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Foreword

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Introduction

Today's information is mostly stored on digital media. For several reasons the lifetime of those media is shorter than that of analogue media. Unless systematically archived the storage media will decay and thus the information lost. Digital information is also lost when due to other reasons such as loss of metadata describing the format of data. Unfortunately, this daunting scenario often exists. Consequently, the epoch in which we presently live is sometimes named the "Digital Dark Age".

Traditional archives are understood as facilities or organizations which preserve records, originally generated by or for a government organization, institution, or corporation, for access by public or private communities. The archive accomplishes this task by taking ownership of the records, ensuring that they are understandable to the accessing community, and managing them so as to preserve their information content, data integrity and authenticity (ISO 16363/TDR). The major focus for preserving this information has been to ensure that they are on media with long term stability and that access to this media is carefully controlled (ISO 14721:2012).

Geospatial data possesses several structural peculiarities. They may include:

- relation to a well-defined section of the Earth
- exchange by using theme-specific and sophisticated exchange formats
- link to thematic data (data bases)
- transformation between different coordinate reference systems
- visualization (map output)
- large data volumes
- existence of several levels-of-detail of the same dataset
- link between a geospatial dataset and rights

These structural peculiarities imply that geospatial data shall be preserved together with metadata content information that fully accounts for their structural peculiarities.

The ISO 14721:2012 "Space data and information transfer systems – Open archival information system (OAIS) – Reference model" defines a reference model for archiving digital information. Despite being part of the "Space data and information transfer system" standard series its application is not limited to space data and it is widely used by digital libraries. Regarding geospatial data in general however, the ISO 14721:2012 does not cover all the needs for digital data and metadata preservation. Therefore, the ISO 19165 addresses geospatial data, its data model structures, the multiplicity of data formats, and property rights. This standard is demanded by and developed for the geospatial community, and thus the OAIS preservation description information and descriptive information (described in the ISO 14721 section 4.2 Information model) is modelled as specialization of the ISO 19115-1 "Geographic information – Metadata – Part 1: Fundamentals".

Geographic information – Preservation of digital data and metadata

1 Scope

This standard sets the rules for the long-term preservation of digital geospatial data. These data include metadata and other ancillary data that are necessary to fully understand and rebuild the archived digital environment.

Geospatial data are preserved as a geospatial archival information package. This standard defines its details. A geospatial archival information package shall be fully self-explanatory and shall allow a future reconstruction of the dataset without external documentation.

This standard refers to characteristics of data formats that are useful for the purpose of archiving.

This standard has a close relation to the standards developed by the ISO/TC 211 “Geographic information / Geomatics” and to archival standards of ISO such as the ISO 14721 “Open archival information system (OAIS) – Reference model”.

2 Conformance

Details of the conformance classes are given in the Abstract test suite in Annex A.

3 Normative references

ISO 14721:2012 “Space data and information transfer systems – Open archival information system (OAIS) – Reference model”

ISO 19108:2002 “Geographic information – Temporal schema”

ISO 19110:2005 “Geographic information – Methodology for feature cataloguing”

ISO 19115-1:2014 “Geographic information – Metadata – Part 1: Fundamentals”

ISO 19115-2:2009 “Geographic information – Metadata – Part 2: Extensions for imagery and gridded data”

ISO 19115-3 “Geographic information – Metadata – XML schema implementation of metadata fundamentals” (not yet published)

ISO 19157:2013 “Geographic information – Data quality”

ISO 19157-2 “Geographic information – Data quality – Part 2: XML schema implementation” (not yet published)

ISO/IEC 29500-2:2012 “Information technology – Document description and processing languages – Office Open XML File Formats – Part 2: Open Packaging Conventions

4 Terms and definitions

4.1

access rights information

The information that identifies the access restrictions pertaining to the content information, including the legal framework, licensing terms, and access control. It contains the access and distribution conditions stated within the submission agreement, related to both preservation (by the OAIS) and final usage (by the consumer). It also includes the specifications for the application of rights enforcement measures.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.2

access software

A type of software that presents part of or all of the information content of an information object in forms understandable to humans or systems.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.3

AIP edition

An AIP whose content information or preservation description information has been upgraded or improved with the intent not to preserve information, but to increase or improve it. An AIP edition is not considered to be the result of a digital migration.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.4

AIP version

An AIP whose content information or preservation description information has undergone a transformation on a source AIP and is a candidate to replace the source AIP. An AIP version is considered to be the result of a digital migration.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.5

archival information package (AIP)

An information package, consisting of the content information and the associated preservation description information (PDI), which is preserved within an OAIS.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.5b

content information

A set of information that is the original target of preservation or that includes part or all of that information.

Note 1 to entry: It is an information object composed of its content data object and its representation information.

4.6

data

A reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing.

Note 1 to entry: Examples of data include a sequence of bits, a table of numbers, the characters on a page, the recording of sounds made by a person speaking, or a moon rock specimen.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012, modified]

4.7

data dictionary

A formal repository of terms used to describe data.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.8

data dissemination session

A delivery of media or a single telecommunications session that provides data to a consumer. The data dissemination session format/contents is based on a data model negotiated between the OAIS and the consumer in the request agreement. This data model identifies the logical constructs used by the OAIS and how they are represented on each media delivery or in the telecommunication session.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.9 data submission session

A delivery of media or a single telecommunications session that provides data to an OAIS. The data submission session format/contents is based on a data model negotiated between the OAIS and the producer in the submission agreement. This data model identifies the logical constructs used by the producer and how they are represented on each media delivery or in the telecommunication session.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.10 designated community

An identified group of potential consumers who should be able to understand a particular set of information. The designated community may be composed of multiple user communities. A designated community is defined by the archive and this definition may change over time.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.11 digital migration

The transfer of digital information, while intending to preserve it, within the OAIS. It is distinguished from transfers in general by three attributes:

- a focus on the preservation of the full information content that needs preservation;
- a perspective that the new archival implementation of the information is a replacement for the old; and
- an understanding that full control and responsibility over all aspects of the transfer resides with the OAIS.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.12 digital object

An object composed of a set of bit sequences.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.13 dissemination information package (DIP)

An information package, derived from one or more AIPs, and sent by archives to the consumer in response to a request to the OAIS.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.14 federated archives

A group of archives that has agreed to provide access to their holdings via one or more common finding aids.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.15

geographic information system

information system dealing with information concerning phenomena associated with location relative to the Earth

[SOURCE: ISO 19101:2002, 4.18]

4.16

information package

A logical container composed of optional content information and optional associated preservation description information. Associated with this information package is packaging information used to delimit and identify the content information and package description Information used to facilitate searches for the content information.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.17

knowledge base

A set of information, incorporated by a person or system, that allows that person or system to understand received information.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.18

long term

A period of time long enough for there to be concern about the impacts of changing technologies, including support for new media and data formats, and of a changing designated community, on the information being held in an OAIS. This period extends into the indefinite future.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.19

long term preservation

The act of maintaining information, independently understandable by a designated community, and with evidence supporting its authenticity, over the long term.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.20

management

The role played by those who set overall OAIS policy as one component in a broader policy domain, for example as part of a larger organization.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.21

metadata

information about a resource

[SOURCE: ISO 19115-1:2014, 4.10]

4.22

open archival information system (OAIS)

An archive, consisting of an organization, which may be part of a larger organization, of people and systems, that has accepted the responsibility to preserve information and make it available for a designated community. It meets a set of responsibilities, that allows an OAIS Archive to be distinguished from other uses of the term 'archive'. The term 'open' in OAIS is used to imply that this recommendation and future related recommendations and standards are developed in open forums, and it does not imply that access to the archive is unrestricted.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.23

package description

The information intended for use by access aids.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.24

packaging information

The information that is used to bind and identify the components of an information package. For example, it may be the ISO 9660 volume and directory information used on a CD-ROM to provide the content of several files containing content information and preservation description information.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.25

preservation description information (PDI)

The information which is necessary for adequate preservation of the content information and which can be categorized as provenance, reference, fixity, context, and access rights Information.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.26

producer

The role played by those persons or client systems that provide the information to be preserved. This can include other OAISes or internal OAIS persons or systems.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.27

provenance information

The information that documents the history of the content information. This information tells the origin or source of the content information, any changes that may have taken place since it was originated, and who has had custody of it since it was originated. The archive is responsible for creating and preserving provenance Information from the point of Ingest; however, earlier provenance information should be provided by the producer. Provenance information adds to the evidence to support authenticity.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.28

reference information

The information that is used as an identifier for the content information. It also includes identifiers that allow outside systems to refer unambiguously to a particular content information. An example of reference information is an ISBN.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.29

reference model

A framework for understanding significant relationships among the entities of some environment, and for the development of consistent standards or specifications supporting that environment. A reference model is based on a small number of unifying concepts and may be used as a basis for education and explaining standards to a non-specialist.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.30

refreshment

A digital migration where the effect is to replace a media instance with a copy that is sufficiently exact that all archival storage hardware and software continues to run as before.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.31

repackaging

A digital migration in which there is an alteration in the packaging information of the AIP.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.32

replication

A digital migration where there is no change to the packaging information, the content information, and the PDI. The bits used to represent these information objects are preserved in the transfer to the same or new media instance.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.33

representation information

The information that maps a data object into more meaningful concepts. An example of representation information for a bit sequence which is a FITS file might consist of the FITS standard which defines the format plus a dictionary which defines the meaning in the file of keywords which are not part of the standard. Another example is JPEG software which is used to render a JPEG file; rendering the JPEG file as bits is not very meaningful to humans but the software, which embodies an understanding of the JPEG standard, maps the bits into pixels which can then be rendered as an image for human viewing.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.34

resolution (of imagery)

smallest distance between two uniformly illuminated objects that can be separately resolved in an image

Note 1 to entry: This definition refers to the spatial resolution.

Note 2 to entry: In the general case, the resolution determines the possibility to distinguish between distinct neighbouring features (objects).

Note 3 to entry: Resolution can also refer to the spectral and the temporal resolution.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 19130-2:2014, 4.61, modified]

4.34a
source

document providing legal and/or administrative facts on which the land administration (LA) object [right, restriction, responsibility, basic administrative unit, party, or spatial unit] is based

[SOURCE: ISO 19152]

4.34b
spatial source

source with the spatial representation of one (part of) or more spatial units

[SOURCE: ISO 19152]

4.35
submission agreement

The agreement reached between an OAIS and the producer that specifies a data model, and any other arrangements needed, for the data submission session. This data model identifies format/contents and the logical constructs used by the producer and how they are represented on each media delivery or in a telecommunication session.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.36
submission information package (SIP)

An information package that is delivered by the producer to the OAIS for use in the construction or update of one or more AIPs and/or the associated descriptive information.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

4.37
transformation

A digital migration in which there is an alteration to the content information or PDI of an archival information package. For example, changing ASCII codes to UNICODE in a text document being preserved is a transformation.

[SOURCE: ISO 14721:2012]

5 Symbols and abbreviated terms

5.1 Abbreviated terms

AIP	archival information package
CRS	coordinate reference system
DIP	dissemination information package
HTTP	hypertext transfer protocol

MIME	multipurpose internet mail extensions
OAIS	open archival information system
OPC	Open Packaging Convention
PDI	preservation description information
SIP	submission information package
TAR	tape archiving (packaging format)
URI	uniform resource identifier
XML	extensible mark-up language
ZIP	file compression format

5.2 Conventions

Some of the classes and attributes are defined in other ISO geographic information standards. Those classes and attributes are identified by one of the following two-character codes.

GP= this standard, ISO 19165

MD = ISO 19115-1

DQ = ISO 19157

LI =

DS =

6 Preservation

6.1 Prioritization

The extremely rapid growth of the data volumes makes the full preservation of all data problematic. Consequently, only a selected subset can go for a long term archive. The selection strategy shall primarily evaluate the relevance of the data to be archived. Preservation shall be included in the product life cycle and demands a decision on the archival procedure at the moment the data are created.

The temporal classification shall define an archival category of 1 year, 10 years, 100 years, or more than 100 years. Each geospatial dataset shall be classified to one of those categories and then archived accordingly. The classifications may be reassessed before the end of the term defined for the category in which a given dataset has been placed.

An appraisal of every layer of a geographic information system is required, because not all layers are equally relevant. However, often layers are interdependent. The archival process shall guarantee consistency among independent layers.

The layer's relevance may be distinguished by the time, the function and the relation.

Examples:

Time: The following data layers have a temporal meaning only, and thus may not be relevant for archival: network of meters for fine particulates.

Function: A typical example is a future analysis of a land consolidation project. Though the administrative procedure will be fully completed after some years, the documents keep their values as a documentation of the change of landscape.

Relation: Often geospatial information is related to several topics and data sources at the same time. An example is drinking water which may have a network given as vectors, a map layer in raster, and written documentation.

