



IPTC Standards



Quick Start Guide to Conveying Text

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Quick Start: Text

Introduction

One of the most fundamental needs of a news organisation is to handle text. This chapter covers the basics of a simple NewsML-G2 News Item containing text content.



Read the Quick Guide to G2 Basics before this document. Terms of Use for this document may be read [here](#).

Example

Below is an example story and supporting information as might be displayed on the journalist's editing screen at a fictional news provider, Acme News and Media (ANM):

Acme News and Media – Content Editing System	
Slugline	US-Finance-Fed
Created on	2013-11-21 15:21:06
Source	ANM
Author	mjameson
Latest edit	2013-11-21 16:22:45
Latest editor	moiras
Categories	economy, finance, business, central bank, monetary policy
Headline	Fed to halt QE to avert “bubble”
Byline	By Meredith Jameson
Location / Date	Washington 21/11/2013
Body Text	Et, sent luptat luptat, commy nim zziureet vendreetue modo dolenis ex euisis nosto et lan ullandit lum doloreet vulla feugiam coreet, cons eleniam il ute facin veril et aliquis ad minis et lor sum del iriure dit la feugiamcommy nostrud min ullapat velisl duisismodip ero dipit nit utpatum sandrer cipisim nit lortis augiat nulla faccum at am, quam velenis nulput la auguerostrud magna commolore eliquatie exerate facilis modiamconsed dion henisse quipit at. Ut la feu facilla feu faccumsan ecte modoloreet ad ex el utat.

This screen contains nearly all of the information needed to create a valid NewsML-G2 document.

Document structure

The building blocks of the text document are the <newsItem> root element, with additional wrapping elements for metadata about the News Item (itemMeta), metadata about the content (contentMeta) and the content itself (contentSet). The top level (root) element <newsItem> attributes are:

```
<newsItem guid="urn:newsml:acmenews.com:20131121:US-FINANCE-FED"
  version="3"
  standard="NewsML-G2"
  standardversion="2.15"
  conformance="power"
  xml:lang="en-US">
```

This is followed by references to the Catalogs used to resolve QCodes in the Item, and Rights information:

```
<catalogRef href="http://www.iptc.org/std/catalog/catalog.IPTC-G2-Standards_22.xml" />
<catalogRef href="http://catalog.acmenews.com/news/ANM_G2_CODES_2.xml" />
<rightsInfo>
  <copyrightHolder uri="http://www.acmenews.com/about.html#copyright" >
    <name>Acme News and Media LLC</name>
  </copyrightHolder>
  <copyrightNotice>(c) 2013 Copyright Acme News and Media LLC</copyrightNotice>
</rightsInfo>
```



Item Metadata <itemMeta>

Note the three mandatory child elements of the mandatory <itemMeta>:

- ❖ Item Class
- ❖ Provider
- ❖ Version Created

In addition, a publication status is also mandatory, but the <pubStatus> element that expresses it may be omitted if the publication status is "usable", the default. It is recommended that the publication status is explicitly carried as in this example. As Acme News & Media is fictional, the Provider property does not use one of the IPTV Provider NewsCodes, and so it is expressed using a URI:

```
<itemMeta>
  <itemClass qcode="ni nat: text" />
  <provider uri="http://www.acmenews.com/about.html" />
  <versionCreated>2013-11-21T16:25:32-05:00</versionCreated>
  <pubStatus qcode="stat: usable" />
  <embargoed>2013-11-26T12:00:00-05:00</embargoed>
</itemMeta>
```

Content Metadata <contentMeta>

Administrative Metadata

The administrative properties of the example text story are:

```
<contentCreated>2013-11-21T15:21:06-05:00</contentCreated>
<contentModified>2013-11-21T16:22:45-05:00</contentModified>
```

The place that the content was created uses the <located> element:

```
<located qcode="geoloc: NYC">
  <name>New York, NY</name>
</located>
```

(Note that this is where the story was written, not the place where the subject of the story took place. That would be expressed using <subject>, part of Descriptive Metadata.)

The author of the article is expressed using the <creator> element:

```
<creator uri="http://www.acmenews.com/staff/mjameson">
  <name>Meredith Jameson</name>
</creator>
```

The Information Source for the article is also given. When used without a @role property, <infoSource> is used to denote the person or party that provided the original information on which the content is based. This is the relationship to be expressed here:

```
<infoSource qcode="is: AP">
  <name>Associated Press</name>
</infoSource>
```

The default language for the content is given as U.S. English:

```
<language tag="en-US" />
```

Descriptive Metadata

In the example, the Subject properties use QCodes from the Controlled Vocabulary of Media Topics NewsCodes that are owned and maintained by the IPTC and expressed as QCodes. Thus:

```
<subject qcode="medtop: 04000000">
  <name>economy, business and finance</name>
</subject>
<subject qcode="medtop: 20000350">
  <name>central bank</name>
</subject>
<subject qcode="medtop: 20000379">
  <name>money and monetary policy</name>
</subject>
```



The <slugline> property uses the “Slugline” field of the story:

```
<slugline>US- Finance- Fed</slugline>
```

In a similar fashion, the <headline> property will use the “Headline” field:

```
<headline> Fed to halt QE to avert “bubble”</headline>
```

