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Introduction

The IDOL PHI Package contains tools that allow you to locate Protected Healthcare Information (PHI) in your data, to ensure compliance with regulations such as the *Standards of Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information* implemented as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The IDOL PHI Package has two types of tools:

- [IDOL Education Grammars](#) (.ecr and files). IDOL Education is a tool for finding entities (small pieces of information such as names and phone numbers) in text. Education grammars contain descriptions of the entities. In some cases, this might be a list of fixed values (such as names), and in others it might be pattern matching tools that find data of a particular type (such as a set of digits that make up a phone number). The Education grammars included in the IDOL PHI Package describe different kinds of personally identifiable information, so that you can find these in your data.
- [IDOL AgentBoolean IDX](#). IDOL AgentBoolean is a method of storing entities and querying for them that uses the IDOL Agentstore component (a specially configured IDOL Content component), rather than Education. The IDX files are index files that contain the details of the entities, which you can index into the IDOL Agentstore component.

Data Sources

The IDOL PHI Package contains a variety of different kinds of entities to describe healthcare information that is protected by regulations such as HIPAA. The following sections provide some information about how this information is compiled.

For each entity type, extensive testing is performed to ensure the precision and recall metrics are optimized. Many millions of examples are run through the package to test full coverage of the patterns and algorithms involved.

Names

An international database containing over 100 million individuals is analyzed to identify the structure and characteristics of names in each country. In doing so, extensive lists of the frequencies of occurrence of given names and family names are used to generate strong identification grammars for names.

Other sources are also included for some countries, such as census data and lists of popular baby names. The list is also checked by performing Education over a large corpus of public data to find forenames and surnames that result in too many false positives, and add them to a name stop list.

In addition, rules are included to handle linguistic information, such as transliteration (for example, from the Cyrillic or Greek alphabets), or the use or removal of diacritic marks.

Age

The linguistic patterns of usage of both unstructured and semi-structured text are analyzed in all supported languages to determine the range of formats used to refer to a patient's age or age demographic. The resulting grammar establishes a confidence measure to distinguish references to age as opposed to other information, and includes all elements of dates that allow the determination of age.

Dates

A large corpus of documents from public sources is processed to analyze the occurrence and format of dates. In this way, coverage of all common and less-common formats is built up, while enabling a *likelihood* measure to indicate the confidence that the characters identified are a date of birth, rather than an unrelated date or other alphanumeric string.

Dates of any type that relate to an individual's healthcare, other than a single year, are covered by PHI regulation. The IDOL PHI Package allows determination of all such dates from analysis of linguistic patterns in all supported languages. In addition, the package can identify dates of particular types, such as date of death, and hospital admission and discharge dates.

Postal Codes

For each country, the publications of the national Postal Services are used as the authoritative source on the postal code.

In addition, testing against widely-gathered examples allows the identification and inclusion of non-standard formats and common errors (such as mixing the letter O with the digit 0), with an appropriately adjusted likelihood measure.

For countries where official sources are not available, public sources such as Wikipedia are used to source postal code formats.

Addresses and Locations

The identification of addresses consists of a number of steps, each of which is used as additional evidence that a piece of text represents a postal address. These are:

1. The format of the text.
2. The house number / street-name portion.
3. The village / town / county / region portion.
4. The postal code.

These components are not necessarily always present for a particular address, but each is taken as evidence that the text does indeed contain an address, combining to form an overall likelihood.

- Few countries have prescribed formats for addresses, while most have conventions defined by the national Postal Service that is generally adhered to, but also frequently ignored.

The IDOL Web Connector is used to gather many millions of web documents to identify candidate addresses in each applicable country. From there, the variety of formats that are used in practice are identified. In addition, any recommendations published by the national Postal Services are also used. The Universal Postal Union and other reputable sources are also used to generate and confirm address formats.

