Language resource management – Linguistic annotation framework

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Foreword

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- Scope
- Normative references
- Terms and definitions
- Overview
- LAF specification: data model, architecture, Pivot format, XML serializing, and the GrAF API
- Examples
- Merging annotations
- Using the graphs
- Deriving annotation schemes

The document is then followed by an informative Annex A (informative) GrAF XML schema.
Introduction

This standard provides a primary base for language resource management, developed by the Working Group 1 of ISO/TC 37/SC 4. The aim of the group focuses on basic descriptors.
Language resource management – Linguistic annotation framework
1 Scope

Effective creation, coding, processing and management of language resources is facilitated by a single high-level data model that supports analysis and design of both databases and intermediate formats. This International Standard specifies a model that has been designed for the purpose of providing guidance on the basic principles for representing linguistic resource annotation schemes.

This International Standard is designed to support the development and use of computer applications for linguistic annotations and representations and the exchange of such data between different applications. Standardization of data categories and methods for the specification of data structures are given in ISO 12620 and other related International Standards.

This International Standard specifies a framework designed to provide guidance on the basic principles for representing linguistic annotation schemes. This framework includes a meta-model and methods for describing specific annotation schemes expressed in XML. The mechanisms for implementing constraints in an annotation scheme are defined in this International Standard, but not the specific constraints for individual annotation schemes (which will be the subject of further parts of this standards).

This International Standard also defines the conditions that allow the data expressed in one annotation scheme to be mapped onto another annotation scheme and specifies a generic mapping tool (GMT), for this purpose.

2 Normative references

ISO 8601:1988, Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times.
ISO 8879:1986 (SGML) as extended by TC2 (ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 34 N 029:1998-12-06) to allow for XML.
ISO 24610 Feature structures -Part 1: Feature structure representation
ISO 12620 Computer applications in terminology - Data categories.
3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of specific use in this standard, the following terms are defined as follows:

3.1 primary data
electronic representation of language
EXAMPLES: text, image, speech signal, etc.

NOTE: Typically, primary data objects are represented by “locations” in an electronic file, for example, the span of characters comprising a sentence or word, or a point at which a given temporal event begins or ends (as in speech annotation). More complex data objects may consist of a list or set of contiguous or non-contiguous locations in primary data.

3.2 annotation
process of adding linguistic information to primary data (3.1) or the linguistic information itself, independent of its representation
NOTE: the word “annotation” used as a verb refers to the addition of linguistic information to primary data, whereas its use as a noun refers to the linguistic information itself.

3.3 representation
format in which the annotation (3.2) is rendered, independent of its content
EXAMPLES: XML, list or bracketed format, tab-delimited text, etc.
NOTE: a phrase structure syntactic annotation and a dependency-based annotation may both be represented using XML, even though the annotation information itself is very different.

3.4 segmentation annotation
annotation (3.2) that delimits linguistic elements that appear in the primary data (3.1)
NOTE: these elements include: (1) continuous segments (appear contiguously in the primary data), (2) super- and sub-segments, where groups of segments will comprise the parts of a larger segment (e.g., contiguous word segments typically comprise a sentence segment), (3) discontinuous segments (linking continuous segments), and (4) landmarks (e.g. time stamps) that note a point in the primary data. In current practice, segmental information may or may not appear in the document containing the primary data itself. Documents considered to be read-only, for example, might be segmented by specifying offsets into the primary document where a given segment begins and ends.

3.5 linguistic annotation
annotation (3.2) that provides linguistic information about the segments in the primary data (3.1)
EXAMPLE: A morpho-syntactic annotation in which a part of speech and lemma are associated with each segment in the data
NOTE: the identification of a segment as a word, sentence, noun phrase, etc. also constitutes linguistic annotation. In current practice, when it is possible to do so, segmentation and identification of the linguistic role or properties of that segment are often combined (e.g., syntactic bracketing, or delimiting each word in the document with an XML element that identifies the segment as a word, sentence, etc.).

