STRING. Free-form textual description of the provided RecordItem data. At minimum, this description should convey the significance of the provided RecordItem data.

Application
Zero or one. Information about the sensor used to generate the RecordItem data.

RecordItem
One or more. Log, audit, or forensic data.

The RecordData class has one attribute:

restriction
Optional. ENUM. This attribute has been defined in Section 3.2.

3.19.2. RecordPattern class

The RecordPattern class describes where in the content of the RecordItem relevant information can be found. It provides a way to reference subsets of information, identified by a pattern, in a large log file, audit trail, or forensic data.
The specific pattern to search with in the RecordItem is defined in the body of the element. It is further annotated by four attributes:

type
   Required. ENUM. Describes the type of pattern being specified in the element content. The default is "regex".

   1. regex. PERL regular expression
   2. binary. Binhex encoded binary pattern, per the HEXBIN data type
   3. xpath. XML Path (XPath) [5]
   4. ext-value. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See Section 5.1.

ext-type
   Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the type attribute. See Section 5.1.

offset
   Optional. INTEGER. Amount of units (determined by the offsetunit attribute) to seek into the RecordItem data before matching the pattern.

offsetunit
   Optional. ENUM. Describes the units of the offset attribute. The default is "line".

   1. line. Offset is a count of lines.
2. **binary**. Offset is a count of bytes.

3. **ext-value**. An escape value used to extend this attribute. See [Section 5.1](#).

**ext-offsetunit**
- Optional. STRING. A means by which to extend the offsetunit attribute. See [Section 5.1](#).

**instance**
- Optional. INTEGER. Number of types to apply the specified pattern.

### 3.19.3. RecordItem class

The RecordItem class provides a way to incorporate relevant logs, audit trails, or forensic data to support the conclusions made during the course of analyzing the incident. The class supports both the direct encapsulation of the data, as well as, provides primitives to reference data stored elsewhere.

This class is identical to AdditionalData class ([Section 3.6](#)).
4. Processing Considerations

This section defines additional requirements on creating and parsing IODEF documents.

4.1. Encoding

Every IODEF document MUST begin with an XML declaration, and MUST specify the XML version used. If UTF-8 encoding is not used, the character encoding MUST also be explicitly specified. The IODEF conforms to all XML data encoding conventions and constraints.

The XML declaration with no character encoding will read as follows:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
```

When a character encoding is specified, the XML declaration will read like the following:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="charset" ?>
```

Where "charset" is the name of the character encoding as registered with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), see [9].

The following characters have special meaning in XML and MUST be escaped with their entity reference equivalent: "&", "<", ">", "\" (double quotation mark), and "'" (apostrophe). These entity references are "&amp;", "&lt;", "&gt;", "&quot;", and "&apos;" respectively.

4.2. IODEF Namespace

The IODEF schema declares a namespace of "iodef-1.0" and registers it per [4]. Each IODEF document MUST use the "iodef-1.0" namespace in the top-level element IODEF-Document. It can be referenced as
4.3. Validation

The IODEF documents MUST be well-formed XML and valid per the schema described in Section 8. However, mere XML validation is not sufficient for a semantically valid IODEF document. There are numerous data dependent definitions in the data model that cannot be easily encoded in the schema. They must be handled by additional logic in the parser. The following are a list of discrepancies in what is more strictly specified in the IODEF data model but not enforced in the IODEF schema:

- The elements or attributes that are defined as POSTAL, NAME, PHONE, EMAIL, and URL data-types are implemented as "xs:string", but more rigid formatting requirements are specified in the text.

- The IODEF-Document@lang and MLStringType@lang attributes are declared as an "xs:language" which constrains values with a regular expression. However, the value of this attribute still needs to be validated against the list of possible enumerated values is defined in [7].

- The MonetaryImpact@currency attribute is declared as an "xs:string", but the list of valid values is defined in [16].

