

DR 09-0325 — OPC: Relationships

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Related DR(s): none

Nature of the Defect:

Contains: "Sometimes relationships act as a label where the content type of the labeled part does not define a way to attach the given information. ... "

Solution Proposed by the Submitter:

This phrasing does not constitute testable statements as required by normative text. Much of this paragraph might be made informative.

"...relationships act as a label..." isn't clear either. Does a set of multiple relationships act as a single label, or is it that a single relationship may act as label?

Editor's Response:

Update Part 2, §9.3, "Relationships", last paragraph, as follows

Relationships provide a second important function: relating parts without modifying their content. ~~Sometimes relationships~~ Relationships may act as a label where identify the content type of the labeled part when that part does not define a way to attach the given information. Some scenarios require information to be attached to an existing part without modifying that part, either because the part is encrypted and cannot be decrypted, or because it is digitally signed and changing it would invalidate the signature.