6.2 Structure

6.2.1 Data format

Today, most geospatial data are stored in commonly accepted specialized data formats. Those formats have a specific structure and include metadata, either within the structure or as a separate file. Some of the formats are standardized by ISO and/or IEC, others are de-facto standards.

A geospatial dataset shall be archived together with a full documentation of its data format. One of the key components of sustainable long term preservation is detailed knowledge of the file format that houses data. Some file types are well understood by the technical user communities (e.g. TIFF v6) while other less common file format types suffer from significantly less technical comprehension.

The documentation of the data format shall include the format structure, its properties, the metadata, and eventually a means of accessing the data and a means of interpreting the data.

In all cases it is desirable to ensure that the primary file format is recorded in a consistent and comprehensive way, ideally linking via unique identifiers to well established file format registries.

In consideration of experience, cost, and resources, an implementation of this standard shall link to existing and acknowledged format-registries of which an example is PRONOM [14].

The use of a specified profile for any given file format is highly desirable knowledge to long term preservation, and as such it should be meticulously recorded, along with pointers towards any conformance and/or validation tools and methods used to assert the quality of the profiled file.

An analogue graphic representation of file content shall be archived where feasible.

6.2.2 Data base

Most of the geospatial data are object-structured and stored in data bases. In order to preserve this structure a simple storage of the data is not sufficient. In many of the cases, the database storage requires the software to access and interpret the data. Software is a form of representation information in the OAIS model. Consequently, the full data base content shall be transferred to the archive, which demands an archiving strategy that allows a persistent understanding of the technology for accessing this dataset.

If the previously exposed option is not feasible, the content of the objects needs to be modified and moved to another format risking data loss. Thus, a decision about the future use of the archived data is required before archiving.

6.2.3 Properties of geospatial data

Geospatial data have a number of particular properties which require consideration before archiving. If the data is to be archived an assumption about potential future uses of the data has to be made. Based on this assumption it shall be decided which of the properties and

which of their details will be archived and which others will be dropped. **This is particularly important for** data that are finely grained, structured in objects or aggregated to larger units such as layers.

- Some geospatial data is created and maintained taking into account complex geospatial and topological relationships between elements. For such complex products there are dependencies and topological relationships that can exist between the layer units.
- If the data require different ways of access, for instance in full resolution or in reduced resolution in the form of an image pyramid, it shall be decided before preservation, which of the resolution levels of the data shall be preserved.
- If the data exist in redundant forms, for instance in a raster and in a vector format it shall be decided before preservation, which of the storage types shall be preserved.

6.2.4 Level of aggregation

The appraisal of geospatial data may use criteria different from those for other types of data. Often the same geospatial data exist at several servers with different levels of aggregation, from raw data to an aggregated data product [11].

Consequently, only the raw data, i.e. the original data, and a description of the method of the creation of the derived product need to be archived, in general. However, if it takes significant efforts to generate derived products that are deemed valuable to the user community, such products will need to be archived as well.

The service-oriented architecture (SOA) is widely used in the Internet. SOA services are separated modules of data and functions that are combined and reused for any production of applications [10]. Regarding geospatial data SOA is used to generate maps on the fly which exist for a very short time, often only for a few seconds on the screen. Thus, geospatial products that are the outcome of SOA can hardly be archived because they only temporarily exist in a user's environment and never in the environment of the data producer. SOA-products are not addressed by this standard.

For archiving, assumptions shall be made about typical geospatial data products, i.e. typical aggregations of the raw data. Based on the assumption the raw data shall be archived in a way that allows a full derivation of the data product. The designated communities are discussed in section 7.2.

6.2.5 Gold copy

This standard sets several methods for securely archiving geospatial data. However, the totality of all methods can never guarantee a full recovery of the data after a very long period of time. In order to increase reliability, a separate copy version of the 100 year data archive shall be established in open, file based repositories, not databases, nor other complex environments. Often, this copy is called a gold copy.

6.3 Rights

The problems of assuming sufficient control of the content information and preservation description information, when they are largely digital, are addressed in three related categories, as follows (ISO 14721:2012):

- copyright implications, intellectual property and other legal restrictions on use;
- authority to modify representation information;
- agreements with external organizations.

Authoritative geospatial data often possess legal restrictions. The rights are transferred to the archive together with the dataset and related items such as software and documentation, and their rights shall be guaranteed by the archive.

Regarding mapping products, this may play a role in the copyright, fees for the use of a dataset, restricted access to personal data, or for other applications. Rights including those imposed on archived data are often a function of time.

6.4 Time

Many geospatial data are never obsolete or are continuously updated such as cadastral data. These kinds of geospatial datasets never become mature for archiving, if the criterion for archiving is that the datasets do not change within a certain time interval.

In order to allow for archiving these data one of the following methods shall be applied.

- If a system contains data of the same topic and the same area but of different epochs, then the older data shall not be overwritten by new data.
- If overridden data are not kept in the system, a time slice shall be defined in periodic intervals, in order to allow moving the complete dataset to the archive.

Some organizations may choose to archive data by sampling them temporally in order to save storage capacity, if it is appropriate to do so. In such cases, it is essential to ensure that the requirements of the designated community are met by any sampling constraints, ensuring that any data collected is a comfortable fit with the expressed future use cases. Any variations of collection intervals should be recorded in the archival information package (AIP) documentation, ensuring that current users are informed of the limits of the data being archived, and future consumers of the data will be well aware of the contents of the archived dataset.

7 Geospatial information model

7.1 Overview

The ISO 14721 section 2.2 and section 4.2 describe an information model for data preservation. The core concept is the content information that is composed by a data object and the representation information. In the geospatial case, the data object will be the geospatial digital dataset to be preserved and the representation information is what allows the designated community to understand the data. For geospatial information the representation information is covered by the standards ISO 19115-1, ISO 19157, ISO 19110, and ISO 19165 (this standard). An example of representation information is the description of the dataset coordinate reference system (CRS).

The OAIS model defines also the information package as a conceptual container of two types of information called content information and preservation description information (PDI). The latter is all the information necessary to preserve the content information, to identify it in the archive, and to understand the environment in which the content information

was created. Both pieces of information are packaged in information packages (IPs). See Annex B for details.

The ISO 19165 defines as one of its central components the elements of the archival information package (AIP). This package should be ready to be shared with other organizations, including those outside the geospatial community.

The ISO 19165 specializes versions of the IPs named Geo-SIP, Geo-AIP, and Geo-DIP (geospatial submission information package, geospatial archival information package, geospatial dissemination information package). Their special properties include, lossless compression, cartographic series support, i.e. a manageable regional size, and a container for information regarding geometry (vector and raster), attributes, topology, metadata, quicklooks, and recommendation on how to symbolize the data.

This standard maps the PDI of ISO 14721 into a specialization of the ISO 19115-1 metadata standard. The class diagram in Fig. 1 shows how MD_Metadata has been extended into the GP_PreservationMetadata (that acts as the PDI) by including some extra classes for the purpose of preservation. For the sake of clarity, not all classes of the preservation metadata are shown. They are explain in detail below.

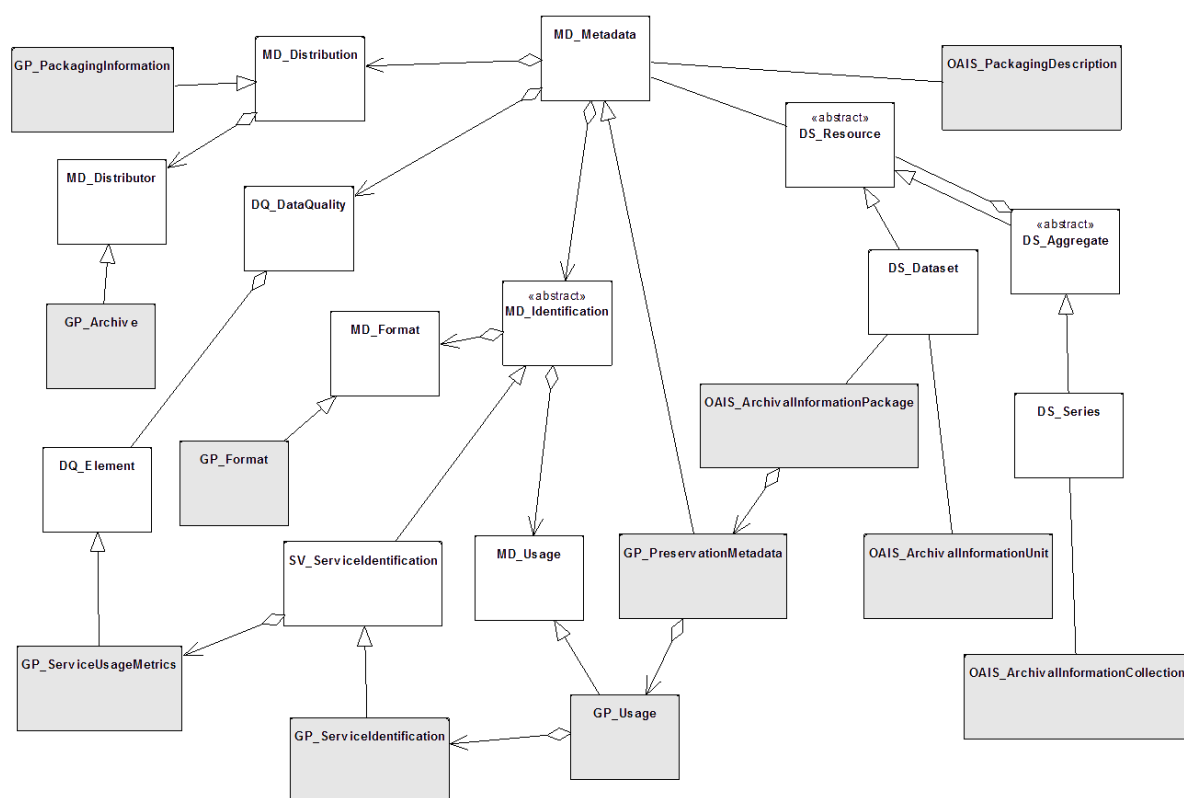


Fig. 1: Specialization of the ISO 19115-1 for the preservation of geospatial data and metadata.

The class diagram in Fig. 2 shows how DS_Dataset and DS_Series can be mapped to the OAIS model. In particular DS_Dataset can be mapped directly to an OAIS archival information unit while the DS_Series can be mapped in the OAIS archival information collection

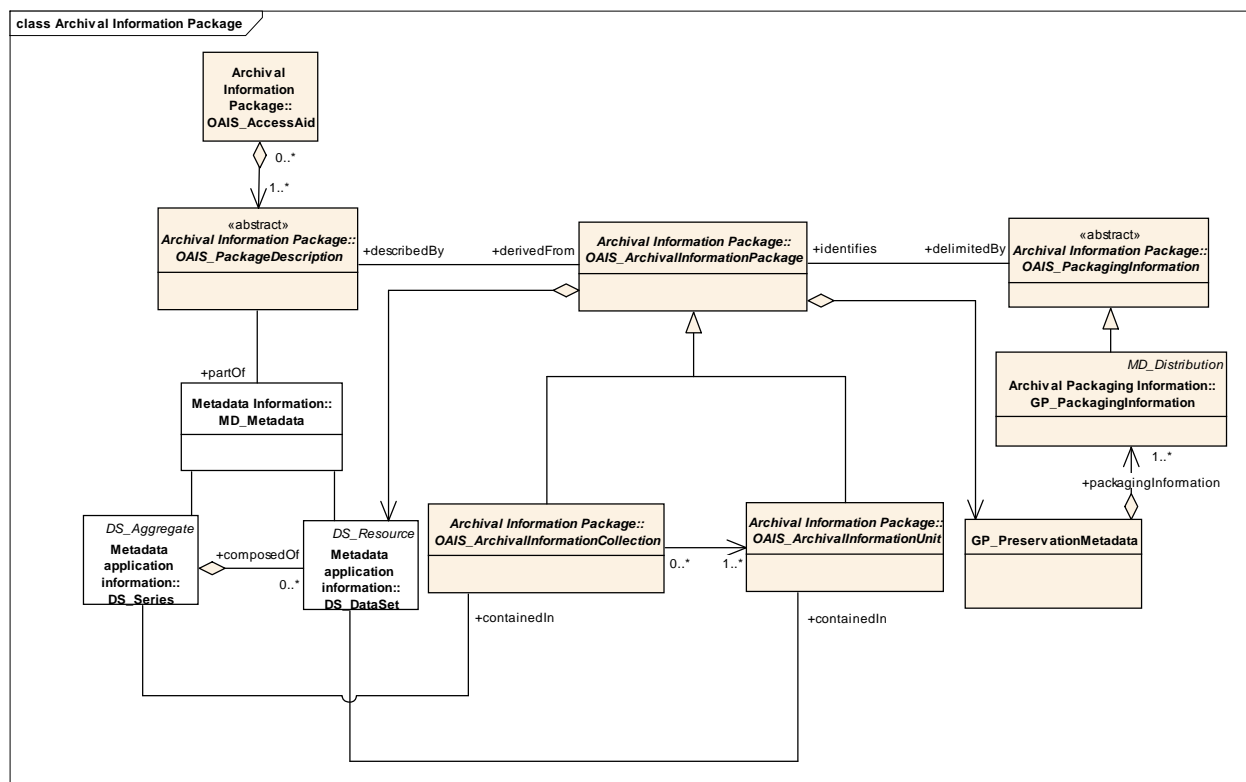


Fig. 2: Datasets and collections in geospatial data mapped to the OAIS model.