- All of the aggregated classes Contact and EventData are optional in the schema, but at least one of these aggregated classes MUST be present.
5. Extending the IODEF

In order to support the changing activity of CSIRTS, the IODEF data model will need to evolve along with them. This section discusses how new data elements that have no current representation in the data model can be incorporated into the IODEF. These techniques are designed so that adding new data will not require a change to the IODEF schema. With proven value, well documented extensions can be incorporated into future versions of the specification. However, this approach also supports private extension relevant only to a closed consortium.

5.1. Extending the enumerated values of attributes

The data model supports a means by which to add new enumerated values to an attribute. For each attribute that supports this extension technique (see XXX for a list), there is a corresponding attribute in the same element whose name is identical less a prefix of "ext-". This special attribute is referred to as the extension attribute, and the attribute being extended is referred to as an extensible attribute. For example, an extensible attribute named "foo" will
have a corresponding extension attribute named "ext-foo". An element may have many extensible, and therefore many extension, attributes.

In addition to a corresponding extension attribute, each extensible attribute has "ext-value" as one its possible values. This particular value serves as an escape sequence and has no valid meaning.

In order to add a new enumerated value to an extensible attribute, the value of this attribute MUST be set to "ext-value", and the new desired value MUST be set in the corresponding extension attribute. For example, an extended instance of the type attribute of the Impact class would look as follows:

```xml
<Impact type="ext-value" ext-type="new-attack-type">
```

A given extension attribute MUST NOT be set unless the corresponding extensible attribute has been set to "ext-value".

5.2. Extending classes

Classes can be extended only through the use of the AdditionalData and RecordItem class. These container classes, collectively referred to as the extensible classes, are implemented by the iodef: ExtensionType data type in the schema. They provide the ability to have new atomic or XML-encoded data elements in all of the top-level classes of the Incident class and a few of the more complicated subordinate classes. As there are multiple instances of the extensible classes in the data model, there is discretion on where to add a new data element. It is RECOMMENDED that the extension be placed in the most closely related class to the new information.

Extensions using the atomic data types (i.e., all values of the dtype attributes other than "xml") MUST:

1. Set the element content of extensible class to the desired value, and

2. Set the dtype attribute to correspond to the data type of the element content.
The following guidelines MUST be followed for extensions using XML:

1. The element content of the extensible class MUST be set to the desired value and the dtype attribute MUST be set to "xml".

2. The extension schema MUST declare a separate namespace. It is RECOMMENDED that these extensions have the prefix "iodef-". The base IODEF namespace and schema MUST also be imported in the this new schema.

3. In the instance of the IODEF document using the extension, the extension schema MUST be referenced.

4. It is RECOMMENDED that extension schemas follow the naming convention of the IODEF data model. The names of all elements are capitalized. For composed names, a capital letter is used for each word. Attribute names are lower case.

The following schema and XML document excerpt provide a template for an extension schema and its use in the IODEF document.

This example schema defines a namespace of "iodef-extension1" and a single element named "newdata".

```
<xs:schema
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"
  targetNamespace="iodef-extension1.xsd"
  xmlns:ioddefx="iodef-extension1.xsd"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:import .../>
</xs:schema>
```
The following XML excerpt demonstrates the use of the above schema as an extension to the IODEF.

```
<IODEF-Document
    version="1.00" lang="en-US"
    xmlns="http://www.iana.org/iodef"
    xmlns:iodef-extension1="iodef-extension1.xsd"
    xmlns:iodef="http://www.iana.org/iodef"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
    xsi:schemaLocation="iodef-extension1.xsd">
    <Incident purpose="reporting">
        ...
        <AdditionalData dtype="xml" meaning="xml">
            <iodef-extension1:newdata>
                Field that could not be represented elsewhere
            </iodef-extension1:newdata>
        </AdditionalData>
    </Incident>
</IODEF-Document>
```
6. Internationalization issues

Internationalization and localization is of specific concern to the IODEF, since it is only through collaboration, often across language barriers, that certain incidents be resolved. The IODEF supports this goal by depending on XML constructs, and through explicit design choices in the data model.