3.6 stand-off annotation

annotation (3.2) layered over primary data (3.1) and instantiated in a document separate from that containing the primary data (3.1).

NOTE: stand-off annotations refer to specific locations in the primary data, by addressing character offsets, elements, etc. to which the annotation applies. Multiple stand-off annotation documents for a given type of annotation can refer to the same primary document (e.g., two different part of speech annotations for a given text). There is no requirement that a single XML-compliant document may be created by merging stand-off annotation documents with the primary data; that is, two annotation documents may specify trees over the primary data that contain overlapping hierarchies.

3.7 document

XML document containing primary data (3.1) or annotations (3.2)

NOTE: In LAF, documents containing textual data are encoded in UTF-8 or UTF-16 (default: UTF-8). Each document is associated with a header document that describes its contents, provenance, etc.; several primary data or annotation documents may be associated with the same header.

3.8 anchor

a fixed, immutable position in the artifact being annotated

NOTE: The medium determines how an anchor is described. For example, text anchors may be character offsets, audio anchors may be time offsets, video anchors may be time offsets or frame indices, image anchors may be coordinates.

3.9 region

the area of a document bounded by two or more anchors.

NOTE: Every region also defines start and end anchors, where the start anchor is the first anchor returned by an iterator and the end anchor is the last anchor returned by an iterator.

3.10 original

the artifact or annotation (3.2) in different format from which the primary data (3.1) is derived
4  LAF specification

LAF consists of the following:

• A data model for linguistic annotations and the data to which they apply.
• An architecture for representing language data and its annotations.
• An XML serialization of the data model, which describes the referential structure of annotations associated with language data, consisting of a directed graph or graphs whose terminal nodes (nodes with no outgoing edges) reference primary data. Vertices and edges may be labeled with feature structures describing linguistic properties of reachable nodes or spans of data. n-dimensional regions of primary data.
• An API for manipulating the data model.

4.1  LAF data model

The LAF data model consists of (1) a referential structure for associating stand-off annotations with primary data; and (2) a feature structure representation for annotation content. The data model for annotations thus comprises a directed graph referencing n-dimensional regions of primary data as well as other annotations, in which nodes are labeled with feature structures providing the annotation content. LAF conformance requires that an annotation scheme must be (or be rendered via the mapping) isomorphic to the LAF data model.

NOTE: LAF does not include specifications for annotation content categories (i.e., the contents of the associated linguistic phenomena).

4.2  LAF architecture

Language resources conforming to the LAF architecture consist of the following, which are described in more detail in the following section:

• One or more primary data documents;
• One or more documents referencing the primary data that may serve as the base segmentation for other annotations;
• Any number of additional annotation documents containing linguistic information that reference a base segmentation document or other annotation documents;
• A header document associated with each primary data document and annotation document (or a set of primary data or annotation documents treated as a logical unit).

It is recommended that when appropriate, each primary data document also be associated with an original document that contains the source from which the primary data was adapted or extracted for annotation (e.g., the original text in the file format of a particular word processor or file viewer).

4.2.1  Primary data

Primary data is frozen as “read-only” to preserve the integrity of references to locations within the document or documents. Corrections and modifications to the primary data should be treated as annotations and stored in a separate document.

In the general case, primary data does not contain markup of any kind. If markup does exist in primary data (e.g., HTML or XML tags), it is treated as a part of the data stream by referring
annotations; no distinction is made between markup and other characters in the data when referring to locations in the document. It is crucial to note that *LAF primary data documents are not XML documents*—they contain no markup that is interpreted during processing as anything other than a part of the primary data itself.

### 4.2.2 Annotation documents

Annotation documents contain information describing primary data. Annotation information may be directly associated with (linked to) primary data, or it may be associated with another annotation or annotations. In the latter case, the annotations are said to be *layered* over the primary data.

