



# ISO 19115-1 – Questions and Answers

The ISO Standards are evolving.

Metadata has been revised from 19115 to 19115-1

Data Quality metadata has moved from ISO 19115 to ISO 19157.

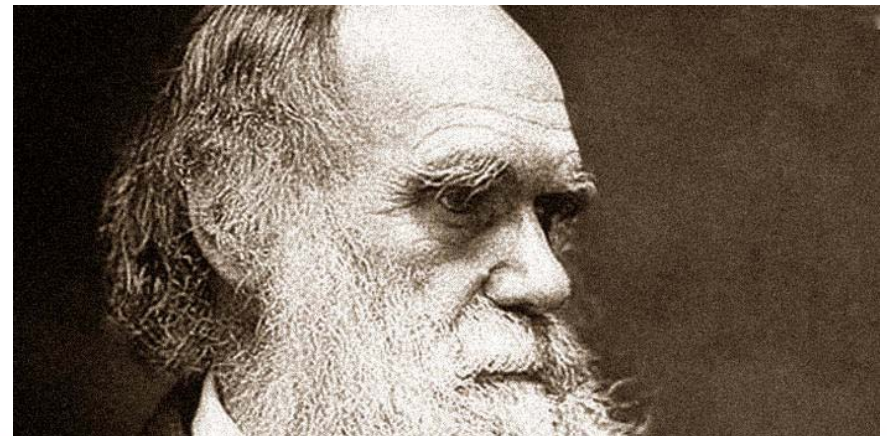
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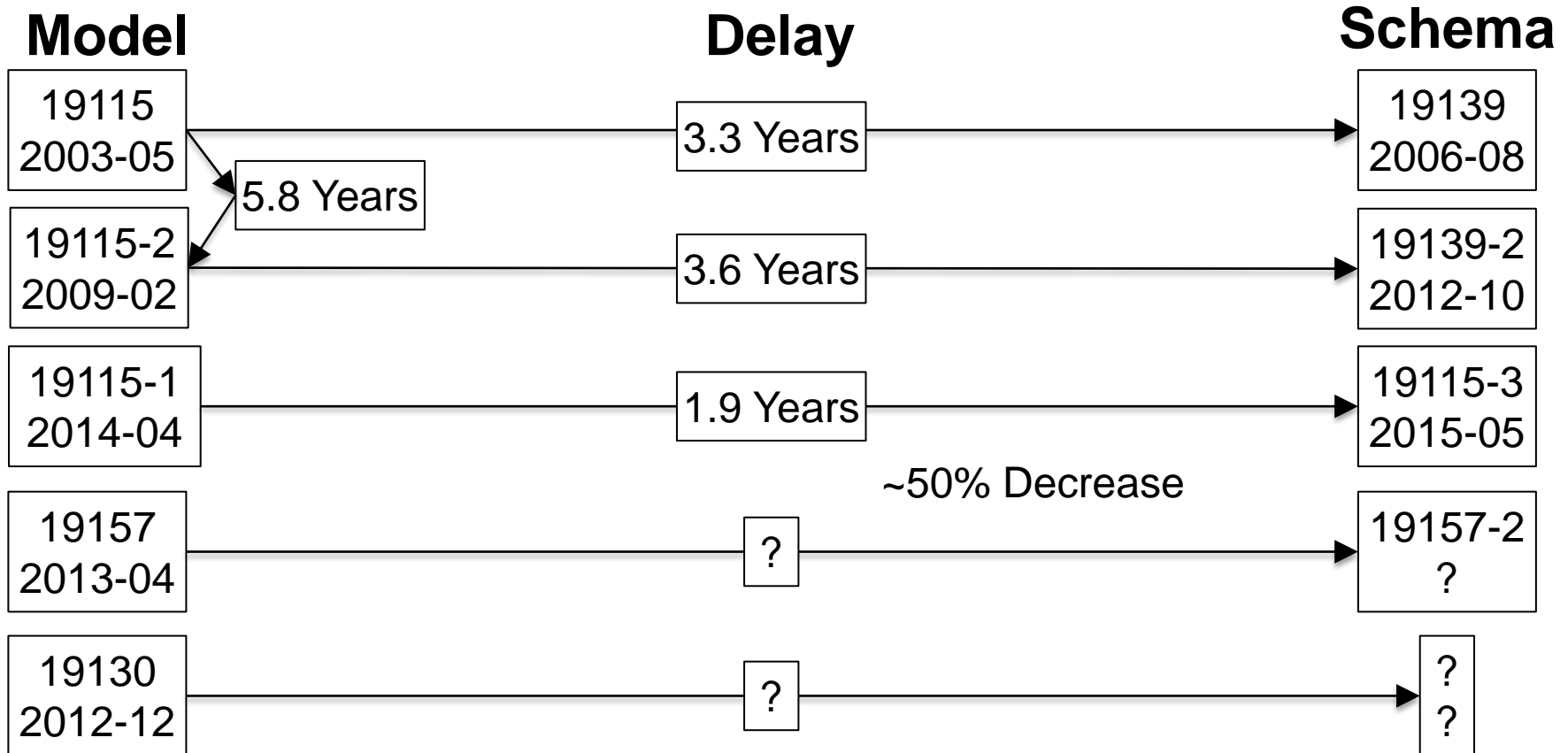
Evolution is good.





# Conceptual Models and Implementations

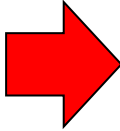
*“Conceptual models are useful, but I need XML implementations to get going.”*



Now creating XML schemas directly from UML models using software developed in OGC Testbed (ShapeChange). This capability is also being added directly into the tool by the vendor (Sparx Systems).

*“I need to unambiguously identify metadata records in multiple repositories”*

ISO 19115 identified metadata records using a single character string that often times had to be overloaded to include the information required for unambiguous identification.

05f314b8-bffe-cb8d-418e-744613aa4f01  nice opaque identifier, but who owns the metadata record or the identifier?

ISO 19115-1 brings the advantages of the MD\_Identifier (+codeSpace) to the identification of the metadata record itself.

```
<mcc:code>
  <gco:CharacterString>05f314b8-bffe-cb8d-418e-744613aa4f01</gco:CharacterString>
</mcc:code>
<mcc:codeSpace>
  <gco:CharacterString>nz.govt.geodata</gco:CharacterString>
</mcc:codeSpace>
```



# Tracking the Metadata Life Cycle

*"I need to track when changes in my metadata happen"*

ISO 19115 includes a dateStamp with the creation time for the metadata. Many other kinds of times are also important in the life-cycle of metadata.

ISO 19115-1 includes any number of CI\_Date objects for the metadata which allows tracking of the metadata throughout its life-cycle. 19115-1 includes many more dateTypes than 19115.

```

<mdb:dateInfo>
  <cit:CI_Date>
    <cit:date>
      <gco:DateTime>2111-11-11T11:11:11</gco:DateTime>
    </cit:date>
    <cit:dateType>
      <cit:CI_DateTypeCode
        codeList="codeListLocation#CI_DateTypeCode"
        codeListValue="lastUpdate">lastUpdate
      </cit:CI_DateTypeCode>
    </cit:dateType>
  </cit:CI_Date>
</mdb:dateInfo>

```

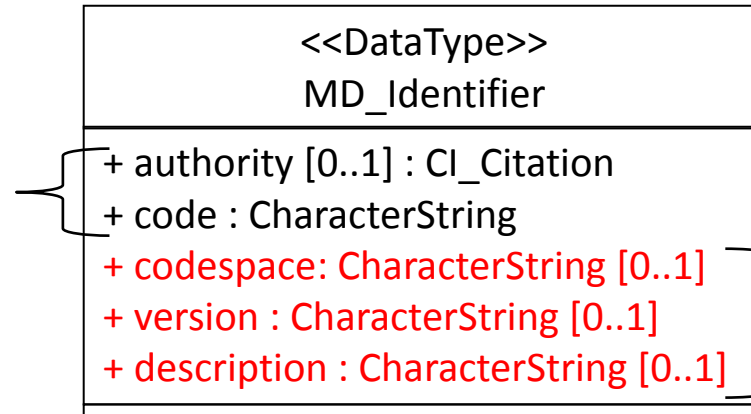
19115  
included 3  
dateTypes

19115-1  
adds 13  
new  
dateTypes

<<CodeList>> CI_DateTypeCode	
+ creation	+ inForce
+ publication	+ adopted
+ revision	+ deprecated
+ expiry	+ superseded
+ lastUpdate	+ validityBegins
+ lastRevision	+ validityExpires
+ nextUpdate	+ released
+ unavailable	+ distribution

*“My metadata includes identifiers from different sources and namespaces”*

19115 identifiers include a code and a citation to the authority of the code. Including a namespace for the identifier is not straightforward.



19115-1 adds a namespace (codespace), a version, and a description.