Since IODEF is implemented as an XML Schema, it implicitly supports all the different character encodings, such as UTF-8 and UTF-16, possible with XML. Additionally, each IODEF document MUST specify the language in which their contents are encoded. The language can be specified with the attribute "lang", of type "xs:language" [3] in the top-level element (i.e., IODEF-Document@lang) and letting all other elements inherit that definition. All IODEF classes with a free-form text definition (i.e., all those defined of type iodef:MLStringType) can also specify a language different from the rest of the document. The valid language codes for the "xs:lang" are described in RFC 3066 [7].

The data model supports multiple translations of free-form text. In the places where free-text is used for descriptive purposes, the given class always has a one-to-many cardinality to its parent (e.g., Description class). The intent is to allow the identical text to be encoded in different instances of the same class, but each being in a different language. This approach allows an IODEF document author to send recipients speaking different languages an identical document. The IODEF parser SHOULD extract the appropriate language relevant to the recipient.

While the intent of the data model is to provide internationalization and localization, the intent is not to do so at the detriment of interoperability. While the IODEF does support different languages, the data model also relies heavily on standardized enumerated attributes that can crudely approximate the contents of the document. With this approach, a CSIRT should be able to make some sense of an IODEF document it receives even if the text based data elements are written in a language unfamiliar to the analyst.
7. Examples

This section provides examples of an incident encoded in the IODEF. These examples do not necessarily represent the only way to encode a particular incident.