- For the street-address portion, the extensive OpenStreetMap project is used, and a database of every named street in each of the supported countries is obtained and analyzed. From this database, rules are derived to allow the identification of the vast majority of street-address strings.
- The de facto authority for geographical place names is the GeoNames database, with 11 million locations identified by data including country, population and type. In particular the *type* field is used to generate complete lists of populated settlements and administrative regions (such as county / department / region) for the countries that frequently use those in addresses. In addition, the names are available in different character sets and transliteration schemes to ensure internationalization.

Other official sources are also used to generate city, town, and region lists.

- The patterns derived for matching Postal Codes are also used here (see [Postal Codes, on the previous page](#)).

The patterns are tested by performing Education on address lists generated from various online sources to ensure that recall is sufficiently high, to provide confidence that each address format is correct. These lists are also used to adjust the address format if required. In addition, the address grammars are tested against other public sources, such as Wikipedia articles, to ensure that the address formats do not return too many false positives.

For locations, the IDOL PHI Package identifies any address portion smaller than a state.

Telephone Number

The general schemes for the creation of telephone numbers and fax numbers are readily available from the appropriate government department of each country. However, the formats of such numbers when written down varies considerably within a country, and even more so when numbers are referred to in a foreign document.

The strategy for creating comprehensive phone number matching grammars is centered on several key methods:

- Knowledge of the national scheme for assigning numbers.
- Databases of international and area codes in each country, obtained from authoritative sources.
- Analysis of many millions of examples of the usage of telephone numbers, obtained from a wide variety of public sources.

This final point is the most important. Only through examination of real-world usage of such numbers is the full range of formats obtained for each country.

The proximity of keywords indicating that the digits represent a telephone or fax number is used to strengthen the likelihood of the match.

Email Address

The IETF publications RFC 5321 and RFC 5322 define the standards of validity of email addresses, and so the IDOL PHI Package uses these for this purpose. In addition, it uses metrics of likelihood derived from the analysis of the most common email domains, to allow the grammars to differentiate between likely email addresses and those that are unlikely but still valid (for example, example@example.test).

IP Address/URL

The formats of IP Addresses are defined by the IETF in RFC 791 (IPv4) and RFC 4291 (IPv6) with later modifications. These allow the location of potentially identifiable information in candidate text by the IDOL PHI Package.

In the same way, Uniform Resource Locators (URL) were defined in RFC 1738.

National Identification Number

Each country has a different scheme for the use of National Identification. For countries with National ID cards, the format of the number is derived from governmental sources. In other countries, the formats of National Health, National Social Security, or National Insurance numbers are obtained from governmental sites, with the exception of a few cases in which other sources are used.

Vehicle Identifiers

Each country has a different scheme for the identification of vehicles by license plates. In each case, the national Vehicle Licensing Authority is used as the authoritative source of such information.

In each type, there are often standard and non-standard formats, with the former following a prescribed system more tightly. In the identification of such plates, a likelihood metric is used to take into account such formats and give a confidence that an identifier is actually a vehicle license.

Medical

Documents that contain mention of medical procedures or conditions are identified with the Medical categories, available in each of the supported languages. The categories are generated from the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) taxonomy published by the United States National Library of Medicine using the C hierarchy (diseases and conditions). The medical terms are also extended using labels and aliases from public sources such as Wikipedia.

Profession

Documents that contain mention of an individual's occupation or profession are identified by the IDOL PHI Package in each supported language. The items are generated from an international database of over 60 million items.

Unique Device Identifiers

The IDOL PHI Package identifies Unique Device Identifiers (UDI) for medical devices. The formats match the standard formats issued by the three agencies accredited by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): GS1, HIBCC, and ICCBA.

Health Plan and Medical Record Numbers

The IDOL PHI Package identifies health plan numbers and Medical Record Numbers (MRN).

Health plan numbers have a standard format, which is readily available from governmental sources.

