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| Ecma | 9.1.1.1 |  | te | It is possible to get XML values whose set of [[InScopeNamespaces]] is inconsistent with the set of namespaces used by that value. For example, this might occur when an element is extracted from its parent. <br> While the specification contains many notes of the form <br> NOTE: The E4X data model does not enforce the constraint: <br> for all x belonging to XML : <br> x.[[InScopeNamespaces]] is an improper superset of <br> x.[[Parent]].[[InScopeNamespaces]]. <br> to allow implementations freedom of representation, it must also be true that the namespaces used by an XML value must always be in the [[InScopeNamespaces]] of that value. | There are four changes necessary to address this issue: <br> (1) In MapInfoltemToXML: <br> Step 6: remove step g and modify the new step g (was step h) to look like: <br> g. For each attribute information item $a$ in the [inscope namespaces] property of $i$, except for the attribute information item whose [prefix] property is equal to "xml" <br> i. Map a member $n s$ of <br> x.[[InScopeNamespaces]] to a as follows: <br> 1. Map ns.prefix to the [prefix] property of $a$ <br> 2. Map ns.uri to the [namespace name] property of a <br> (2) Constrain [[InScopeNamespaes]] of an XML value to include every namespace used by that XML value <br> (3) Change the algorithm of ToXMLString() to emit a xmins declaration for the default xml namespace rather than generating an prefix for it <br> (4) Change the algorithm in [[AddInScopeNamespaces]] to replace the default namespace. | Accept. fix mapinfoitem and remove notes and unwinding the parent chain to find inscope namespaces. <br> Keep 1, 3 and 4. Add 5 to remove notes and while loops that enforce the constraint in 2. <br> In 9.1.12 specify that the replaced child inherits the children. |
| Ecma | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.1.1.1, } \\ & \text { 9.1.1.3 } \end{aligned}$ |  | ed | There is redundant code that should be shared between these two sections. | Define an abstract procedure to describe the common logic shared between these two clauses. | This comment is technical. Defer to edition 4 |
| Ecma | 9.1.1.2 |  | te | ToString is called unnecessarily, which is inefficient and can have side effects. | Move steps 3 and 4 to before 1 and 2 | Accept |

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| Ecma | 9.1.1.2 |  | te | Step 6. GetDefaultNamespace is called much earlier than its one use. | Inline or move down | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.1.1.2 |  | ed | Step 9. isValueName misspelling of isValidName | Replace isValidName with isValueName | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.1.1.3, <br> 9.2.1.3, and elsewhere |  | ge | Throughout the document, the handling of conditional statements is inconsistent. I.e. <br> The following pattern where there are extra steps with else-after-return and extra returns: <br> 2 If foo <br> 2(a) If bar, return true <br> 2(b) Else <br> 2(b)(i) blah <br> 2(b)(ii) blah <br> etc. <br> 2(c) Return true <br> Should be rewritten as <br> 2 If foo <br> 2(a) If !bar <br> 2(a)(i) blah <br> 2(a)(ii) blah <br> etc. <br> 2(b) Return true | (see comment) | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.1.1.4 |  | ed | The terminology "shift up" vs. "shift down" is unclear. | Use the terminology: "shift higher" and "shift lower" instead of "shift up" and "shift down", respectively. | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.1.1.13 |  | ed | [[AddInScopeNamespaces]] wrongly plural in 3(d)(iii) | Replace [[AddInScopeNamespaces]] with [[AddInScopeNamespace]] | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.2.1.2 |  | te | Step 2(c)(ii) sets $y$.[[Parent]] $=r$ where $r$ is the result of [[ResolveValue]] called on x.[[TargetObject]] in 2(a)(i). | To match insertChildAfter, insertChildBefore, prependChild, and setChildren, we should silently | Accept |

