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1 Introduction

1.1 Terminology

Within this specification, the key words "shall", "shall not", "should", "should not" and "may" are to be interpreted as described in Annex H of [ISO/IEC Directives] if they appear in bold letters.

1.2 Normative References


1.3 Non-normative References


2 Markup Representation of Test Assertions

2.1 Binding to Test Assertions, Part 1 Test Assertions Model

This specification defines markup for test assertions conforming to the model defined in the OASIS TAG TC Test Assertions Part 1, Test Assertions Model [TAM] Section 3 (Test Assertion).

Each 'class' in the Test Assertions Model is represented by an element of the same or similar name in the Test Assertion Markup Language:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model Name</th>
<th>Markup Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class: testAssertion</td>
<td>element: testAssertion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>attribute: id</td>
<td>attribute: id</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: normativeSource</td>
<td>element: normativeSource</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: target</td>
<td>element: target</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: predicate</td>
<td>element: predicate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: prerequisite</td>
<td>element: prerequisite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: tag</td>
<td>element: tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: variable</td>
<td>element: var</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: description</td>
<td>element: description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class: prescription</td>
<td>element: prescription</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All element and attributes names are given in lower camel case (lower-case, with embedded concatenated words starting upper-case if any). Type names consist of the element name with the suffix '_type' appended.

Where the model specifies an attribute named 'content', usually with a base datatype 'string', the markup provides for this either with a base type of xsd:string assigned to an element's type (or a datatype derived from xsd:string such as xsd:normalizedString or xsd:token) or by allowing mixed content for the element's type.

Elements 'testAssertion' and 'testAssertionSet' are global elements and can be top level elements in a TAML markup instance (e.g., be root elements of an XML document). All other TAML elements are local in a markup instance under the TAML schema (i.e., are descendant children of a global element as provided by the schema).

2.2 Conventions Used in the XML Markup and its Usage

The namespace prefix in use for the test assertion markup throughout this document is taml, understood to be bound to the namespace: http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/tag/taml-201002/.
Many of the elements in the Test Assertion Markup Language allow extensions both in their attributes and in their children elements. With the exception of any extension inside these three elements: `taml:testAssertionSet/taml:common`, `taml:testAssertion/taml:report` and `taml:testAssertion/taml:normativeSource/taml:comment`, which do not put any restriction on the use of namespaces in their user-defined child elements, all other additional attributes and elements shall be in a namespace other than the `taml` namespace (as indicated in compact RelaxNG notation by using the subtraction: "- `taml:*".

Instances of this markup are intended to be used either "standalone" i.e. in documents that do not contain any other markup foreign to this specification, or "embedded", i.e. as elements inside documents the root element of which belongs to a namespace foreign to this specification. Instances of this markup are XML elements representing either test assertions, or test assertion sets.

The compact Relax NG notation is used for representing the XML definitions.

The XPath notation may be used for representing attributes or elements, relative to their containing element, e.g.: `taml:testAssertion/@id` for the attribute 'id' of the `taml:testAssertion` element.

