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Internet Explorer XML Namespaces 1.0 Standards Support Document

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1 Introduction

This document describes the level of support provided by Microsoft web browsers for the *Namespaces in XML 1.0 (Third Edition)* specification [\[XMLNS\]](#), published 08 December 2009.

Microsoft web browsers support Namespaces in XML using the *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Fourth Edition)* [\[XML\]](#), W3C Recommendation 16 August 2006, edited in place 29 September 2006.

1.1 Glossary

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as defined in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

Links to a document in the Microsoft Open Specifications library point to the correct section in the most recently published version of the referenced document. However, because individual documents in the library are not updated at the same time, the section numbers in the documents may not match. You can confirm the correct section numbering by checking the [Errata](#).

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information.

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

[XMLNS] Bray, T., Hollander, D., Layman, A., et al., Eds., "Namespaces in XML 1.0 (Third Edition)", W3C Recommendation, December 2009, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-xml-names-20091208/>

[XML] World Wide Web Consortium, "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Fourth Edition)", W3C Recommendation 16 August 2006, edited in place 29 September 2006, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/REC-xml-20060816/>

1.2.2 Informative References

None.

1.3 Microsoft Implementations

The following Microsoft web browser versions implement some portion of the [\[XMLNS\]](#) specification:

- Windows Internet Explorer 9
- Windows Internet Explorer 10
- Internet Explorer 11
- Internet Explorer 11 for Windows 10
- Microsoft Edge

Each browser version may implement multiple document rendering modes. The modes vary from one another in support of the standard. The following table lists the document modes in each browser version that support the [\[XMLNS\]](#) specification.

Browser Version	Document Modes Supported
Internet Explorer 9	IE9 Mode
Internet Explorer 10	IE9 Mode IE10 Mode
Internet Explorer 11	IE9 Mode IE10 Mode IE11 Mode
Internet Explorer 11 for Windows 10	IE9 Mode IE10 Mode IE11 Mode
Microsoft Edge	EdgeHTML Mode

For each variation presented in this document there is a list of the document modes and browser versions that exhibit the behavior described by the variation. All combinations of modes and versions that are not listed conform to the specification. For example, the following list for a variation indicates that the variation exists in three document modes in all browser versions that support these modes:

IE9 Mode, IE10 Mode, and IE11 Mode (All Versions)

1.4 Standards Support Requirements

To conform to [\[XMLNS\]](#), a user agent must implement all required portions of the specification. Any optional portions that have been implemented must also be implemented as described by the specification. Normative language is usually used to define both required and optional portions. (For more information, see [\[RFC2119\]](#).)

1.5 Notation

The following notations are used in this document to differentiate between notes of clarification, variation from the specification, and extension points.

Notation	Explanation
C####	Identifies a clarification of ambiguity in the target specification. This includes imprecise statements, omitted information, discrepancies, and errata. This does not include data formatting clarifications.
V####	Identifies an intended point of variability in the target specification such as the use of MAY, SHOULD, or RECOMMENDED. (See [RFC2119] .) This does not include extensibility points.
E####	Identifies extensibility points (such as optional implementation-specific data) in the target specification, which can impair interoperability.

2 Standards Support Statements

This section contains all variations and clarifications for the Microsoft implementation of [\[XMLNS\]](#).

- Section [2.1](#) describes normative variations from the MUST requirements of the specification.
- Section [2.2](#) describes clarifications of the MAY and SHOULD requirements.
- Section [2.3](#) considers error handling aspects of the implementation.
- Section [2.4](#) considers security aspects of the implementation.

2.1 Normative Variations

There are no normative variations from the MUST requirements of [\[XMLNS\]](#).

2.2 Clarifications

The following subsections describe clarifications of the MAY and SHOULD requirements of [\[XMLNS\]](#).

2.2.1 [NamespacesXML1.1] Section 3, Declaring Namespaces

C0001:

The specification states:

Definition: A namespace (or more precisely, a namespace binding) is declared using a family of reserved attributes. Such an attribute's name must either be `xmlns` or begin `xmlns:`. These attributes, like any other XML attributes, may be provided directly or by default.

IE9 Mode (All Versions)

Attributes that are used to declare a namespace binding must be provided directly.

C0002:

The specification states:

The attribute's normalized value MUST be either a URI reference – the namespace name identifying the namespace – or an empty string. The namespace name, to serve its intended purpose, SHOULD have the characteristics of uniqueness and persistence. It is not a goal that it be directly usable for retrieval of a schema (if any exists). Uniform Resource Names [RFC2141] is an example of a syntax that is designed with these goals in mind. However, it should be noted that ordinary URLs can be managed in such a way as to achieve these same goals.

IE9 Mode (All Versions)

An empty string can be used as the value of the default namespace, but not any other specific namespace.

2.2.2 [NamespacesXML1.1] Section 5, Using Qualified Names

C0003:

The specification states:

Note that DTD-based validation is not namespace-aware in the following sense: a DTD constrains the elements and attributes that may appear in a document by their uninterpreted names, not by (namespace name, local name) pairs.

IE9 Mode (All Versions)

Validation by using DTDs is not performed.

2.2.3 [NamespacesXML1.1] Section 8, Conformance of Processors

C0004:

The specification states:

To conform to this specification, a processor **MUST** report violations of namespace well-formedness, with the exception that it is not **REQUIRED** to check that namespace names are URI references [RFC3986].

IE9 Mode (All Versions)

Namespace names are not checked to be URI references.

2.3 Error Handling

There are no additional error handling considerations.

2.4 Security

There are no additional security considerations.

3 Change Tracking

No table of changes is available. The document is either new or has had no changes since its last release.

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