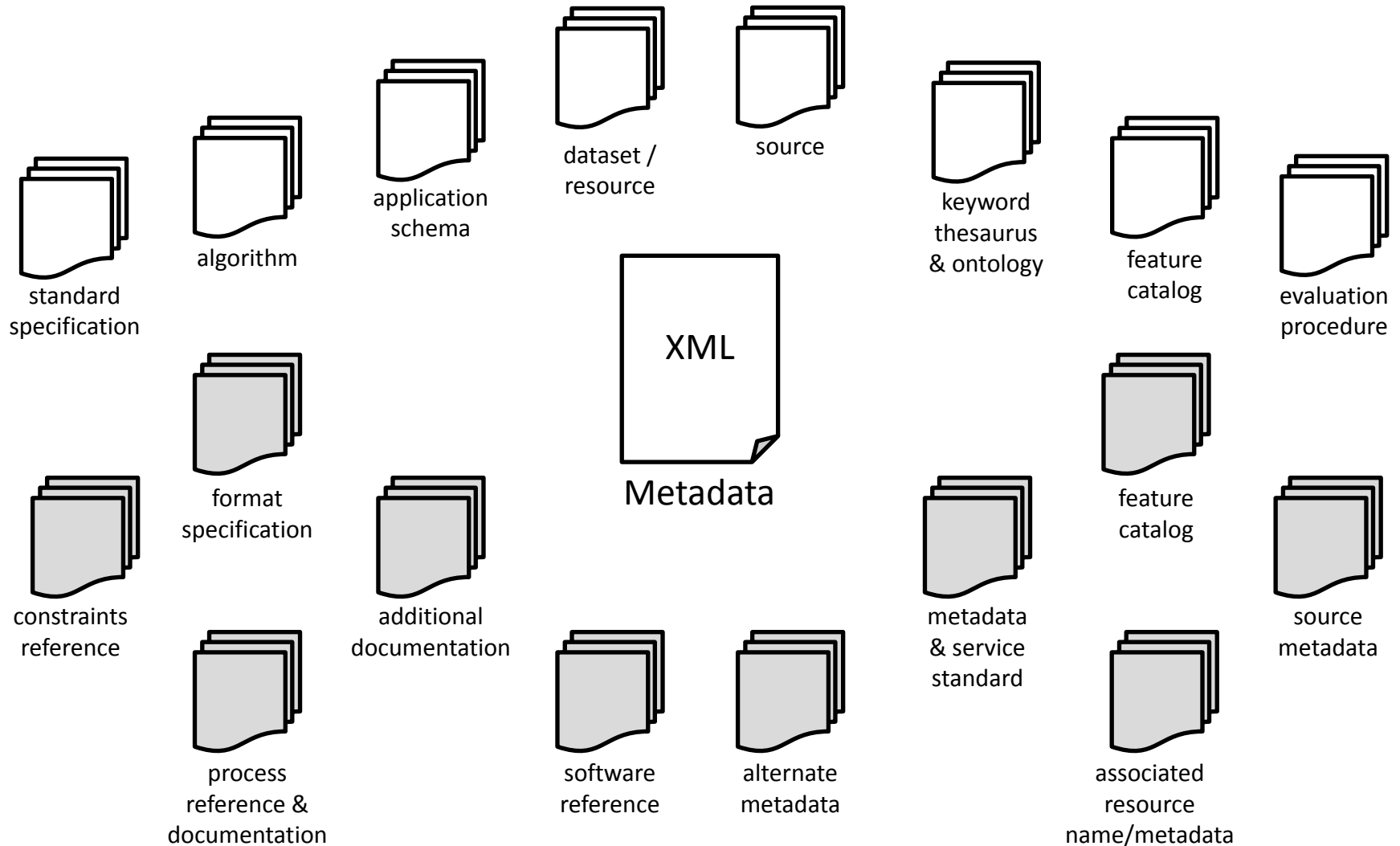
ISO 19115-1 added three important new elements to the MD\_Identifier:

1. codespace provides a namespace for the identifier authority
2. version provides a mechanism for including a versioning identifiers
3. description provides a free-text field that can help users understand the identifier.



# Connecting Other Documentation

*"I have many existing documentation resources that can help users"*





# Stand Alone Quality Reports

*“There are papers and web pages that describe the quality of my data.”*

Papers and reports that describe data quality are StandAloneReports. Metadata can include brief descriptions of the results (abstracts) and references to any number of these (citations).

Abstract: The fire training-set may also have been biased against savanna and savanna woodland fires since their detection is more difficult than in humid, forest environments with cool background temperatures [Malingreau, 1990]. There may, therefore, be an under-sampling of fires in these warmer background environments.

Citation: Malingreau J.P, 1990, The contribution of remote sensing to the global monitoring of fires in tropical and subtropical ecosystems. In: *Fire in Tropical Biota*, (J.G. Goldammer , editor), Springer Verlag , Berlin: 337-370.

DQ\_StandaloneQualityReportInformation

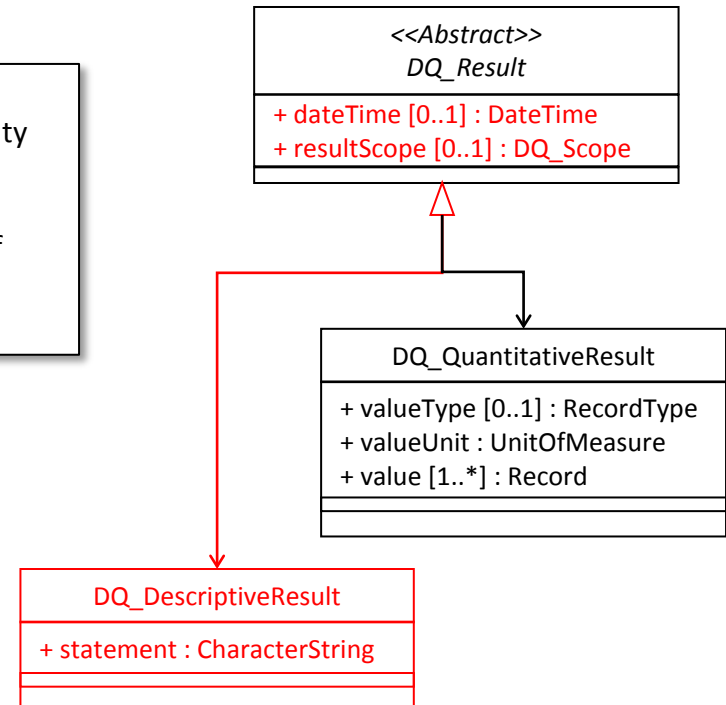
+ reportReference: CI\_Citation  
+ abstract : CharacterString

*“My metadata includes textual descriptions of quality.”*

```
<Quality>
QA performed by CDIAC One of the roles of the Carbon Dioxide
Information Analysis Center (CDIAC) is quality assurance (QA) of data.
The QA process is an important component of the value-added
concept of assuring accurate, usable information for researchers,
because data received by CDIAC are rarely in condition for immediate
```

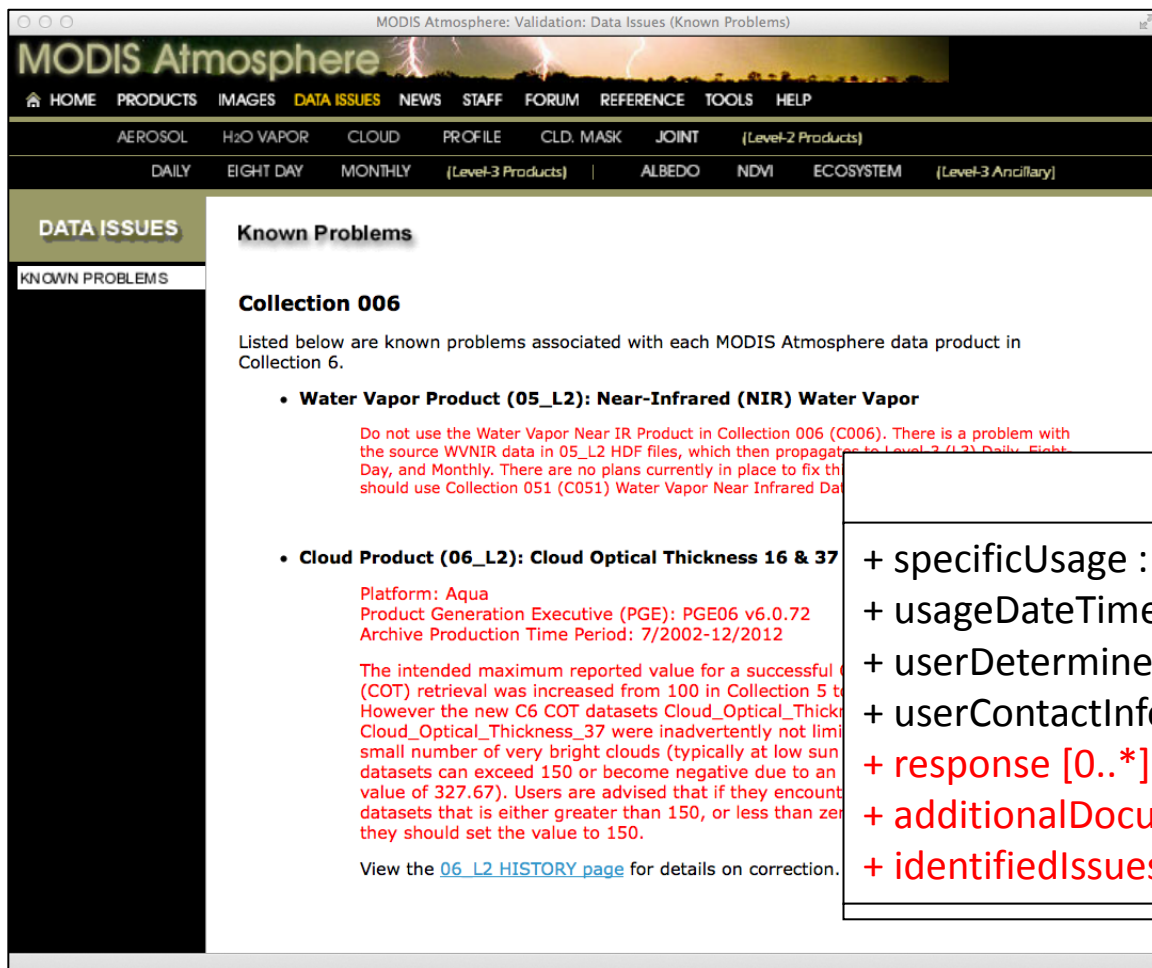
```
<Quality>
Note that Data File 12, Report #2, TASK 2 (Auclair et al., 1994a) is a Quality
Assurance and Quality Control chapter for the areas of Canada, Alaska,
United States (48 states), with range estimates of validation and error, a
listing of discussions with experts in the field and a review of the draft of
data files.
</Quality>
```

ISO 19157 adds a resultScope that allows multiple scopes in a single DQ\_DataQuality object and includes a new kind of report (DQ\_DescriptiveResult) that includes a simple text description of the result of the quality test.