Complete Content Metadata

```
<contentMeta>
  <contentCreated>2013- 11- 21T15: 21: 06- 05: 00</contentCreated>
  <contentModified>2013- 11- 21T16: 22: 45- 05: 00</contentModified>
  <located qcode=“geoloc: NYC”>
    <name>New York, NY</name>
  </located>
  <creator uri=“http://www.acmenews.com/staff/mjameson”>
    <name>Meredith Jameson</name>
  </creator>
  <infoSource qcode=“is: AP”>
    <name>Associated Press</name>
  </infoSource>
  <language tag=“en- US” />
  <subject qcode=“medtop: 04000000”>
    <name>economy, business and finance</name>
  </subject>
  <subject qcode=“medtop: 20000350”>
    <name>central bank</name>
  </subject>
  <subject qcode=“medtop: 20000379”>
    <name>money and monetary policy</name>
  </subject>
  <slugline>US- Finance- Fed</slugline>
  <headline> Fed to halt QE to avert “bubble”</headline>
</contentMeta>
```

Text content choices

Inline XML

The content of the NewsML-G2 document is enclosed by the <contentSet> wrapper. In the example, the IPTC news mark-up language NITF (News Industry Text Format) is used to format the text content. As an XML standard, it is contained in an <inlineXML> child element of <contentSet>, and uses @contenttype to denote the XML-based standard, using the IANA MIME type.

XHTML is also a popular text mark-up choice among G2 providers. As alternatives, the contents of <inlineXML> may be any XML language that can express generic or specialised news information, including SportsML-G2 and EventsML-G2. Other languages such as XBRL (Extended Business Reporting Language) may also be used. The content inside <inlineXML> must be valid XML, in other words, it could stand alone as a valid XML document in its own namespace.

```
<contentSet>
  <inlineXML contenttype=“application/nitf+xml”>
    <nitf xmlns=“http://iptc.org/std/NITF/2006-10-18/”>
      <!-- STORY CONTENT HERE -->
    </nitf>
  </inlineXML>
</contentSet>
```

Inline data

The <inlineData> element can contain plain text, and in this case MUST be identified by the IANA MIME type of “text/plain” thus:

```
<contentSet>
  <inlineData contenttype=“text/plain”>
    Et, sent luptat luptat ...
  </inlineData>
</contentSet>
```



Putting it together

A complete example:

NEWSML-G2 Text Document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<newsItem guid="urn:newsml:acmenews.com:20131121:US-FINANCE-FED"
  version="3"
  standard="NewsML-G2"
  standardversion="2.15"
  xml:lang="en-US"
  xmlns="http://iptc.org/std/nar/2006-10-01/">
  <catalogRef
    href="http://www.iptc.org/std/catalog/catalog.IPTC-G2-Standards_22.xml" />
  <catalogRef
    href="http://catalog.acmenews.com/news/ANM_G2_CODES_2.xml" />
  <rightsInfo>
    <copyrightHolder uri="http://www.acmenews.com/about.html#copyright">
      <name>Acme News and Media LLC</name>
    </copyrightHolder>
    <copyrightNotice>(c) 2013 Copyright Acme News and Media LLC</copyrightNotice>
  </rightsInfo>
  <itemMeta>
    <itemClass qcode="ninat:text" />
    <provider uri="http://www.acmenews.com/about/" />
    <versionCreated>2013-11-21T16:25:32-05:00</versionCreated>
    <embargoed>2013-11-26T12:00:00-05:00</embargoed>
    <pubStatus qcode="stat:usable" />
  </itemMeta>
  <contentMeta>
    <contentCreated>2013-11-21T15:21:06-05:00</contentCreated>
    <contentModified>2013-11-21T16:22:45-05:00</contentModified>
    <located qcode="geoloc:NYC">
      <name>New York, NY</name>
    </located>
    <creator uri="http://www.acmenews.com/staff/mjameson">
      <name>Meredith Jameson</name>
    </creator>
    <infoSource qcode="is:AP">
      <name>Associated Press</name>
    </infoSource>
    <language tag="en-US" />
    <subject qcode="medtop:04000000">
      <name>economy, business and finance</name>
    </subject>
    <subject qcode="medtop:20000350">
      <name>central bank</name>
    </subject>
    <subject qcode="medtop:20000379">
      <name>money and monetary policy</name>
    </subject>
    <slugline>US-Finance-Fed</slugline>
    <headline>Fed to halt QE to avert "bubble"</headline>
  </contentMeta>
  <contentSet>
    <inlineXML contentType="application/nitf+xml">
      <nitf xmlns="http://iptc.org/std/NITF/2006-10-18/">
        <body>
          <body.head>
            <headline>
              <hl1>Fed to halt QE to avert "bubble"</hl1>
            </headline>
            <byline>By Meredith Jameson, <byttl>Staff Reporter</byttl></byline>
          </body.head>
          <body.content>
            <p>(New York, NY - November 21) Et, sent luptat luptat, commy Nim
              zzriureet vendreetue modo dolenis ex euisis nosto et lan ullandit
              lum doloreet vulla.
            </p>
            <p>Ugiating ea feugait utat, venim velent nim quis nulluptat num
              Volorem inci enim dolobor eetuer sendre ercin utpatio dolorpercing.
            </p>
          </body.content>
        </body>
      </nitf>
    </inlineXML>
  </contentSet>
```



| </newsItem>

NewsML-G2 Implementation Guidelines and Specification

The full Guidelines for NewsML-G2 Implementers is here:

http://www.iptc.org/std/NewsML-G2/2.15/documentation/IPTC-G2-Implementation_Guide_6.0.pdf

The NewsML-G2 Specification documents are located here:

<http://www.iptc.org/std/NewsML-G2/2.15/specification/>

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