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|  |  |  |  | This can result in text parenting text. E.g. <br> var MYXML = new XML(); <br> MYXML.appendChild( new XML("<TEAM>Giants</TEAM>")); | do nothing in this case. |  |
| Ecma | 9.2.1.2 |  | ed | Step 2(c)(vii)(1) could test $r$ instead of $y$.[[Parent]], since we know from 2(c)(ii) that they're identical. | (see comment) | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.2.1.2 |  | te | Step 2(c)(vii)(3) what is V.[[PropertyName]]? Should be [[TargetProperty]] | (see comment) | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.2.1.2 |  | te | Step 2(f)(iv, vi). <br> Off-by-one error | Replace (iv) and (vi) with these steps: <br> iv. For $\mathrm{j}=\mathrm{x} .[[$ Length $]]-1$ downto $\mathrm{i}+1$, rename property j of x to ToString( $\mathrm{j}+$ c. [[Length]] - 1) <br> vi. Let $x .[[$ Length]] $=x .[[$ Length]] $+c .[[$ Length]] -1 | Accept |
| Ecma | 9.2.1.2 |  | te | Step 2(g)(iii)V may not be of type XML, but all indexnamed properties $x[i]$ in an XMLList $x$ must be of type XML, according to 9.2.1.1 Overview and other places in the spec. | Thanks to 2(d), we know $V$ is either a string or an XML/XMLList object. If V is a string, call ToXML on it to satisfy the constraint before setting $x[i]=V$. | Accept |
| Ecma | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.2.1.2 Step } \\ & \text { 2(e)(i, ii), } \\ & \text { 9.2.1.2 Step } \\ & \text { 7(e)(i), } \\ & \text { 9.2.1.3 Step } \\ & \text { 2(b)(ii)(1)(a) } \end{aligned}$ |  | te | All uses of a.[[Name]] for an attribute a in these sections that pass that QName object to [[Delete]] must pass an AttributeName cloned from a.[[Name]]. The [[Name]] internal property is always a QName instance and never an AttributeName or AnyName instance. But [[Delete]] will not operate on $x$.[[Attributes]] when given a QName by these sections, so a child could be wrongly deleted instead of the attribute of the same name. | Need to convert QName into an attribute name before calling [[Delete]] | Accept |

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| Ecma | 9.2.1.10 |  | ed | 2(a) tests for null after testing for a non-null value | 2(a) transpose 2nd and 3rd terms in if condition's disjunction | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | te | Step 3 is premature, given the early returns in steps 4-7. Unless steps $4-7$ should prepend $s$ to their specified return values, which upon testing seems like the right thing! So the errata are that (4-7) do not prepend s to their "Return" results. | Add s+return_value where returns do not already do that. | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | te | Step 11 seems to make a copy of the in-scope namespace prematurely. Only if Step 12's "If (namespace.prefix == undefined)" test is true does it need the copy, in order to set namespace.prefix. | Move copying closer to use | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | te | Step 12 seems confused: if namespace.prefix is set to an arbitrary prefix not used by any namespace in the union set, then 12(b)'s "If" condition is always true, and we'll always add the newly-prefixed copy of the namespace found in the in-scope namespaces to namespaceDeclarations. | Remove test make 12.b.i 12.b | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | ed | Step 17(b)(i) typo: [[GetNamspace]] | Replace with [[GetNamespace]] | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | te | Step 17(e-f): The XML spec say these need EscapeAttributeValue | Add a step to call EscapeAttributeValue with the attribute value as the argument before concatenating the result | Accept. Replace "fo" with "of" |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | ed | Step 21(a) Typo: indentLevel is wrongly capitalized. | Fix capitalization | Accept |
| Ecma | 10.2.1 |  | te | Step 24(a) It seems a new line character should be concatenated to s before the indentLevel spaces, to put the end-tag on its own line. | Add a step before Step 24(a), which adds line terminator character to s . | Accept |

