SPASE
Data Model Version Numbers
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Each version of a SPASE data model specification will be assigned a version number which will clearly distinguish each instance.

A version number shall consist of three parts with a dot (.) separating adjacent parts. Each part is an integer number. A version number is represented in the format:

   Major.Minor.Update

Where

   Major: A significant change in the specification which can have a broad impact on implementation. A change in major version indicates structural changes to the model. Changes in a major version are not backward compatible with previous versions.

   Minor: An addition to the specification which may require minor changes or adaptations of an implementation at the Major level. Changes in a minor version may include the addition of elements or an extension of existing concepts. A minor revision may also alter the number of occurrences allowed for an element.

   Update: A change which does not impact an implementation up to the Minor level. An update version is backward is structurally compatible to the minor level. Changes in an update version may include extensions to an enumerated list or updated definition of a dictionary term.

Release versions of a specification shall have an even Minor version number.
Draft versions of a specification shall have an odd Minor version number.

History
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