7.1. Worm

A example of a CSIRT reporting an instance of the Code Red worm.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- This example demonstrates a report for a very old worm (Code Red) -->
<IODEF-Document version="1.00" lang="en"
 xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0"
 xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
 <Incident purpose="reporting">
  <IncidentID name="csirt.example.com">189493</IncidentID>
  <ReportTime>2001-09-13T23:19:24+00:00</ReportTime>
  <Description>Host sending out Code Red probes</Description>
  <!-- An administrative privilege was attempted, but failed -->
  <Assessment>
   <Impact completion="failed" type="admin"/>
  </Assessment>
  <Contact role="creator" type="organization">
   <ContactName>Example.com CSIRT</ContactName>
   <RegistryHandle registry="arin">example-com</RegistryHandle>
   <Email>contact@csirt.example.com</Email>
  </Contact>
  <EventData>
   <Flow>
    <System category="source">
     <Node>
      <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.200</Address>
      <Counter type="event">57</Counter>
     </Node>
    </System>
   </Flow>
   <System category="target">
    <Node>
     <Address category="ipv4-net">192.0.2.16/28</Address>
    </Node>
   </System>
  </EventData>
</IODEF-Document>
```
7.2. Reconnaissance

An example of a CSIRT reporting a scanning activity.
<Incident purpose="reporting">
  <IncidentID name="csirt.example.com">59334</IncidentID>
  <ReportTime>2006-08-02T05:54:02-05:00</ReportTime>
</Incident>

<Assessment>
  <Impact type="recon" completion="succeeded" />
</Assessment>

<Method>
  <!-- Reference to the scanning tool "nmap" -->
  <Reference>
    <ReferenceName>nmap</ReferenceName>
    <URL>http://nmap.toolsite.example.com</URL>
  </Reference>
</Method>

<!-- Organizational contact and that for staff in that organization -->
<Contact role="creator" type="organization">
  <ContactName>CSIRT for example.com</ContactName>
  <Email>contact@csirt.example.com</Email>
  <Telephone>+1 412 555 12345</Telephone>
</Contact>

<!-- Since this <Contact> is nested, Joe Smith is part of the CSIRT for example.com -->
<Contact role="tech" type="person" restriction="need-to-know">
  <ContactName>Joe Smith</ContactName>
  <Email>smith@csirt.example.com</Email>
</Contact>

<EventData>
  <!-- Scanning activity as follows:
   192.0.2.1:60524 >> 192.0.2.3:137
   192.0.2.1:60526 >> 192.0.2.3:138
   192.0.2.1:60527 >> 192.0.2.3:139
   192.0.2.1:60531 >> 192.0.2.3:445 -->
</EventData>
<!-- Scanning activity as follows:
192.0.2.2 >> 192.0.2.3/28:445 -->

<Flow>
  <System category="source">
    <Node>
      <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.240</Address>
    </Node>
  </System>
  <System category="target">
    <Node>
      <Address category="ipv4-net">192.0.2.64/28</Address>
    </Node>
    <Service ip_version="4" ip_protocol="6">
      <Port>445</Port>
    </Service>
  </System>
</Flow>
An example of a CSIRT reporting a bot-network.

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!-- This example describes a compromise and subsequent installation of bots -->
<IODEF-Document version="1.00" lang="en"
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0"
xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"

<Incident purpose="mitigation">
  <IncidentID name="csirt.example.com">908711</IncidentID>
  <ReportTime>2006-06-08T05:44:53-05:00</ReportTime>
  <Description>Large bot-net</Description>
  <Assessment>
    <Impact type="dos" severity="high" completion="succeeded" />
  </Assessment>
  <Method>
    <!-- References a given piece of malware, "GT Bot" -->
    <Reference>
      <ReferenceName>GT Bot</ReferenceName>
    </Reference>
    <!-- References the vulnerability used to compromise the machines -->
    <Reference>
      <ReferenceName>CA-2003-22</ReferenceName>
      <Description>Root compromise via this IE vulnerability to install the GT Bot</Description>
    </Reference>
    <!-- A member of the CSIRT that is coordinating this incident -->
    <Contact type="person" role="irt">
      <ContactName>Joe Smith</ContactName>
      <Email>jsmith@csirt.example.com</Email>
    </Contact>
  </Method>
</Incident>
</IODEF-Document>
These hosts are compromised and acting as bots communicating with irc.example.com.

<!-- bot running on 192.0.2.1 and sending DoS traffic at 10,000 bytes/second -->
<System category="source">
  <Node>
    <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.1</Address>
  </Node>
  <Counter type="byte" duration="second">10000</Counter>
  <Description>bot</Description>
</System>

<!-- a second bot on 192.0.2.3 -->
<System category="source">
  <Node>
    <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.3</Address>
  </Node>
  <Counter type="byte" duration="second">250000</Counter>
  <Description>bot</Description>
</System>

<!-- Command-and-control IRC server for these bots-->
<System category="intermediate">
  <Node>
    <NodeName>irc.example.com</NodeName>
    <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.20</Address>
    <DateTime>2006-06-08T01:03:05-05:00</DateTime>
  </Node>
  <Description>IRC server on #give-me-cmd channel</Description>
</System>

<!-- Request to take these machines offline -->
<Expectation action="investigate">
  <Description>Confirm the source and take machines off-line and remediate</Description>
</Expectation>

7.4. Watch List
An example of a CSIRT conveying a watch-list.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!-- This example demonstrates a trivial IP watch-list -->
<!-- @formatid is set to "watch-list-043" to demonstrate how additional
    semantics about this document could be conveyed assuming both
    parties understood it-->
<IODEF-Document version="1.00" lang="en" formatid="watch-list-043"
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0"
xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
<Incident purpose="reporting" restriction="private">
    <IncidentID name="csirt.example.com">908711</IncidentID>
    <ReportTime>2006-08-01T00:00:00-05:00</ReportTime>
    <Description>Watch-list of known bad IPs or networks</Description>
    <Assessment>
        <Impact type="admin" completion="succeeded" />
        <Impact type="recon" completion="succeeded" />
    </Assessment>
    <Contact type="organization" role="creator">
        <ContactName>CSIRT for example.com</ContactName>
        <Email>contact@csirt.example.com</Email>
    </Contact>
    <!-- Separate <EventData> used to convey different <Expectation> -->
    <EventData>
        <Flow>
            <Node>
                <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.53</Address>
            </Node>
            <Description>Source of numerous attacks</Description>
        </System>
        <!-- Expectation class indicating that sender of list would like
            to be notified if activity from the host is seen -->
        <Expectation action="contact-sender" />
    </EventData>
```
<Flow>
  <System category="source">
    <Node>
      <Address category="ipv4-net">192.0.2.16/28</Address>
    </Node>
    <Description>
      Source of heavy scanning over past 1-month
    </Description>
  </System>
</Flow>