7.2 Designated community

A designated community is an identified group for whom the data is being preserved and who should be able to understand a particular set of information (section 4.10). A designated community is defined by the archive. This definition shall include information about expected users, designated purposes, typical software product for processing the data, companies and government organisations that use the data, other data typically linked to the preserved dataset, and the region of the usage. The definition of the designated community is useful because we can assume a minimum level of “common knowledge” that will not be required to be initially included in the information package. Typical designated communities of today include land survey administrations, cadastral administration, and space imaging enterprises. The archive can assume that the communities have a minimum digital technologies background and knowledge about how to present and overlay geospatial information (a minimum set of geospatial information systems expertise).

Further to the definition of a designated community it should be noted that it is not possible to imagine what all future use cases of geospatial data may look like, and therefore to articulate the specific requirements of a future designated community. Accordingly, the present day designated community should be described in such a way to unambiguously describe the expected use and/or requirements of the dataset, to allow future consumers of any preserved dataset to comprehensively understand the limits, usage assumptions and constraints found in any given dataset.

Any newly expressed use cases encountered may redefine the designated community or affect the knowledge background of the community in the future. Such changes shall be processed by the archive upon each periodic review of the dataset throughout its lifecycle,

and any new elements of the metadata and/or data added into the dataset AIP and SIP construction to allow the new designated community to be able to understand the data. E.g., if the official CRS for the area changes and, with time, the designated community could “forget” the existence of the old one, it may be necessary to review the archive and add a full CRS description for each archived package affected by the change.

7.3 Metadata

7.3.1 Introduction to Metadata

A geospatial dataset is always linked to a dataset of metadata. The metadata shall be archived in a way that allows an unambiguous reference between both datasets. The definition of the metadata elements has to follow ISO 19115-1, ISO 19115-3, ISO 19157 and ISO 19110.

One of the most important metadata of geospatial data is a coordinate reference system (CRS), because a full recovery of an archived dataset requires the CRS and its properties. The archive shall include information about the underlying coordinate reference system.

Most of the geospatial metadata corresponds to the OAIS concept of representation information. But preserving data for a future use requires extra effort on the metadata that corresponds to the preservation description information. This standard extends ISO 19115-1:2014 to allow preservation description information to be included.

Preservation often requires the selection of certain data and leaving other data not be archived. In order to let a future user of the data understand the decisions made, the metadata shall include information about the assumptions made for the future use of the dataset when Preservation took place.

In preserving data, future users need to understand what they are working with (context information) and how the data were created (provenance information). Because most Earth science data involve complex physics and mathematics, the metadata shall include sufficient documentation (or pointers thereto) that provides the derivation of the algorithms used to generate the dataset. Likewise, the metadata shall include pointers to calibration data and ancillary data that were needed to produce the dataset. The specific content items needed to preserve the full provenance and context of the data and associated metadata depend on the the needs of the designated community and types of datasets (e.g., maps, remotely sensed data from satellites and airborne instruments, physical samples).

7.3.2 Preservation Metadata classes

The class diagram in Fig. 3 shows the class GP_PreservationMetadata as a specialization of MD_Metadata and the subclasses introduced in this standard.

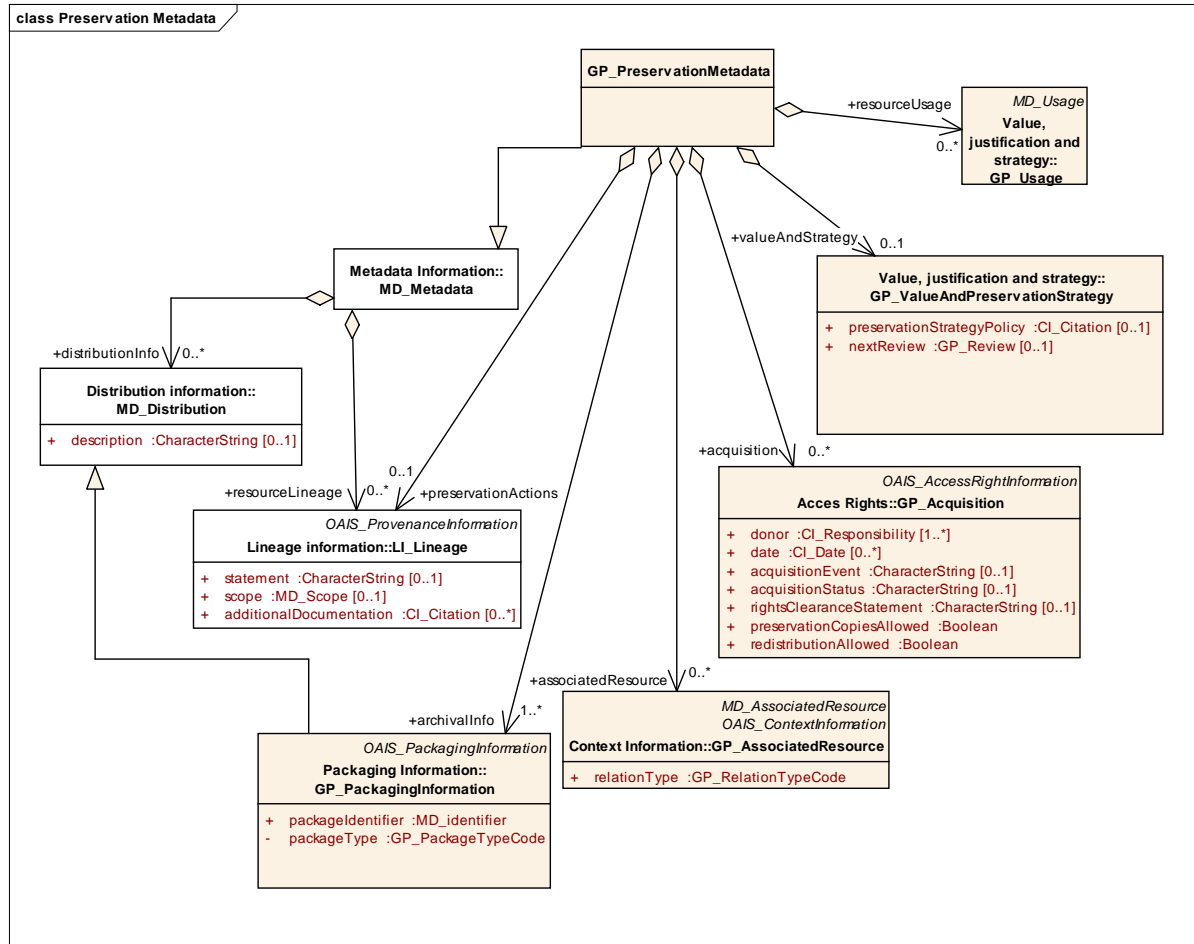


Fig. 3: Class GP_PreservationMetadata.

7.3.3 Data identifiers

The class diagram in Fig. 4 includes a specialization of MD_Identification and emphasizes the importance of including all resource identifiers that will help to consider this resource unique and avoid preserving it more than once accidentally. It also shows the current ISO 19115-1 capability of citing an image that can be used to link to a quicklook of the product or the legend giving clues to future users to symbolize the resource correctly.

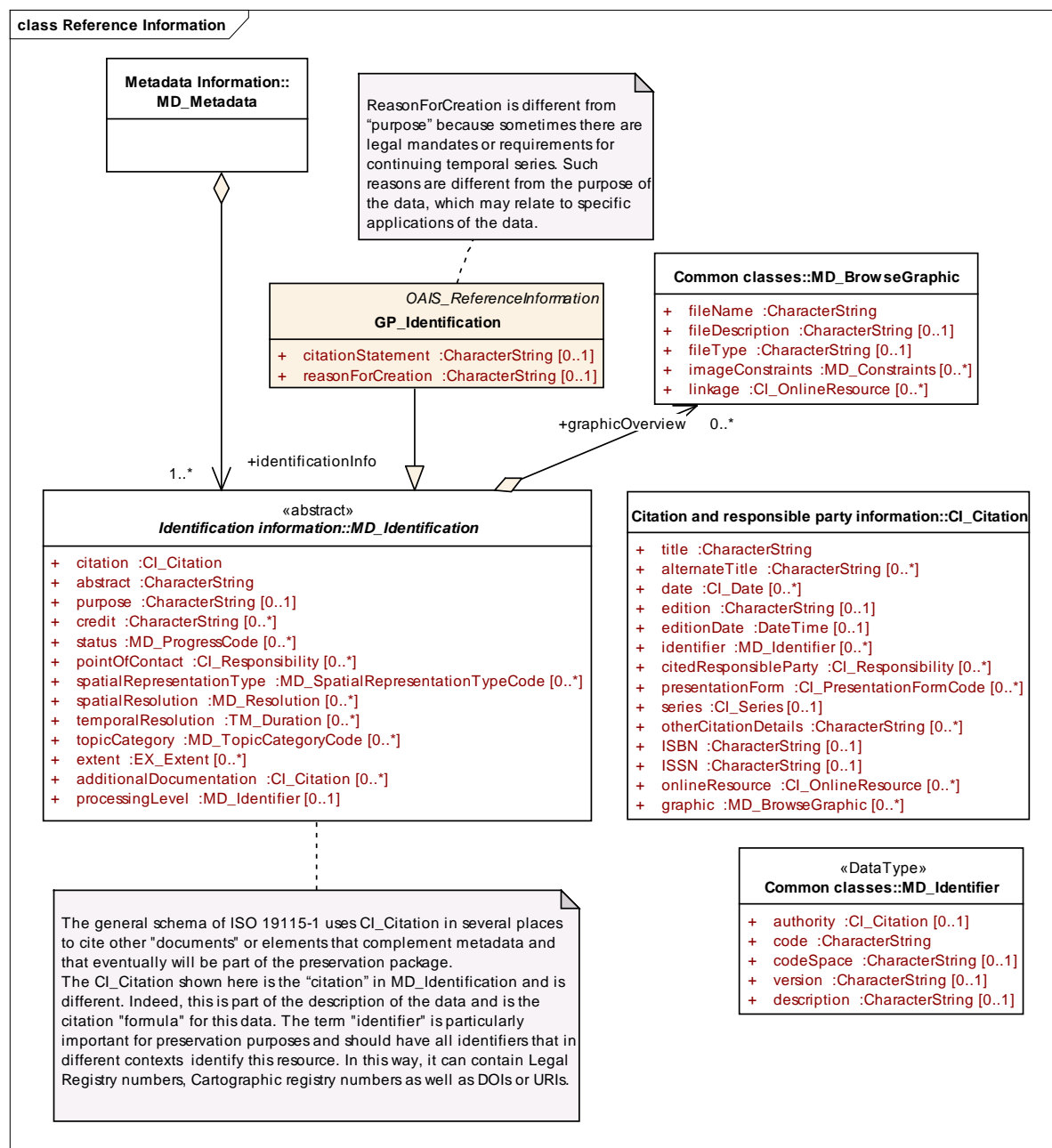


Fig. 4: Class GP_Identification.

7.3.4 Data, product and format specifications

The class diagram in Fig. 5 shows how the information regarding the product specifications, data dictionary references, and common format specifications can be linked to the ISO 19115-1 and the need for a format specification profile specific to this product.