*“Users increase our understanding of data quality. We need to keep them in the loop.”*



**MODIS Atmosphere**

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**DATA ISSUES**

**Known Problems**

**Collection 006**

Listed below are known problems associated with each MODIS Atmosphere data product in Collection 6.

- Water Vapor Product (05\_L2): Near-Infrared (NIR) Water Vapor**  
 Do not use the Water Vapor Near IR Product in Collection 006 (C006). There is a problem with the source WV NIR data in 05\_L2 HDF files, which then propagates to Level-2 (L2) Daily, Eight Day, and Monthly. There are no plans currently in place to fix this problem. Users should use Collection 051 (C051) Water Vapor Near Infrared Data.
- Cloud Product (06\_L2): Cloud Optical Thickness 16 & 37**  
 Platform: Aqua  
 Product Generation Executive (PGE): PGE06 v6.0.72  
 Archive Production Time Period: 7/2002-12/2012  
 The intended maximum reported value for a successful Cloud Optical Thickness (COT) retrieval was increased from 100 in Collection 5 to 327.67 in Collection 6. However the new C6 COT datasets Cloud\_Optical\_Thickness\_16 and Cloud\_Optical\_Thickness\_37 were inadvertently not limited to 327.67. A small number of very bright clouds (typically at low sun elevations) in some datasets can exceed 150 or become negative due to an error in the retrieval algorithm (value of 327.67). Users are advised that if they encounter datasets that is either greater than 150, or less than zero, they should set the value to 150.  
 View the [06\\_L2\\_HISTORY](#) page for details on correction.

**MD\_Usage**

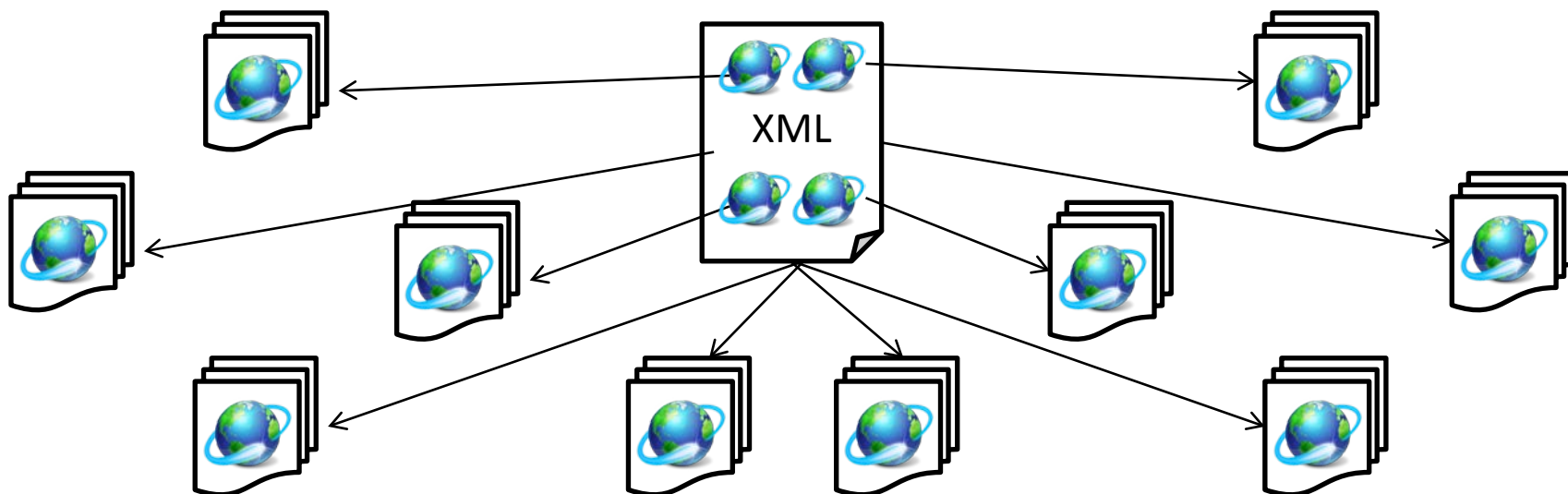
- + specificUsage : CharacterString
- + usageDateTime [0..1] : DateTime
- + userDeterminedLimitations [0..1] : CharacterString
- + userContactInfo [1..\*] : CI\_ResponsibleParty
- + response [0..\*] : CharacterString
- + additionalDocumentation [0..\*] : CI\_Citation
- + identifiedIssues [0..1] : CI\_Citation

*"I have many existing web resources that can help users"*

The ISO 19115 CI\_Citation worked well for citing books, journal articles, and other physical resources.

ISO 19115-1 added two important new elements to the CI\_Citation:

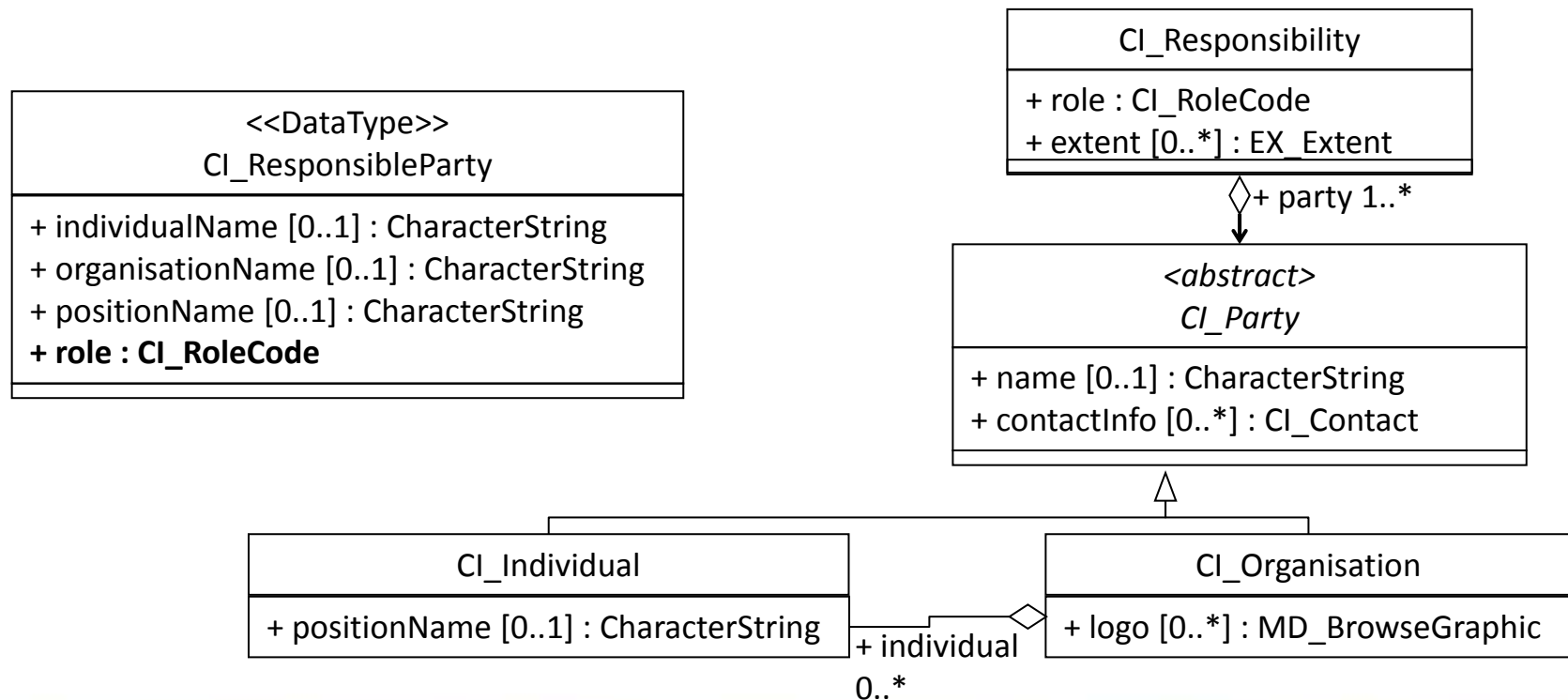
1. onlineResource provides a web address for the cited resource
2. graphic provides a graphic that can be used for display of the cited resource.



*“I need consistent information about people and organizations.”*

The ISO 19115 CI\_ResponsibleParty object included a codeList for roles that people and organizations played. This made it difficult to reuse information in multiple records.

ISO 19115-1 separated the role codeList so that people and organizations can be re-used.





# Individuals, Organizations, and Roles

*"I have people and organizations in many roles."*

19115 included  
11 standard  
CI\_RoleCodes

<<CodeList>> CI_RoleCode	
+ resourceProvider	+ sponsor
+ custodian	+ coAuthor
+ owner	+ collaborator
+ user	+ editor
+ distributor	+ mediator
+ originator	+ rightsHolder
+ pointOfContact	+ contributor
+ principalInvestigator	+ funder
+ processor	+ stakeholder
+ publisher	
+ author	

19115-1 adds  
9 new  
CI\_RoleCodes

*“I use a Creative Commons License for my data”*

ISO 19115 included limited descriptions of constraints related to the data (useLimitations) or imposed by organizations (legal and security constraints). This made it difficult to describe commonly used open source licenses.

The Marine Community Profile extended 19115 to include Creative Commons License.

ISO 19115-1 included the necessary elements.