### 2.3 Test Assertion

#### 2.3.1 `taml:testAssertion`

The `taml:testAssertion` element is representing the class 'testAssertion' in the Test Assertions Model [TAM] Detailed semantics of this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
  element taml:testAssertion { testAssertion_def }
  testAssertion_def =
    attribute id { xsd:normalizedString },
    attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
    attribute name { xsd:normalizedString }?,
    attribute schemaVersionId { xsd:normalizedString }?,
    attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
    element taml:description { description_def }?,
    element taml:var { var_def }*,
    element taml:normativeSource { normativeSource_def }?,
    element taml:target { target_def }?,
    element taml:prerequisite { logicalexpr_def }?,
    element taml:predicate { logicalexpr_def }?,
    element taml:prescription { prescription_def }?,
    element taml:tag { tag_def }*,
    element taml:report { report_def }*,
    element * - taml:* { anyElement }*
```

The XML representation of most model elements that are mandatory - i.e. attribute or association of cardinality (1..1) - is optional in the markup. This is because such elements, although mandatory, may be implicitly represented at test assertion set level. When such a mandatory element is not represented in a test assertion instance (taml:testAssertion), this test assertion shall be embedded in a test assertion set (see Section 2.4) and this test assertion set shall contain a taml:common element that contains the missing test assertion part as a child element.

The `testAssertion` element has an optional language attribute, 'lg', which is an addition for TAML purposes (it has no correspondence in the Test Assertions Model). This attribute is used to explicitly
declare which prose or expression language is used for the expressions in the associated element - in that case throughout the test assertion. It is possible to declare the language for an individual part of a test assertion such as the predicate or the prerequisite (discussed later). If the 'lg' attribute is provided for a 'testAssertion' element, that attribute value shall be used as the default value of the 'lg' attribute for any descendant element of the 'testAssertion' element for which an 'lg' attribute is allowed and optional but not provided.

The optional 'name' attribute is an addition for TAML purposes, and provides for attaching an informal, human-readable name to the test assertion for convenient display and intuitive referencing, in addition to the formal identification attribute 'id'.

The testAssertion attribute 'schemaVersionId' should be used as version identifier of the markup language published schema.

Conformance to the Test Assertions Model [TAM] requires that a test assertion shall have a normative source, a target and a predicate although the representation of these may be implicit. So the normativeSource, target or predicate elements may be absent from a testAssertion element as their contents could be inherited from a test assertion set taml:common element .

Conformance to the Test Assertions Model [TAM] requires that a test assertion may have prerequisite(s), prescription level and tags, either implicitly or explicitly. It also specifies a part called a variable represented here by taml:var.

One additional, optional element added for convenience to the usability of the markup and for tool support is 'taml:report'. It does not correspond to a part defined in the Test Assertions Model [TAM] but is specified here as an addition for TAML purposes .

Example:

The test assertion below is addressing a requirement about XML schema Naming and Design Rules (NDR) from a National Information Exchange Model 5 specification. It uses XPath as expression language for several of its elements (predicate, target) and attributes (target/@idscheme). It concerns targets that are xsd:complexType elements in an XML schema:

```xml
<taml:testAssertion
  id="TA_R6.1"
  lg="http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath20/"
  xmlns:taml="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/tag/taml-201002/">
  <taml:description>xsd:complexType/@mixed value check, as specified in NIEM</taml:description>
  <taml:normativeSource>[Rule 6-1] Within the schema, an element xsd:complexType SHALL NOT own the attribute mixed with the value true.</taml:normativeSource>
  <taml:target type="complexType"
    idscheme="fn:concat('complexType:','@name')">//xsd:complexType</taml:target>
  <taml:predicate>not(@mixed) or @mixed ne 'true'</taml:predicate>
  <taml:prescription level="mandatory"/>
  <taml:report label="fail" message="Rule 6-1 violation"/>
</taml:testAssertion>
```

In the above example, XPath2.0 (as indicated by taml:testAssertion/@lg= "http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath20") is the default expression language for all parts of the test assertions that have @lg as optional attribute but do not use it, such as taml:target, taml:predicate, and taml:report.
2.3.2 taml:normativeSource

The taml:normativeSource element is representing the class 'normativeSource' in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
element taml:normativeSource { normativeSource_def }
normativeSource_def =
  attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
element taml:comment { comment_def }?,
element taml:interpretation { interpretation_def }?,
element taml:refSourceItem { refSourceItem_def }*,
element taml:textSourceItem { textSourceItem_def }*,
element taml:derivedSourceItem { refSourceItem_def }*,
element * - taml:*  { anyElement }*  &  text
```

