

5.4. Association Reference Set

The Association type reference set represents a set of unordered associations of a particular type between **components**, i.e. concepts, descriptions and relationships. The `referencedComponentId` references the source component of the association, whereas the reference set specific attribute, the `targetComponentId`, references the target component of the association.

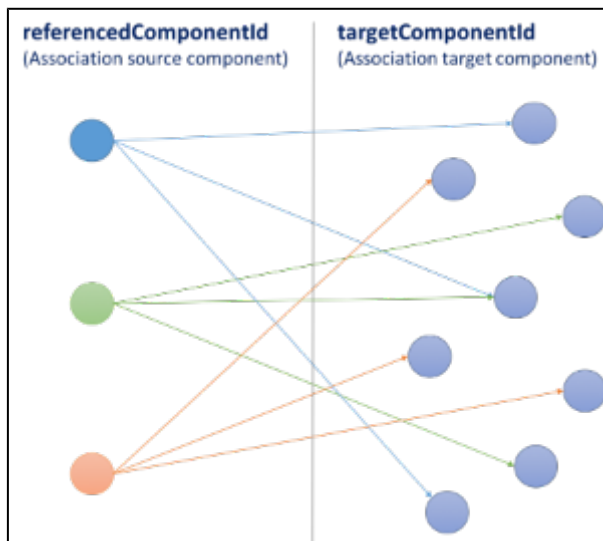


Figure 5.4-1: Illustration of the overall functionality of Association reference sets

Associations between components can be used to form groups of components, as illustrated in the diagram below. When using an association reference set to specify group, the sort order of the group members is not specified, as when using the Ordered type reference set.

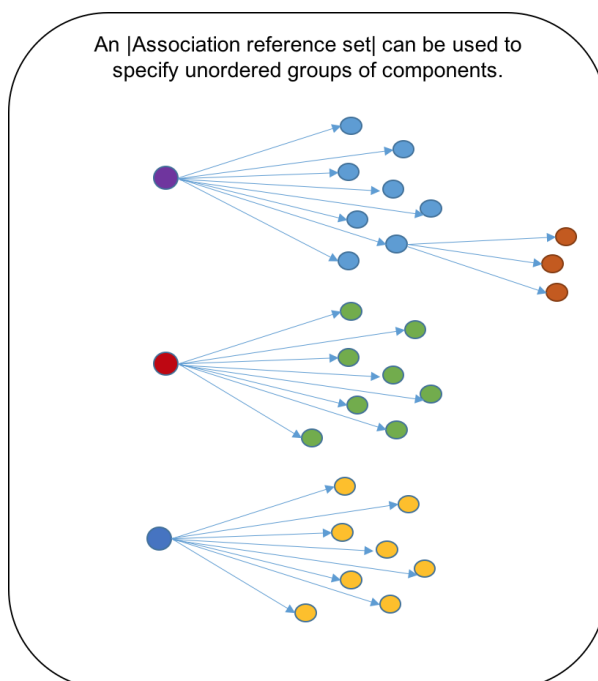


Figure 5.4-2: Using an [Association reference set] to specify groups of components

Reference Set Specific Attributes

Field	Data type	Purpose
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<code>referencedComponentId</code>	SCTID	The identifier of the source <code>component</code> of the association.
<code>targetComponentId</code>	SCTID	The identifier of the target <code>component</code> of the association.



See specification: [5.2.5 Association Reference Set](#)