MRN formats differ for different healthcare provider. In this case, example formats are used to create as broad an identifier as possible, and landmark text is used to locate likely numbers. A grammar extension is also used to allow you to restrict the MRN detection to known formats, when you have specific formats you would like to detect. See [Medical Record Numbers, on page 32](#).

Birth Certificate Numbers

Birth certificate numbers have standard formats, which are readily available from governmental sources, such as the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Laboratory Numbers

The IDOL PHI Package identifies Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) laboratory numbers. The formats of these numbers is sourced from governmental sources, such as the Centres for Disease Control (CDC).

DEA

US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) numbers have a standard format. Official US Department of Justice sources, as well as secondary public sources, are used to define the format in the entities.

Accounts

The bank account and swift code formats have been compiled in existing Micro Focus Eduction grammars, and tested extensively against appropriate data.

New in this Release

This section describes the enhancements to the IDOL PHI Package in version 12.9.

- The IDOL PHI Package has new dictionary prefilters and example configuration files for the medical terms grammar. These prefilters significantly speed up matching for documents that have a low density of matches. However, matching is slightly slower for very high density documents.
- The format of the DPF pre-filter files that are included in the IDOL PHI Package has been updated.

IMPORTANT: To use the files from the 12.9 package, you must use Education tools with a version of 12.9 or later. You can use files from older versions of the package only with tools from Education 12.8 or earlier.

- Match speed has been slightly improved in a wide range of grammars.
- Packaged post-processing Lua scripts have been updated so that you are not required to modify the LUA_PATH environment variable to run post-processing.
- The name grammar has been updated for the USA using 2010 US Census data and Social Security Administration data. This change improves matching, particularly for prefixed names, mixed case names, and very short names.
- US social security numbers now receive a score penalty when they do not use characteristic punctuation. For example, "123-45-6789" has no score penalty, "123 45 6789" has a small score penalty (0.8), and "123456789" has a larger score penalty (0.7).
- The ID grammar can now detect redacted US social security numbers, as long as at least one masking character, x, X, or *, is present.
- The `account.ecr` grammar now has entities to match bank account numbers and routing numbers separately.

Resolved Issues

There were no resolved issues in the IDOL PHI Package version 12.9.

IDOL Education Grammars

The following section describes the Education grammars available in the IDOL PHI Package.

You can use these grammars with IDOL Education, by using Education Server, the edktool command-line utility, or the Education SDK. For more information, refer to the *IDOL Education User Guide* and the *Education SDK Programming Guide*.

IMPORTANT: To use the Education grammars in the IDOL PHI Package, you must have a license that enables them. To obtain a license, contact Micro Focus Support.

The IDOL PHI Package includes a default configuration file, which includes the basic required settings that you need to use the PHI grammars.

NOTE: If you create your own configuration file, you must include some of the settings in the default configuration file, such as post-processing and Education *components* (see [Configure Post Processing, below](#)).

Configure Post Processing

When you use the IDOL PHI Package Education grammars it is essential to configure a Lua post-processing task to run the script `phi_postprocessing.lua`. This script contains post-processing to improve results for various entities, such as stop list filtering, and checksum validation (see [Validated ID Numbers, on page 37](#)).

IMPORTANT: If you do not run this script, you might encounter unexpected behavior.

The default configuration file provided in the IDOL PHI Package includes a suitable post-processing task. If you use a different configuration, you must add the post-processing task to your Education configuration. For example:

```
[Education]
PostProcessingTask0=MyPostProcessingSection
```

```
[MyPostProcessingSection]
Type=Lua
Script=scripts/phi_postprocessing.lua
Entities=phi/*
```

IMPORTANT: The post-processing script requires Education components (see [Components, on page 24](#)). The default PHI configuration file enables components. If you use a custom configuration file you must set the `EnableComponents` parameter to `True` to return components.