<Flow>
  <System category="source">
    <Node>
      <Address category="ipv4-addr">192.0.2.241</Address>
    </Node>
    <Description>C2 IRC server</Description>
  </System>
</Flow>

<!-- Expectation class recommends that these networks be filtered -->
<Expectation action="block-host"/>
</EventData>
</Incident>
</IODEF-Document>
8. The IODEF Schema

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema
    xmlns:iodef="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0"
    xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
    targetNamespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0"
    elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">

<xs:import
    namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
    schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/xmldsig-core/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"/>

<xs:element name="IODEF-Document">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:Incident"
                maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="ds:Signature"
                minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        </xs:sequence>
        <xs:attribute name="version"
            type="xs:string" fixed="1.00"/>
        <xs:attribute name="lang"
            type="xs:language" use="required"/>
        <xs:attribute name="formatid"
            type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<!--
====================================================================
== IODEF-Document class                                           ==
====================================================================
-->

```xml
<xs:element name="Incident">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:IncidentID"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:AlternativeID" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:RelatedActivity" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:DetectTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:StartTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:EndTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:ReportTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Assessment" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Method" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Contact" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:EventData" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:History" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="purpose" use="required">
      <xs:simpleType>
        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
          <xs:enumeration value="traceback"/>
          <xs:enumeration value="mitigation"/>
          <xs:enumeration value="reporting"/>
          <xs:enumeration value="other"/>
        </xs:restriction>
      </xs:simpleType>
    </xs:attribute>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```
<xs:attribute name="ext-purpose" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="lang" type="xs:language"/>
<xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type" default="private"/>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

-- IncidentID class

<xs:element name="IncidentID" type="iodef:IncidentIDType"/>
<xs:complexType name="IncidentIDType">
  <xs:simpleContent>
    <xs:extension base="xs:string">
      <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>

-- AlternativeID class

<xs:element name="AlternativeID">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:IncidentID" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="RelatedActivity">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:IncidentID" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

---

--- AdditionalData class ---

<xs:element name="AdditionalData" type="iodef:ExtensionType"/>

--- Contact class ---

- ContactName
- RegistryHandle
- PostalAddress
- Email
- Telephone
- Fax
- TimeZone
- Contact (recursive)

---

<xs:element name="Contact">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:ContactName" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Description"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:RegistryHandle" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:PostalAddress" minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Email" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Telephone" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Fax" minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Timezone" minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Contact" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</xs:sequence>
<xs:attribute name="role">
  <xs:simpleType>
    <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
      <xs:enumeration value="creator"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="admin"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="tech"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="irt"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="cc"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:attribute name="ext-role" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="type">
  <xs:simpleType>
    <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
      <xs:enumeration value="person"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="organization"/>
      <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:element name="ContactName"
    type="iodef:MLStringType"/>
<xs:element name="RegistryHandle">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:simpleContent>
            <xs:extension base="xs:string">
                <xs:attribute name="registry">
                    <xs:simpleType>
                        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
                            <xs:enumeration value="internic"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="apnic"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="arin"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="lacnic"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="ripe"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="afrinic"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="local"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
                        </xs:restriction>
                    </xs:simpleType>
                </xs:attribute>
                <xs:attribute name="ext-registry" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
            </xs:extension>
        </xs:simpleContent>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="PostalAddress" type="iodef:MLStringType"/>
<xs:element name="Email" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="Telephone" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="Fax" type="xs:string"/>
<!--
--- Time-based classes ---

<xs:element name="DateTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="ReportTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="DetectTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="StartTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="EndTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="Timezone" type="iodef:TimezoneType"/>
<xs:simpleType name="TimezoneType">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:pattern value="Z|\[\+\-](0[0-9]|1[0-4]):[0-5][0-9]"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>

--- History class ---
--- HistoryItem ---

<xs:element name="History">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:HistoryItem" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type" default="default"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="Expectation">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:StartTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:EndTime" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Contact" minOccurs="0"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type" default="default"/>