MD_Commons
+ useLimitation [0..*] : CharacterString
+ jurisdictionLink : URL
+ licenseLink : URL
+ imageLink : URL
+ licenseName : CharacterString
+ attributionConstraints : CharacterString

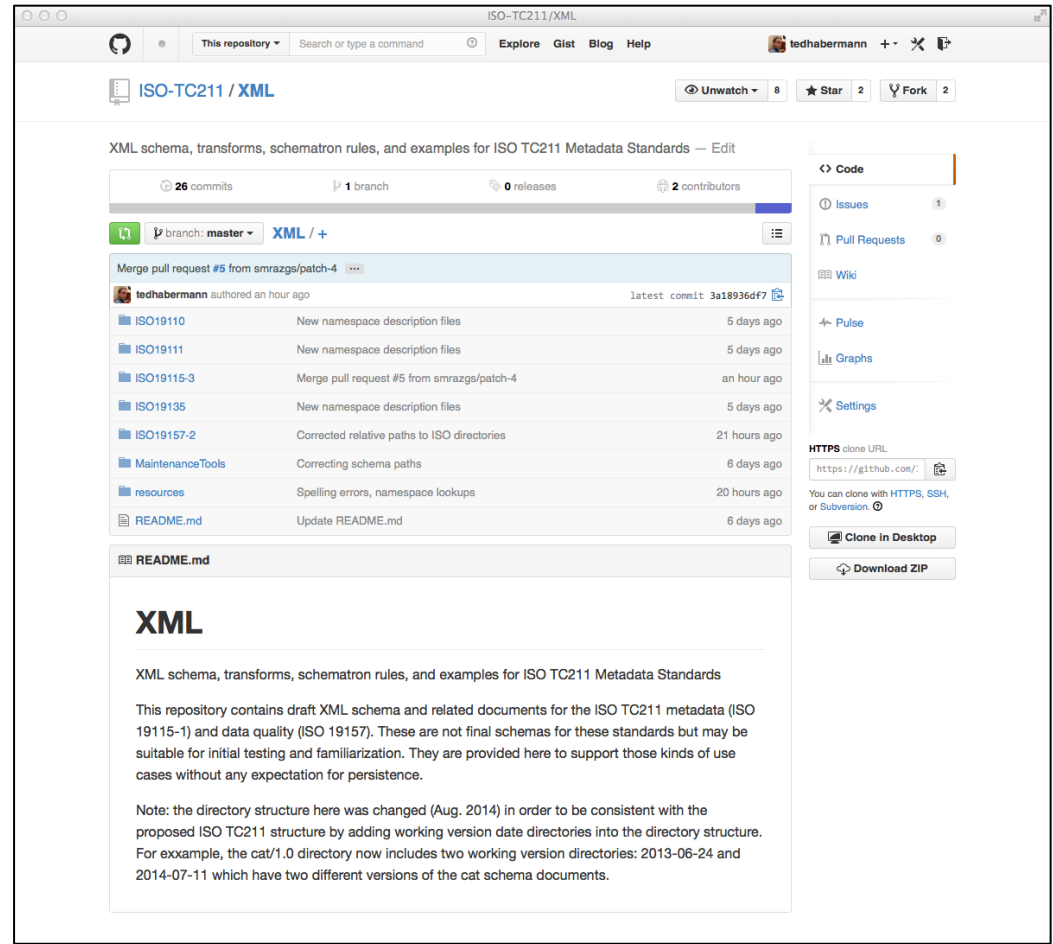
MD_Constraints
+ useLimitation [0..*] : CharacterString
+ constraintApplicationScope [0..1]: MD_Scope
+ graphic [0..*] : MD_BrowseGraphic
+ reference [0..*] : CI_Citation
+ MD_Releasability [0..1] : MD_Releasability
+ responsibleParty [ 0..*] : CI_Responsibility

jurisdictionLink : URL -----> responsibleParty  
 licenseLink : URL -----> reference  
 imageLink : URL -----> graphic  
 licenseName : CharacterString -----> reference  
 attributionConstraints : CharacterString -----> reference

*“How do I become familiar with and help test the new implementations?”*

The XML schemas and other resources and RDF/OWL implementations are available at:

<https://github.com/ISO-TC211>



ISO-TC211 / XML

XML schema, transforms, schematron rules, and examples for ISO TC211 Metadata Standards — Edit

26 commits 1 branch 0 releases 2 contributors

branch: master XML / +

Merge pull request #5 from smrazgs/patch-4

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Commit	Description	Time
ISO19110	New namespace description files	5 days ago
ISO19111	New namespace description files	5 days ago
ISO19115-3	Merge pull request #5 from smrazgs/patch-4	an hour ago
ISO19135	New namespace description files	5 days ago
ISO19157-2	Corrected relative paths to ISO directories	21 hours ago
MaintenanceTools	Correcting schema paths	6 days ago
resources	Spelling errors, namespace lookups	20 hours ago
README.md	Update README.md	6 days ago

README.md

## XML

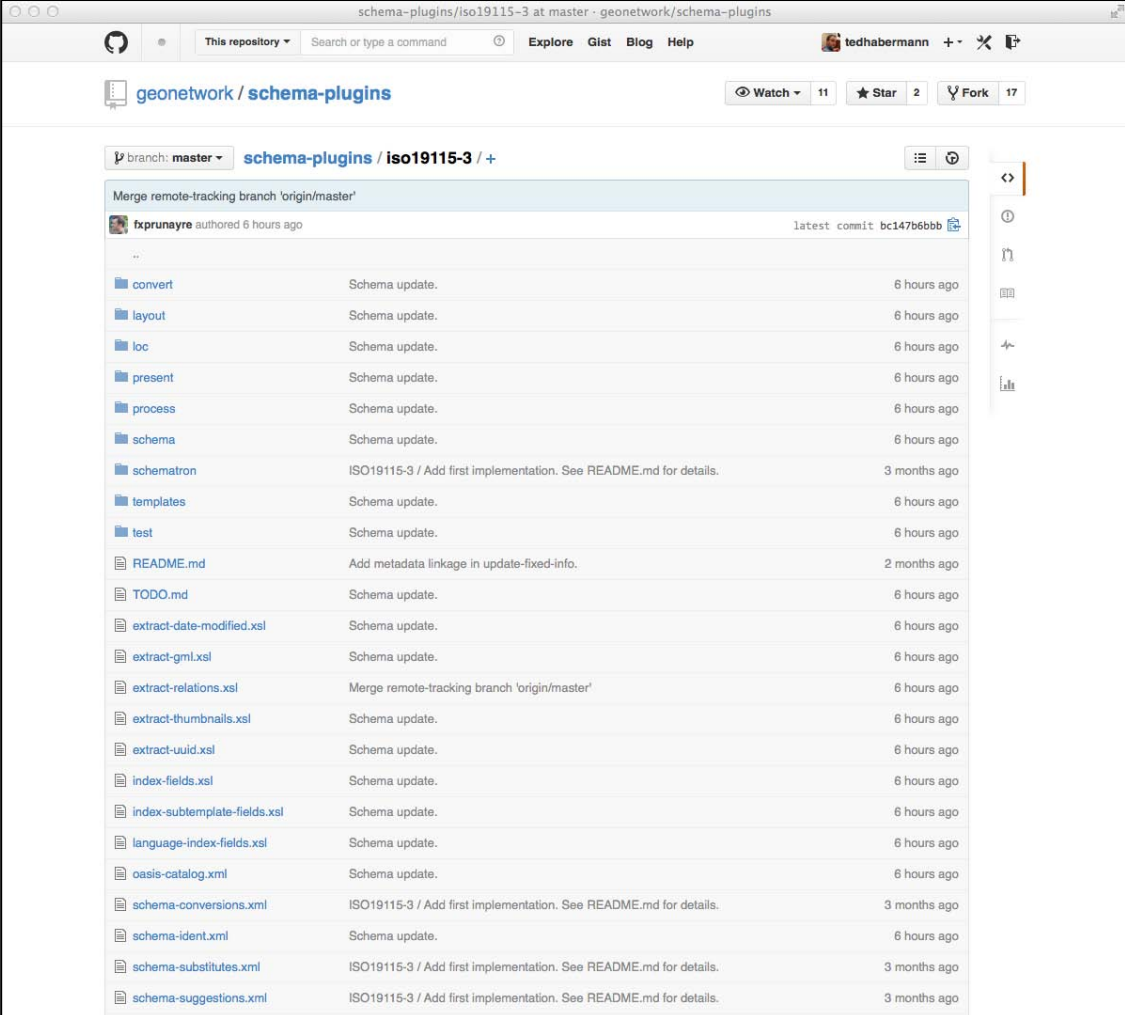
XML schema, transforms, schematron rules, and examples for ISO TC211 Metadata Standards

This repository contains draft XML schema and related documents for the ISO TC211 metadata (ISO 19115-1) and data quality (ISO 19157). These are not final schemas for these standards but may be suitable for initial testing and familiarization. They are provided here to support those kinds of use cases without any expectation for persistence.

Note: the directory structure here was changed (Aug. 2014) in order to be consistent with the proposed ISO TC211 structure by adding working version date directories into the directory structure. For example, the cat/1.0 directory now includes two working version directories: 2013-06-24 and 2014-07-11 which have two different versions of the cat schema documents.

*"I use GeoNetwork to manage metadata. How can I try 19115-1?"*

GeoNetwork 19115-3 resources are available at:  
<https://github.com/geonetwork/schema-plugins/tree/master/iso19115-3#iso-19115-3-schema-plugin>



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `geonetwork/schema-plugins`. The current branch is `master`, and the selected branch is `iso19115-3`. The page displays a list of files and folders, including:

- `convert`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `layout`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `loc`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `present`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `process`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `schema`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `schematron`: ISO19115-3 / Add first implementation. See README.md for details. 3 months ago
- `templates`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `test`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `README.md`: Add metadata linkage in update-fixed-info. 2 months ago
- `TODO.md`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `extract-date-modified.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `extract-gml.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `extract-relations.xsl`: Merge remote-tracking branch 'origin/master'. 6 hours ago
- `extract-thumbnails.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `extract-uuid.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `index-fields.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `index-subtemplate-fields.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `language-index-fields.xsl`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `oasis-catalog.xml`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `schema-conversions.xml`: ISO19115-3 / Add first implementation. See README.md for details. 3 months ago
- `schema-ident.xml`: Schema update. 6 hours ago
- `schema-substitutes.xml`: ISO19115-3 / Add first implementation. See README.md for details. 3 months ago
- `schema-suggestions.xml`: ISO19115-3 / Add first implementation. See README.md for details. 3 months ago

“Can I migrate my existing metadata to 19115-1?”