The granularity of the annotation—that is, the smallest information unit to which the annotation applies—is dependent on the application. A single annotation may cover a sentence, paragraph, document, or an entire corpus.

LAF recommends representing each of the annotation layers defined in ISO TC37 SC4 in separate annotation documents for the purposes of exchange.

### 4.2.3 References to primary data

Direct reference to locations in primary data is to virtual *nodes* located between each base unit of representation. For text, the default base unit is one character, as defined by ISO/IEC 10646-1 Information Technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set.

Nodes are numbered starting at 0, the position just prior to the first base unit in the document. Location indexes are considered to fall between base units, starting at 0. For example, consider the text “My dog has fleas”:

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
|M|y| d|o|g| h|a|s| f|l|e|a|s|
```

The location indexes for each word are:

- *My*: start=0, end=2
- *dog*: start=3, end=6
- *has*: start=7, end=10
- *fleas*: start=11, end=16

Regions defined by location indexes need not be contiguous (i.e., there may be portions of the primary data not referenced by any annotation), but they should not, in general, overlap. Overlapping regions should be considered to be composed of finer-grained sub-components. For example, two spans <5, 9> and <7, 15> can be reconstrued as three spans a = <5, 7>, b = <7, 9>, and c = <9, 15>. Two graph nodes can then be created that reference nodes <a, b> and <b, c>, thereby providing the coverage of spans <5, 9> and <7, 15>.

Discontiguous regions are referenced by creating nodes for each of the components and adding a node that references them. References may include three or more nodes when referencing image or other non-textual data, or when dealing with discontiguous regions comprised of three or more components.

Regions in artifacts such as an image map or video may be defined in terms of anchors specifying one or more coordinates, frame indexes, etc. The media types included in the corpus are defined in the corpus header. The corpus header also associates an anchor type each media type. The header for each primary data document identifies the medium for that document, which in turn identifies the type of anchors used to identify regions in that document.
4.3 Headers

LAF defines a header for a corpus consisting of a collection of primary data documents and annotations; as well as headers for primary data and annotation documents themselves. This set of headers provides all metadata describing the provenance and encoding conventions for the data and its annotations; information required for processing such as anchor types; and relations among primary data and annotation documents in the corpus.

4.3.1 Corpus header

The corpus header describes the corpus as a whole, including its contents, file structure, and encoding; and establishes definitions that are used in the primary data document and annotation documents headers. Among these are:

- **Categories** used to describe primary data documents, typically domain/subject area for general text.
- **File types** providing their naming conventions, media, annotation type, and dependencies (i.e., other file types that are referenced and therefore required).
- **Annotation sets** describing the annotations in the corpus, including their names, the layer to which they belong, creator, and a link to relevant documentation.
- **Media definitions** specifying the media types included in the corpus and file naming conventions for files containing data of that type.
- **Anchor types** associating anchor type definitions with media types.
- **Layer definitions** providing the names, descriptions, and dependencies among annotation layers.

4.3.2 Primary data document header

Each primary data document is associated with a header file containing information describing it contents. Because the primary data document is not an XML document, the LAF primary data header is obligatorily provided as a standalone header file.

The primary data document header provides information about the source and contents of the primary data, and specifies category definitions and medium type by reference to definitions in the corpus header.

The primary data document header provides the PID for the primary data document and all associated annotation documents. This information is used for processing the corpus.

4.3.3 Annotation document header

The LAF annotation document header includes a relevant subset of elements from the primary data header (i.e., those that describe the file contents rather than the provenance of an original text, etc.), together with additional elements that provide or point to information concerning the annotation content categories and dependencies between the annotation document and other documents. The annotation document header is not a separate document, but rather is included at the beginning of the annotation document.

4.4 Pivot format

LAF provides an XML serialization of the data model that is designated as the **pivot format**. Although the LAF pivot format may be used in any context, it is assumed that users will represent annotations using their own formats, which may then be transduced to the LAF pivot format for the purposes of exchange, merging, and comparison.
The Graph Annotation Format (GrAF) specifies the XML serialization of the LAF pivot format.

In GrAF:

The fundamental data structure is a graph consisting of nodes and edges.

An annotation is a label and a feature structure associated with a node or an edge in the graph.

A feature structure is a list of features or nested feature structures.

A feature is a mapping from one string (the name) to another string (the value).

Nodes may be associated with regions in the primary document defined in a base segmentation document, or related to other nodes in the same or another annotation document by one or more edges.

An edge represents a relationship between nodes. By default edges from a node represent an ordered set of constituents of the annotation associated with the node. Other relationships may be specified by associating an annotation with the edge.

The GrAF model is similar to most other document models with the following exceptions:

• Nodes in the graph do not represent annotations; they are simply place holders that may be associated with zero or more annotations.

• Edges in the graph are first class citizens of the data model. In many data models the edges between annotations are implied by the nesting of tags (XML, Lisp) or by listing children by reference (W3C DOM, UIMA). In GrAF the edges between annotations are explicitly represented as objects and may also be annotated.

The GrAF XML schema for annotation documents is included in Annex A.

4.5 XML elements for annotation documents

The overall structure of XML elements in a GrAF annotation file is given in Figure 1.

![](image)

Figure 1. Parent-child relations of top-level XML elements in a GrAF annotation document.
The root node of the document is defined as follows:

```xml
<graph>
   The root node of the graph.
   Attribute: xmlns : namespace declaration for the GrAF schema.
   Example: <graph xmlns="http://www.xces.org/ns/GrAF/1.0/">
```

4.5.1 The header

The XML element structure for the header is given in Figure 2.

![Figure 2. XML elements in the header of a GrAF annotation document.](image)

```xml
<header>
   Bracketing tag for elements of the annotation document header. No attributes.
</header>
```

Header elements are as follows:

```xml
<tagsDecl> Provides a list of the annotation labels used in the document and their frequencies. No attributes.
   <tagUsage> Information for individual annotation categories.
      Attributes:
         gi [string] element name
         occurs [integer] number of occurrences in the document
      </tagUsage>
</tagsDecl>
```

```xml
<roots> (optional) Groups a list of one or more root nodes of the graph or graphs contained in the document, where applicable, for use in processing. No attributes.
   <root> Provides the ID of a root node as tag content. No attributes.
</roots>
```

```xml
<dependencies> Groups the list of document types required to process the annotations in this document. No attributes.
   <dependsOn> Identifies a required file type, as defined in the corpus header. No attributes.
</dependencies>
```

```xml
<annotationSets> Groups the list of annotation sets used in this document. No attributes.
```

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1 This has to be changed to avoid confusion with the TEI tag of the same name, perhaps to catDecl and catUsage.
2 In future LAF versions this will be changed to an empty tag with a ref attribute, whose value provides the root node ID, for consistency.
<annotationSet> Gives the name and type of an annotation set, as defined in the corpus header.

Attributes:

- **name** [string] The declared name of the annotation set as specified in the corpus header.
- **type** [URI] Unique identifier used for the annotation set. Typically it is the URI of the annotation scheme documentation or project site.

4.5.2 Graph and annotation elements

- **<node>** A node in the graph. Attribute: *xml:id*. The `<node>` element is empty when it is connected by an `<edge>` element to another node in the graph (i.e., when the node is a non-terminal node). A child `<link>` element is used when the node refers to a region or regions of primary data (i.e., when the node is a terminal/leaf node).

- **<link>** Provides the IDs of segment(s) in a base segmentation document when the node is associated with one or more regions of primary data.

  Attribute:

  - **targets** [list of one or more space-delimited segment IDs].

  Note that the base segmentation document in which the segments referenced appear is specified in the header.

  Example:

  ```xml
  <node xml:id="penn-n10">
    <link targets="seg-r20"/>
  </node>
  ```

- **<edge>** An edge in the graph. Attributes: *xml:id, from* [node ID], *to* [node ID].

  Example:

  ```xml
  <edge xml:id="e595" from="fn-n361" to="fn-n348"/>
  ```

- **<a>** Provides annotation information associated with a node or edge. This tag may be empty if the annotation consists of a label only.

  Attributes:

  - **label** [string] : Provides the label of the annotation. This may be the string used to identify the annotation as described by the annotation documentation, a category identifier from a data category registry, an identifier from a feature structure library, or any reference to an external annotation specification.

  - **ref** [node or edge ID] : The ID of the node or edge with which the annotation is associated.

  - **as** [string] : The name of the annotation set of which this annotation is a part, as specified in the corpus header.

- **<fs>** A feature structure providing additional annotation information. No attributes. The `<a>` element may contain one or more `<fs>` elements. The `<fs>` element may contain one or more `<f>` elements.
<f> Provides an attribute/value pair. In the concise form specified for GrAF annotations, the <f> element is empty and includes attributes providing simple name/value pairs.

Attributes:

- **name** [string]: the name of the attribute, as specified in the documentation of the annotation scheme.

- **value** [string]: the value for the attribute, taken from possible values provided in the documentation of the annotation scheme.

Example: `<a label="FE" ref="fn-n361" as="FrameNet">  
  <fs>  
    <f name="FE" value="Perceiver"/>  
    <f name="rank" value="1"/>  
    <f name="GF" value="Ext"/>  
    <f name="PT" value="NP"/>  
  </fs>  
</a>`

More complex feature structures may be represented according to the specification in ISO 24610-1, *Language resource management — Feature structures — Part 1: Feature structure representation*, which should be consulted for details.

### 4.6 Example