    <xs:attribute name="severity" type="iodef:severity-type"/>
    <xs:attribute name="action" type="iodef:action-type" default="other"/>
    <xs:attribute name="ext-action" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

-->

====================================================================
===  Expectation class                                           ===
====================================================================

-->

<xs:element name="Method">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:choice maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:element ref="iodef:Reference"/>
        <xs:element ref="iodef:Description"/>
      </xs:choice>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="restriction" type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:element name="Reference">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="ReferenceName" type="iodef:MLStringType"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:URL" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Confidence" />

<xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData"
    minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
</xs:sequence>
<xs:attribute name="restriction"
    type="iodef:restriction-type" />
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="Impact">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:simpleContent>
            <xs:extension base="iodef:MLStringType">
                <xs:attribute name="severity"
                    type="iodef:severity-type" />
                <xs:attribute name="completion">
                    <xs:simpleType>
                        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
                            <xs:enumeration value="failed"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="succeeded"/>
                        </xs:restriction>
                    </xs:simpleType>
                </xs:attribute>
                <xs:attribute name="type"
                    use="optional" default="unknown">
                    <xs:simpleType>
                        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
                            <xs:enumeration value="admin"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="dos"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="extortion"/>  
                            <xs:enumeration value="file"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="info-leak"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="misconfiguration"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="recon"/>  
                            <xs:enumeration value="policy"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="social-engineering"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="user"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="unknown"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
                        </xs:restriction>
                    </xs:simpleType>
                </xs:attribute>
            </xs:extension>
        </xs:simpleContent>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:element name="TimeImpact">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:simpleContent>
      <xs:extension base="iodef:PositiveFloatType">
        <xs:attribute name="severity" type="iodef:severity-type" />
        <xs:attribute name="metric" use="required">
          <xs:simpleType>
            <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
              <xs:enumeration value="labor"/>
              <xs:enumeration value="elapsed"/>
              <xs:enumeration value="downtime"/>
              <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
            </xs:restriction>
          </xs:simpleType>
          <xs:attribute name="ext-metric" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
        </xs:attribute>
        <xs:attribute name="duration" type="iodef:duration-type"/>
        <xs:attribute name="ext-duration" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
      </xs:extension>
    </xs:simpleContent>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

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    <xs:simpleContent>
      <xs:extension base="iodef:PositiveFloatType">
        <xs:attribute name="severity" type="iodef:severity-type" />
        <xs:attribute name="currency" type="xs:string"/>
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        <xs:sequence>
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            <xs:element ref="iodef:StartTime" minOccurs="0"/>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:EndTime" minOccurs="0"/>
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            <xs:element ref="iodef:Method" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<!--
====================================================================
=== EventData class                                              ===
====================================================================
-->

<xsd:element name="Confidence">
    <xsd:complexType mixed="true">
        <xsd:attribute name="rating" use="required">
            <xsd:simpleType>
                <xsd:restriction base="xsd:NMTOKEN">
                    <xsd:enumeration value="low"/>
                    <xsd:enumeration value="medium"/>
                    <xsd:enumeration value="high"/>
                    <xsd:enumeration value="numeric"/>
                    <xsd:enumeration value="unknown"/>
                </xsd:restriction>
            </xsd:simpleType>
        </xsd:attribute>
    </xsd:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Flow"
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Expectation"
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:Record"
  minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:EventData"
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData"
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</xs:sequence>
<xs:attribute name="restriction"
  type="iodef:restriction-type" default="default"/>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<!--
====================================================================
===  Flow class                                                ===
====================================================================
-->

<xs:element name="Flow">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:System"
        maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<!--
====================================================================
===  System class                                                ===
====================================================================
-->

<xs:element name="System">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Node"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Service"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
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        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
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    minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
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    minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<xs:element ref="iodef:AdditionalData"
    minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</xs:sequence>
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    type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
<xs:attribute name="interface"
    type="xs:string"/>
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    <xs:simpleType>
        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