The screenshot shows an XML Editor window with two XML files open. The left file is 'Just\_MI\_MetadataPaths.xml' and the right file is 'Just\_MI\_MetadataPaths.xml'. A red box highlights a section of the left file, containing the following XML code:

```
<gmd:cellGeometry gco:nilReason="inapplicable"/>
<gmd:transformationParameterAvailability gco:nilReason="inapplicable"/>
<gmd:checkPointAvailability gco:nilReason="inapplicable"/>
<gmd:cornerPoints>
  <gml:Point xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" gml:id="cornerPoint-up">
    <gml:pos>11.11 22.22</gml:pos>
  </gml:Point>
  <gmd:cornerPoints>
    <gmd:pointInPixel>
      <gmd:MD_PixelOrientationCode>centre</gmd:MD_PixelOrientationCode>
    </gmd:pointInPixel>
  </gmd:cornerPoints>
  <gml:checkPoint>
    <gml:geographicCoordinates>
      <gml:pos>22.22 33.33</gml:pos>
    </gml:geographicCoordinates>
  </gml:MI_GCP>
</gml:checkPoint>
</gml:MI_Georectified>
</gmd:spatialRepresentationInfo>
<gmd:spatialRepresentationInfo [21 lines]>
<gmd:identificationInfo gco:nilReason="inapplicable"/>
<gmd:contentInfo>
  <gmd:attributeDescription>
    <gmd:RecordType xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" xlink:href="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/resources/transforms/19115to19115-1.xsl">
    </gmd:attributeDescription>
  </gmd:contentInfo>
  <gmd:MD_CoverageContentTypeCode codeList="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/resources/transforms/19115to19115-1.xsl">
  </gmd:MD_CoverageContentTypeCode>
  <gmd:dimension>
    <gml:MI_Band>
    </gml:MI_Band>
  </gmd:dimension>
  <gmd:sequenceIdentifier>
  </gmd:sequenceIdentifier>
</gmd:contentInfo>
</gmd:MD_Metadata>
```

The text 'Transform Available for Testing' is overlaid on the red box.

<https://github.com/ISO-TC211/XML/blob/master/resources/transforms/19115to19115-1.xsl>



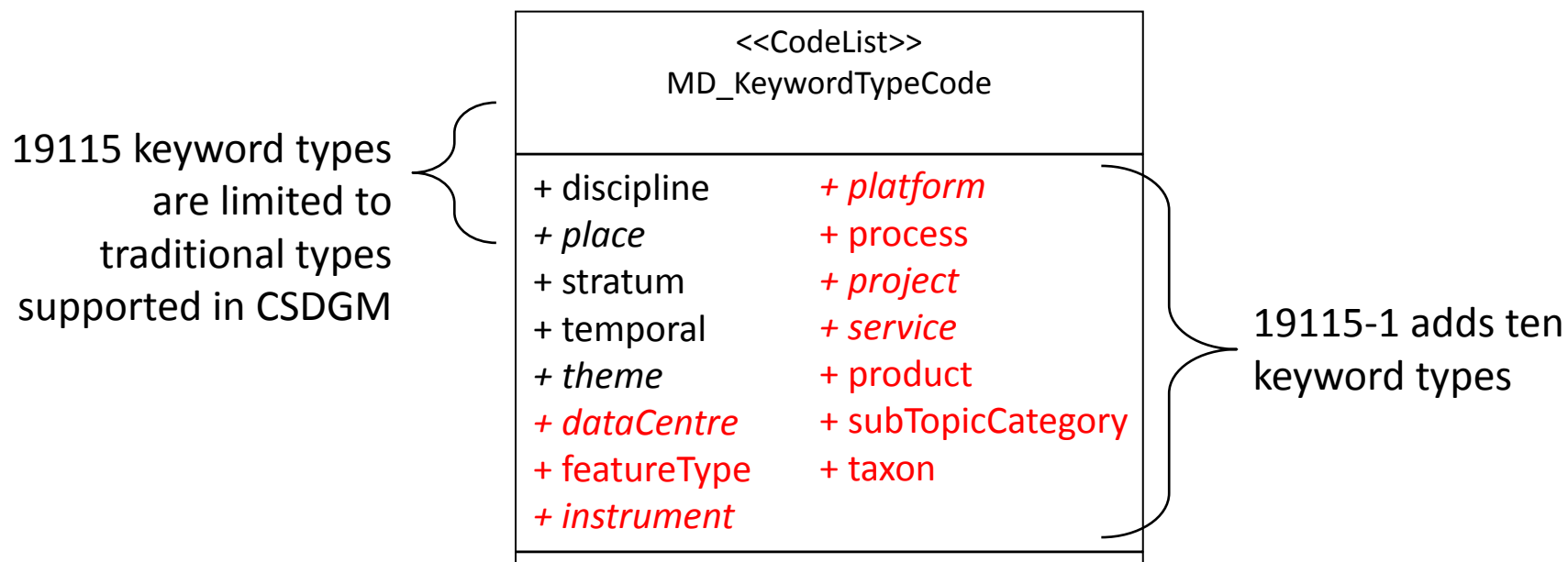


Questions?

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# Keyword Types

*"I use many shared vocabularies for consistency across collections."*



Keywords are the largest single component of many metadata collections, regardless of the dialect. Using common types to classify these keywords is critical for consistent discovery, particularly using faceted searches. Shared vocabularies that include these new types are important contributors to consistent, interoperable metadata. The keyword types in *italics* are supported by NASA Global Change Master Directory (GCMD) and used in many existing metadata collections.



# Connecting to Collections

*“My datasets are parts of larger collections”*

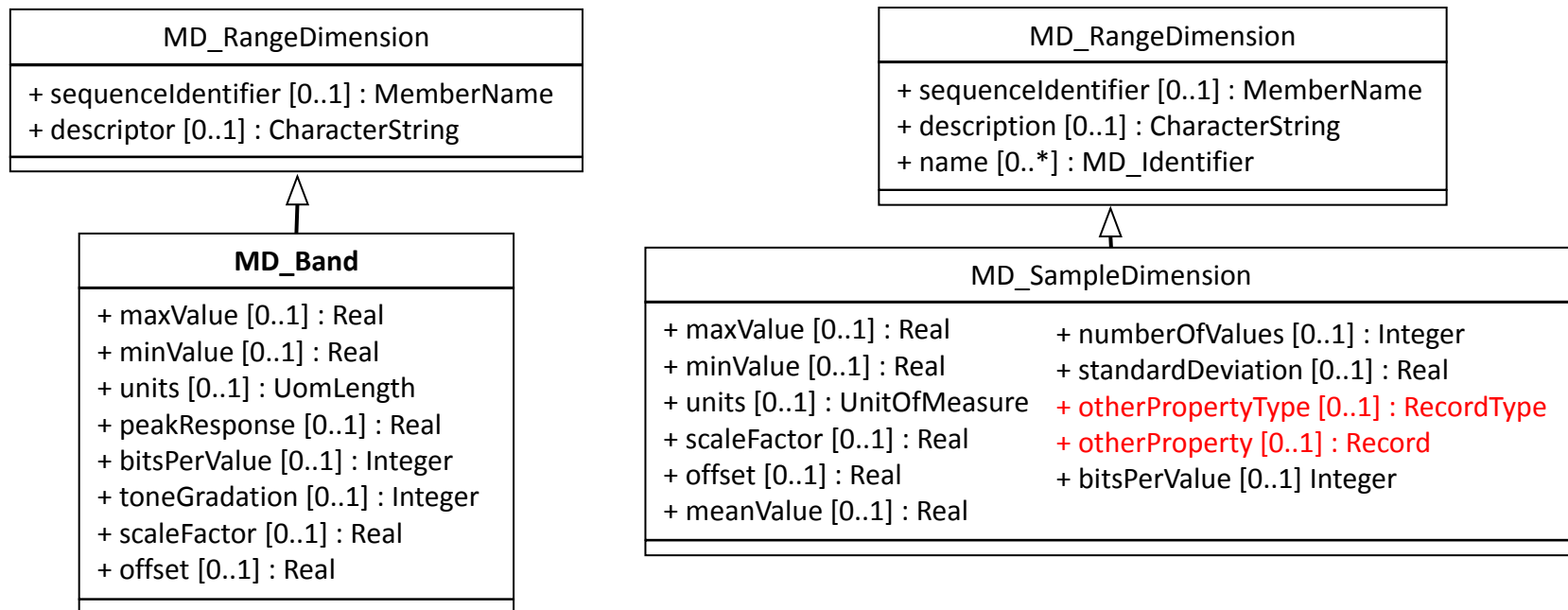
MD_Metadata
...
<b>+ parentIdentifier [0..1] : CharacterString</b>
...

MD_Metadata
...
<b>+ parentMetadata [0..1] : CI_Citation</b>
...

The concept of parent/child relationships between metadata for collections and for items in collections has been supported in many metadata dialects. ISO 19115 included a CharacterString as a parentIdentifier.

ISO 19115-1 brings the advantages of a complete CI\_Citation for specification of the parent metadata. That CI\_Citation includes any number of MD\_Identifier that provide unambiguous identification of the parent metadata.