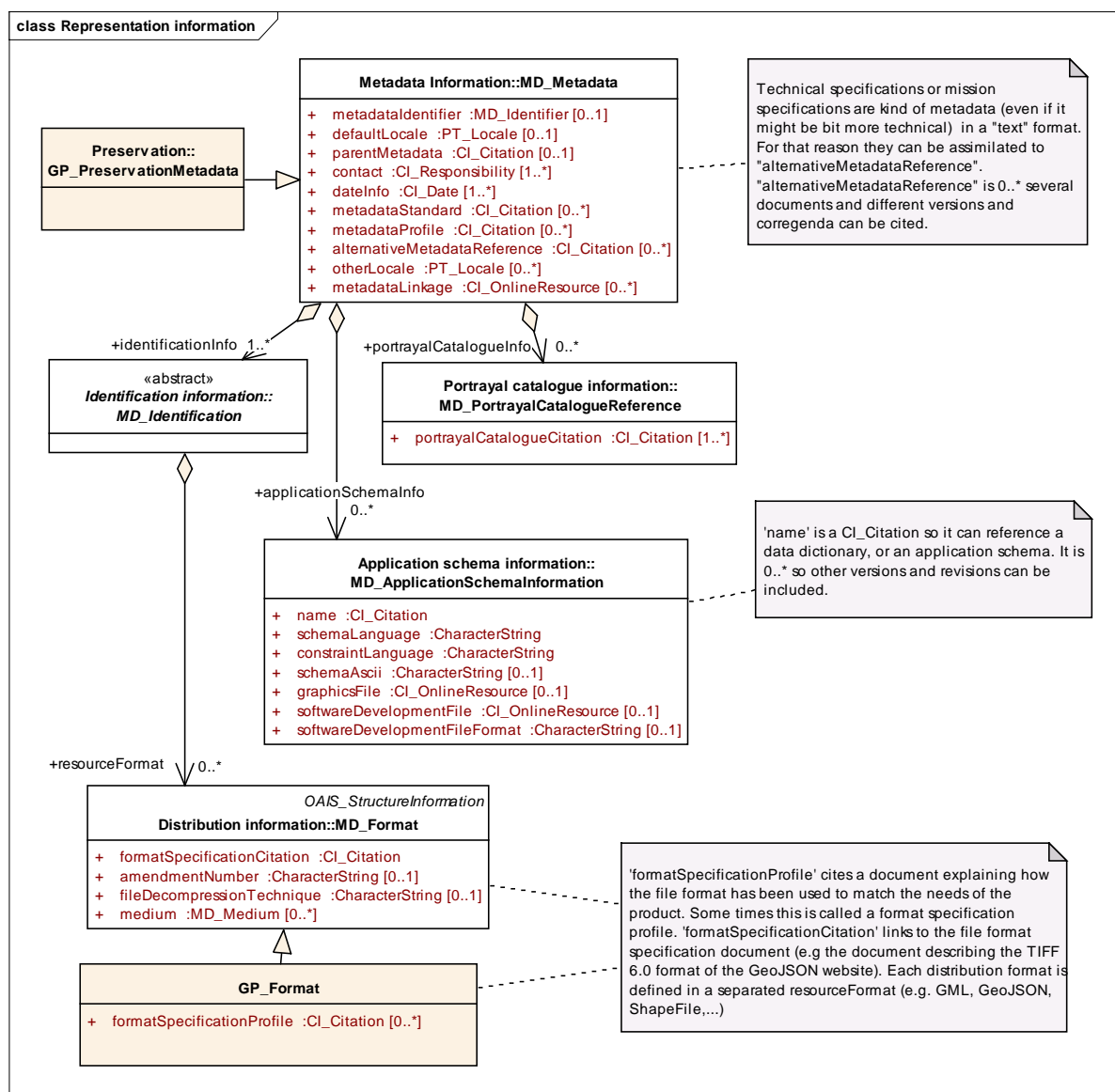


Fig. 5: Data, product and format specifications.

7.3.5 Preservation actions

Preservation actions are performed as a part of the curation process when the creation and maintenance of the resource has ended. They are often done by a responsible party different from the one that created or maintained the resource and have the objective of preserving the data (e.g. documenting a media migration). Fig. 6 shows how can be encoded with the LI_Lineage class.

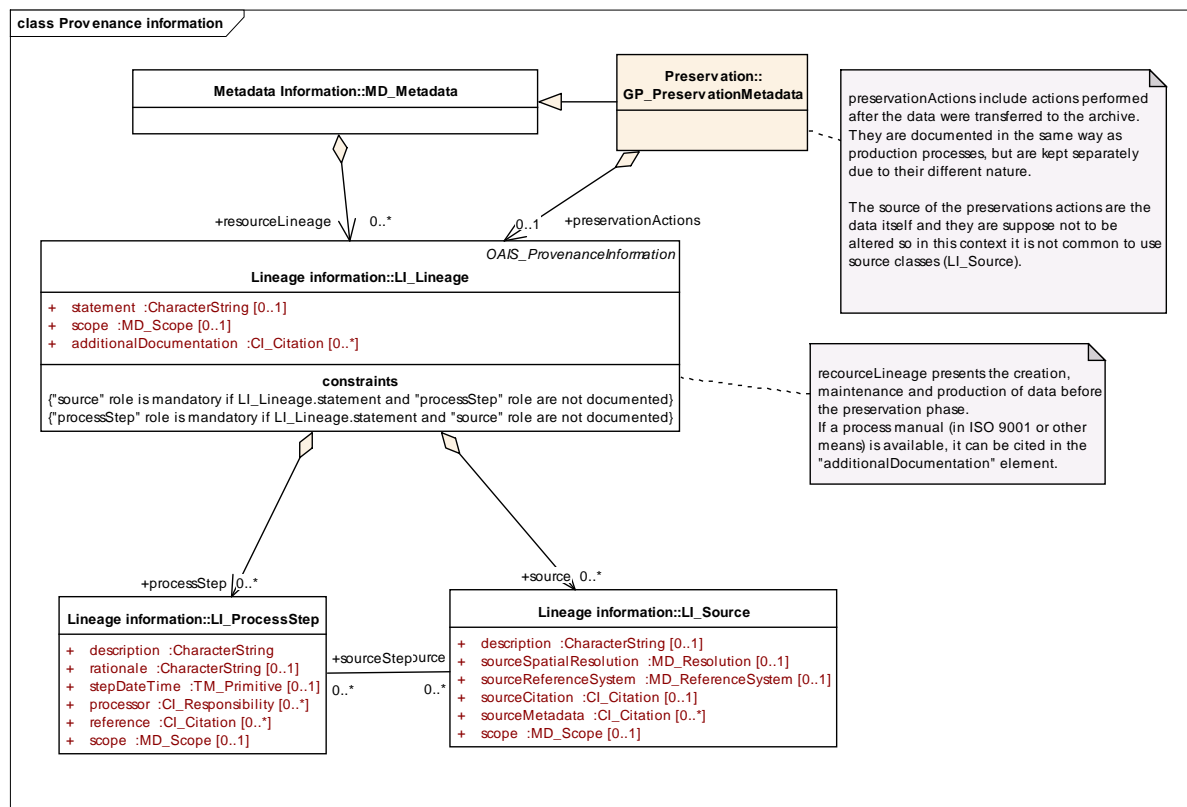


Fig. 6: Lineage and preservation actions information.

7.3.6 Association of resources

The class diagram in Fig. 7 shows the association of other resources and to express the context of the content information.

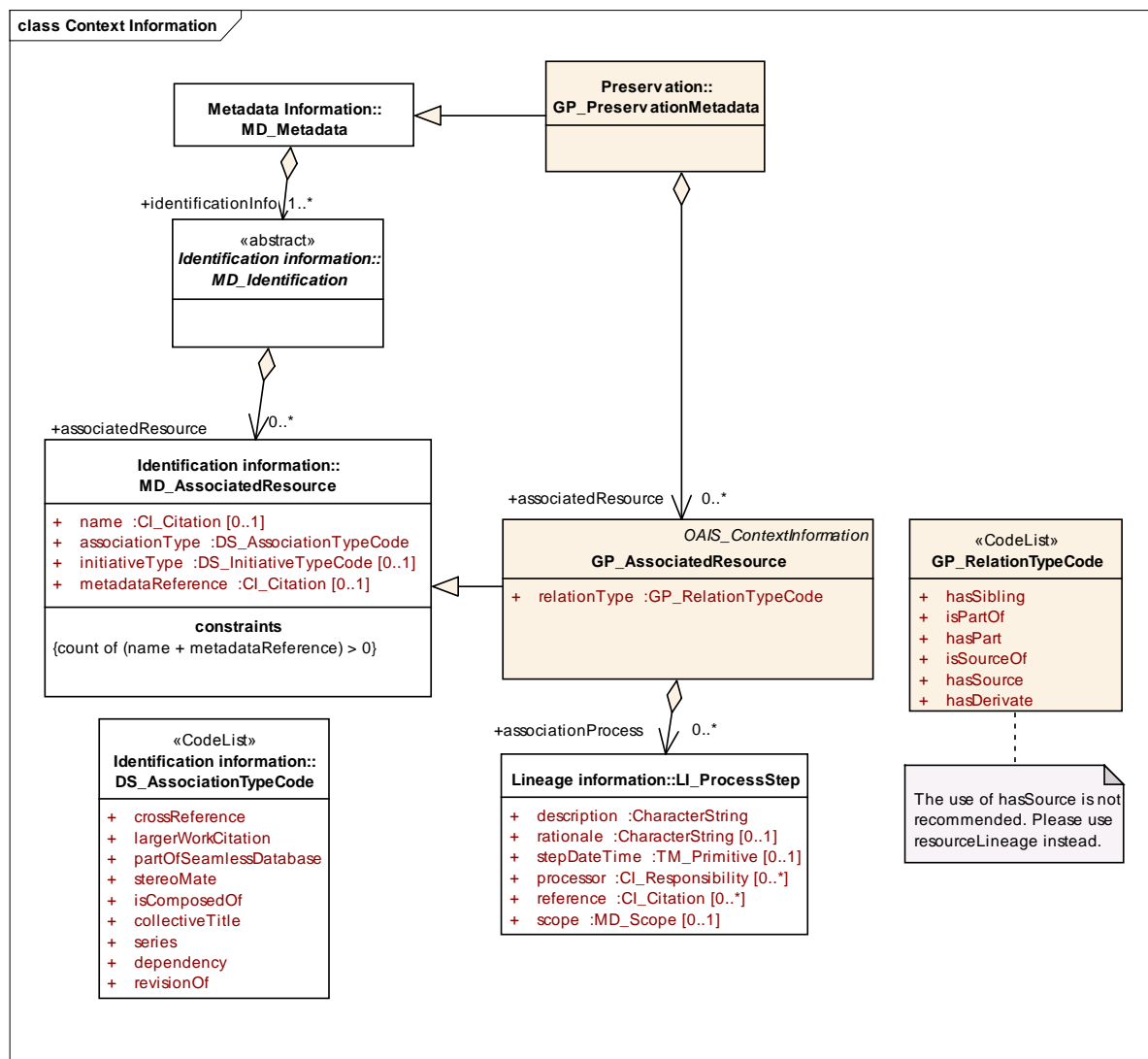


Fig. 7: Association of other resources.

7.3.7 Value and strategy

Value, use and justification deals with documenting the administrative, legal, evidentiary, research or historical recognized value of the resource and the justification for preserving it (e.g. documenting the legal mandate of preserving the dataset for 10 years); it also includes geospatial services usage statistics (e.g. documenting the number of times the dataset was visualized in a web map service) using the resource as another means of justifying its importance. Preservation strategy and review dates are also considered, including the eventual decision of discontinuing the preservation of the resource. The class diagram in Fig. 8 shows the classes involved.

