

# Overview



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# Version History

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XCCDF-P	--	January 26, 2006
Version 1.1	--	March 13, 2007
Version 2.0	--	September 14, 2007
Version 2.1	--	January 31, 2008



# Use Cases

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- Common Names
  - different tools sharing information
- Matching
  - different levels of abstraction
- Reporting
  - correlation with additional sources



# Current Specification

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- CPE Name
  - identifies a platform type
    - does not ID a system
  - ideally associated with an OVAL Inventory Definition
- CPE Language
  - used to combine CPE Names to identify complex platform types
- CPE Dictionary
  - collection of known CPE Names



# CPE Name Format

- repeatable format
  - 2 people in different rooms will come up with the same name
- name is built by using known information
  - 7 (optional) components

**cpe:/ part : vendor : product : version : update : edition : language**



# Resources

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- Web site: <http://cpe.mitre.org>
- Mailing list: cpe-discussion-list
  - Open forum for developing the specification
  - registration form
    - <http://cpe.mitre.org/registration.html>