

5.2 Reference Set Types

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Each reference set type follows a pattern and that pattern is also represented in a machine readable form using a set of [Reference Set Descriptor](#) members (known as a Descriptor Template, for short). In most case, the same pattern may be used to define a number of different [reference sets](#) to serve a variety of purposes. However, there are also some highly specific [reference set](#) types that exist for a single specified purpose. These are the [Reference Set Descriptor Reference Set](#), [Module Dependency Reference Set](#) and [Description Format Reference Set](#).

In each subsection, a [reference set](#) type is described under the following subheadings:

- The purpose of the [reference set](#);
- The format of the [reference set](#) member record is detailed in a table;
- The metadata supporting the [reference set](#);
- The machine readable [reference set](#) descriptor member records for the [reference set](#) type;
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