

How REFEDS Handles Specification Versioning



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Versioning

Versioning shall be based on the principles of semantic versioning. For existing specifications, any new releases will conform to the following style of version numbering.

- MAJOR version when you make incompatible specification changes,
- MINOR version when you make changes in a backward-compatible manner, and
- PATCH version when you make backward-compatible editorial fixes (e.g., updating URLs in references).

Document Metadata

Each document to have the following metadata at the top:

- Version History
- Reference pdf
- DOI
- License
- Supporting Material

Additional Guidelines

1. Each URI will lead to an HTML version of the specification. The canonical version of the specification must be on the REFEDS website, not the wiki or in GitHub.
2. Each HTML version will reference a PDF version to be kept on [Zenodo](#).
3. Each version will have DOI, to be obtained via Zenodo.
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