

# Change Track Module

This module is used to store change track information. There are two implementations of this module: One for core <source> and <target> elements and one for <note> elements.

## Module Specification

### Module Namespace

The namespace for the Change Track module is: urn:oasis:names:tc:xliff:changeTrack:2.0

### Module Elements

The elements defined in the changeTrack module are: <changeTrack>, <modified>, <current>, and <previous>.

### Tree Structure

Legend:

1 = one

+ = one or more

? = zero or one

\* = zero, one or more

```
<changeTrack> ?  
|  
+---<modified> +  
  |  
  +---<current> ?  
  |  
  +---<previous> *
```

### changeTrack

Parent container for all change track information

#### Contains:

- One or more <modified> elements

#### Parents:

<segment> when referencing <source> or <target> elements

<segment> or <unit> when referencing <note> elements

#### Attributes:

- none

### Processing Requirements

- User agents can create and modify the Change Track module at the <segment> level when the change track information refers to the <source> and <target> elements or a <note> element at the <segment> level.
- User agents can create and modify the Change Track module at the <unit> level when the change track information refers to a <note> at the <unit> level.
- If a user agent does not support processing a Change Track module that is already present, it can ignore the module, but still must preserve it.

## **modified**

Provides a logical grouping between the <source> and <target> implementation and the <note> implementation of the module

### **Contains:**

At least one of the following:

- Zero or one <current> element
- Zero, one or more <previous> elements

### **Parents:**

<changeTrack>

### **Attributes:**

When referencing <source> or <target> elements:

- appliesTo, required and set to source or target

When referencing <note> elements:

- appliesTo, required and set to note
- ref, required when the referenced <note> element has an id

### **Processing Requirements**

- When appliesTo="note", the user agent creating the module must use the ref attribute if the referenced <note> element has an id.
- Once created, appliesTo and ref attributes should not be modified or removed.
- At least one <modified> and one <current> or one <previous> child element must be present.

## **current**

Provides change track information for a current <source>, <target>, or <note> found in the XLIFF document.

### **Contains:**

This element is always empty

### **Parents:**

<modified>

### **Attributes:**

- author, optional
- datetime, optional

## Processing Requirements

- User agents may create <current> if there is not a <current> element already present
- User agents may remove <current> if it isn't the only child element of <modified>

## previous

Provides change track information for a previous <source>, <target>, or <note> from the XLIFF document.

## Contains:

- Text

## Parents:

<modified>

## Attributes:

- author, optional
- datetime, optional

## Processing Requirements

- User agents may remove <previous> if it isn't the only child element of <modified>

## Module Attributes

The attributes defined in the Change Track module are: appliesTo, ref, author, and datetime

### appliesTo

Change Track target - Indicates the element to which the change track information applies.

Value description: source, target, or note.

Default value: undefined.

Used in: <modified>.

### ref

Reference – Holds a reference to the associated <note> element

Value description: A value of the XSD type anyURI.

Default value: undefined

Used in: <modified> when referencing a <note> element

### author

Author - Indicates the user or agent that created or modified the referenced element.

Value description: undefined

Default value: undefined

Used in: <current> and <previous>

### datetime

Date and Time - Indicates the date and time the referenced element was created or modified.

Value description: Date in [\[ISO 8601\]](#) Format.

Default value: undefined.

Used in: <current> and <previous>

## Example:

```
<unit id="1">
  <segment id="1">
    <source>Hello World</source>
    <target>Hallo Welt</target>
    <notes>
      <note id="n1">A note at segment level</note>
      <note id="n2">An informal greeting</note>
    </notes>
    <!-- change tracking on source, target, and notes on a segment level -->
    <changeTrack>
      <modified appliesTo="source">
        <current author="someUserAgent" datetime="2013-01-18T05:41:35+8:00" />
        <previous author="someUserAgent" datetime="2012-12-18T05:41:35+8:00">
          Good Day World</previous>
        <previous author="someUserAgent" datetime="2012-11-18T05:41:35+8:00">
          Greetings World</previous>
        </modified>
      <modified appliesTo="target">
        <current author="translator" datetime="2013-01-18T10:41:35+8:00" />
        <previous author="translator" datetime="2012-12-18T10:41:35+8:00">
          Guten Tag Welt</previous>
        <previous author="translator" datetime="2012-11-18T10:41:35+8:00">
          Gruesse Welt</previous>
        </modified>
      <modified appliesTo="note" ref="#n1">
        <current author="loc engineer" datetime="2013-01-18T08:41:35+8:00" />
        </modified>
      <modified appliesTo="note" ref="#n2">
        <current author="locEngineer" datetime="2013-01-18T08:41:35+8:00" />
        <previous author="locEngineer" datetime="2012-12-18T08:41:35+8:00">
          A formal greeting</previous>
        <previous author="locEngineer" datetime="2012-11-18T08:41:35+8:00">
          A greeting</previous>
        </modified>
      </changeTrack>
    </segment>
    <!-- change tracking on notes on a unit level -->
    <notes>
      <note id="n1">A note at unit level</note>
    </notes>
    <changeTrack>
      <modified appliesTo="note" ref="#n1">
        <current author="locEngineer" datetime="2013-01-18T08:41:35+8:00" />
        <previous author="locEngineer" datetime="2012-12-18T08:41:35+8:00">
          A previous note at unit level</previous>
        </modified>
      </changeTrack>
    </unit>
```

```
</changeTrack>  
</unit>
```