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| Ecma | 10.2.1.1 |  | te | Step 2(b) is unnecessary and contrary to user expectations because ' $>$ ' characters do not need to be escaped in element content. | Remove step 2(b). | Reject. Continue to escape for parallelism with '<'. |
| Ecma | 10.6.1 |  | te | Step 1 uses P , should be s. Step 1 excludes any number values property when it should only exclude unsigned integer valued properties. | Change S to p. Change conversion to ToUlnt32() | Accept |
| Ecma | 11.1 |  | te | Step 3(a)(i) <br> $\mathrm{n}:: \mathrm{x}$ given valid Namespace reference n , @n::b, *, etc. => undefined if not found in scope chain. This goes against Editions 1-3 and the implementations that led to the EcmaScript standard, and it's not good human engineering. | Throw ReferenceError if not found | Accept |
| Ecma | 11.3.2 |  | ed | The specification seems to be ambigious as to what should be returned as section 11.3.2 The typeof Operator says in its text When UnaryExpression evaluates to a value of type XMLList, the typeof operator returns the string "xmillist", while the table defining the results says: <br> Type Result <br> XML "xml" <br> XMLList "xml" | Return the string "xml", instead of "xmllist" | Accept |
| Ecma | 11.1.4 |  | te | The grammar for XML initialisers includes markup that is not well-formed XML. A tighter grammar will allow syntax errors to be caught while parsing the program, rather than at runtime. | Replace the grammar for XML initialisers with the following: <br> XMLElement <br> < XMLName XMLAttributes XMLWhitespaceOpt/> <br> < XMLName XMLAttributes > XMLElementContent </ XMLName XMLWhitespaceOpt > <br> XMLName <br> \{ Expression \} <br> XMLName <br> XMLAttributes | Accept. |

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|  |  |  |  |  | XMLWhitespace \{ Expression \} <br> XMLAttribute XMLAttributes <br> empty <br> XMLAttribute <br> XMLWhitespace XMLName XMLWhitespaceOpt = XMLWhitespaceOpt XMLAttributeValue <br> XMLAttributeValue <br> \{Expression \} <br> XMLAttributeValue <br> XMLElementContent <br> \{Expression \} XMLElementContent XMLMarkup XMLElementContent XMLText XMLElementContent XMLElement XMLElementContent empty |  |
| Ecma | 11.2.4 |  | ed | $6(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e})$ should use I[i], not x[i]. | Replace references to x[i] with [[i] | Accept |
| Ecma | 11.5.1 |  | te | E4X specs the section 11.5.1 The Abstract Equality Comparison Algorithm states: <br> $\ldots$ <br> 3. If Type $(x)$ is the same as Type( $y$ ) <br> ... <br> c. If Type $(x)$ is Object and x.[[Class]] == "Namespace", return the results of the comparison x.uri $==y$.uri <br> The comparision in 3(c) is does not verify that y is a namespace value. | That should be changed to <br> c. If Type $(x)$ is Object and <br> x.[[Class]] == "Namespace" and <br> y.[[Class]] == "Namespace", <br> return the results of the comparison x.uri == y.uri <br> A similar treatment should be applied to QName part. | Accept |

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| Ecma | 11.3.1 |  | te | The delete Operator <br> This section does not describe how delete x..@a works, for example, because the Descendants accessor, 11.2.3, does not return a Reference type (because [[Descendants]] for XML and XMLList do not return References, and the final steps of the semantics in 11.2.3 just propagate those return values), and the 11.3.1 Overview lists cases only for Reference types where the base object is XML and XMLList. <br> Ecma-262 Edition 3, 11.4.1, The delete Operator, specifies that delete on a non-Reference type returns true (step 2), so delete x..@a does nothing except evaluate to true. | Throw a TypeError exception of the operand of the delete operator is if type XMLList. | Accept |
| Ecma | 12.1 |  | te | default xml namespace <br> Default namespace is scoped lexically, but not hoisted to the top of function bodies in the same way that var definitions are. This make it hard to use and hard to compile. | In functions that define the default xml namespace, initialize the default xml namespace to the current value of the global default xml namespace, at the beginning of the function block. | Accept |
| Ecma | 12.3 |  | ed | "NOTE The for-each-in statement behaves differently than the for-in statement." Should use "differently from" or "other than". | Replace "differently than" with "differently from" | Accept |
| Ecma | 12.3 |  | ed | off-by-one (too great) step numbering in "The mechanics of enumerating the properties (steps 7 and 7a in the first algorithm, steps 8 and 8 a in the second) is implementation dependent." | Change numbering to " 6 and 6 a " and " 7 and 7a", respectively. | Accept |
| Ecma | 13.3.2 |  | te | QName called with zero arguments is not specified don't want localName == "undefined" | Use empty string | Accept |
| Ecma | 13.4.4.1 |  | te | XML.prototype.constructor cannot be accessed because XML [[Get]] does not lookup properties as Object [[Get]] | Make reserved for future use | Accept. Add note that says the constructor property can |