*“My products need specific metadata that are not included in the general model”*

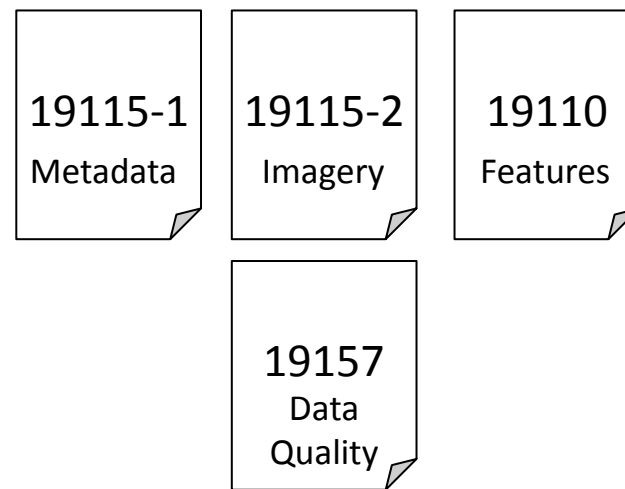
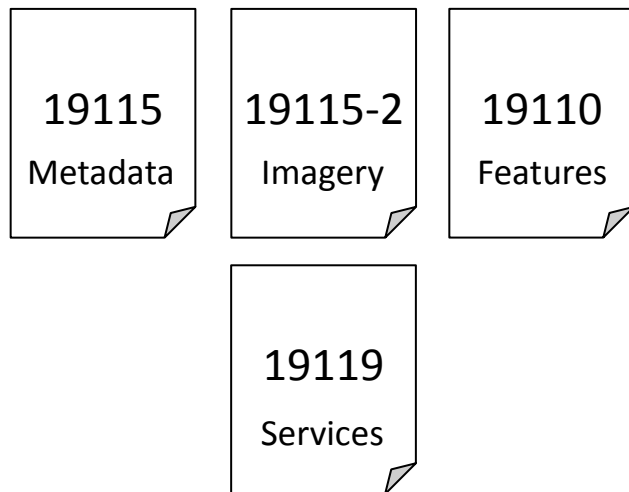


The ISO 19115 MD\_Band object included a fixed set of image-specific properties.

ISO 19115-1 introduces the MD\_SampleDimension which includes the capability to add product specific attributes using standard ISO objects.

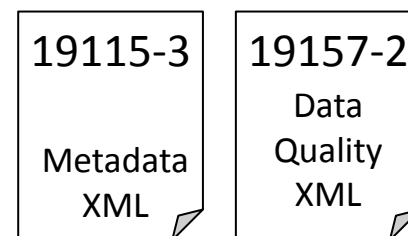
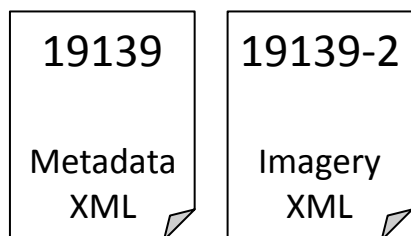
*"I am confused by all of these numbers!"*

## Conceptual Models (UML)



Then Now

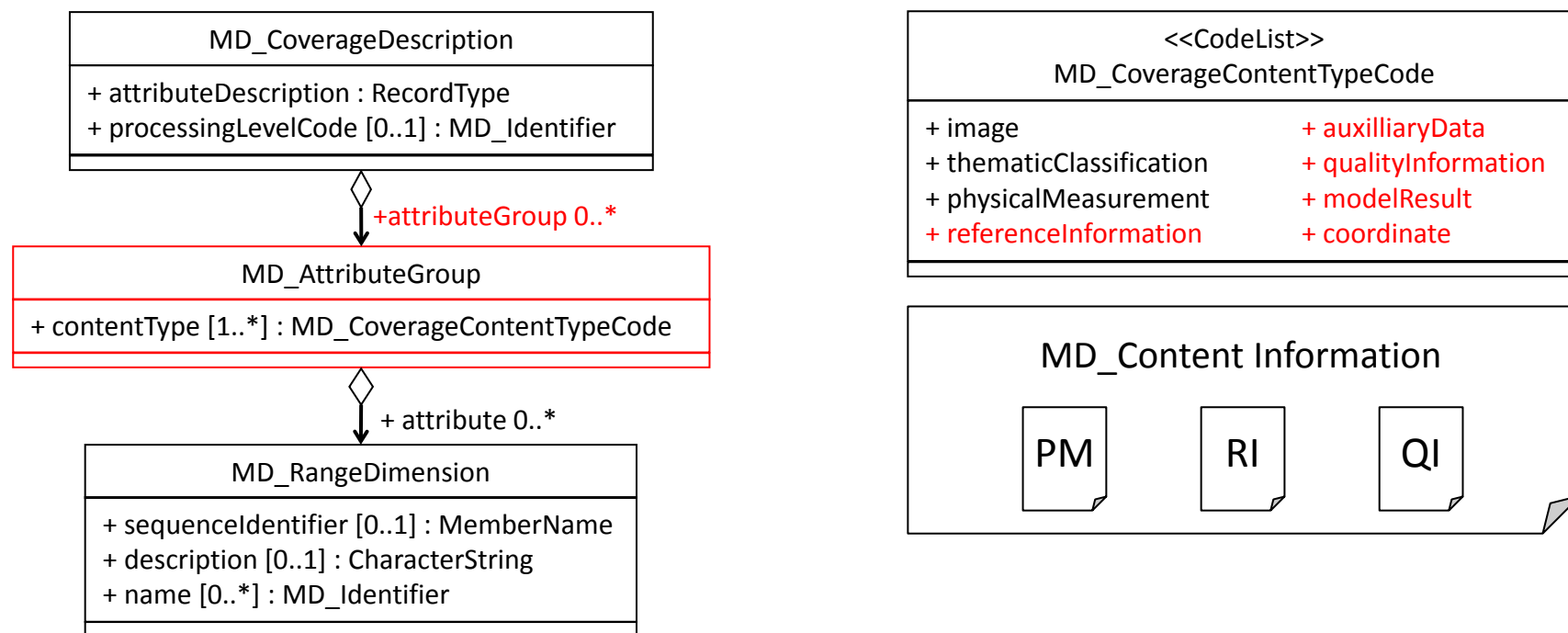
## Implementations (XML)



*“My datasets include measured parameters, reference and quality information”*

The ISO 19115 allowed only one type of information in each contentInfo section.

ISO 19115-1 adds the capability to group similar coverages and introduces more coverage types.



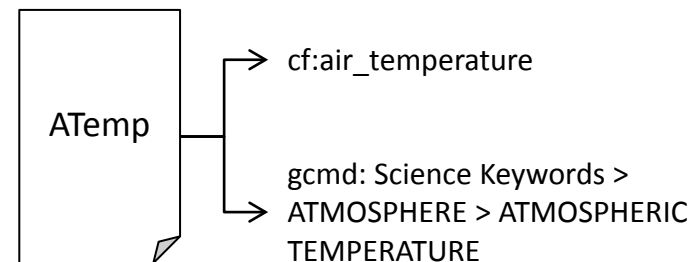
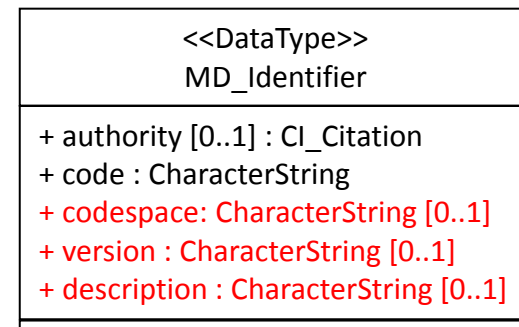
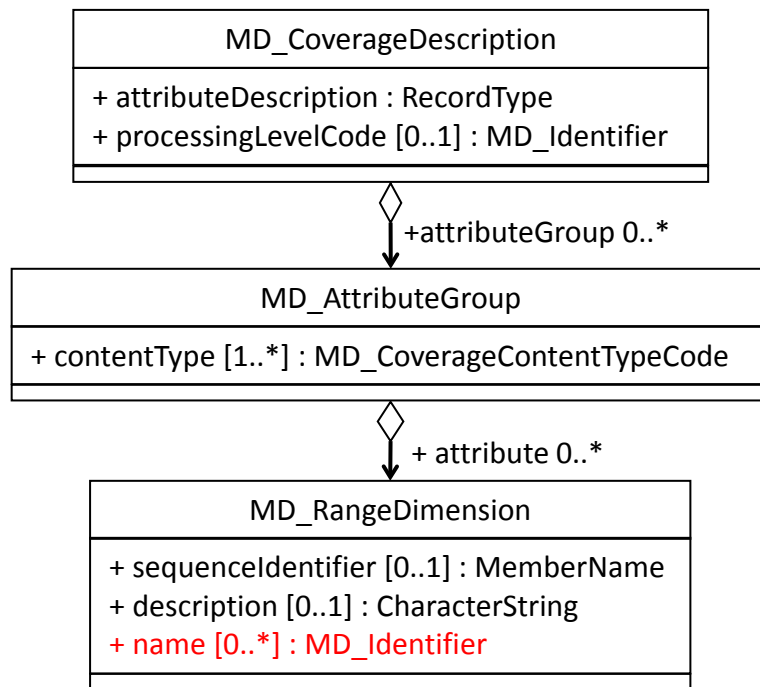


# Multiple Parameter Names

*“My group uses local parameter names but we need standard names to share”*

The ISO 19115 sequenceIdentifier only allowed one local name for parameters

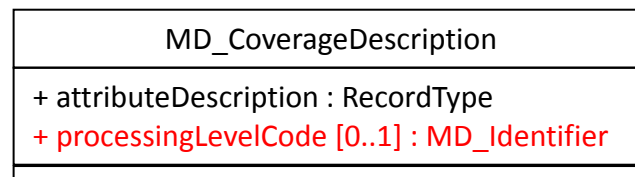
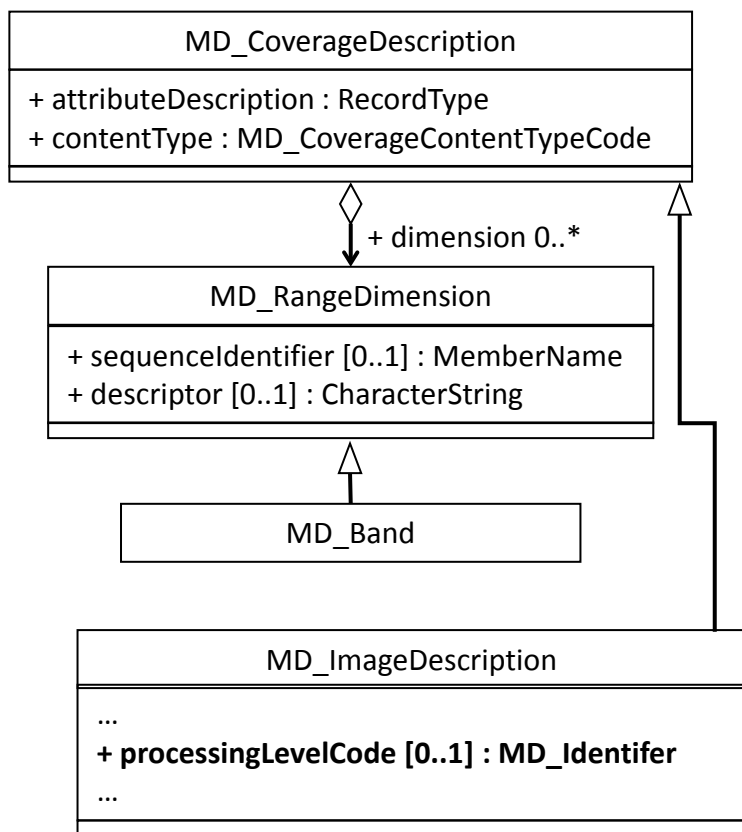
ISO 19115-1 adds the capability to add multiple names for parameters and to identify the sources for those names.