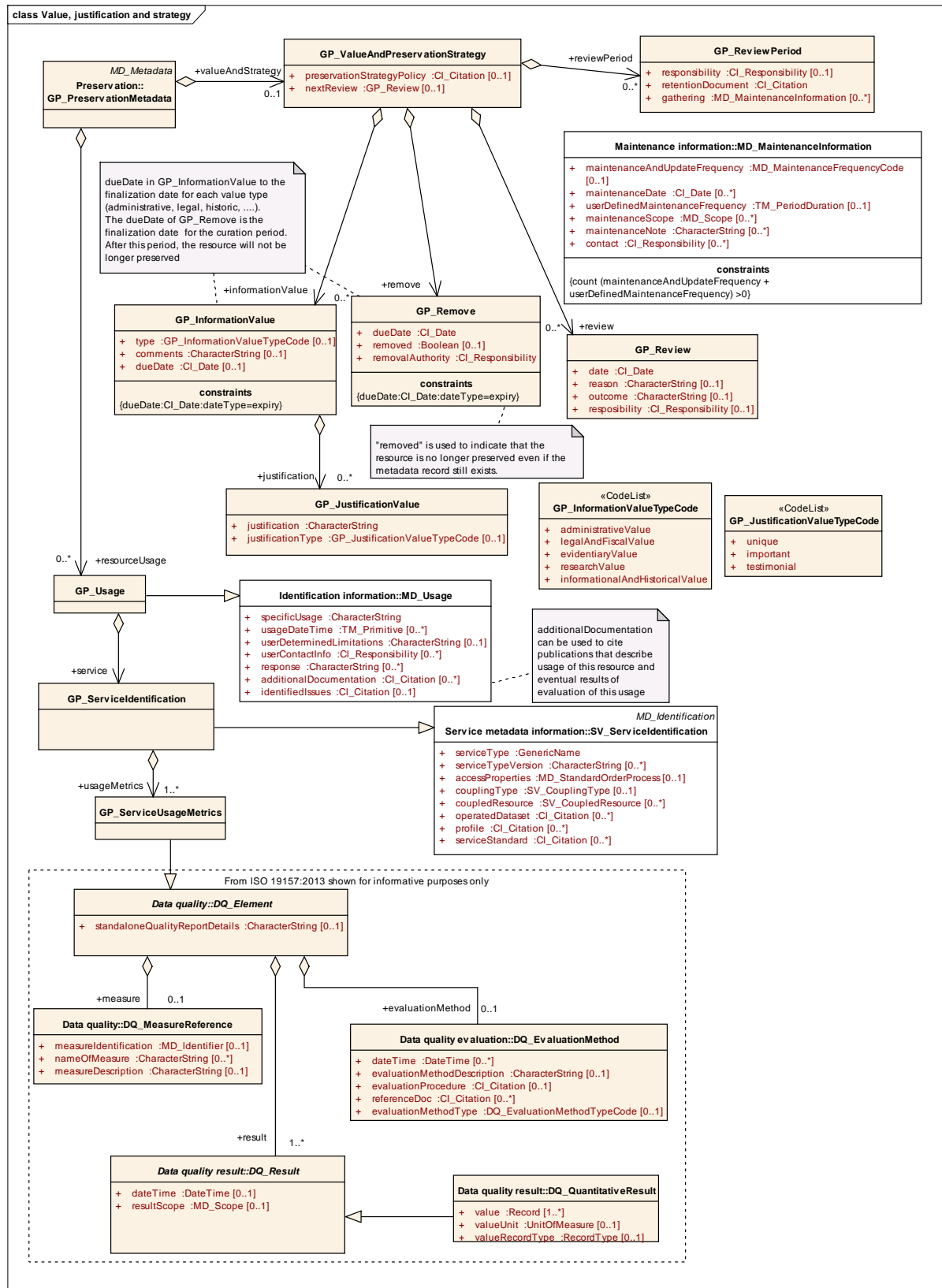


Fig. 8: Value and strategy classes diagram.

7.3.8 Fixity

The questions related to verification and authentication of data are not discussed in this model yet because many digital repositories have their own systems to verify file integrity and there is no need to include this in the metadata.

7.3.9 Information package description

Preservation package description lists all the parts (files and documents) that together form the AIP (e.g. enumerating all files covering the data values, additional data tables, the metadata, the product specifications, the format specifications, the symbols used in the visualization, a quicklook in PDF format, etc.). The class diagram in Fig. 9 shows all classes related to the information package description.

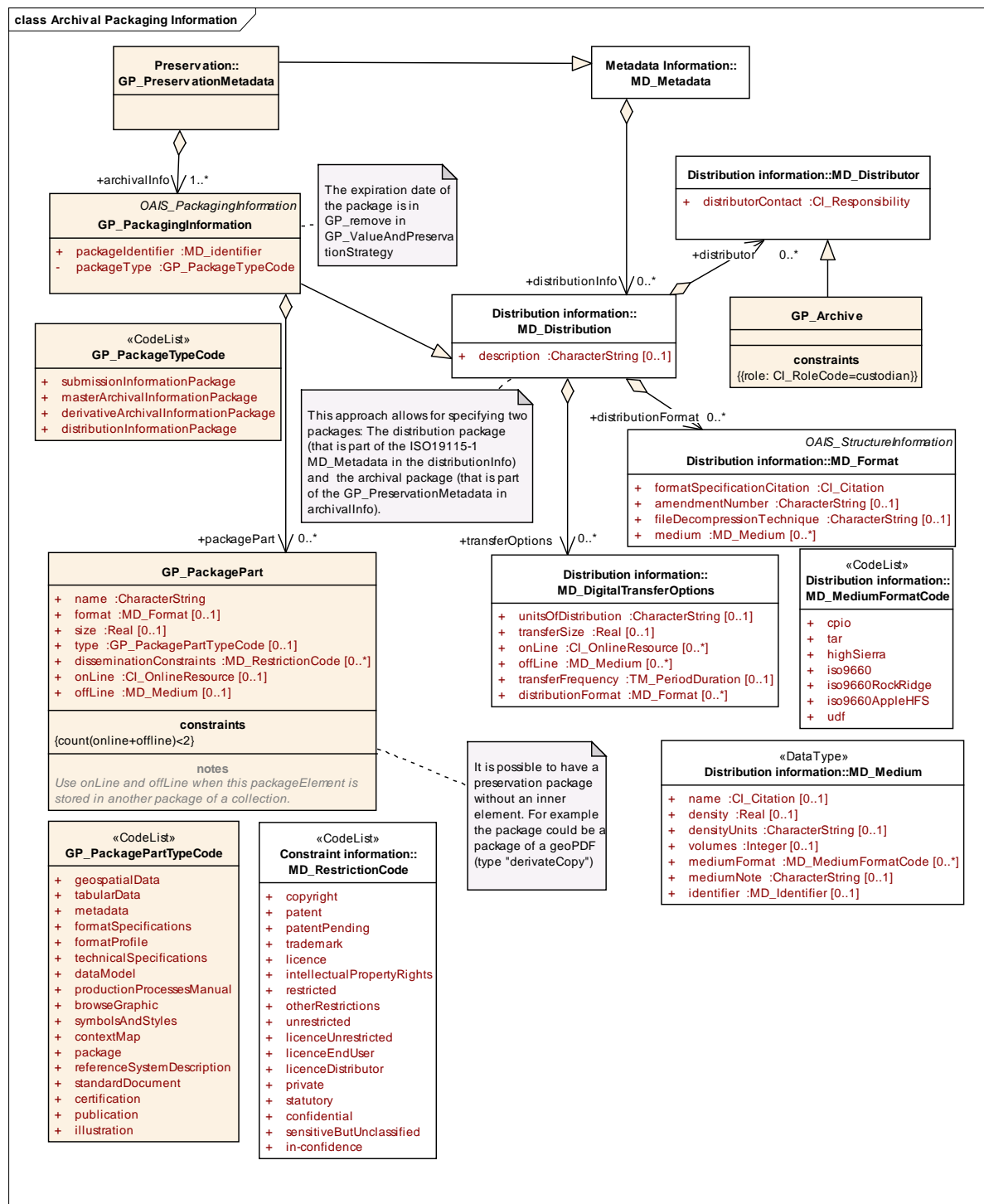


Fig. 9: Information package description.

7.3.10 Acquisition

The acquisition class documents the transfer process from the production and maintenance to the curation process including licensing and rights transfer. The class diagram in Fig. 10 shows the class related to the acquisition.

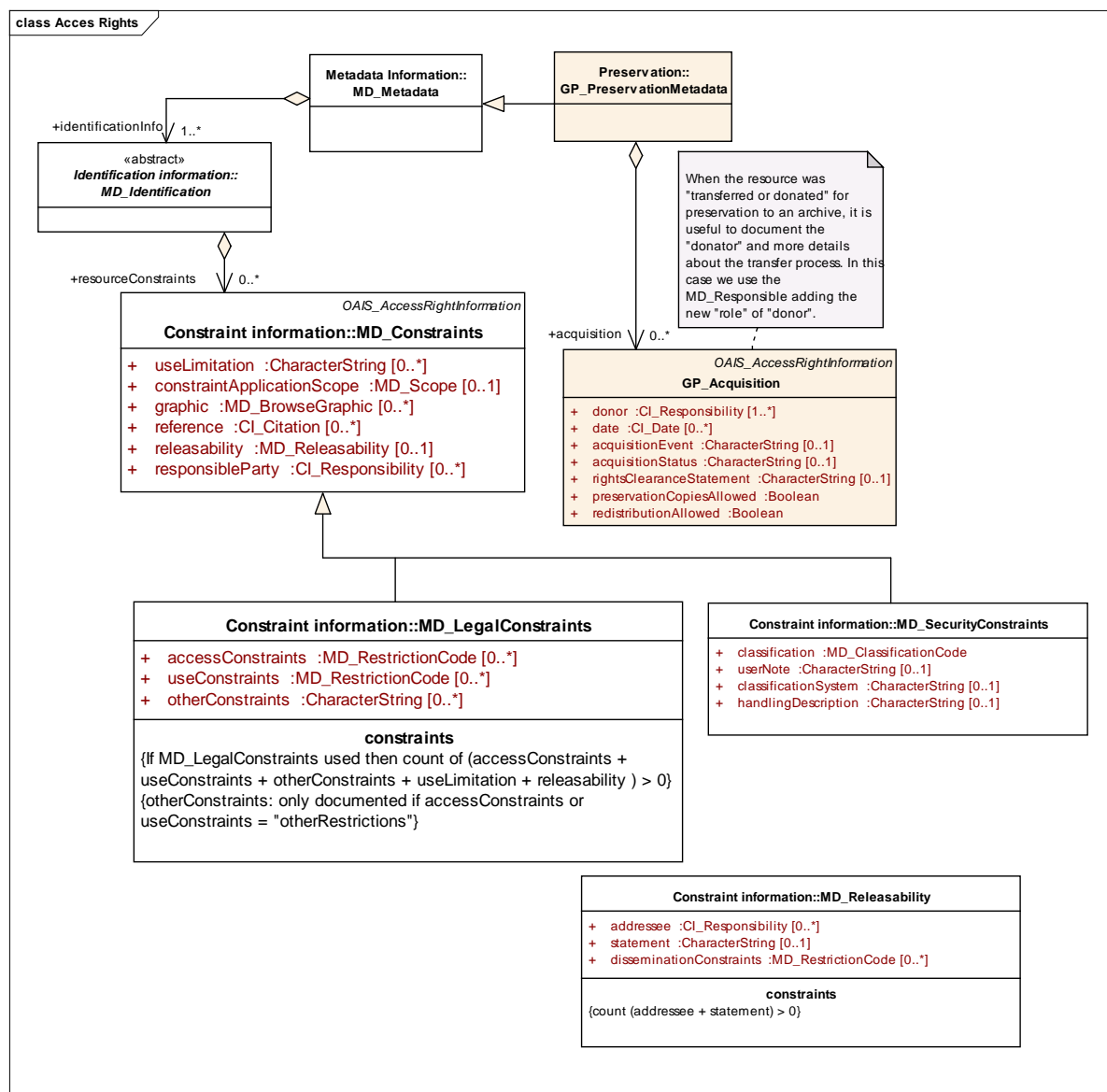


Fig. 10: Acquisition.

7.3.11 Coordinate reference system

The coordinate reference system (CRS) is what makes the resource a geospatial one. This standard sets four methods for defining a CRS:

- 1.) Method defined in the ISO 19115-1,
- 2.) Full description of the CRS together with the archived data, and
- 3.) Reference to a format-registry

The ISO 19115-1 includes two ways to describe the reference system: by reference to a CRS identifier or by a detailed description of it using MD_CRS.

ISO19115-1 only explicitly describes referencing CRSs and suggests using ISO19111 [18] and ISO19111-2 [19] to fully describe the CRS. While a reference to a CRS identifier can be perfectly acceptable for a dataset that is currently in use and for a SIP, for preservation purposes the archive should consider expanding the definition of the CRS code into a full

description of datum, projection and ellipsoid and their parameters. As an alternative the archive could consider saving a copy of the external CRS databases into the catalogue for preservation purposes.

A way to ensure that the CRS is recorded in a consistent and comprehensive way is linking via unique identifiers to well established CRS registries. In consideration of experience, cost, and resources, an implementation of this standard shall link to existing, acknowledged, and ISO-recommended CRS-registries.

7.4 Open Packaging Convention (OPC)

The OAIS defines the idea of the information package as a container that includes the content information and the PDI (preservation description information) and it is described by a descriptive information (see Annex B for a summary of the OAIS Information model). This is particularly relevant for the geospatial information. The way geospatial data is disseminated on the Internet has forced a separation between data and metadata for practical reasons. It is common practice that geospatial data is hosted and disseminated in the producer's services while metadata is harvested and replicated in centralised metadata catalogues. Both services are independently managed and in many cases, once a metadata record is discovered and identified as describing a useful dataset by a user, it is not obvious how to get to the data service. This separation is not convenient for preservation purposes. The OAIS information package offers us a mechanism to use a "container" where data and metadata are kept together.

In fact, OAIS defines 3 different information packages depending on their function. To submit information to an archive a submission information package (SIP) is proposed. To archive the data an archival information package is proposed. To disseminate the archived data to users a dissemination information package (DIP) is proposed. OAIS states that the package can be logical or physical and specific physical formats are not proposed. However, a TAR format is quoted as an example in the document. Nevertheless, it is expected that the SIP and the DIP are physical deliveries of data from the producer to the archive and from the archive to the consumer respectively.

