### Change Request Details

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**Title:** Symbolizer for styling of nested child objects  
**Source:** OWS-8 Aviation  
**Work item code:**  
**Category:** B (Addition of feature)  

**Reason for change:** Complex data models like AIXM 5 have feature types that are a composition of nested objects. The current SE 1.1 only allows limited styling of these child objects, such as using the same style for all objects. This change request defines a new type of symbolizer that makes this possible.

**Summary of change:** Add a new symbolizer: 'CompositeChildSymbolizer'. It has a mandatory
element that points to a list of nested child objects, and a list of symbolizers that will be applied to each object in the list. For instance, for a GML feature that looks like:

```xml
<Parent>
  <ParentColor>Black</ParentColor>
  <Child>
    <Color>Blue</Color>
    <ChildGeometry> ...</ChildGeometry>
  </Child>
  <Child>
    <Color>Red</Color>
    <ChildGeometry> ...</ChildGeometry>
  </Child>
  <Child>
    <ChildGeometry> ...</ChildGeometry>
  </Child>
</Parent>
```

A composite child symbolizer would look like this:

```xml
<se:CompositeChildSymbolizer>
  <se:childProperty>Child</se:childProperty>
  <se:PolygonSymbolizer>
    <se:Geometry><ogc:PropertyName>ChildGeometry</ogc:PropertyName></se:Geometry>
    <se:Stroke>
      <se:SvgParameter name="stroke"><ogc:PropertyName>Color</ogc:PropertyName></se:SvgParameter>
      <se:SvgParameter name="stroke-width">4</se:SvgParameter>
    </se:Stroke>
  </se:PolygonSymbolizer>
</se:CompositeChildSymbolizer>
```

Applications that support this symbolizer will also need to support the XPath parent axes, or '../' in short to reference the parent of a child node from within the composite child rule or symbolizer. The XML schema for these types would look like:

```xml
<xsd:element name="CompositeChildSymbolizer" type="se:CompositeChildSymbolizerType" substitutionGroup="se:Symbolizer">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>A "CompositeChildSymbolizer" comprises a group of symbolizers that are to be applied to a list of objects</xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
</xsd:element>
```

```xml
<xsd:complexType name="CompositeChildSymbolizerType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="se:SymbolizerType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="fes:ValueReference"/>
        <xsd:element ref="se:Symbolizer" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexType>
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<td>Styling of complex objects will not be possible, the example given is derived from AIXM 5, where we want to use this type of symbolizer in at least 30 feature types out of about 100 features types with geometry in total. As there is no alternative to the proposed feature, custom extensions would be needed.</td>
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