# Describe Coverage Processing Levels

*“My data have multiple bands and processing levels”*

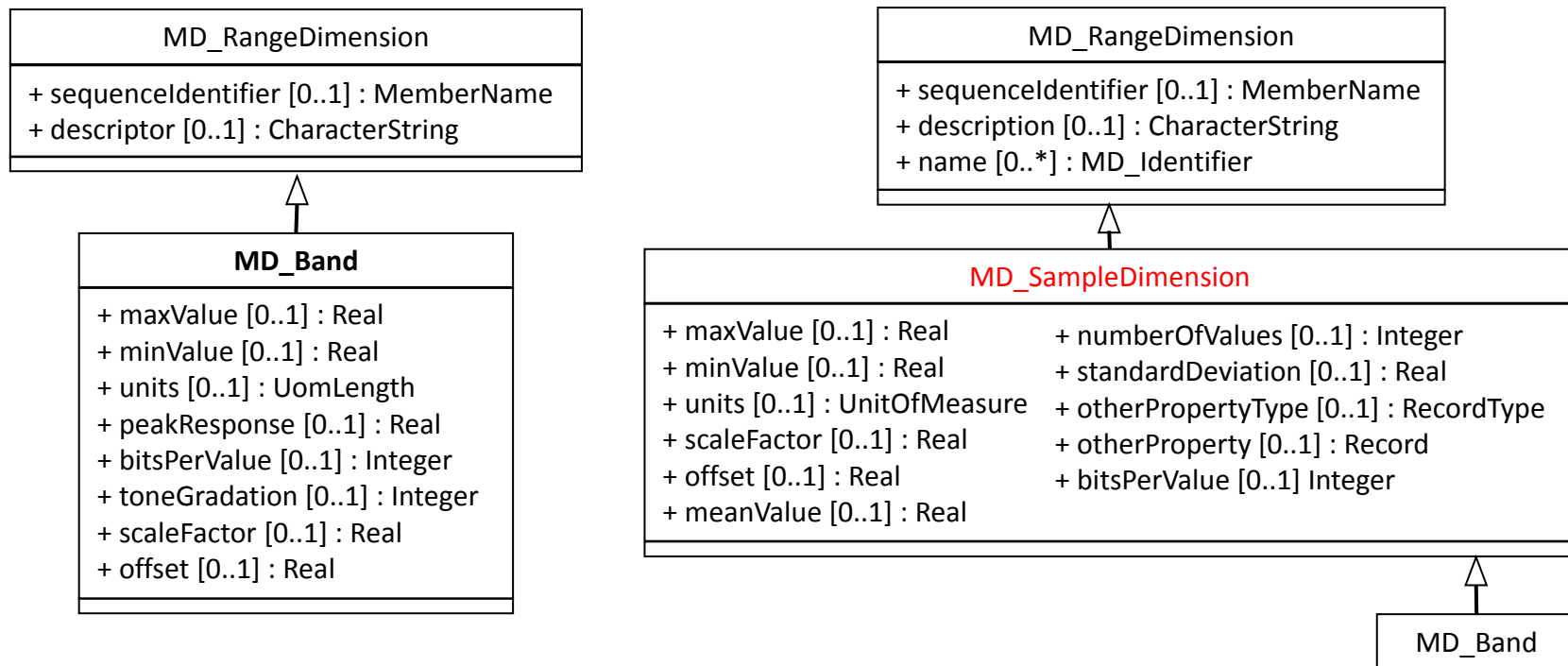


ISO 19115 includes a processingLevelCode as part of the MD\_ImageDescription object. This means that coverages that use MD\_RangeDimension (or MD\_Band) objects can not use the processingInformation codes.

ISO 19115-1 moves the processingLevelCode into the MD\_CoverageDescription object allowing it to be used for either type of coverage.



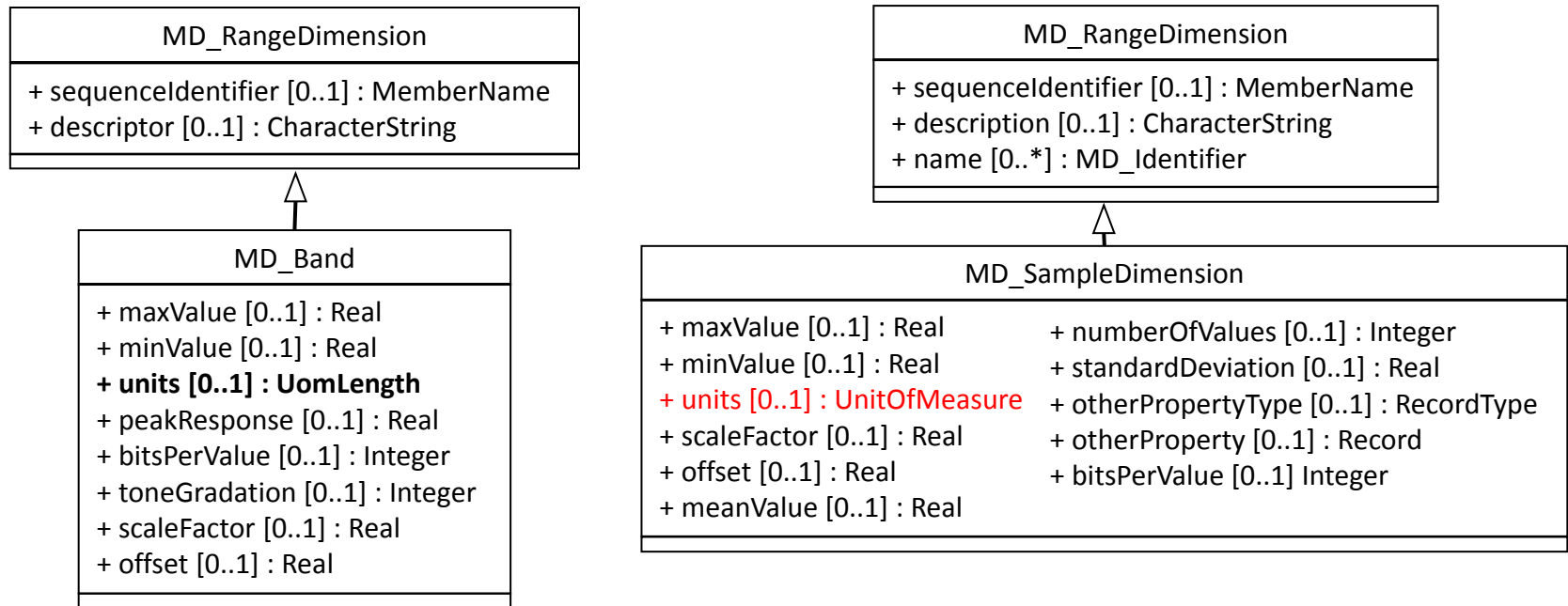
*“My data are higher level products that need summary statistics”*



The ISO 19115 MD\_Band object is designed to describe low-level (Level 1) data as collected from an instrument.

ISO 19115-1 introduces the MD\_SampleDimension which includes many general summary statistics for each band. MD\_Band still exists as a specialized case.

*“Users need to know the units of my products so that they can use them correctly”*