For more information about configuring post-processing tasks, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Configure Pre-Filtering

Pre-filtering allows the IDOL PHI Package to run a quick initial check to find potential matches in your input text. It then selects match windows around these potential matches, reducing the amount of text that it must match against your grammars. This process can improve the performance in certain cases.

Micro Focus recommends that you use the following pre-filtering configuration with the `address.ecr` grammar.

```
[Education]
PrefilterTask0=AddressPrefilter
```

```
[AddressPrefilter]
Regex=\d{1,7}
WindowCharsBeforeMatch=100
WindowCharsAfterMatch=100
```

NOTE: Pre-filter tasks run for all configured entities, so you must configure it only for the appropriate entities to ensure that it does not affect the results for other entities.

The IDOL PHI Package also includes sample pre-filter configuration files for the name, address, and medical grammars, including dictionary pre-filter files where they are required by the sample configuration.

IMPORTANT: To use the DPF files from the 12.9 package, you must use Education tools with a version of 12.9 or later.

NOTE: The provided medical grammar pre-filter files can improve match performance in cases where there is a low density of matches. However, it can reduce the performance when there is a high density of matches.

For more information about pre-filtering, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Entity Context

Some of the entities are available in two versions, with and without context. The context-based entities match the entity when it occurs in an easily identifiable location in text. For example, it might match a telephone number that occurs next to the prefix **Phone:**

The entities that do not have context attempt to match the entity wherever it occurs. This version might over-match significantly (that is, it is likely to return values that are similar to the entity patterns, such a number that is not a telephone number). However, it also reduces the number of false negatives (that is, it misses fewer matches).

You can configure Education to use both versions of an entity; matches located with context are given a higher score in the results.

When you have data in tables, the context for an entity might not occur next to the entity value. For example, you might have a table with columns titled **name** and **date of birth**, but the values themselves do not occur next to these headers.

In this case, you can use Education table extraction to extract entities according to the landmarks detected in the table headers. For example, you can configure Education so that if it finds a table heading that matches the landmark **date of birth**, it extracts dates from that column.

For more information about how to configure table extraction, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Balance Precision and Recall

In many cases, Education is able to locate entities that are ambiguous, such as a postal code which is simply a five-digit number. In some situations it is desirable to match as many entities as possible ("high recall") and in others only entities with a high likelihood of being a useful match ("high precision"). Each match is given a score value so that you can filter the results.

As described in [Entity Context, on the previous page](#), matches located by an entity that requires context are assigned higher scores than matches located by the corresponding entity without context. Most matches extracted without context have a score of 0.4. For example, a context-free date ("January 18, 1998") might be returned by a Date Of Birth entity with a score of 0.4. But with context to suggest that it is indeed a date of birth ("DOB: January 18, 1998"), the score should be above 0.5.

The PHI post-processing script (see [Configure Post Processing, on page 11](#)) includes a step to validate matches (for example, it can validate some ID numbers by calculating a checksum). The script increases the score of matches that have valid checksums, because this is an indication that the match is more likely to be genuine. Any match that has an invalid checksum is immediately discarded because it cannot be genuine.

When you configure Education, use the parameters `MinScore` and `PostProcessThreshold` to achieve the desired balance between precision and recall. Education discards any match with a score lower than `MinScore`. Matches with scores that meet or exceed `MinScore` are then processed by post-processing tasks. After post-processing has finished, Education discards any match with a score lower than `PostProcessThreshold`.

In the example configuration that is included with the IDOL PHI Package, `MinScore` is set to 0.4 and `PostProcessThreshold` is set to 0.5. These values have been chosen to return results only if they have a relatively high likelihood of being a useful match. Any match that is located without context can proceed to post-processing, but, unless its score is increased through successful validation, it is then discarded. If you prefer to maximize recall rather than precision, you can reduce or remove these thresholds.

For more information about Education configuration parameters, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Configure Tangible Characters

`TangibleCharacters` is a configuration parameter that you can set when using the Education SDK, the Education Server, or the Education command-line utility (`edktool`). It specifies a list of characters to treat as part of a word, rather than as word boundaries.

