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Title: Proposed rewrite of The Specification Model — A standard for modular spec

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Category: D (Editorial modification)

Reason for change: The original document cannot be used as written. The injunctions are vague, the tests unclear.

Summary of change: A complete rewrite of the Mod. Spec.
A Specification for Specification Documents 13-056 is available in the pending documents on the portal.

This document (Spec.Spec.) is clearer than the original (Mod.Spec.) and has a narrower focus. This new version focuses on 'well written' rather than 'modular' since that, rather than 'modularity', is the major contribution of the 'mod spec'. The three extensions in the Mod Spec are *not* updated since they are unclear.

This rewrite still needs revision:
* The UML diagram needs review against that in the Mod.Spec. and because there is some overkill in terms of what cross references are necessary between document elements.
* The comments in the margin of the document must be addressed.
* The document should be checked against its own tests.
* The document should be evaluated by being used to test an actual, new spec document such as WMS 2.0.
* The document needs an editorial revision.
* Some of the recommendations for dependencies might be turned into requirements.
* The requirements for the *form* of the text of specifications could be split from the requirements for the model of the document of the specification.

Consequences if not approved: Technically, new standards cannot follow the OGC TC P&P since the required Mod.Spec. cannot be implemented.
**Clauses affected:**
- all

**Additional Documents affected:**
- none

**Supporting Documentation:**

1. A document is available on pending A Specification for Specification Documents 13-056 which offers a full rewrite of the original standard. The rewrite is clearer, more focused, and more explicitly follows its own injunctions (i.e. conforms with itself).


**Comments:**

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