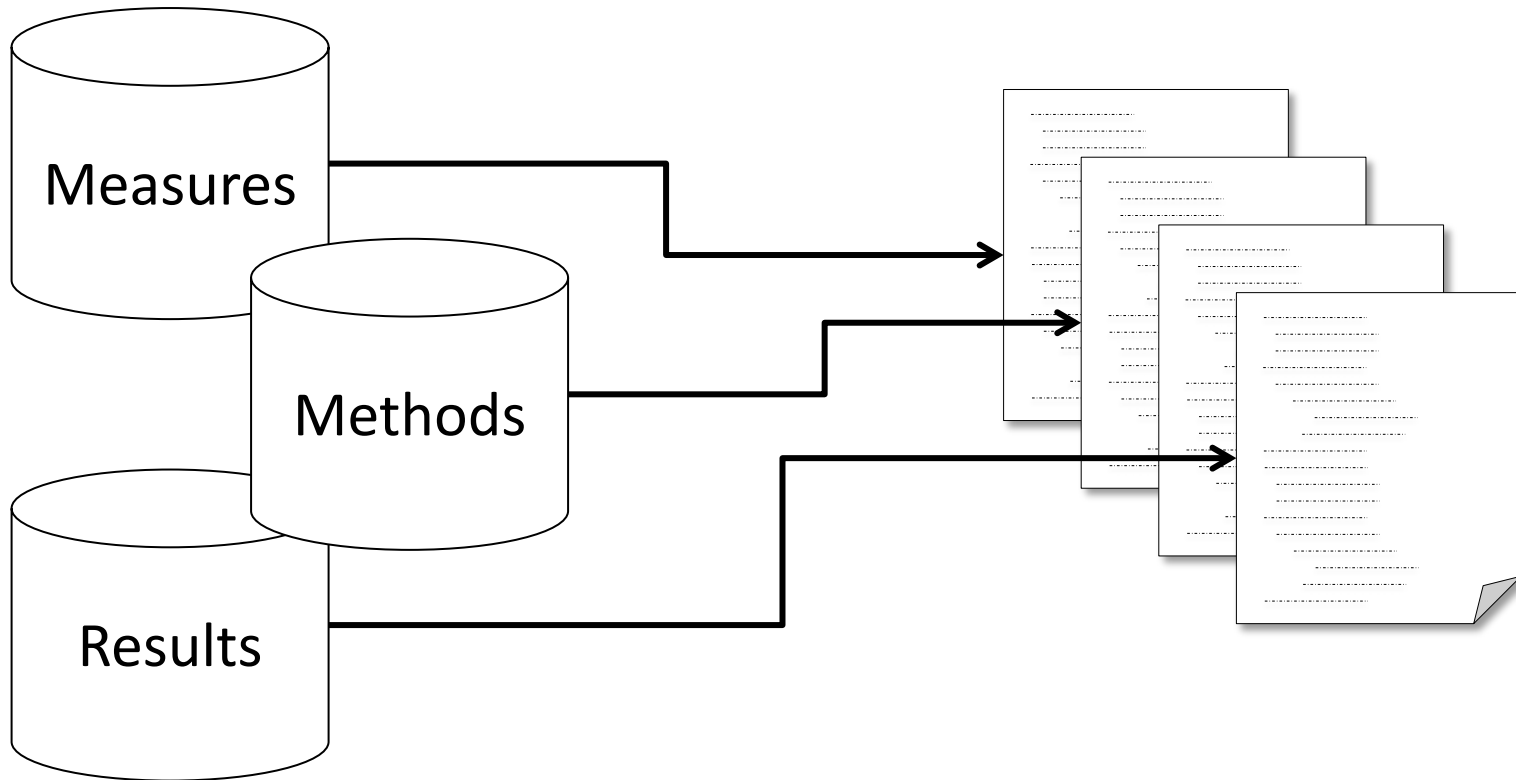


The ISO 19115 MD\_Band units are defined as the units used to define the minimum and maximum wavelength for the band. They are units of length. They were not related to the data.

ISO 19115-1 MD\_SampleDimension units is defined as the units of the data in the coverage. They can be any unit of measure. They are related to the data.

*“My data quality information exists in databases or web services.”*

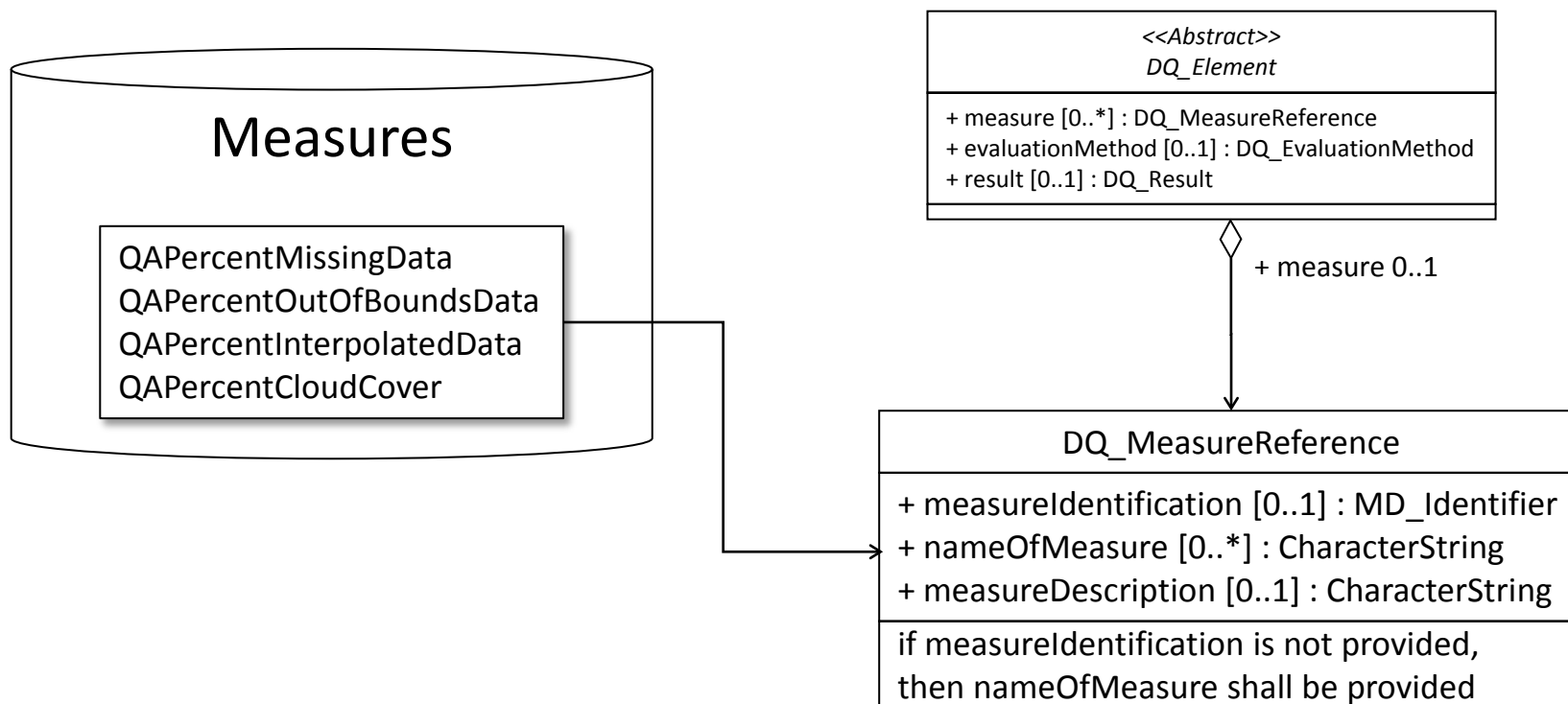
Major elements of the 19157 conceptual model are separate components that can be independently connected to the metadata and reused in multiple records.





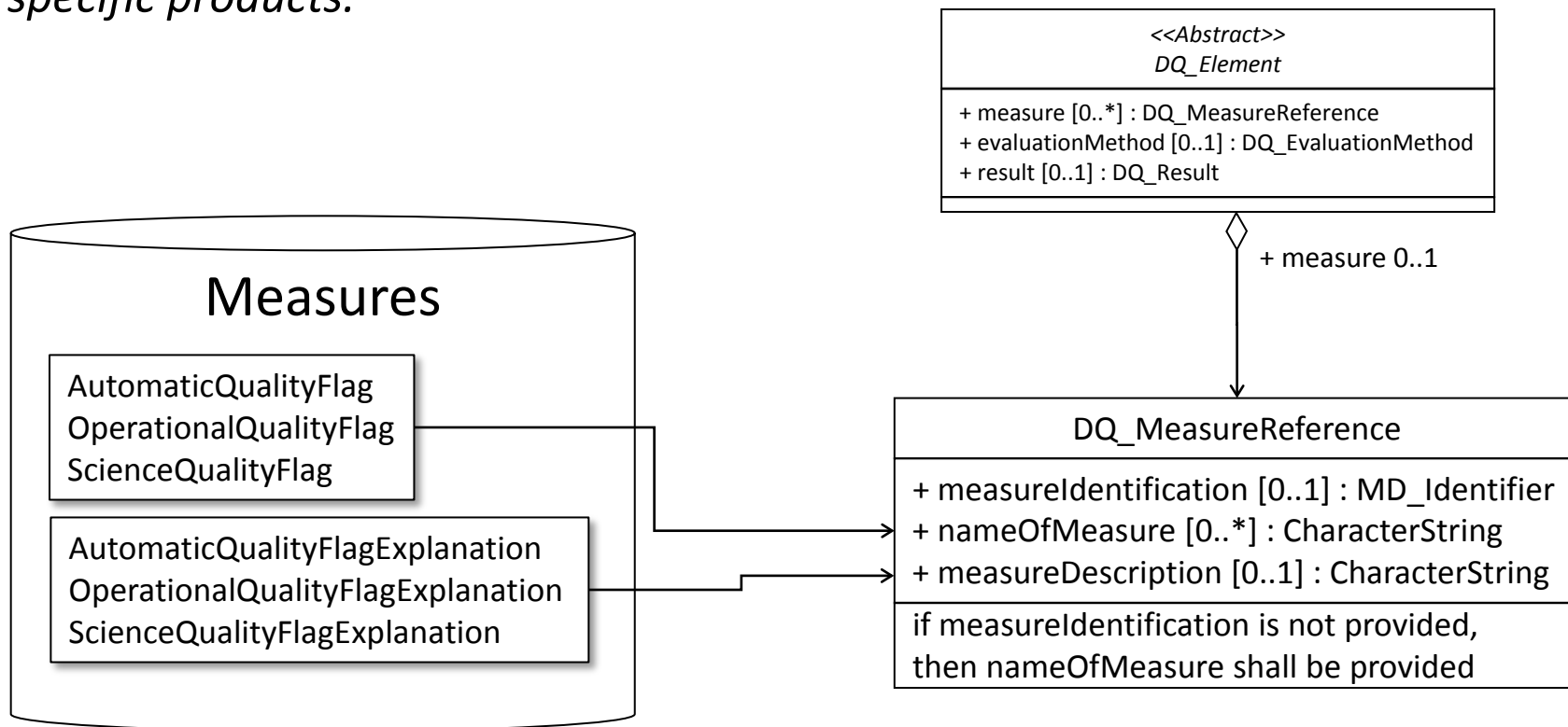
# Standard Data Quality Measures

*“We use standard quality measures for all products.”*



Data quality measures that are the same across many products can be referenced from a measure database using a name or identifier.

*“We use classes of quality measures that need implementation details for specific products.”*



ISO 19157 data quality measure references identify measures in several ways and provides a brief description of the measure.



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