Some of the entities in the IDOL PHI Package Education Grammars require tangible characters to be set in order to perform correctly (see the descriptions of the entities in [Education Grammar Reference, below](#)).

When you use Education to search for matches, `TangibleCharacters` applies across all of your chosen entities. If you use multiple entities that have different recommended tangible character sets, you might need to take some extra steps. For example:

- If you are using the Education SDK, create a separate EDK engine for each distinct set of tangible characters, and configure the tangible characters for the engine using the appropriate API call:

C	<code>EdkSetTangibleCharacters</code>
Java	<code>EDKEngine.setTangibleCharacters</code>

After configuring an engine with the correct tangible characters, you can add the relevant entities. You will need to create a session from each engine to process your input text.

- If you are using an Education Server, send a separate action (`EduceFromText` or `EduceFromFile`) for each distinct set of tangible characters. In each action, set the `TangibleCharacters` and `Entities` action parameters to specify which set of tangible characters and which entities to use.
- If you are using the command line `edktool`, create a separate configuration file for each distinct set of tangible characters and associated entities, and process your input text once with each configuration file.

For more information about the `TangibleCharacters` configuration parameter, refer to the *Education User Guide*.

Customize Stop Lists

The IDOL PHI Package post-processing script (see [Configure Post Processing, on page 11](#)) uses stop lists to discard matches that are likely to be false positives. You can add entries to the stop lists, or remove entries, by modifying the following files.

- `scripts/address_stoplist.lua` contains a list of common words that are likely to indicate a false positive when returned as the `STREET` or `CITY` component of an address match.
- `scripts/names_stoplist.lua` contains two stop lists to discard names. In the first stop list, each component is plausible but the entire match is likely to be a false positive, for example "Christian Church" or "Norman Conquest". The second stop list contains common words that are likely to indicate a false positive when returned as either the `FORENAME` or `SURNAME` component of a name match. The stop lists in this file can be customized such that a name can be considered a false positive in one country but not another.

Education Grammar Reference

The following table describes the grammar files that are available in the IDOL PHI Package, and the entities that each provides.

NOTE: Some entities return components, in addition to the full match. For more information, and

examples, see [Components](#), on page 24.

account.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/account/bank/context/us	A US bank account number, with context.
phi/account/bank/nocontext/us	A US bank account number, without context.
phi/account/bank/landmark/us	A bank account landmark, such as "Bank Account Number".
phi/account/bank/account_number/context/us	A bank account number (without routing number), with context. For example "Bank account no: 123456789".
phi/account/bank/account_number/nocontext/us	A bank account number (without routing number), without context. For example "123456789".
phi/account/bank/account_number/landmark/us	A bank account number landmark. For example "Bank account no".
phi/account/bank/routing_number/context/us	A bank routing number (without account number), with context. For example "Routing no: 622356789".
phi/account/bank/routing_number/nocontext/us	A bank routing number (without account number), without context. For example "622356789".
phi/account/bank/routing_number/landmark/us	A bank routing number landmark. For example "Routing no".
phi/account/swiftcode/context/us	A SWIFT code, with context.
phi/account/swiftcode/nocontext/us	A SWIFT code, without context.
phi/account/swiftcode/landmark/us	A SWIFT code landmark, such as "SWIFT Code".

address.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/address/us	<p>A postal address.</p> <p>In general, a score of one is given to an address that includes a numbered, common format street address (for example "23 North Road"), a known city (for example "London"), and a postal code in a viable format for the country (for example "SW1A 2AA"). Deviations from this form lead to score penalties. The ordering of these elements varies by country.</p>

