

FAQ – DEXPI+ specification release candidate

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- **If I want to give feedback via email, which email address should I use?**
 - Please use the following email address:
dexpiplus@dexpi.org
- **What should I do with the provided eapx and qea files? How can I open them?**
 - The eapx and qea files are proprietary file formats of Sparx Enterprise Architect UML modeling software. Until version 15 of Enterprise Architect, eapx files are used. Since version 16 of Enterprise Architect, qea is file format. If you do not use Enterprise Architect already, you can download the Enterprise Architect Viewer from the sparxsystems downloads page, enabling you to directly view the UML model.
- **Why do the diagrams from the specification differ from the XML example files?**
 - All XML examples (the xmi files are not examples, but the UML model representation in an xml serialization) have been created manually. In case the xml example and the UML model (eapx/qea) differ, the UML model is the leading entity.
- **Do the labels of the elements in the diagrams (e.g. "=QNA") have a meaning? Where can I find the meaning?**
 - Yes, many labels of elements in the example diagrams actually have a meaning inspired by ISO/IEC 81346. The designation is composed of two elements: the aspect indicator (“=”) and the designation short code (e.g. “QNA”). The equals sign (“=”) represents the function aspect of IEC 81346. As the process view always is a completely functional point of view, focusing on “what” is happening and not “by which means?”, all designations start with an “=”. The second part, the short codes (e.g. “QNA”), reflect the main function of the process system. Please refer to the “summary appendix” spreadsheet file on the DEXPI nextcloud (<https://nextcloud.dexpi.org/index.php/s/YRYP8s44jni9NE4>) for the meaning of the designations.