Regarding the technology of the 2010-years, a possible medium for package exchange is the world wide web and, due to the way the web is functioning, it is very useful to have a format that contains all the elements of the information package inside and can be exposed as a single link that can be transferred in a single HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol) interaction, e.g. by clicking on it in a web browser. In the web, the file can be associated to a MIME (multipurpose internet mail extensions) type that web clients can easily deal with by delegating its management to a client helper application. In the future, new technologies may replace the mentioned ones. However, the demand for addressing the package as a single address will most certainly remain.

This standard proposes to use Open Packaging Convention (OPC) format that is described by the ISO 29500-2 [20] (and ECMA-376 [21]) to build a geospatial information package. By integrating the needs of the modern Internet environment, the OPC standard can be considered a modern version of the TAR format: it combines a ZIP compression of the parts composing the package (respecting a directory structure) with XML documents that describe the package content (that can be used to store the OAIS descriptive information), the web media types present in the package, the relations between the parts composing the package and a quicklook of the data inside. It also integrates data encryption system to guarantee both data integrity and respect the predefined access rights. An OPC package can contain several files (the "parts"). Names and paths of each part have to follow the URI

restrictions and conventions. All these extra capabilities allow for the interoperability of some basic data maintenance, such as the extraction of some parts of the package, thus guaranteeing that all the related resources can be extracted without the need to understand the actual encoding of the individual parts included in the package.

In addition, the OPC standard also introduces the possibility of relating files outside the package (external relations). A practical application of this is to exclude from the package some elements that are considered too remote or too big but keep the relation to them (keep the context information). The files filtered out will be left as a remote URI for further download by the OPC enabled client application.

OPC can be used without any modification for encapsulating geospatial data and metadata by mapping the OAIS concepts and the ones defined by this standard into the OPC concepts. Indeed, OAIS data object is the dataset that is accompanied by OAIS representation information (commonly expressed in ISO 19115-1). OAIS data object (the geospatial dataset) is mapped to one or more “parts” of the OPC package. The OAIS representation information is mapped to ISO 19115-1 metadata, symbolization information, data specification description documents, etc.; all for them are also “parts” of the OPC package. Then PDI is added, using the extensions of ISO 19115-1 proposed in previous sections of this document, as “parts” of the OPC. OPC includes its own additional parts such as a quicklook of the data. The OAIS packaging information is mapped to the internal ZIP headers. Finally, the OAIS packaging description information is mapped to OPC core metadata stored in the core.xml “part” (see Tab. 1) that can be extracted from discovery elements of the ISO19115-1 metadata. All these “parts” composing the OAIS information package can be included in an OPC package, allowing for both an easy submission of data to the archive for preservation (SIP) and clean way to disseminate the preserved information from the archive to the users (DIP).

Tab. 1: Mapping between OPC core.xml metadata and ISO 19115-1 metadata elements. This constitutes the OAIS package description information.

OPC core metadata	ISO 19115-1 Metadata – Part 1: Fundamentals
category	MD_DataIdentification/topicCategory
contentStatus	MD_Identification/status
created	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation.date[CI_Date/dateType=creation]/CI_Date/dateType
creator	MD_Identification/pointOfContact[CI_Responsibility/role=resourceProvider]/CI_Responsibility/party/CI_Party/name
description	MD_Identification/abstract
identifier	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation/identifier/MD_identifier/code
keywords	MD_Identification/descriptiveKeywords
language	MD_DataIdentification/language
lastModifiedBy	MD_Identification/pointOfContact[CI_Responsibility/role=processor]/CI_Responsibility/party/CI_Party/name MD_DataIdentification/environmentDescription
lastPrinted	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation.date[CI_Date/dateType=publication]/CI_Date/dateType
modified	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation.date[CI_Date/dateType=revision]/CI_Date/dateType
revision	
subject	MD_Identification/purpose

OPC core metadata	ISO 19115-1 Metadata – Part 1: Fundamentals
title	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation/title
version	MD_Identification/citation/CI_Citation/edition

Annex A (normative)

Abstract test suite

A.1 Semantics

Conformance to this standard, ISO 19165, consists of either service conformance or data conformance.

The abstract test suite has eight conformance classes.

- 1) Prioritization
- 2) Structure
- 3) Rights
- 4) Time
- 5) Geospatial information model
- 6) Designated community
- 7) Metadata
- 8) Open Packaging Convention

A.2 Prioritization

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate temporal classification into the categories set by this standard.
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.1

A.3 Structure

A.3.1 Data format

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the fulfillment of all demands set by this standard for preserving the knowledge about the data format
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.2.1

A.3.2 Data base

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the fulfillment of all demands set by this standard for preserving the knowledge about the data base
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.2.2

A.3.3 Properties of geospatial data

- a) Test Purpose: to verify that the properties of geospatial data have been considered
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.2.3

A.3.4 Level of aggregation

- a) Test Purpose: to verify that the level of aggregation has been considered
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.2.4

A.3.5 Gold copy

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the existence of a gold copy
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.2.5

A.4 Rights

- a) Test Purpose: to verify that all rights associated with the data have been considered
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.3

A.5 Time

- a) Test Purpose: to verify that all temporal aspects, e.g. preservation intervals, that are defined by this standard, have been considered
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 6.4

A.6 Geospatial information package

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the correct construction of the archival information package (Geo-AIP) and related structures such as Geo-SIP and Geo-DIP defined by this standard
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.1

A.7 Designated community

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the definition of the designated community as demanded by this standard
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.2

A.8 Metadata

A.8.1 Preservation metadata

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the preservation metadata
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.2

A.8.2 Data identifier

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for data identifier
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.3

A.8.3 Data, product, and format specification

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the data, product and format specification
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.4

A.8.4 Preservation actions

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for preservation actions

- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.5

A.8.5 Association of resources

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the association of resources
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.6

A.8.6 Value and strategy

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the value and strategy metadata
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.7

A.8.7 Fixity

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the appropriate addressing of fixity
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.8

A.8.8 Information package description

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the information package description
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.9

A.8.9 Acquisition

- a) Test Purpose: to verify the use of the appropriate metadata elements for the description of acquisition
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.10

A.8.10 Coordinate reference system

- a) Test Purpose: to verify correctness of describing the associated coordinate reference system
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.3.11

A.9 Open Packaging Convention

- a) Test Purpose: to verify correctness of mapping to the Open Packaging Convention model
- b) Test Method: Inspect the archival information package.
- c) Reference: 7.4

Annex B (normative)

Data dictionary

B.1 Data dictionary

The following section provides a detailed description of each of the classes and each class attribute in the models presented in this international technical standard in the form of a tabular data dictionary.

B.2 Presentation Metadata

	Name/Role Name	Definition	Obligation/Condition	Max Occurrence	Data Type/Class	Domain
1.	GP_PreservationMetadata 7.3.2	root entity which defines preservation metadata about a resource or resources	M	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object if referenced from DS_Resource	Specified Class (MD_Metadata)	lines 2-7
2.	acquisition	details about the archival acquisition	O	N	Class	GP_Acquisition
3.	associatedResource	associated resource information	O	N	Class	GP_AssociatedResource
4.	archivalInfo	description of the information package	M	N	Class	GP_Packaging information
5.	resourceUsage	basic information about specific application(s) for which the resource has been or is being used by different users	O	N	Class	GP_Usage
6.	valueAndStrategy	argumentations for assessing the value of the resource and its future preservation strategy	O	1	Class	GP_ValueAndPreservationStrategy
7.	preservationActions	information about the provenance, source(s), and/or the production process(es) applied to the resource by the archive.	O	1	Class	LI_Lineage (ISO 19115-1)
8.	GP_Usage 7.3.2	brief description of ways in which the resource(s) is/are currently or has been used	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (MD_Usage)	line 9
9.	service	services that currently or has been using this resource(s)	M	N	Class	GP_ServiceIdentification
10.	GP_ValueAndPreservationStrategy 7.3.2	reason, justification and strategy for archiving and curating the resource(s)	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_ValueAndPreservationStrategy)	lines 11-16

	Name/Role Name	Definition	Obligation/Condition	Max Occurrence	Data Type/Class	Domain
11.	preservationStrategyPolicy 7.3.2	document reference with the archive preservation strategy	O	1	Class	CI_Citation (ISO 19115-1)
12.	nextReview 7.3.2	information about the next foreseen review of the archived package including date and intention/reason	O	1	Class	GP_PreservationReview
13.	informationValue	reason and justification of the value of the resource	O	N	Class	GP_InformationValue
14.	remove	foreseen date for the finalization of the preservation	M	1	Class	GP_Remove
15.	review	dates of the preservation revisions	O	N	Class	GP_Review
16.	reviewPeriod	periodicity of the foreseen reviews	O	N	Class	GP_ReviewPeriod
17.	GP_Acquisition 7.3.2, 7.3.10	information about the acquisition of the resource(s)	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_Acquisition)	lines 18-24
18.	donor 7.3.2, 7.3.10	party responsible that delivered the resource(s) to the archive	M	N	Class	CI_Responsibility (ISO 19115-1)
19.	date	date of the delivery of the resource(s) to the archive	O	N	Class	CI_Date (ISO 19115-1)
20.	acquisitionEvent 7.3.2, 7.3.10	description of the acquisition process	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
21.	acquisitionStatus 7.3.2, 7.3.10	Status of the acquisition process	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
22.	rightsClearanceStatement 7.3.2, 7.3.10	Statement stating how and to whom the resource can be shared	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
23.	preservationCopiesAllowed 7.3.2	indication of whether or not the resource(s) has can be duplicated by the archive	O	1	Boolean	0 = no 1 = yes
24.	redistributionAllowed 7.3.10	indication of whether or not the resource(s) can be redistributed	O	1	Boolean	0 = no 1 = yes
25.	GP_AssociateResource 7.3.2, 7.3.6	definition	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (MD_AssociateResource)	lines 26-27
26.	relationType 7.3.2	relation dependency	M	1	Class	GP_RelationTypeCode <<Codelist>>
27.	associationProcess	process that made the relation between this resource and the cited resource	O	N	Class	LI_ProcessStep (ISO 19115-1)
28.	GP_Identification 7.3.3	Identification of the archived resource(s)	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (MD_Identification)	lines 29-30

	Name/Role Name	Definition	Obligation/Condition	Max Occurrence	Data Type/Class	Domain
29.	citationStatement 7.3.3	indication on how you have to cite or knowledge the attribution of the resource(s)	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
30.	reasonForCreation 7.3.3	reason for creating the resource. In many times is different from the "purpose". Examples are "legal mandate" or " data continuity of the temporal series".	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
31.	GP_Format 7.3.4	format stored in the archive for this resource(s).	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (MD_Format)	line 32
32.	formatSpecificationProfile 7.3.4	cites a document explaining how the file format has been used to match the needs of the product. Sometimes this is called a "format specification profile" ('formatSpecificationCitation' links to the file format specification document (e.g the document describing the TIFF 6.0 format)).	O	N	Class	CI_Citation (ISO19115-1)
33.	GP_ReviewPeriod 7.3.7	information about the review policy and period of the archiving resource	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_ReviewPeriod)	lines
34.	responsibility 7.3.7	responsible party for the revision of this resource of the archive	O	1	Class	CI_Responsibility (ISO19115-1)
35.	date 7.3.7	date of the next foreseen review	M	1	Class	CI_Date ISO19115-1
36.	retentionDocument 7.3.7	reference to a document that describes the revision procedure	M	1	Class	CI_Citation ISO19115-1
37.	gathering 7.3.7	information about the periodicity of the revision	C	N	Class	MD_MaintenanceInformation ISO19115-1
38.	GP_InformationValue 7.3.7	reason and justification for archiving the resource	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_InformationValue)	lines 39-42
39.	type 7.3.7	the reason for archiving the resource and gives it value	O	1	Class	GP_InformationValue TypeCode <<Codelist>>
40.	comments 7.3.7	additional explanation about the reason for archiving the resource	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
41.	dueDate 7.3.7	expiration date of the reason for archiving the resource	O	1	Class	CI_Date (ISO 19115-1)
42.	justification	justification of importance of the resource in context of the general reason	O	N	Class	GP_JustificationValue