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|  |  |  |  | does. Ditto for XMLList.prototype.constructor. This may not be the case in the future, creating a potential compatibility issue if implementations or program give these properties values. |  | be write only in practice. |
| Ecma | 13.4.4.6 |  | te | XML.prototype.child Step 1(a) depends on the [[Get]] method of x returning an XMLList of all children, and 1(b) depends on [[Get]] of that XMLList, called with index P, returning a list containing that one child, with [[TargetObject]] referring to $x$ and [[TargetProperty]] presumably being null. <br> But [[Get]] on an XMLList, 9.2.1.1, does not return a list containing the indexed child, given a property index P -- it delegates to Object [[Get]]. Per 9.2, getting an indexed property from an XMLList will return undefined if $\mathrm{P}>=$ x.length(), otherwise it will return just the indexed child, not wrapped in a XMLList. <br> This contradicts the wording in the Overview ("If P is a numeric index, the child method returns a list ...."), but not the example. | Change P to propertyName. <br> Step 2 set temporary to result of [[Get]] <br> Add Step 3 to return temporary converted to XMLList. | Accept with modifications that: <br> 1.b. Set temporary to result of get <br> 1.c. If temporary is undefined then return empty list |
| Ecma | 13.4.4.31 |  | ed | Step 9 "QNames" misspelled as "Qnames". | Replace "Qnames" with "QNames". | Accept |
| Ecma | 13.5.4.4 |  | te | XMLList.prototype.child seems to be missing at least a 'return m ' step at the end. | Add a Step 3, return m | Accept |
| Ecma | 13.5.4.9 |  | ed | Step 2 typo: "Returnt" should be "Return". | Replace "Returnt" with "Return" | Accept |
| Ecma | 13.5.4.16 |  | te | Steps 1 and 3 specify undefined return, not null as is done for XML.prototype.parent(), making them unnecessarily inconsistent. | Return null from XMLList.prototype.parent() in the case that there is no parent. | Reject. Returning undefined is the correct behavior |
| Ecma | General |  | ge | Conformance section is missing. In particular it is not | Add a conformance section, and add to that | Accept |

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|  |  |  |  | clear how implementers can extend E4X. | conformance section the constraint that implementeors may not add to the set of methods of XML.prototype and XMLList.prototype |  |
| Ecma | General |  | ge | ToXMLName spelled as ToXmIName | Replace globally ToXmIName with ToXMLName | Accept |