Entity	Description
	<p>Micro Focus recommends that you use pre-filtering to improve the performance for this grammar. See Configure Pre-Filtering, on page 12.</p> <p>Example matches: "Schlosshoferstrasse 20, 1210 Vienna", "Avenida Juan Xxiii 20, 41006, Sevilla", "Abidei Hurriyet Cd Taner Palas Han 9 Kat:7 Dayre 9, 34437 Istanbul", "162-168 Regent Street, London, W1B 5TG".</p> <p>This entity returns the addresses in a normalized format by default. The normalized form standardizes apartment and house numbers, expands shortened forms of region names, removes additional punctuation, and converts the text to uppercase. For example ABIDEI HURRIYET CD TANER PALAS APT 9, KAT:7, D:9, 34437 ISTANBUL. The exact order depends on the country.</p> <p>You can turn off normalization by setting <code>normalize_addresses=false</code> in the <code>address_stoplist.lua</code> script. This option can improve performance when you do not need normalization.</p> <p>This entity returns components. See Components, on page 24.</p>
phi/address/landmark/us	A postal address landmark. For example "Address".
phi/address/streetlocation/context/us	A street location (house number and street name), with context. For example "Address: 123, Mill Road".
phi/address/streetlocation/nocontext/us	A street location (house number and street name), without context. For example "123, Mill Road".
phi/address/streetlocation/landmark/us	A street location landmark. For example "Address"
phi/address/city/context/us	A city or town, with context. For example "City: London".
phi/address/city/nocontext/us	A city or town, without context. For example "London".
phi/address/city/landmark/us	A city or town landmark. For example "City".
phi/address/postcode/context/us	A postal code, with context. For example "Postcode: CB4 0WZ".
phi/address/postcode/nocontext/us	A postal code, without context. For example "CB4 0WZ".
phi/address/postcode/landmark/us	A postal code landmark. For example "Postcode".
phi/address/country/context/us	A country, with context. For example "Country: United Kingdom".
phi/address/country/nocontext/us	A country, without context. For example "United

Entity	Description
	Kingdom".
phi/address/country/landmark/us	A country landmark. For example "Country".

age.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/age/over89/context/us	A US age statement with context. This entity finds ages over 89 years old. For example "Age: 99".
phi/age/over89/nocontext/us	A US age statement without context. This entity finds ages over 89 years old. For example "99 years old".
phi/age/landmark/us	A US age landmark. For example "Age".

certificate.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/certificate/birth/context/us	A US birth certificate number with context. For example "Birth Certificate: 160 99 123456".
phi/certificate/birth/nocontext/us	A US birth certificate number without context. For example "160 99 123456".
phi/certificate/birth/landmark/us	A US birth certificate landmark. For example "Birth Certificate".
phi/certificate/generic/context/us	A US generic certificate number with context. For example "Certificate number "MX-123-456/78".
phi/certificate/generic/nocontext/us	A US generic certificate number without context. This option is available only for the certificate user extension. See Generic Certificate Numbers, on page 32 .
phi/certificate/generic/landmark/us	A US generic certificate landmark. For example "Certificate number".

date.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/date/nocontext/eng	An English date, without context. For example, "01/13/1981". This entity returns dates in the normalized ISO-8601 format

Entity	Description
	<p>YYYY-MM-DD. Partial dates without a year are formatted --MM-DD.</p> <p>You can turn off normalization by setting <code>normalize_dates=false</code> in the <code>phi_postprocessing.lua</code> script. This option can improve performance when you do not need normalization.</p>
<code>phi/date/noyear/nocontext/eng</code>	An English date without the year, without context. For example, "01/13"
<code>phi/date/dob/context/eng</code>	An English date of birth, with context. For example, "DOB: 1/13/1981".
<code>phi/date/dob/noyear/context/eng</code>	An English date of birth without the year, with context. For example, "DOB: 01/13".
<code>phi/date/dob/landmark/eng</code>	An English date of birth landmark. For example, "DOB".
<code>phi/date/dod/context/eng</code>	An English date of death, with context. For example, "Died on 01/13/1981".
<code>phi/date/dod/noyear/context/eng</code>	An English date of death without the year, with context. For example, "Died on 01/13".
<code>phi/date/dod/landmark/eng</code>	An English date of death landmark. For example, "Died on".
<code>phi/date/medical/context/eng</code>	An English medical date with context. For example, "Admission date: 01/13/1981".
<code>phi/date/medical/noyear/context/eng</code>	An English medical date without the year, with context. For example, "Admission date: 01/13".
<code>phi/date/medical/landmark/eng</code>	An English medical date landmark. For example, "Admission date".