taml:refSourceItem

The normative source may include elements named 'refSourceItem' so that one or more references may be used to point to the original text as it exists in the specification itself. The taml:normativeSource element allows for mixed content.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
element taml:refSourceItem { refSourceItem_def }
refSourceItem_def =
  attribute srcname { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute uri { xsd:anyURI }?,
  attribute documentId { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute versionId { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute revisionId { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute resourceProvenanceId { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute * - taml:*  { text }*,
  text
```

The refSourceItem element provides for metadata which may be used to specify the identification of a normative source item resource. The uri attribute may contain a URL, URI or IRI pointing to the location of the source item. The attribute @srcname represents the name attribute in the model. The other metadata attributes include information about the kind of resource involved and most appropriately its provenance (such as authorship identifiers to certify its authenticity) and version, etc. The actual content of the refSourceItem element may be a string describing informally this source.

taml:textSourceItem

An alternative to using a reference to point to the normative source in a specification is to actually quote verbatim the source item so the normative source includes an element named 'textSourceItem' which allows a direct, verbatim quote of the specification text.
Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
<element taml:textSourceItem { textSourceItem_def }

textSourceItem_def =
  attribute txtname { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute * - taml:*  { text }*,
  text
```

The attribute `@txtname` represents the name attribute in the model.

**taml:derivedSourceItem**

An alternative again to quoting verbatim the source item is to derive a form of words equivalent in meaning to the source item and for this the normative source includes an element named 'derivedSourceItem'. This is particularly useful when the source consists of tables, diagrams, graphs or text spread over several parts of the specification.

The compact Relax NG definition of `taml:derivedSourceItem` is same as for `taml:refSourceItem` (see `refSourceItem_def`).

The `derivedSourceItem` element provides for metadata which may be used to specify the identification of the normative source item resource from which the source information has been derived. The element has a structure similar to the `refSourceItem` element. The main difference with `refSourceItem` is that the content of the `derivedSourceItem` element shall represent the derived re-wording of the source.

**taml:comment**

The `comment` element may be used to simply add comments of any kind (or as further specified in a conformance profile for this markup or a customization thereof) to a normative source test assertion part. The `taml:comment` element allows for mixed content.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
<element taml:comment { comment_def }

cmment_def =
  attribute * - taml:*  { text }*,
  element * { anyElement }* & text
```

**taml:interpretation**

The `interpretation` element may be used to simply add an alternative description in prose of any kind to a normative source test assertion part. This allows a prose expression to be added to improve human understanding of its logic.
2.3.3 taml:target

The taml:target element is representing the class ‘target’ in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
element taml:target { target_def }

target_def =
   attribute type { xsd:normalizedString }?,
   attribute idscheme { xsd:normalizedString }?,
   attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
   attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
   element * - taml:* { anyElement }* & text
```

The content of taml:target may identify a single item (an implementation or part of it) under test, or a class of items to which the test applies. For example, in the NIEM example of test assertion (section 2.3.1) the target contains an XPath expression: //xsd:complexType, which indicates that any element that matches this expression inside an XML schema document under test, will qualify as a target for this test assertion. The 'target' element has a 'type' attribute which should be used to identify the target category, when defined. A target 'idscheme' attribute may be used to specify the identity scheme associated with this target type or category. For example, its value can be a function such as an XPath expression, that produces a unique ID for each target instance, as illustrated in the NIEM example of section 2.3.1. In case the test assertion applies to a single target instance (as opposed to a category of targets), the 'idscheme' attribute may contain the identifier of this target.

The target content may be an expression in a specialized formal expression language which should be identified using the 'lg' attribute. Such an expression or function should identify the set of target instances to which the test assertion applies. This content may also be a textual representation of the target instance(s) under consideration. The taml:target element allows for mixed content.

