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The results of the AFCTB Quick Short Test evaluation are as follows:

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Department of Defense (DoD) Air Force Continuous Acquisition and Life-cycle Support (CALS) Test Network (AFCTN) is conducting tests of the military standard for the Automated Interchange of Technical Information, MIL-STD-1840A, and its companion suite of military specifications. The AFCTN is a DoD sponsored confederation of voluntary participants from industry and government managed by the Electronic Systems Center (ESC).

The primary objective of the AFCTN is to evaluate the effectiveness of the CALS standards for technical data interchange and to demonstrate the technical capabilities and operational suitability of those standards. Two general categories of tests are performed to evaluate the standards; formal and informal.

Formal tests are large and comprehensive, which follow a written test plan, require specific authorization from the DoD, and may take months to prepare, execute, and report.

Informal tests are quick and short, used by the AFCTN technical staff, to broaden the testing base. They include representative samples of the many systems and applications used by AFCTN participants. They also allow the AFCTN staff to gain feedback from many industry and government interpretations of the standards, to increase the base of participation in the CALS initiative, and respond to the many requests for help that come from participants. Participants take part voluntarily, benefit by receiving an evaluation of their latest implementation (interpretation) of the standards, interact with the AFCTN technical staff, gain experience using the standards, and develop increased confidence in them. The results of informal tests are reported in Quick Short Test Reports (QSTRs) that briefly summarize the standard(s) tested, the hardware and software used, the nature of the test, and the results.
1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this informal test is to analyze Air Force Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) syntax, using several commercial and public domain SGML parsers, prior to placing them in the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Asset Source for Software Engineering Technology (ASSET) repository.
2. Test Parameters

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Data Description: Technical Manual Test 1 DTD

Data Source System:

Text/SGML
SOFTWARE
Unknown

Evaluation Tools Used:

MIL-M-28001 (SGML)
PC 486/50
Exoterica XGMLNormalizer v1.2e3.2
Exoterica Validator v2.2 exl
McAfee & McAdam Sema Mark-it v2.3
Public Domain sgmls v1.1

Standards Tested: MIL-M-28001B
3. 1840A Analysis

3.1 External Packaging

The 3.5" diskette was hand delivered to the Air Force CALS Test Bed (AFCTB). It was not enclosed in any type of container.

The files received by the AFCTB were not MIL-STD-1840A files. The files were not named per the standard conventions, as the stated purpose of the evaluation was the basic data structure.

4. SGML Analysis

The AFCTB has several parsers available for evaluating submitted DTD and text files. These tools are not used to generate a pass/fail but to report how commercially available software can handle the files. These products are used in the development of technical publications and are good indicators of usability. The use of these products is not an endorsement nor an indication of CALS capability. All operations were performed using the default settings unless specified in the report.

The goal was to configure the DTD under analysis as it would normally be used. However, for this analysis it was necessary to modify the DTD adding the "DOCTYPE doc [" statement to the start and the companion "]>" to the end of the DTD under evaluation, as stated in the comments of the DTD. If the parser did not support a formal file pointing to the location of the ISO character sets, this was added.

The DTD is MIL-M-5096E Appendix E, Flow Sequence Chart, called for a companion MIL-M-38784C DTD. MIL-M-38784C, Amendment three DTD, delivered on the same diskette as the DTD to be evaluated, was used. This DTD was used without change except to insert the location of the ISO character set files.

<!-- MIL-M-5096E Flow Sequence Chart DTD -->

D096EE0.ORG --> D784CB0.A3
The following notes apply to the parsing analysis as indicated in the ensuing paragraphs.

Note 1. Entity parameters defined more than once is a valid SGML construct. The warnings in this analysis do not indicate any problems.

Note 2. The occurrences of warnings "references defined, but not used," appeared because portions of the called DTD, i.e., MIL-M38784C, were not used. They were not used because the entity definitions of the DTD under analysis altered the execution path in the called DTD. The warnings in this analysis do not indicate any problems.

4.1 Exoterica Validator

The DTD file was evaluated using the Exoterica Validator exl parser. The basic DTD was modified by placing the concrete syntax file and "<!DOCTYPE doc [" at the start, and the "]>" at the end. The parser reported 31 errors and 92 warnings. The errors relate to the missing instance and are not considered errors for this test report. The warnings relate to elements defined but not used in any content model. See Note 2 above.

<!-- **Warning** in "\xgml\9450.dtd", line 148: An element is not allowed in the document instance because it does not appear in any accessible content model or it is completely excluded. The element is "ABBRSECT".

4.2 Exoterica XGML Normalizer

The DTD file was parsed using the Exoterica XGMLNormalizer parser. The concrete syntax and "<!DOCTYPE doc [" was added to the start, and "]>" to the end of the file. No errors or warnings were issued by this utility.
4.3 Sema Mark-it

The DTD file was evaluated using McAfee & McAdam's Sema Mark-it v2.3 parser. The file was modified by adding the concrete syntax and "<!DOCTYPE doc [" to the start, and "]>" to the end of the file. The base line D784CB0.A3 file was used. The only change made to this file was to save it using UNIX format to remove the DOS end of file character. One error was reported relating to a missing instance. This is not considered an error for this report.

