

Issue 31: Definition and Explanatory Text for Attribute Component

Annex C Glossary

Attribute Component

Definition:

The role given to a Represented Variable in the context of a Data Structure. **The role is to hold the pertinent information in addition to the identifiers and measures for a particular unit in a Data Set.**

Explanatory text;

For example the publication status of an observation (e.g. provisional, final, revised), **or information specific to the use of an Identifier in the context of a Data Set.**

However, the UML figures clearly show that there are three different information objects: 1) Identifier Component, 2) Measure Component and 3) Attribute Component.

The Definition (**ambiguous**) and Explanatory text (**wrong?**) in Annex C seem to suggest that the Identifier is part of the Attribute Component.

Solution:

Rewrite both the definition and the explanatory text.

New Definition: help?

Possibly - The role given to a Represented Variable in the context of a Data Structure **to hold anything that is not an identifier or a measure.**

However that is a bad definition because it says what the Attribute Component is not, rather than what it is.

New Explanatory text:

For example the publication status of an observation (e.g. provisional, final, revised).