2.3.4 taml:prerequisite

The taml:prerequisite element is representing the class ‘prerequisite’ in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
element taml:prerequisite { logicalexpr_def }

logicalexpr_def =
   attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
   attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
   element * - taml:* { anyElement }* & text
```
The prerequisite may be expressed using a specialized formal expression language which may be identified using the 'lg' attribute. The prerequisite content is stating a logical expression or statement to be evaluated (as "true" or "false") over the target, or over some collateral artifact or a set of these, e.g. identified using variables (see later), or over a combination of these. The taml:prerequisite element allows for mixed content.

2.3.5 taml:_predicate

The taml:_predicate element is representing the class 'predicate' in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
<element taml:predicate { logicaexpr_def }
  logicaexpr_def =
    attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
    attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
    element * - taml:* { anyElement }* & text
```

The predicate may be expressed using a specialized formal expression language which may be identified using the 'lg' attribute. The predicate content is stating a logical expression or statement to be evaluated (as "true" or "false") over the target, and optionally over a set of collateral artifacts, e.g. identified using variables. The taml:_predicate element allows for mixed content.

2.3.6 taml:prescription

The taml:prescription element is representing the class 'prescription' in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
<element taml:prescription { prescription_def }
  prescription_def =
    attribute level { "mandatory" | "preferred" | "permitted" }?,
    attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
    text
```

The allowable values for the attribute 'level' of the element prescription may be extended beyond the predefined values of mandatory, preferred and permitted.

The base datatype of any custom extended enumerations for prescription levels shall be W3C XML Schema [XSD2] datatype 'QName'. Custom enumerations shall be prefixed with a namespace prefix associated with a namespace declared in the markup. Default namespaces (without a prefix) shall not be used.

Besides the use of the 'level' attribute, the element content (xsd:normalizedString) may be used to express further or more detailed information regarding the prescription level using prose or as a logical expression.
2.3.7 taml:description

The taml:description element is representing the class ‘description’ in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
  element taml:description { description_def }
  description_def =
      attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
      element * { anyElement }* & text
```

The `description` element may be used to add a description in prose of any kind (or as further specified in a conformance profile for this markup or a customization thereof) to a test assertion. The `tml:description` element allows for mixed content.

2.3.8 taml:tag

The taml:tag element is representing the class ‘tag’ in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
  element taml:tag { tag_def }
  tag_def =
      attribute tname { xsd:normalizedString },
      attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
      text
```

The content of the `tml:tag` element is representing the "content" attribute of the corresponding class 'tag' in the model.

The `tag/@tname` attribute corresponds to the name attribute in the model, and **shall** be used in a tag element and have a non-empty value. Some tag names are reserved and have special meaning (listed in the Test Assertions Model [TAM], section 3.2.12). They are:

- DefinesNormativeProperty
- NormativeProperty
- VersionAdd
- VersionDrop

2.3.9 taml:var

The taml:var element is representing the class ‘variable’ in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. Detailed semantics about this class and its elements can be found in the Test Assertions Model.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```
  element taml:var { var_def }
  var_def =
      attribute vname { xsd:normalizedString },
      attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
```
The content of the taml:var element is representing the "content" attribute of the corresponding class 'variable' in the model. The var/@vname attribute corresponds to the name attribute in the model, and shall be used in a var element and have a non-empty value.

When declared inside a test assertion, the scope of a variable includes all the parts of this test assertion. The variable may be referred to in any part of a test assertion e.g. using a notation such as "$variable1" where the corresponding variable is named 'variable1'. The taml:var element allows for mixed content.