```xml
<graph xmlns="http://www.xces.org/ns/GrAF/1.0/">  
  <header>  
    <tagsDecl>  
      <tagUsage gi="fullTextAnnotation" occurs="1"/>  
      <tagUsage gi="Target" occurs="171"/>  
      <tagUsage gi="FE" occurs="372"/>  
      <tagUsage gi="sentence" occurs="32"/>  
      <tagUsage gi="annotationSet" occurs="171"/>  
      <tagUsage gi="NamedEntity" occurs="32"/>  
    </tagsDecl>  
    <roots>  
      <root>fn-n0</root>  
    </roots>  
    <dependencies>  
      <dependsOn type="fntok"/>  
    </dependencies>  
    <annotationSets>  
      <annotationSet name="FrameNet"  
                      type="http://framenet.icsi.berkeley.edu"/>  
    </annotationSets>  
  </header>  
  ...  
  <a label="FE" ref="fn-n156" as="FrameNet">  
    <fs>  
      <f name="FE" value="Speaker"/>  
      <f name="rank" value="1"/>  
      <f name="GF" value="Ext"/>  
      <f name="PT" value="NP"/>  
    </fs>  
  </a>  
</graph>
```

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3 Note that the GrAF concise form differs from the ISO specification for the <f> (feature) element in ISO 24610-1, in that it allows a value attribute that can take any string value instead of an fVal attribute that takes a pointer to an externally-defined data category as its value.
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" elementFormDefault="qualified"
targetNamespace="http://www.xces.org/ns/GrAF/0.99/"
xmlns:graf="http://www.xces.org/ns/GrAF/0.99/">
<!--
Schema generated from ODD source 2010-02-03T12:02:14Z.  
-->
</xs:schema>
<xs:simpleType>
  <xs:list>
    <xs:restriction base="xs:token">
      <xs:pattern value="(\p{L}|\p{N}|\p{P}|\p{S})+"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:list>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:attribute name="rendition">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>points to a description of the rendering or presentation used for this element in the source text.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
</xs:attribute>

<xs:attribute name="xml:base"/>

<xs:group name="model.featureVal.complex">
  <xs:choice>
    <xs:element ref="graf:fs"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:vColl"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:vNot"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:vMerge"/>
  </xs:choice>
</xs:group>

<xs:group name="model.featureVal.single">
  <xs:choice>
    <xs:element ref="graf:binary"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:symbol"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:numeric"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:string"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:vLabel"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:default"/>
    <xs:element ref="graf:vAlt"/>
  </xs:choice>
</xs:group>

<xs:element name="fsDecl">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>(feature structure declaration) declares one type of feature structure.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="graf:fsDescr"/>
      <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" ref="graf:fDecl"/>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="graf:fsConstraints"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:attributeGroup ref="graf:att.global.attributes"/>

<xs:attribute name="type" use="required" type="xs:Name">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>gives a name for the type of feature structure being declared.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
</xs:attribute>

<xs:attribute name="baseTypes">
</xs:attribute>
<xs:documentation>gives the name of one or more typed feature structures from which this type inherits feature specifications and constraints; if this type includes a feature specification with the same name as that of any of those specified by this attribute, or if more than one specification of the same name is inherited, then the set of possible values is defined by unification. Similarly, the set of constraints applicable is derived by combining those specified explicitly within this element with those implied by the baseTypes attribute. When no baseTypes attribute is specified, no feature specification or constraint is inherited.</xs:documentation>
<xs:annotation><xs:documentation>indicates whether or not the value of this feature may be present.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="fDescr">
<xs:annotation>
<xs:documentation>(feature description (in FSD)) describes in prose what is represented by the feature being declared and its values.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType mixed="true">
<xs:attributeGroup ref="graf:att.global.attributes"/>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="vRange">
<xs:annotation>
<xs:documentation>(value range) defines the range of allowed values for a feature, in the form of an fs, vAlt, or primitive value; for the value of an f to be valid, it must be subsumed by the specified range; if the f contains multiple values (as sanctioned by the org attribute), then each value must be subsumed by the vRange.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="vDefault">
<xs:annotation>
<xs:documentation>(value default) declares the default value to be supplied when a feature structure does not contain an instance of f for this name; if unconditional, it is specified as one (or, depending on the value of the org attribute of the enclosing fDecl) more fs elements or primitive values; if conditional, it is specified as one or more if elements; if no default is specified, or no condition matches, the value none is assumed.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:choice>
<xs:group maxOccurs="unbounded" ref="graf:model.featureVal"/>
<xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" ref="graf:if"/>
</xs:choice>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="if">
<xs:annotation>
<xs:documentation>defines a conditional default value for a feature; the condition is specified as a feature structure, and is met if it subsumes the feature structure in the text for which a default value is sought.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:sequence>
<xs:choice>
<xs:element ref="graf:fs"/>
<xs:element ref="graf:vAlt"/>
<xs:element ref="graf:then"/>
<xs:group ref="graf:model.featureVal"/>
</xs:choice>
<xs:sequence>
<xs:element ref="graf:if"/>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
<xs:element name="then">
<xs:annotation>
<xs:documentation>separates the condition from the default in an if, or the antecedent and the consequent in a cond element.</xs:documentation></xs:annotation>
</xs:complexType>

<xs:element name="fsConstraints">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>(feature-structure constraints) specifies constraints on the content of valid feature structures.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
      <xs:element ref="graf:cond"/>
      <xs:element ref="graf:bicond"/>
    </xs:choice>
    <xs:attributeGroup ref="graf:att.global.attributes"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>

<xs:element name="cond">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>(conditional feature-structure constraint) defines a conditional feature-structure constraint; the consequent and the antecedent are specified as feature structures or feature-structure collections; the constraint is satisfied if both the antecedent and the consequent subsume a given feature structure, or if the antecedent does not.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
  <xs:complexType>
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(collection of values) represents the value part of a feature-value specification which contains multiple values organized as a set, bag, or list.

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Annex B (Informative) GrAF XML schema for the corpus header

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