dea.ecr

Entity	Description
<code>phi/dea/context/us</code>	A US DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) registration number with context. For example, "DEA Registration Number: BE1234563".
<code>phi/dea/nocontext/us</code>	A US DEA registration number without context. For example, "BE1234563".
<code>phi/dea/landmark/us</code>	A US DEA registration number landmark. For example, "DEA Registration Number".

device.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/device/udi/nocontext	<p>A Unique Device Identifier (UDI) required by the United States FDA, as issued by the three accredited agencies, GS1, HIBCC, and ICCBA. For example: "+X999123ABC0/\$\$31905151234AB/S5678EDFG/16D20151001J"</p> <p>NOTE: To ensure that this entity performs correctly, set your TangibleCharacters configuration to include the following characters: (+=). For more information, see Configure Tangible Characters, on page 13.</p>

healthplan.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/healthplan/context/us	A PHI health plan beneficiary number. These numbers consist of fourteen alphanumeric characters, preceded by a suitable landmark. For example, "Plan ID 12345678LMNOP9".
phi/healthplan/nocontext/us	A PHI health plan beneficiary number without context. For example, "12345678LMNOP9".
phi/healthplan/landmark/us	A health plan number landmark. For example, "Health Plan Number".
phi/mrm/context/us	A Medical Record Number. See Medical Record Numbers, on page 32 .
phi/mrm/nocontext/us	A Medical Record Number without context. This option is available only for the healthplan user extension. See Medical Record Numbers, on page 32 .
phi/mrm/landmark/us	A Medical Record Number landmark, such as "MRN".

internet.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/inet/email/context	An email address with context. For example, "e-mail: jsmith@mailserver.com".
phi/inet/email/nocontext	An email address without context. For example, "jsmith@mailserver.com".

Entity	Description
phi/inet/email/landmark	An email address landmark. For example, "e-mail".
phi/inet/ip/context	An IP address with context. For example, "ip address: 5.5.5.5".
phi/inet/ip/nocontext	An IP address without context. For example, "10.12.14.16".
phi/inet/ip/landmark	An IP address landmark. For example, "ip address".
phi/inet/url/context	A URL with context. For example, "uri: https://www.example.com".
phi/inet/url/nocontext	A URL without context. For example, "www.example.com".
phi/inet/url/landmark	A URL landmark. For example, "url".

laboratory.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/laboratory/context/us	A US laboratory number with context. For example "CLIA No: 01D1234567".
phi/laboratory/nocontext/us	A US laboratory number without context. For example "01D1234567".
phi/laboratory/landmark/us	A US laboratory number landmark. For example, "CLIA No".

license.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/license/driving/context/us	A US driving license number with context. For example, "Driving license: 012AB3456".
phi/license/driving/nocontext/us	A US driving license number without context. For example, "012AB3456".
phi/license/driving/landmark/us	A US driving license landmark. For example, "Driving license".
phi/license/generic/context/us	A US generic license number with context. For example, "License number: MX-123-456/78".
phi/license/generic/nocontext/us	A US generic license number without context. This option is available only for the license user extension. See Generic License Numbers, on page 32 .