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| US | 8 |  | te | Introduction of XML markup at the lexical level is a significant deviation in the underlying structure of an ECMAScript program and is inconsistent with what is done in other similar languages. <br> Allowing XML markup at the lexical level allows the writing of straight XML text in an easier fashion as quotes are not needed around the text and multiline text does not need concatenation at the end of each line. (The example in 13.4.4.2 clearly shows this.) However, this change is a major shift in the lexical structure of the language and does not help in the writing of XML text with embedded data from variables. The "ToXML" operator provides sufficient functionality that XML markup does not need to be shoved into the lexical structure of the language. | Remove XML markup from the lexical level of the standard. <br> A new form of XML literal, which could be multiline, could be added to the standard; However, it must have a clearly defined format with a beginning and end that does not change with the XML text being represented. Having such a literal would make processing the language much easier and error checking much better. | Rejected, see email comment. Ask rex if he has any more insight on this comment. |
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| US | general |  | te | The document should use "shall" instead of "must" to be consistent with ISO/IEC phraseology. | Change all "must" verbs to "shall" when used to specify mandatory requirements; use "may" when used to specify permissiveness ("is permitted to") | Agreed |
| US | 4 |  | ed | Normative references should be clause 2, definitions clause 3, conformance clause 4, and everything else clause 5 and onward. |  | Agreed |
| US | 3 | p 1 | ed | Change "must" ==> "shall" |  | Agreed |
| US | 3 | p 3 | ed | Change "is permitted to provide" ==> "may" |  | Agreed |
| US | 5 |  | ed | Move Clause 5 to an informative annex. |  | Reject, but marking as informative |
| US | 6 |  | ed | Move Clause 6 to an informative annex. |  | Reject, but marking as informative |
| US | general |  | te | In the cases where "type" means "datatype", replace "type" with "datatype" to be consistent with JTC1 terminology. |  | Define type in the definition section |

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| US | 10.4.1, general |  | ed | Change "var I = new XMLList" ==> "var List = new XMLList". The problem is that the lower case ell looks like a number 1 (one). So just spell out "List" instead of "I". | Note: This change (changing "l" ==> "List") is necessary in several places within the document. | Accept. E.g. <br> var list $=$ new List |
| US | 13.5.4.3 |  | te | What does "!!!1" mean? Is this a typo? |  | Not an issue. Only in PDF |
| US | 14 |  | te | The sentence "An implementation may define behaviour other than throwing a TypeError exception for the ToXML function and ToXMLList function when they are called with an argument of type Object" does not make sense because "an implementation may define behaviour" doesn't make sense. | Possibly the following was intended: <br> "If the ToXML function or the ToXMLList function are called with an argument of type Object, then the error thrown is implementation-defined. Note: The implementation-defined behaviour may include throwing the TypeError exception." | Reject, the proposed wording requires that implementations throw an exception, which is not the case. Adding reference to section 16 of edition 3 to clarify. Replace controversial wording with "an implementation may choose to provide behaviour" |

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| JP | Overall | ge | Document style should be conforming to ISO/IEC standard | Change the document style to conforming to ISO/IEC standards | Reject. Not required for first edition of fast-track specifications |
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| JP | Overall | ge | Clause for Definition of terminology is missing. | Add a clause for Definition of Terms. | Agreed |
| JP | 3 | te | Conformance definition given in Clause 3 is incomplete. Currently, the conformance to ISO/IEC 16262 is not required, but obviously the conformance to E4X without the conformance to ISO/IEC 16262 is not possible. | Add a requirement of ISO/IEC 16262 to Clause 3. | Agreed |
| JP | 4 | Te | Some references are not newest versions | Change the references to the newest versions. | Reject. Defer until edition 4 because this draft and implementations depend on earlier standards |
| JP | 4 | Te | References that are not actually cited should be moved to Informative. | References that are not actually cited should be moved to Notes. | Agreed. If reference is in a normative section then it goes in the normative references, otherwise it needs to be informative <br> Add W3C XSLT as an informative references <br> Change 4 to reference and add 4.1 normative and 4.2 informative |
| JP | 4 | Te | ISO/IEC 16262 must be referenced. | Add a reference to ISO/IEC 16262:2001 | Agreed. Change to ISO reference. |
| JP | 4 | Te | References to Unicode Technical Reports \#8 and \#15 should be deleted when referring to Unicode 4.0 is added. | Change the Unicode 2.0 reference to Unicode 4.0 and delete the references to Unicode Technical Reports \#8 and \#15. | Reject. Defer until edtion 4, because of dependency of edition 3 on Unicode 3 support |
| JP | 5 | Ge | This must be Informative. | Declare informative, or move somewhere else. | Agreed. Add sentence to |

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| JP | 14 |  | ed | Period missing - E4X extends the list of erros | Add period. | Agreed |
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