            <xs:enumeration value="source"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="target"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="intermediate"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
        </xs:restriction>
    </xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:attribute name="ext-category"
    type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="spoofed"
    default="unknown">
    <xs:simpleType>
        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
            <xs:enumeration value="unknown"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="yes"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="no"/>
        </xs:restriction>
    </xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>


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<xs:complexType>
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:choice maxOccurs="unbounded">
      <xs:element name="NodeName"
        type="iodef:MLStringType" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Address"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:choice>
    <xs:element ref="iodef:Location"
      minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element ref="iodef:DateTime"
      minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element ref="iodef:NodeRole"
      minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element ref="iodef:Counter"
      minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

<xs:element name="Address">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:simpleContent>
      <xs:extension base="xs:string">
        <xs:attribute name="category"
          default="ipv4-addr">
          <xs:simpleType>
            <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
              <xs:enumeration value="asn"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="atm"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="e-mail"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="mac"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv4-addr"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv4-net"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv4-net-mask"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv6-addr"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv6-net"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ipv6-net-mask"/>  
              <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
            </xs:restriction>
          </xs:simpleType>
        </xs:attribute>
      </xs:extension>
    </xs:simpleContent>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:attribute name="ext-category"
    type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="vlan-name"
    type="xs:string"/>
<xs:attribute name="vlan-num"
    type="xs:integer"/>
</xs:extension>
</xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="Location"
    type="iodef:MLStringType"/>
<xs:element name="NodeRole">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:simpleContent>
            <xs:extension base="iodef:MLStringType">
                <xs:attribute name="category"
                    use="required">
                    <xs:simpleType>
                        <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
                            <xs:enumeration value="client"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="server-internal"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="server-public"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="www"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="mail"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="messaging"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="streaming"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="voice"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="file"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="ftp"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="p2p"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="name"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="directory"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="credential"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="print"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="application"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="database"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="infra"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="log"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="other"/>
                            <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
                        </xs:restriction>
                    </xs:simpleType>
                </xs:attribute>
            </xs:extension>
        </xs:simpleType>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="Service">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:choice>
        <xs:element name="Port" type="xs:integer"/>
        <xs:element name="Portlist" type="iodef:PortlistType"/>
      </xs:choice>
      <xs:element name="ProtoType" type="xs:integer" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element name="ProtoCode" type="xs:integer" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element name="ProtoField" type="xs:integer" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element ref="iodef:Application" minOccurs="0"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="ip_version" type="xs:integer" use="required"/>
    <xs:attribute name="ip_protocol" type="xs:integer" use="required"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:simpleType name="PortlistType">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:pattern value="\d+(\-\d+)?(,\d+(\-\d+)?)*"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:complexType name="SoftwareType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element ref="iodef:URL"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:restriction base="xs:double">
      <xs:attribute name="type" use="required">
        <xs:simpleType>
          <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
            <xs:enumeration value="byte"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="packet"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="flow"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="session"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="event"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="alert"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="message"/>
            <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
          </xs:restriction>
        </xs:simpleType>
      </xs:attribute>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:attribute name="ext-type"
    type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="meaning"
    type="xs:string" use="optional"/>

=== Record class ===

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<xs:element name="Record">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:RecordData"
                maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:element name="RecordData">
    <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:DateTime"
                minOccurs="0"/>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:Description"
                minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:Application"
                minOccurs="0"/>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:RecordPattern"
                minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="iodef:RecordItem"
                maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:attribute name="restriction"
type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="RecordPattern">
<xs:complexType>
<xs:simpleContent>
<xs:extension base="xs:string">
<xs:attribute name="type"
use="required">