### 2.3.10 taml:report

The taml:report element is not representing any class in the Test Assertions Model [TAM]. It is added for convenience when test assertions are expected to contain reporting information to be used by test cases derived from these test assertions.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
element taml:report { report_def }
report_def =
  attribute label { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute message { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute when { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute lg { xsd:normalizedString }?,
  attribute * - taml:* { text }* & text
```

The optional taml:report element is used to associate a message and a label with each possible evaluation of a target instance, as listed in the Test Assertion Model (Section 3.2.4).

The combination of allowing both mixed content (text can be interspersed with the XML tags) and extra elements from other namespaces ('xsd:any') means that the content of this element can be a mixture of text and XML elements.

The attribute label shall allow values 'fail', 'pass' and 'notQualified' as content, corresponding to the test assertion semantics defined in the Test Assertions Model [TAM] (section 3.2.4) as follows:

- "notQualified" corresponds to the target evaluation outcome "Target not qualified".
- "pass" corresponds to the target evaluation outcome "Normative statement fulfilled [by the Target]".
- "fail" corresponds to the target evaluation outcome "Normative statement NOT fulfilled [by the Target]".

Further values - e.g. 'warning', 'undetermined' - may be added.

The optional when attribute may be used to state an additional condition that must be satisfied in order for this report element to apply, when more than one report elements are associated with the same outcome described by the label attribute.

The content of optional attribute "message" shall describe the general meaning of the assertion evaluation outcome, e.g. provide a standard error message.

The taml:report element allows for mixed content.
2.4 Test Assertion Set

The test assertion set markup described here is an extension to the markup that strictly represents the test assertion model. For convenience, it represents a container element for sets of test assertions. However, test assertions elements may be part of XML documents that do not make use of the container element described here.

2.4.1 taml:testAssertionSet

The taml:testAssertionSet element is the container element for test assertions.

Compact Relax NG definition:

\[
\text{element taml:testAssertionSet} \{ \text{testAssertionSet\_def} \} \\
testAssertionSet\_def = \\
\text{attribute setid} \{ \text{xsd:normalizedString} \} ?, \\
\text{attribute setname} \{ \text{xsd:normalizedString} \}?; \\
\text{attribute} \ast - \text{tml:*} \{ \text{text} \} \ast, \\
\text{element taml:common} \{ \text{common\_def} \}?; \\
\text{element taml:testAssertionRefList} \{ \text{testAssertionRefList\_def} \} \ast, \\
\text{element taml:testAssertion} \{ \text{testAssertion\_def} \} \ast \\
\text{common\_def} = \\
\text{attribute lg} \{ \text{xsd:normalizedString} \}?; \\
\text{attribute} \ast - \text{tml:*} \{ \text{text} \}\ast, \\
\text{element} \ast \{ \text{anyElement} \}\ast & \text{text}
\]

The attribute taml:testAssertionSet/@setname gives a name to the test assertions set. The attribute taml:testAssertionSet/@setid uniquely identifies the test assertions set.

The testAssertionSet element may be used to group together test assertions either by direct inclusion of the test assertions within the test assertion set, or by references to externally-defined test assertions (using taml:testAssertionRef).

A testAssertionSet element may be used to wrap together all the test assertions in a document. A document containing a set of test assertions may have testAssertionSet as the top element.

The common element may be used to group together parts or definitions that are common to all test assertions in the set, e.g. "global" var definitions, tag definitions, parts of a test assertion that are implicitly shared by all. Any individual test assertion in the set can however override the elements in the common element. The common element may contain additional descriptions and elements not specified here, that help understand the purpose of this set and its relationship with external material.

The taml:common element allows for mixed content.

2.4.2 taml:testAssertionRefList

The taml:testAssertionRefList element is representing a list of references to test assertion element(s) defined outside the taml:testAssertionSet parent element (e.g. described in another taml:testAssertionSet instance.)

Compact Relax NG definition:

\[
\text{element taml:testAssertionRefList} \{ \text{testAssertionRefList\_def} \}
\]
A test assertion set in which references are made to existing test assertions defined outside of the test assertion set element (whether in the same document or other documents) shall use the testAssertionRefList child element to do so.

The attribute taml:testAssertionRefList/@listname gives a name to the reference list. More than one reference lists may be used inside a test assertion set element.

The attribute taml:testAssertionRefList/@sourcedoc may be used to specify a URL resolving to a document or a resource that contains the externally-defined test assertions referenced in this list.

The element taml:testAssertionRefList/taml:testAssertionRef identifies one externally-defined test assertion, and can be repeated.

### 2.4.3 taml:testAssertionRef

A test assertion set may refer to one or more test assertions by their test assertion identifiers to locate them in external resources, rather than include the test assertions literally within the set.

The taml:testAssertionRef element is identifying an externally-defined test assertion by its test assertion ID, and optionally by a document (@sourcedoc) where the test assertion is defined.

Compact Relax NG definition:

