

Standards Change Request

Multiple occurrences of the same keyword in an object

- Valid or Not?

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Provenance:

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Problem:

A Rosetta team has presented a draft label that contains multiple occurrences of the SPICE_FILE_NAME and NOTE keywords. A medium-depth search of the PDS standards documents reveals no PDS standard for how to deal with repeated keywords. The lvtool (current release 2.20) flags this as a warning of the same severity as an unmatched standard value (i.e., the sort of warning we expect to be cleaned up prior to or at final delivery). VTool does not flag the multiple occurrences of these keywords at all. If multiple occurrences of a single keyword within an object is valid, the PDS standards should say so and provide an indication of the significance of a repeated keyword (are the values concatenated into a series or sequence, or does one overwrite another and in what order)? If multiple occurrences are not valid, the PDS standards need to say so explicitly.

Current Urgency:

High.

Proposed Solution:

Modify the text of the Standards reference to stipulate that object identifiers must be unique within the containing label.

Impact Assessment:

PDS Standards Reference – Changes as described in "Requested Changes"

Archive Preparation Guide – no impact

Proposer's Archive Guide – no impact

Planetary Science Data Dictionary – no impact

PDS tools – Potential impact of adding checks for multiple occurrences of element and indicating an error.

Additional Information:

References to "Elements" occur throughout the Standards Reference. No label examples were found that used multiple occurrences of elements. The sections that pertain to elements within objects are:

12.4 Statements

12.4.2 Attribute Assignment Statement

Figures which use Pointers

Figure 5.2 PDS Attached / Detached Label Structure

Figure 5.6 Data Object Pointers – Detached & Combined Labels

Requested Changes:

Add the following text before "Figure 5.2 provides a..." in Section "5.2.1 Attached and Detached Labels"

Elements (a.k.a: attribute assignment statement) can have only a single occurrence within a given Object context. This includes all identification and descriptive data elements whether in an implicit or explicit Object. If an element has multiple values it must be represented using either the set or sequence syntax, as appropriate.

Add the following text to end of the introductory text in "12.4 Statements".

In the PDS implementation of ODL an "attribute_assignment_statement" with a given "attribute_identifier" can have only a single occurrence within its Object context. If an attribute has multiple values it must be represented using either the set or sequence syntax, as appropriate.

Add the following section (to re-enforce the statement in the introduction).

12.4.4.2 PDS Usage of OBJECT

Within an Object an "attribute_assignment_statement" with a given "attribute_identifier" can have only a single occurrence. If an attribute has multiple values it must be represented using either the set or sequence syntax, as appropriate.

Add the following text to the section "12.4.5.2 PDS Usage of Group"

Within a Group an "attribute_assignment_statement" with a given "attribute_identifier" can have only a single occurrence. If an attribute has multiple values it must be represented using either the set or sequence syntax, as appropriate.