

# Metadata Specification

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## Element Description

The Metadata Specification element requires the user to add in schema information into every granule record. It includes the schema's name, version, and URL location.

## Best Practices

The information provided in this element is controlled through enumerations.

There are three sub-elements that comprise the Metadata Specification element:

- **URL:** This element provides the URL where the schema lives or where the schema can be downloaded.
- **Name:** This element provides the name of the schema.
- **Version:** This element provides the version of the schema.

### Example:

```
"MetadataSpecification": [  
  {  
    "URL": "https://cdn.earthdata.nasa.gov/umm/granule/v1.6.5",  
    "Name": "UMM-G",  
    "Version": "1.6.5"  
  }  
],
```

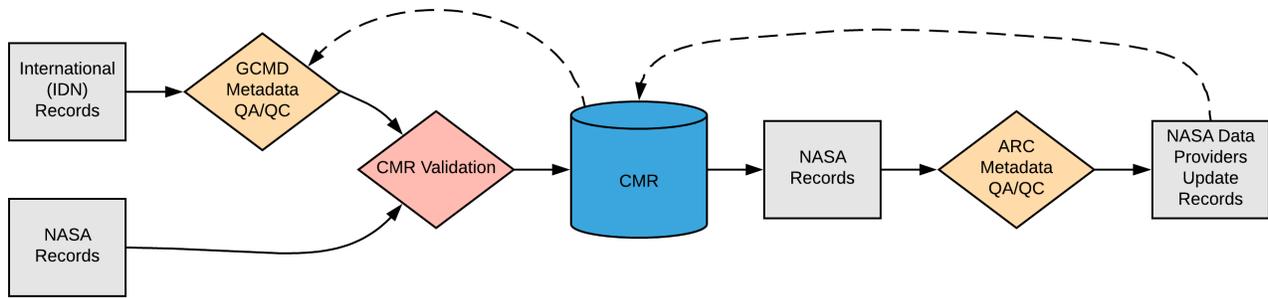
## Element Specification

Metadata Specification is required in the UMM-G (Cardinality: 1).

Model	Element	Type	Constraints	Required?	Cardinality
UMM-G	MetadataSpecification/URL	Constant	<a href="https://cdn.earthdata.nasa.gov/umm/granule/v1.6.5">https://cdn.earthdata.nasa.gov/umm/granule/v1.6.5</a>	Yes	1
UMM-G	MetadataSpecification/Name	Constant	UMM-G	Yes	1
UMM-G	MetadataSpecification/Version	Constant	1.6.5	Yes	1

## Metadata Validation and QA/QC

All metadata entering the CMR goes through the below process to ensure metadata quality requirements are met. All records undergo CMR validation before entering the system. The process of QA/QC is slightly different for NASA and non-NASA data providers. Non-NASA providers include interagency and international data providers and are referred to as the International Directory Network (IDN).



Please see the expandable sections below for flowchart details.

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[ARC Priority Matrix](#)

Priority Categorization	Justification
Red = High Priority Finding	This element is categorized as highest priority when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Metadata Specification is provided (specifically in UMM-G format granule metadata records).</li> </ul>
Yellow = Medium Priority Finding	Not Applicable
Blue = Low Priority Finding	Not Applicable
Green = No Findings/Issues	The element is provided and follows all applicable criteria specified in the best practices section above.

**ARC Automated Checks**

ARC uses the [pyQuARC library](#) for automated metadata checks. Please see the [pyQuARC GitHub](#) for more information.

## Dialect Mappings

### ECHO 10

The Metadata Specification element does not currently map to ECHO 10.

UMM-G Element	ECHO 10 Path	Type	Constraints	Required in ECHO10?	Cardinality
MetadataSpecification	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Example Mapping**

ECHO 10

UMM

### ISO 19115-2 MENDS

The Metadata Specification element does not currently map to ISO 19115-2 MENDS.

UMM-G Element	ISO Path	Type	Notes
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MetadataSpecification	N/A	N/A	N/A
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### Example Mapping

ISO 19115-2 MENDS

N/A
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UMM

N/A
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### ISO 19115-2 SMAP

The Metadata Specification element does not currently map to ISO 19115-2 SMAP.

UMM-G Element	ISO Path	Type	Notes
MetadataSpecification	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Example Mapping

ISO 19115-2 SMAP

N/A
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UMM

N/A
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### UMM Migration

UMM Version 1.4.0	Translation Direction	UMM Version 1.5.0

### History

#### UMM Versioning

Version	Date	What Changed
1.6.1	5/28/2020	Updated the version number to 1.6.1.
1.6.0	11/4/2019	Updated the version number to 1.6.
1.5.0	01/30/2019	The Metadata Specification element was added to the UMM-G schema during the transition from version 1.4.0 to 1.5.0.
1.4.0	08/01/2018	Metadata Specification was not available in version 1.4.0.

#### ARC Documentation

Version	Date	What Changed	Author
1.0	04/22/2019	Recommendations/priority matrix transferred from internal ARC documentation to wiki space	Ingrid Garcia-Solera Jeanne' le Roux