<xs:simpleType>
<xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
<xs:enumeration value="regex"/>
<xs:enumeration value="binary"/>
<xs:enumeration value="xpath"/>
<xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
</xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:attribute name="ext-type"
type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="offset"
type="xs:integer" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="offsetunit"
use="optional" default="line">
<xs:simpleType>
<xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
<xs:enumeration value="line"/>
<xs:enumeration value="byte"/>
<xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
</xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:attribute>
<xs:attribute name="ext-offsetunit"
type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
<xs:attribute name="instance"
type="xs:integer" use="optional"/>
</xs:extension>
</xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="RecordItem"
    type="iodef:ExtensionType"/>

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=================================================================================
=== Miscellaneous simple classes ===
=================================================================================

<xs:element name="Description"
    type="iodef:MLStringType"/>
<xs:element name="URL"
    type="xs:string"/>

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=================================================================================
=== Re-used Data Types ===
=================================================================================

<xs:simpleType name="PositiveFloatType">
    <xs:restriction base="xs:float">
        <xs:minExclusive value="0"/>
    </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:complexType name="MLStringType">
    <xs:simpleContent>
        <xs:extension base="xs:string">
            <xs:attribute name="lang" type="xs:language" use="optional"/>
        </xs:extension>
    </xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>

<xs:complexType name="ExtensionType" mixed="true">
    <xs:sequence>
        <xs:any namespace="##any" processContents="lax"
            minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:attribute name="dtype"
        type="iodef:dtype-type" use="required"/>
    <xs:attribute name="ext-dtype"
        type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
    <xs:attribute name="meaning" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:attribute name="formatid" type="xs:string"/>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:attribute name="restriction"
    type="iodef:restriction-type"/>
</xs:complexType>
<!--
====================================================================
=== Global attribute type declarations.                          ===
====================================================================
-->
<!--
| @restriction: defines restrictions on access to an element's content
-->
<xs:simpleType name="restriction-type">
    <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
        <xs:enumeration value="default"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="public"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="need-to-know"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="private"/>
    </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<!--
| @severity: conveys the severity or priority of something
-->
<xs:simpleType name="severity-type">
    <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
        <xs:enumeration value="low"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="medium"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="high"/>
    </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<!--
| @duration: units of time
-->
<xs:simpleType name="duration-type">
    <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
        <xs:enumeration value="second"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="minute"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="hour"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="day"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="month"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="quarter"/>
        <xs:enumeration value="year"/>
    </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
</xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<!--
| @action: actions taken
-->
<xs:simpleType name="action-type">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
    <xs:enumeration value="nothing"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="contact-source-site"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="contact-target-site"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="contact-sender"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="investigate"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="block-host"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="block-network"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="block-port"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="rate-limit-host"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="rate-limit-network"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="rate-limit-port"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="remediate-other"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="status-triage"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="status-new-info"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="other"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="ext-value"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<!--
| @dtype: data types for extensions
-->
<xs:simpleType name="dtype-type">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
    <xs:enumeration value="boolean"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="byte"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="character"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="date-time"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="integer"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="ntpstamp"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="portlist"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="real"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="string"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="file"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
<xs:restriction></xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:schema>
9. Security considerations

The IODEF data model itself does not directly introduce security issues. Rather, it defines a data representation for incident information that will likely be considered sensitive.

The underlying messaging format and protocol used to exchange instances of the IODEF must provide appropriate guarantees of confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity. A transport protocol such as the Real-time Inter-network Defense (RID) protocol [20] and its associated transport binding IODEF/RID over SOAP [21] provide such security.
10. IANA considerations

This document uses URNs to describe an XML namespace and schema conforming to a registry mechanism described in [17]

Registration request for the IODEF namespace:

- URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:iodef-1.0
- Registrant Contact: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.
- XML: None. Namespace URIs do not represent an XML specification.

Registration request for the IODEF XML schema:

- URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:schema:iodef-1.0
- Registrant Contact: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.
- XML: See the "IODEF Schema" in Section 8 of this document.
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