	Name/Role Name	Definition	Obligation/Condition	Max Occurrence	Data Type/Class	Domain
43.	GP_Remove 7.3.7	information about the intent of removing the resource in the future or evidence that the resource has been removed.	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_Remove)	lines 44-46
44.	dueDate 7.3.7	finalization date for the archival period. After this period, the resource will not be longer preserved	M	1	Class	CI_Date (ISO 19115-1)
45.	removed 7.3.7	indication of whether or not the resource(s) has been removed and is no longer archived	O	1	Boolean	0 = no 1 = yes
46.	removeAuthority 7.3.7	responsible party that has the decision on removing the resource from the archive	M	1	Class	CI_Responsibility (ISO 19115-1)
47.	GP_Review 7.3.7	information about a review (foreseen or done)	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_Preservation Review)	lines 48-51
48.	date 7.3.7	date of the review	M	1	Class	CI_Date (ISO 19115-1)
49.	reason 7.3.7	reason for the review	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
50.	outcome 7.3.7	outcome of the review	O	1	CharacterString	Free text
51.	responsibility 7.3.7	responsible party for the review	O	1	Class	CI_Responsibility (ISO 19115-1)
52.	GP_JustificationValue 7.3.7	Explicit justification why this resource is important in the general context	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_Justification Value)	lines 53-54
53.	justification 7.3.7	statement on why this resource is important	M	1	CharacterString	Free text
54.	justificationType 7.3.7	justification why this resource is important	O	1	Class	GP_JustificationType Code
55.	GP_ServiceIdentification 7.3.7	estimation of the usage of the resource by registering a service and service metrics that host or hosted the resource	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_ServiceIdentification)	line 56
56.	usageMetrics	measure of the usage of the service	M	N	Class	GP_ServiceUsageMetrics
57.	GP_ServiceUsageMetrics 7.3.7	a measure value and method to determine the service usage	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (DQ_Element)	ISO 19157
58.	GP_PackagingInformation 7.3.2, 7.3.9	information about a package	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_PackagingInformation)	lines 58-61
59.	packageIdentifier 7.3.2	identifier of the package	M	1	Class	MD_Identifier (ISO 19115-1)

	Name/Role Name	Definition	Obligation/Condition	Max Occurrence	Data Type/Class	Domain
60.	packageType 7.3.2	type of the package	M	1	Class	GP_PackageType <<CodeList>>
61.	packagePart	part in a package	C	N	Class	GP_PackagePart
62.	GP_PackagePart 7.3.9	information about a package part	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (GP_PackageElement)	lines 63-69
63.	name 7.3.9	part name	M	1	CharacterString	Free text
64.	format 7.3.9	format of the part	C	1	Class	MD_Format (ISO 19115-1)
65.	size 7.3.9	size of the part in bytes	C	1	Real	
66.	type 7.3.9	type of part	C	1	Class	GP_PackagePartCode <<CodeList>>
67.	dissiminationConstraints 7.3.9	dissemination constraints that apply to this part only	C	N	Class	MD_RestrictionCode (ISO 19115-1)
68.	onLine 7.3.9	link to an online resource to get the part	C	1	Class	CI_OnlineResource (ISO 19115-1)
69.	offLine 7.3.9	description of the medium for the part in the package	C	1	Class	MD_Medium (ISO 19115-1)
70.	GP_Archive 7.3.10	Description of the archive as a distributor.	Use obligation/condition from referencing object	Use maximum occurrence from referencing object	Specified Class (MD_Distributor)	

B.3 CodeLists

The stereotype class <<CodeList>> as used in this part of ISO 19165, do not contain any “other” values and are extendable. Consult Annex C of ISO 19115-1 for information about how to extend <<CodeList>>s. The concept name is the name of the item (English is this version of the standard and should be translated into the language of the nation or entity developing a profile). The code is a language neutral identifier.

B.3.1 GP_RelationTypeCode <<CodeList>>

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
1.	GP_RelationTypeCode 7.3.6	reTyCd	type of relation
2.	hasSibling	001	the resource(s) has a sibling associated resource
3.	isPartOf	002	the resource(s) is part of a bigger associated resource
4.	hasPart	003	the resource(s) is composed by smaller associated resources
5.	isSourceOf	004	the resource(s) is the source of an associated resource

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
6.	hasSource	005	the resource(s) has an associated source resource

B.3.2 GP_InformationValueTypeCode <<CodeList>>

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
7.	GP_InformationValueTypeCode	InVTCd	type of reason that makes thsi resource valuable
8.	administrativeValue	001	administrative value
9.	legalAndFiscalValue	002	legal and/or fiscal value
10.	evidentiaryValue	003	evidentiary value
11.	researchValue	004	research value
12.	informationalAndHistoricalValue	005	informational and historical value

B.3.3 GP_JustificationValueTypeCode <<CodeList>>

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
13.	GP_JustificationValueTypeCode	JuVTCd	type
14.	unique	001	the resource is unique in its kind
15.	important	002	the resource is considered important in its kind
16.	testimonial	003	the resource is a testimonial of some important event

B.3.4 GP_PackageTypeCode <<CodeList>>

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
17.	GP_PackageTypeCode	PaTyCd	type of package
18.	submissionInformationPackage	001	submission information package (SIP)
19.	masterArchivalInformationPackage	002	master archival information package (AIP)
20.	derivativeArchivalInformationPackage	003	derivative archival information package (AIP)
21.	distributionInformationPackage	004	distribution information package (DIP)

B.3.5 GP_PackagePartTypeCode <<CodeList>>

	Name	Domain Code	Definition
22.	GP_PackagePartTypeCode	PaETCd	type of part of package
23.	geospatialData	001	data
24.	tabularData	002	tabular data

25.	metadata	003	metadata
26.	formatSpecification	004	format specification
27.	formatProfile	005	format profile
28.	technicalSpecification	006	technical specification
29.	dataModel	007	data model
30.	productionProcessManual	008	production process manual
31.	browseGraphic	009	browse graphic or quick look
32.	symbolsAndStyles	010	symbols and styles
33.	contextMap	011	context or map linking a list of data resources
34.	package	012	package (in a package)
35.	referenceSystemDescription	013	reference system description
36.	standardDocument	014	standards document
37.	certification	015	certification
38.	publication	016	publication
39.	illustration	017	illustration

Annex C (informative)

Summary of ISO 14721

C.1 Introduction

This annex contains a summary of the ISO 14721: “Space data and information transfer systems – Open archival information system (OAIS) – Reference model” and some additions regarding the ISO 19165 (this standard).

C.2 Scope

The scope of the ISO 14721:2012 is defined as follows:

The ISO 14721 defines a reference model for an open archival information system (OAIS). An OAIS is an archive, consisting of an organization, which may be part of a larger organization, of people and systems that has accepted the responsibility to preserve information and make it available for a designated community.

The term “open” in OAIS is used to emphasize that the standard is an open standard maintained by the ISO community (in opposition to a de-facto standard maintained by a single company), and it does not imply that access to the archive is unrestricted.

C.3 OAIS model

The ISO 14721 defines a model that consists of the OAIS as well as the producers, consumers and management.

Producer is the role played by those persons, or client systems, which provide the information to be preserved.

Management is the role played by those who set overall OAIS policy as one component in a broader policy domain, for example as part of a larger organization. In the sense of this standard this is not involved in the day-to-day archive operations.

Consumer is the role played by those persons, or client systems, that interact with OAIS services to find and acquire preserved information of interest. A special class of consumers is the designated community. The designated community is the set of consumers who should be able to understand the preserved information.

C.4 OAIS information

A clear definition of information is central to the ability of an OAIS to preserve it.

A person, or system, can be said to have a knowledge base, which allows that person or system to understand received information. Information is defined as any type of knowledge

that can be exchanged, and this information is always expressed, i.e. represented, by some type of data in an exchange.

The archive has the mission to preserve data objects that could be physical objects or digital objects composed by bits. The digital objects are only interpretable if the necessary representation information is also provided. The representation information is composed by structure information about the data format used to encode the bits, some semantic information to give meaning to the data and other information that can help in the data interpretation. The representation information designed for a designated community. The designated community is formed by people and/or systems that have the same level of associated knowledge base and for whom the information is being preserved by the archive. The representation information can be considered the first level of metadata. The data object and the representation information together form the content information.

The archive has to be aware that the designated community can change over time and thus the knowledge base will change too. The archive will have to extend the representation information with the information that represents the knowledge that the designed community no longer retains.

The content information is described by the preservation description information (PDI). The PDI must include information that is necessary to adequately preserve the particular content information with which it is associated. It is specifically focused on describing the past and present states of the content information, ensuring it is uniquely identifiable, and ensuring it has not been unknowingly altered. PDI can be considered a second level of metadata. The PDI types are:

- Reference information, which identifies, and if necessary describes, one or more mechanisms used to provide assigned identifiers for the content information. It also provides those identifiers that allow outside systems to refer, unambiguously, to this particular content information.
- Context information, which documents the relationships of the content information to its environment. This includes why content information was created and how it relates to other content information objects existing elsewhere.
- Provenance information, which documents the history of the content information. This tells the origin or source of the content information, any changes that may have taken place since it was originated, and who has had custody of it since it was originated, providing an audit trail for the content information.
- Fixity information, which provides the data integrity checks or validation/verification keys used to ensure that the particular content information object has not been altered in an undocumented manner.
- Access rights information, which identifies the access restrictions pertaining to the content information, including the legal framework, licensing terms, and access control.

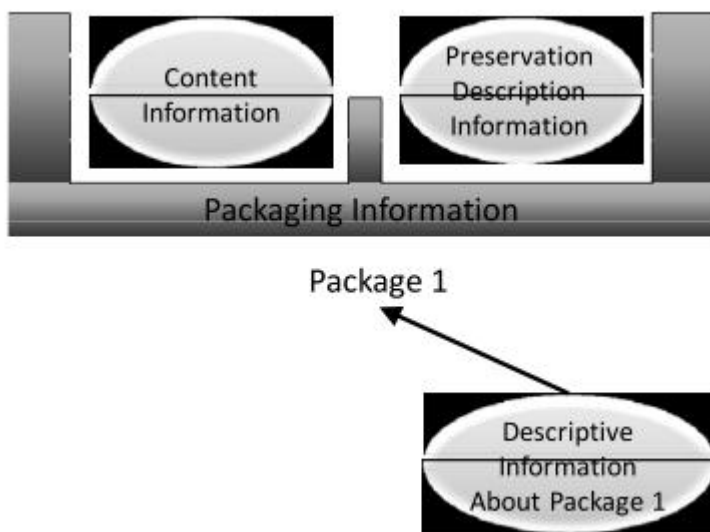


Fig. B1: information package concept.

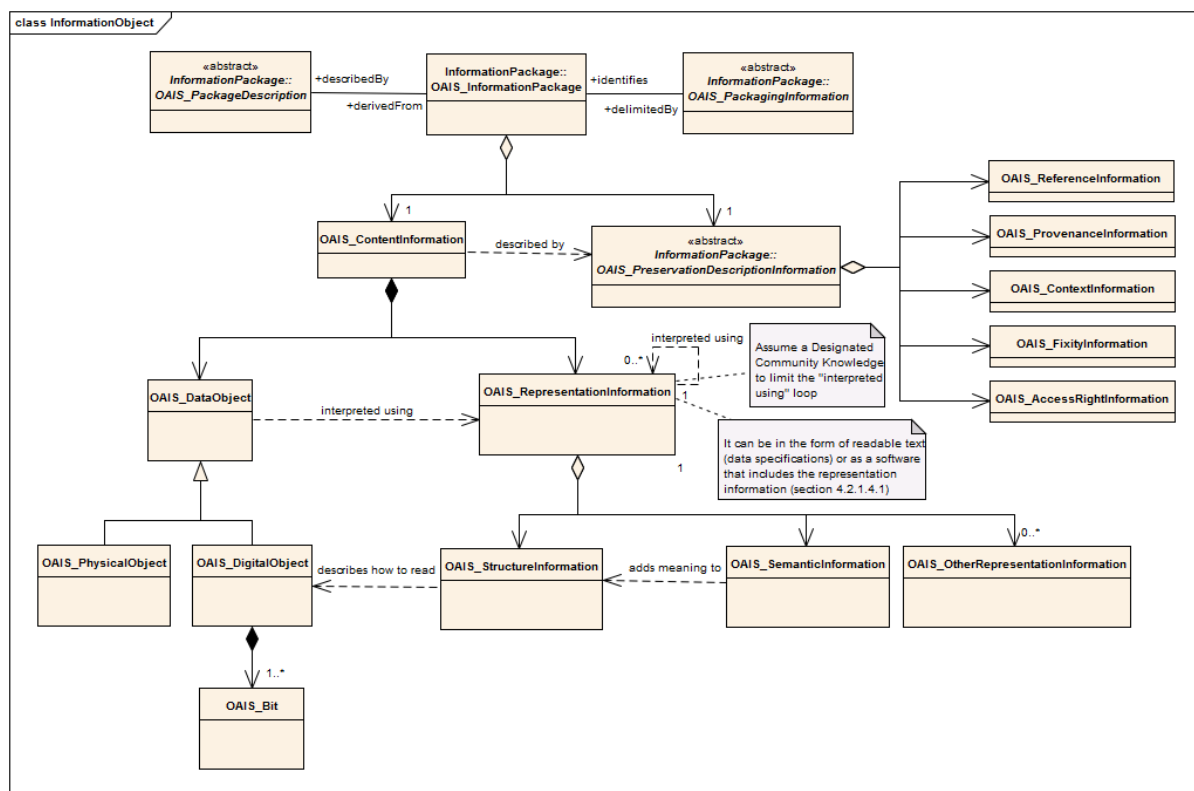


Fig. B2: Different components of the information that is related to the information package. A digital object is described using for different levels of metadata and encapsulated in the information package.

