

Digital Data Exchange (DDEX)

Overview of DDEX Standards



April 2024

DDEX standards are about **efficiently communicating**

data along the entire music/media value chain





© DDEX/

Electronic Release Notification Message Suite (ERN)

- Enables record companies and distributors to inform DSPs about
 - Releases
 - Sound recordings or music videos they contain
 - Cover art images
 - Musical works in sound recordings or music videos
 - Commercial terms of use
- Supports

Record

Company

Distributor

Metadata Company

- Full range of business models
- Audio and audio-visual releases
- Multi-territorial

Media Enrichment And Description (MEAD)



- Enables metadata providers to communicate rich information about musical works, sound recordings or music videos and releases to DSPs
 - Focus track

Vocal register

Influences

- Photos
- Mood or genre
- Lyrics
- Alternative titles
- Charting and awards Time signatures
- Offers rich consumer experience, especially for instance, to support voice-activated music discovery and playback
- This data does not appear in ERN

Party Identification and Description (PIE)

 Enables metadata providers to communicate rich information about parties to DSPs



- Parties include writers, recording artists, studio personnel, record companies
- Offers rich consumer experience, especially for instance, to support voice-activated music discovery and playback
- This data does not appear in ERN

Catalogue Transfers (CT)



- Enables notification of a catalogue transfer of sound recordings from the owner or administrator of those sound recordings to a DSP
- Limited to one specific type of catalogue transfer (sometimes called "lift and shift") between just three parties
 - A relinquishing record company
 - An acquiring record company
 - A DSP
- Does not support catalogue transfers that involve distributors

Digital Sales Reporting Message Suite (DSR)



- Enables licensees to report to owners or administrators of musical works or sound recordings, the sales or usage of those musical works or sound recordings on an electronic music service
- Different profiles for different types of music services or business transaction:
 - Basic Audio Profile
 - UGC Profile
 - Audio Visual Profile
 - Royalty Reporting Profile
 - Broadcast Profile

- Financial Reporting to Record Companies Profile
- Masterlist Profile
- Basic Audio Profile for The Mechanical Licensing Collective

Claim Detail Message Suite (CDM)

- Enables owners or administrators of musical works to send claims and/or details of invoices to licensees of those musical works
- Such claim/invoice details are sent in response to reports from the sale or usage of sound recordings and/or music videos that use those musical works
- Enables licensees that receive CDM messages to respond with discrepancy notifications about
 - Such discrepancies as, for example, arithmetic issues, questions about applied tariffs, or errors in the formatting of the CDM
 - Discrepancies about rights shares in the musical works (overclaims)



© DDEX/9

Musical Work Data and Rights communication



- Musical Works rights share Notification choreography (MWL) standard
 - Enables musical works owners or administrators to provide to record companies or other companies, information about ownership of right shares in one or more musical work
- Musical Works Licensing choreography (MWL) standard
 - Enables record companies or other companies to send to owners or administrators of musical works requests for licences in those musical works
 - Letter of Direction choreography (LoD) standard
 - Enables an acquiring owner or administrator to notify record companies or other companies about its acquisition of rights shares in musical works

Bulk communication of Work And Recording Metadata



- Bulk communication of Work And Recording Metadata (BWARM) standard
 - Enables the bulk communication of data about musical works, sound recordings that make use of those musical works
 - Includes musical work right shares

Recording Data and Rights (RDR)



- Recording Data and Rights Notification (RDR-N) standard
 - Enables owners or administrators (usually a record company) of a sound recording or a music video to claim interest to a Music Licensing Company (for example, PPL in the UK or GVL in Germany)
 - Enables owners or administrators for performers to claim interest in that performance on a sound recording or a music video to an MLC
 - Enables MLCs to claim interest in a sound recording or a music video or a performance with other MLCs
- Recording Data and Rights Revenue reporting (RDR-R) standard
 - Enables the declaration of revenues from usage of a sound recording or a music video or a performance to the owner or administrator
- Recording Data and Rights Choreography (RDR-C) standard
 - Defines the message choreography for the RDR-N and RDR-R standards

Recording Information Notification (RIN)

- Format for capture and communication of data about the creation of a musical work and/or sound recording
- Is designed for machine-to-machine communication
- Interpretation of RIN messages performed by studio based systems
 - Data includes

. . .

- Who performed which musical work?
- Who played which instrument?
- When and where was this performance recorded?
- Who was the sound engineer?



DDEX

Supporting Standards

- Data Dictionary Standard
 - Provides a common language for all the terms used in DDEX's standards
- Data Dictionary Governance Standard
 - Specifies how the data dictionary is managed as standards change
- DDEX Party Identifier (DPID) Standard
 - Specifies the structure and associated reference descriptive metadata of a DPID
- DDEX Party Identifier Governance Standard
 - Specifies the governance of the DPID and its supporting systems

Underpinning DDEX's standards

- DDEX defines the "lingua franca" for the music industry
- DDEX data dictionary
 - Semantics of terms
 - Structure of common composites
- Contains 1,000s of terms



© DDEX/15

DDEX



Digital Data Exchange (DDEX)

Overview of DDEX Standards



April 2024