```xml
element taml:testAssertionRef { testAssertionRef_def }

testAssertionRef_def =
    attribute taid { xsd:normalizedString },
    attribute name { xsd:normalizedString }?,
    attribute sourcedoc { xsd:anyURI }?,
    attribute * - taml:* { text }*,
    text
```

The attribute taml:testAssertionRef/@taid is the ID of the referenced test assertion (id attribute in the taml:testAssertion element).

The attribute taml:testAssertionRef/@name is the name of the referenced test assertion if any, for convenience.

The attribute taml:testAssertionRef/@sourcedoc may be used to specify a URL resolving to a document or resource that contains the externally-defined and referenced test assertion. In case this attribute is also used over the parent taml:testAssertionRefList, the URL of the reference overrides the URL of the parent.

The value (string) of taml:testAssertionRef may be used for describing the referred test assertion, for convenience.
The following schema is called here the TAML schema:

```xml
<xs:schema xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/tag/taml-201002/
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/tag/taml-201002/
  elementFormDefault="qualified"
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified" version="1.0">
  <xs:element name="testAssertion" type="testAssertion_type"/>
  <xs:element name="testAssertionSet" type="testAssertionSet_type"/>
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      <xs:pattern value="[\c-[:]+[\c-[:]+]"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:simpleType>
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    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:any maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" namespace="##any"
        processContents="skip"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="skip"/>
  </xs:complexType>
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    </xs:simpleContent>
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    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="comment" type="comment_type" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element name="interpretation" type="interpretation_type"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element name="refSourceItem" type="refSourceItem_type"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:schema>
```
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4 Conformance

Test assertion artifacts or implementations subject to conformance to this XML markup are of two kinds:

(a) XML Test assertion
(b) XML Test assertion Set

4.1 Conformance Clause for XML Test Assertion

An XML Test Assertion is said to be strictly conforming if it is a Test Assertion Markup Language testAssertion element that:

• Is valid according to the TAML Schema (Section 3)
• Does not make use of any extension element or attribute allowed by the TAML Schema.
• Satisfies all normative mandatory provisions ("shall", "shall not" keywords) in Sections 2.3 (Test Assertion).
• Uses the markup in compliance with the general semantics of a test assertion and its parts as described in the Test Assertions Model [TAM] specification.

An XML Test Assertion is said to be conforming if it is a Test Assertion Markup Language testAssertion element that:

• Is valid according to the TAML Schema (Section 3)
• May use any extension element or attribute allowed by the TAML Schema.
• Satisfies all normative mandatory provisions ("shall", "shall not" keywords) in Sections 2.3 (Test Assertion).
• Uses the markup in compliance with the general semantics of a test assertion and its parts as described in the Test Assertions Model [TAM] specification.
• If the test assertion makes use of extension elements, a derived test assertion obtained by removing all extensions is still a strictly conforming test assertion that uses the markup in compliance with the general semantics of a test assertion.

4.2 Conformance Clause for XML Test Assertion Set

An XML Test Assertion Set is said to be strictly conforming if it is a Test Assertion Markup Language testAssertionSet element that:

• Is valid according to the XML Schema (Section 3)
• Does not make use of any extension element or attribute allowed by the TAML Schema (except for the <common> element and its content).
• Only contains or refers to strictly conforming test assertions.
• Satisfies all normative mandatory provisions ("shall", "shall not" keywords) in Sections 2.3 (Test Assertion), (2.4 Test Assertion Set).
• If it has a <taml:common> element, only uses children elements in it that would qualify as children elements of strictly conforming testAssertion elements.
An XML Test Assertion Set is said to be conforming if it is a Test Assertion Markup Language testAssertionSet element that:

- Is valid according to the XML Schema (Section 3)
- May use any extension element or attribute allowed by the TAML Schema.
- Satisfies all normative mandatory provisions ("shall", "shall not" keywords) in Sections 2.3 (Test Assertion), 2.4 (Test Assertion Set).
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