Every submission of information to an OAIS by a producer, and every dissemination of information to a consumer, occurs as one or more discrete transmissions. Therefore, it is convenient to define the concept of an information package.

An information package is a container of two types of information called content information and preservation description information (PDI). The content information and PDI are viewed as being encapsulated and identifiable by the packaging Information that is considered the

third level of metadata. The resulting package is viewed as being discoverable by virtue of the descriptive information that is a fourth level of metadata. See Fig. B1 for a graphical representation of the information package composition. A complete perspective of all these levels of metadata and information components can be seen in Fig. B2.

For the operation of an OAIS it is necessary to distinguish between three variants of information packages. These variants are referred to as the submission information package (SIP), the archival information package (AIP), and the dissemination information package (DIP). Submission information packages may have insufficient representation information or PDI. The OAIS may organize this information very differently for preservation. In addition, the OAIS may provide to customers information that does not include all representation information or PDI.

Fig. B3 illustrates the management model of the administration of preservation data including the workflow from the owner of the data (producer) to the management of the archive and further to a user of the archived data (consumer). The administration of an archive includes preservation planning, entrance of data (ingest), archival storage, and response to queries (access).

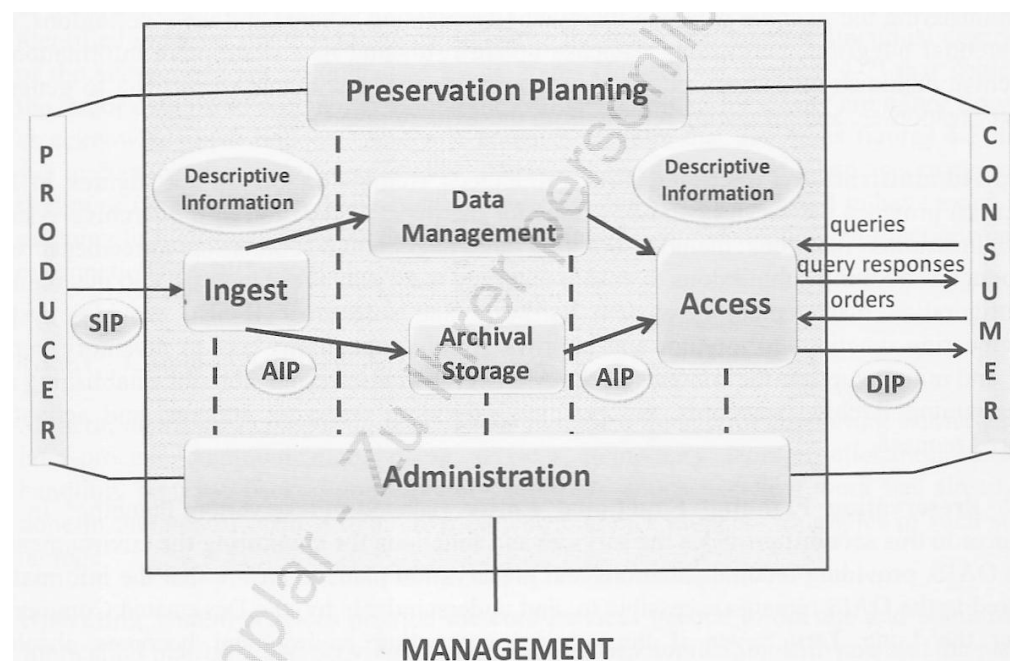


Fig. B3: OAIS functional entities (SIP = submission information package, AIP = archival information package, DIP = dissemination information package).

C.5 OAIS responsibilities

The ISO 14721 defines the mandatory responsibilities that an organization must discharge in order to operate an OAIS archive.

The OAIS shall:

- Negotiate for and accept appropriate information from information producers under consideration of the ISO 19131:2007 “Geographic information – Data product specifications”.

- Obtain sufficient control of the information provided to the level needed to ensure long term preservation.

The problems of assuming sufficient control of the content information and preservation description information, when they are largely digital, are addressed in three related categories, as follows:

- copyright implications, intellectual property and other legal restrictions on use;
 - authority to modify representation information;
 - agreements with external organizations.
- Determine, either by itself or in conjunction with other parties, which communities should become the designated community and, therefore, should be able to understand the information provided, thereby defining its knowledge base.
 - Ensure that the information to be preserved is independently understandable to the designated community. In particular, the designated community should be able to understand the information without needing special resources such as the assistance of the experts who produced the information.
 - Follow documented policies and procedures which ensure that the information is preserved against all reasonable contingencies, including the demise of the archive, ensuring that it is never deleted unless allowed as part of an approved documented strategy. There should be no ad-hoc deletions.
 - Make the preserved information available to the designated community and enable the information to be disseminated as copies of, or as traceable to, the original submitted data object with evidence supporting its authenticity.

C.6 OAIS preservation perspectives

The fast-changing nature of the computer industry and the ephemeral nature of electronic data storage media are at odds with the key purpose of an OAIS: to preserve information over a long period of time. No matter how well an OAIS maintains its current holdings, it will eventually need to migrate much of its holding to different media.

Digital migration of an archival information package (AIP) can include

- copying content data object or representation information bits to new media
- altering or adding to content data object or representation information bits
- altering or adding to preservation description information bits
- altering or adding to operational software whose role is essential for content information preservation, i.e. it is part of representation information
- altering or adding to the bits that make up the AIP's packaging information

C.7 Digital migration

Digital migration is defined to be the transfer of digital information, while intending to preserve it, within the OAIS. It is distinguished from transfers in general by three attributes:

- a focus on the preservation of the full information content intended for preservation;
- a perspective that the new archival implementation of the information is a replacement for the old; and
- full control and responsibility over all aspects of the transfer resides with the OAIS.

Three major motivators are seen to drive digital migration of AIPs within an OAIS. These are

- Improved cost-effectiveness: The rapid pace of hardware and software evolution provides greatly increasing storage capacities and transfer bandwidths at reducing costs. It also drives the obsolescence of some media types well before they have time to decay and it drives the obsolescence of software employed as part of representation information.
- New consumer-service requirements
- Media decay

Annex D (normative)

Requirements for data management regarding preservation

D.1 Archiving package for geospatial data registries

D.1.1 Geo submission information package (Geo-SIP)

The ISO 14721:2012 defines the general concepts SIP, AIP, and DIP (submission information package, archival information package, and dissemination information package).

This standard defines a specialized geo-type of these packages, i.e. Geo-SIP, Geo-AIP, and Geo-DIP. The purpose of these is the inclusion of geo-specific information in the package and a standardized internal structure.

A Geo-SIP shall have the following properties:

- The Geo-SIP-files shall be limited in size to let them be processed by state-of-the-art systems. A Geo-SIP shall have a manageable regional size, e.g. tiles of 1 km x 1 km or 10 km x 10 km. This size applies to the complete full size of the Geo-SIP and not to a part such as a tile.
- The Geo-SIP-files shall have an internal directory structure.
- The names of the files to be archived shall be preserved in the Geo-SIP.
- Geometry, vector and raster, is organized in entities which may include a coordinate dataset and a definition of a line, an area or a solid. Consequently, the packaging for archiving purposes shall not split such entities.
- Topology defines neighbourhood-relations between geospatial entities. A complete or an almost complete regional coverage causes a sequence of links that practically binds all entities together. Consequently, such a “borderless” dataset shall not be split for packaging unless a loss of topological information is acceptable.
- Metadata models and catalogues shall be archived together with geospatial dataset. The content of the metadata models and catalogues shall be reduced to the elements that are links to elements, e.g. objects, of the geospatial dataset (homogenization).

The Geo-AIP and the Geo-DIP shall have the same structure. The applied character set shall be defined according ISO 19115-1 as a metadata element.

D.1.2 Access

Geographical data shall be preserved in a way that non geo-specialists can handle.

Current experience with users of archived geospatial data shows that the demand is for the data to be usable in a GIS. Therefore, the access to archived data shall be arranged in the same way as to non-archived data.

Annex E (informative)

Case-specific archival concept

The development of an archiving concept requires a close cooperation between the archival experts and the geospatial data domain experts, e.g., in land survey administration and spatial data infrastructure offices.

A questionnaire may help to address and clarify the most relevant topics:

- Institution or agency
- Contact
- Name of application
- Theme of application
- Name and version of GIS-software
- Developer and vender of GIS- software
- Geo-reference of thematic data
- Regional coverage
- Update cycle
- Storage of data history
- Data format
- Availability of metadata
- Usage of geospatial base-data of other institutions
- Other institutions, if yes

Annex F (normative)

Functional requirements for a preservation archive

F.1 Introduction

The purpose of this annex is to document a set of high level functional requirements that should be satisfied by an archive that preserves geospatial data and metadata. In the following sections, the term “preservation content” is used to refer to data, metadata and all the related documentation needed to be preserved to ensure understandability and reusability of the data.

F.2 Data ingest

F.2.1 The archive ingests the preservation content and prepares it for storage and preservation.

F.2.2 The archive ingests the preservation content from each provider in accordance with appropriate documented interface specifications.

F.2.3 The archive ensures ingest data integrity through the use of appropriate technologies.

F.2.4 The archive verifies the quality of the preservation content upon ingest (e.g. dataset size, dataset name) for each unique dataset.

F.3 Data storage and preservation

F.3.1 Overview

The archive preserves designated data products and distributes them on request to users. Some products may be created for distribution by an on-demand processing and should be subject to the same delivery requirements as products that are stored in the archive.

F.3.2 Data storage

F.3.2.1 The archive stores all designated data products or creates products on demand. The archive ensures that products generated on demand (also known as virtual products) are identical to the corresponding products that would otherwise be archived, having undergone operational and scientific quality assessment. Designated products are established as a part of the archive's planning process.

F.3.2.2 The archive provides preservation planning to ensure the preservation content remains accessible to and understandable by the user community throughout the data life cycle.

F.3.2.3 The archive is capable of archiving multiple versions of selected archive data.

F.3.2.4 The archive maintains metadata on all products that are available from the archive. The metadata content shall be compliant with the ISO standards quoted in section 3, Normative References

F.3.2.5 The archive maintains long-term archiving, distribution and user services functions for designated data products.

F.3.2.6 The archive defines and adheres to retention requirements for all data and information identified for preservation.

F.3.2.7 The archive maintains an off-site backup copy of all data that would otherwise be impossible or difficult to recover in case of loss.

F.3.2.8 The archive maintains the capability to restore its archive to avoid permanent loss of archived data.

F.3.2.9 The archive allows for new technology integration for archival data.

F.3.2.10 The archive allows old versions of data to be removed from the archive.

F.3.2.11 The archive manages (populates, maintains and accesses) the information identifying and documenting the stored data and information and produce reports on the stored data and information.

F.3.3 Preservation management

F.3.3.1 The archive maintains an electronic inventory of all archived data.

F.3.3.2 The archive provides the capability of retrieving any data granule stored in the archive.

F.3.3.3 The archive interoperates with other archives of data relevant to the user community.

F.4 Data distribution

F.4.1 The archive enables users to determine the existence, description and availability of stored data and information and allows consumers to request and receive the data and information.

F.4.2 The archive distributes to users, upon request, data products, metadata, ancillary/auxiliary data, calibration data, science software, and documentation.

F.4.3 The archive distributes data in standard formats commonly accepted within the user community for the types of data for which the archive is responsible.

F.4.4 The archive distributes data to users via electronic networks.

F.4.5 The archive provides data to processing systems to support product generation, reprocessing and quality assurance in a timely manner.

F.4.6 The archive provides subsetting data and/or subsetting, reprojection and format conversion tools appropriate to the archive's data holdings to ensure efficient distribution of data to users.

F.4.7 The archive ensures data integrity through the use of appropriate technologies such as checksums on distribution in order to satisfy interface requirements with external systems.

F.4.8 The archive makes available for distribution standard metadata using appropriate tagging (e.g., extensible mark-up language [XML]).

F.4.9 The archive implements a user feedback process to improve the data, the information, its usefulness and the available services.

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