4.4 Public Domain sgmls

The DTD file was evaluated using the Public Domain sgmls parser version 1.0. The file was modified by adding the "<!DOCTYPE doc [" to the start, and "]>" to the end of the file as stated in the comments in the DTD. The basic D784CB0.A3 file was used as the point to file. This DTD remained modified to point to the ISO character sets. No errors were reported by the parser.
5. Conclusions and Recommendations

The file D096EE0.ORG, MIL-L-5096E, Appendix E, conforms to the SGML syntax of ISO Standard 8879, as required by the CALS MIL-M-28001B specification.

The errors, warnings, and comments reported by the parsers used in this evaluation do not indicate any syntactical variances, nor indicate any problem that would invalidate the effective application of this DTD.
6. Appendix A - Detailed SGML Analysis

6.1 Exoterica Validator

<!-- **Warning** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 148:
An element is not allowed in the document instance because it does not
appear in any accessible content model or it is completely excluded.
The element is "ABBRSECT".
-->

<!-- **Warning** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 148:
An element is not allowed in the document instance because it does not
appear in any accessible content model or it is completely excluded.
The element is "ADDRESS".
-->

<!-- **Warning** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 148:
An element is not allowed in the document instance because it does not
appear in any accessible content model or it is completely excluded.
The element is "APPENDIX".
-->

<<<< PART OF TEXT REMOVED HERE >>>>>

The element is "AUTHNOT".
The element is "BODY".
The element is "BRK".
The element is "CHANGE".
The element is "CHAPTER".
The element is "CHGDATE".
The element is "CHGHISTDATE".
The element is "CHGINSSHT".
The element is "CHGLIST".
The element is "CHGNUM".
The element is "CHGREC".
The element is "CONTENTS".
The element is "CONTRACTNO".
The element is "COPYRIGHT".
The element is "DATE".
The element is "DATEINC".
The element is "DDCHAPTER".
The element is "DDDESC".
The element is "DDINDEX".
The element is "DDINTRO".
The element is "DDLIST".
The element is "DDSHEET".
The element is "DESTR".
The element is "DISCL".
The element is "DISTRIBUT".
The element is "DOC".
The element is "DOCPART".
The element is "DOCPARTN".
The element is "DOCTYPE".
The element is "DOWNGRD".
The element is "ECPNO".
The element is "EXPCONT".
The element is "FOLDOUT".
The element is "FOLDSECT".
The element is "FOREWORD".
The element is "FRONT".
The element is "GLOSSARY".
The element is "IDINFO".
The element is "ILLUSLIST".
The element is "INDEX".
The element is "INSERTPG".
The element is "INTERNATLSTD".
The element is "INTRO".
The element is "LEP".
The element is "LRP".
The element is "MAINTLVL".
The element is "MFR".
The element is "OADR".
The element is "ORIGDATE".
The element is "PARA0".
The element is "PGBRK".
The element is "PGNO".
The element is "PHRASE".
The element is "PRECAUT".
The element is "PREFACE".
The element is "PRETMIDNO".
The element is "RATD".
The element is "REAR".
The element is "REMARKS".
The element is "REMOVEPG".
The element is "REVNUM".
The element is "SAFESUM".
The element is "SEAL".
The element is "SECTION".
The element is "SHORTTTITLE".
The element is "STEP1".
The element is "STEP2".
The element is "STEP3".
The element is "STEP4".
The element is "STEP5".
The element is "STEP6".
The element is "STEP7".
The element is "STITLE".
The element is "SUBPARA1".
The element is "SUBPARA2".
The element is "SUBPARA3".
The element is "SUPERSED".
The element is "SYMSECT".
The element is "TABLE".
The element is "TABLELIST".
The element is "TCTOLIST".
The element is "TCTONO".
The element is "TMIMPREP".
The element is "TPENO".
The element is "VERSTAT".
The element is "VOLNOT".
The element is "VOLNUM".
The element is "VOLUME".
The element is "WARNPAGE".

<<<<< ERRORS FROM THIS POINT ON RELATE TO NO DOCUMENT INSTANCE AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED FOR THIS REPORT >>>>>

<!-- **Error** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 149:
The document instance must consist of at least one tag or data character.
The following element can start: "DOCFSCHART". -->

<<<<< PART OF LOG REMOVED HERE >>>>>

<!-- **Error** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 149:
An end tag that has been declared inomissible ("-") must not be omitted.
The element is "WORKASSIGN". -->

<!-- **Error** in "\xml\9450.dtd", line 149:
An end tag that has been declared inomissible ("-") must not be omitted.
The element is "DOCFSCHART". -->

<!-- 31 errors and 92 warnings reported. -->
6.2 Exoterica XGMLNormalizer Parser

No reported errors or warnings.

6.3 Public Domain sgmls Log

TOTALCAP 106454
ENTCAP 12768
ENTCHCAP 10563
ELEMCAP 5184
GRPCAP 27456
EXGRPCAP 736
EXNMCAP 1184
ATTCAP 30496
ATTCHCAP 848
AVGRPCAP 16960
NOTCAP 96
NOTCHCAP 163
IDCAP 0
IDREFCAP 0
MAPCAP 0
LKSETCAP 0
LKNMCAP 0

6.4 Sema Mark-it Log

<!--*** file:C:\XGML\9450.DTD line:148 pos:4548
Document entity ended illegally
(or illegal end of entity in the main document)-->