

This document is meant to describe the workflow for publishing editions of the CIDOC CRM specification or any of its family models.

The primary edition of CIDOC CRM is its specification document [i.e.: a written document] and not a serialization.

The CIDOC CRM is a conceptual model published as a specification which can be serialized in numerous formats. Because the CIDOC CRM is conceived firstly as a conceptual model and not with regards to a particular serialization, the primary published document is considered to be the specification document.

There are four kinds of release possible:

Official Release - Closed: This is a revised and complete community version of the CIDOC CRM ontology that has been or is meant to be submitted to ISO and is intended to function as a direct correspondence to the official ISO version that will result. It forms a stable release of the standard and can be used for implementation, reference and any other official purpose. The document is final and will undergo no further change. This release will be accompanied by an RDFS and/or OWL equivalent serialization.

Published release - closed: This is a revised and complete community version of the CIDOC CRM. It forms a stable release of the standard and can be used for implementation, reference and any other official purpose. Relative to official releases that it follows, it represents a stable evolution of the model relative to the last official release. The document is final and will undergo no further change. This release will be accompanied by an RDFS and/or OWL equivalent serialization.

Current release - In Progress: This is the currently edited version of the CIDOC CRM text. It is subject to open issues that are actively being worked on. The document may therefore change at any time in accordance with CIDOC CRM SIG list discussions and their conclusions. This release should be used only for the purpose of following present modelling discussions on the CIDOC CRM SIG list. This document is not meant to support implementations, referencing or other official activities. This release is deliberately NOT accompanied by an RDFS and/or OWL equivalent serialization. It should not be used for system implementation.

At any one time, the CIDOC CRM always has one valid official release and one valid published release. The published release is the latest community version of the standard. It is a stable and reusable version of the model and can be serialized into RDF, OWL and other formats for use in systems. The official release is the latest edition released for publication as an ISO standard and should stand as that ISO's equivalent form. It is a stable and reusable version of the model and can be serialized into RDF, OWL etc. but is released more slowly.

The CIDOC CRM specification evolves as issues are raised and worked through at CIDOC CRM SIG meetings. Therefore, after each meeting a new edition of the CIDOC CRM

specification is created. These editions have the status of in progress. After each meeting a new 'in progress' edition is created which represents the current state of discussion and therefore reflects all open issues and latest changes. It is not meant for serialization in any context but only to follow present modelling discussions.

The editions are given new numbers as the editing process moves forward. There are three tiers to the edition numbering:

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Tier 1 = signals that a major new published edition will have / is about to occur (changes once per published release)

Tier 2 = signals a change in the standard which has semantic bearing. Usually this number changes with each SIG meeting. Changes of this type will have functional effect on potential serializations.

Tier 3 = signals a minor change in the specification without ramification for serializations, usually editorial work on the overall text or changes to scope notes, examples and other such material.

Each new published edition will receive a number from within the tier one space (but it need not be the first number from the two following tiers)

Before the start of each SIG meeting a new edition with the status "in progress" is released

On an ad hoc basis as necessary tier 3 numbers are assigned when changes are made between meetings that should be traceable.