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## Abstract

The base vCard 4.0 specification defines a large number of properties, including date of birth. This specification adds three new properties to vCard 4.0, for place of birth, place of death, and date of death.

## Note

Discussion and suggestions for improvement are requested, and should be sent to [vcarddav@ietf.org](mailto:vcarddav@ietf.org).

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## 1. Introduction

The base vCard 4.0 specification [[RFC6350](#)] defines a large number of properties, including date of birth. This specification adds three new properties to vCard 4.0, for place of birth, place of death, and date of death.

### 1.1. Terminology Used in This Document

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](#)].

Syntax specifications shown here use the augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF) as described in [[RFC5234](#)], and are specified as in the base vcard specification [[RFC6350](#)].

## 2. Identification Property Extensions

### 2.1. Property: BIRTHPLACE

Namespace:

Property name: BIRTHPLACE

Purpose: To specify the place of birth of the object the vCard represents.

Value type: A single text value (default) or a single URI value.

Cardinality: \*1

Property parameters: VALUE, LANGUAGE

Description:

Format definition:

```
BIRTHPLACE-param = "VALUE=" / ("text" / "uri")
BIRTHPLACE-value = text / uri
; Value and parameter MUST match.
```

```
BIRTHPLACE-param =/ altid-param / language-param / any-param
```

Examples:

```
BIRTHPLACE: Babies'R'Us Hospital
BIRTHPLACE;VALUE=uri:http://example.com/hospitals/babiesrus.vcf
BIRTHPLACE;VALUE=uri:geo:46.769307,-71.283079
```

## [2.2.](#) Property: DEATHPLACE

Namespace:

Property name: DEATHPLACE

Purpose: To specify the place of death of the object the vCard represents.

Value type: A single text value (default) or a single URI value.

Cardinality: \*1

Property parameters: VALUE, LANGUAGE

Description:

Format definition:

```
DEATHPLACE-param = "VALUE=" / ("text" / "uri")
DEATHPLACE-value = text / uri
; Value and parameter MUST match.
```

```
DEATHPLACE-param =/ altid-param / language-param / any-param
```

Examples:

DEATHPLACE:Aboard the Titanic\, near Newfoundland  
DEATHPLACE;VALUE=uri:http://example.com/ships/titanic.vcf  
DEATHPLACE;VALUE=uri:41.731944,-49.945833

[2.3.](#) Property: DEATHDATE

Namespace:

Property name: DEATHDATE

Purpose: To specify the date of death of the object the vCard represents.

Value type: The default is a single date-and-or-time value. It can also be reset to a single text value.

Cardinality: \*1

Property parameters: VALUE, CALSCALE, LANGUAGE

CALSCALE can only be present when the value is a date-and-or-time value and actually contains a date or date-time.  
LANGUAGE can only be present when the value is text.

Description:

Format definition:

DEATHDATE-param = DEATHDATE-param-date / DEATHDATE-param-text  
DEATHDATE-value = date-and-or-time / text  
; Value and parameter MUST match.

DEATHDATE-param-date = "VALUE=date-and-or-time"  
DEATHDATE-param-text = "VALUE=text" / language-param

DEATHDATE-param =/ altid-param / calscale-param / any-param  
; calscale-param can only be present when DEATHDATE-value is  
; date-and-or-time and actually contains a date or date-time.

Examples:

DEATHDATE:19960415  
DEATHDATE:--0415  
DEATHDATE;19531015T231000Z  
DEATHDATE;VALUE=text:circa 1800

### 3. Security Considerations

This presents no security considerations beyond those in [section 9](#) of the base vcard specification [[RFC6350](#)].

### 4. IANA Considerations

The IANA is requested to add the following entries to the vCard Properties registry, defined in [[RFC6350](#)] [section 10.3.1](#).

Namespace	Property	Reference
	BIRTHPLACE	RFCXXXX, <a href="#">section 2.1</a>
	DEATHPLACE	RFCXXXX, <a href="#">section 2.2</a>
	DEATHDATE	RFCXXXX, <a href="#">section 2.3</a>

### 5. Acknowledgements

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