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Abstract:
DocBook EBNF Document Type is a modular superset of DocBook XML V4.3. It is a DocBook extension to support Extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) productions.

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1. Introduction

DocBook is general purpose document type particularly well suited to books and papers about computer hardware and software (though it is by no means limited to these applications).

DocBook EBNF is an extension to provide support for Extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) productions.


The Version 1.2 release is based on [DocBook V4.3].

The DocBook Technical Committee welcomes bug reports and requests for enhancement (RFEs) from the user community. The current list of outstanding requests is available through the SourceForge tracker interface. This is also the preferred mechanism for submitting new requests. Old RFEs, from a previous legacy tracking system, are archived for reference.

2. Terminology

The key words must, must not, required, shall, shall not, should, should not, recommended, may, and optional in this Working Draft are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119]. Note that for reasons of style, these words are not capitalized in this document.

3. The DocBook EBNF Document Type V1.2CR1

The DocBook EBNF Document Type is a superset of [DocBook V4.3]. It is distributed from the DocBook site at OASIS. It is also available from the mirror on http://docbook.org/.

3.1. Usage

To use this module, specify the public and system identifiers of this module in your document type declaration. For example, to use this module to write a book, use the following document type declaration:

```xml
<!DOCTYPE book PUBLIC "-//OASIS//DTD DocBook EBNF Module V1.2CR1//EN"
    "http://www.oasis-open.org/docbook/xml/ebnf/1.2CR1/dbebnf.dtd">
```

Naturally, you can include an internal subset if you wish.

To incorporate this module into a higher-level customization layer, use the public and system identifiers of this module in your customization layer. For example:

```xml
<!DOCTYPE % docbookebnf PUBLIC "-//OASIS//DTD DocBook EBNF Module V1.2CR1//EN"
    "http://www.oasis-open.org/docbook/xml/ebnf/1.2CR1/dbebnf.dtd">
%docbookebnf;
```

4. Changes in DocBook EBNF V1.2CR1

This release updates DocBook EBNF to be a customization of DocBook XML V4.3.

There are no substantive changes to the EBNF-specific markup.
5. Release Notes

None.

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