Entity	Description
phi/license/generic/landmark/us	A US generic license landmark. For example, "License number".

location.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/location/us	<p>A US subdivision smaller than a state, such as towns, cities, and counties. For example, "Houston".</p> <p>Scores are boosted by the presence of a state, a zipcode, or a nearby landmark value. For example, "Houston" scores 0.4, while "Houston, Texas" scores 0.65 and "city of Houston, Texas" scores 1. State names are normalized in the results to the fullest form (for example, TX to TEXAS).</p>

name.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/name/us	<p>A full personal name, in title case or upper case.</p> <p>This entity returns the names in a normalized format, in the form <i>GIVEN NAME SURNAME</i>, for example JOHN SMITH.</p> <p>You can turn off normalization by setting <code>normalize_names=false</code> in the <code>name_stoplist.lua</code> script. You can also turn off score adjustment, by setting <code>rescore_names=false</code> in the <code>name_stoplist.lua</code> script. This option can improve performance when you do not need the normalization or score refinement.</p> <p>This entity returns components. See Components, on page 24.</p>
phi/name/landmark/us	A full name landmark. For example "name".
phi/name/given_name/context/us	A given name, with context. For example "Forename: John".
phi/name/given_name/nocontext/us	A given name, without context. For example "John".
phi/name/given_name/landmark/us	A given name landmark. For example "Forename".
phi/name/surname/context/us	A surname with context. For example "Surname: Smith".
phi/name/surname/nocontext/us	A surname without context. For example "Smith".
phi/name/surname/landmark/us	A surname landmark. For example "Surname".

Entity	Description
phi/name/pre_title/us	A title that precedes a name. For example "Ms".
phi/name/post_title/us	A title that follows a name. For example "Esq".
phi/name/title_surname/us	A title and surname. For example "Mr. Smith".

national_id.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/id/context/us	A national identity number (US Social Security Number) with context.
phi/id/nocontext/us	A national identity number (US Social Security Number) without context.
phi/id/landmark/us	A national identity number landmark, such as "Social security number".
phi/id/redacted/context/us	A redacted or partially redacted US social security number, with context. At least one masking character, x, X, or *, must be present. For example "SSN: xxx-xx-3333".
phi/id/redacted/nocontext/us	A redacted or partially redacted US social security number, without context. At least one masking character, x, X, or *, must be present. For example "xxx-xx-3333".

medical_terms.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/medical_terms/eng	A medical condition or procedure. For example "abdominal hernia".
phi/medical_terms/blood_test/eng	A blood test. For example "9 panel urine test".
phi/medical_terms/lab_test/eng	A laboratory test. For example "1, 25 dihydroxyvitamin D".
phi/medical_terms/surgical_procedure/eng	A surgical procedure. For example "abdominal liposuction".
phi/medical_terms/specialty/eng	A medical specialty. For example "allergy and immunology".
phi/medical_terms/drug_brand/eng	A trade name for a medical drug. For example "Abelcet".
phi/medical_terms/drug_generic/eng	A generic name for a medical drug. For example "Abacavir".
phi/medical_terms/medication/eng	A medication description. For example "Altprev tablets for

Entity	Description
	oral use".
phi/medical_terms/disability/social_security/engus	An impairment for the purpose of disability evaluation under social security in the US. For example "adrenal glands carcinoma".
phi/medical_terms/disease_condition/eng	A disease or medical condition. For example "1p36 deletion syndrome".
phi/medical_terms/lifestyle/eng	A lifestyle that relates to medical conditions. For example "smoking".

telephone.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/telephone/context/us	<p>A telephone number with context. For example "Telephone: (204)-243-9955".</p> <p>NOTE: To ensure that this entity performs correctly, set your TangibleCharacters configuration to include the following characters: ()+- . For more information, see Configure Tangible Characters, on page 13.</p> <p>This entity returns the telephone number in the normalized format +NNNNN, starting with the country code. For example +12042439955.</p> <p>This entity returns components. See Components, on the next page.</p>
phi/telephone/nocontext/us	<p>A telephone number without context. For example: "(204)-243-9955".</p> <p>NOTE: To ensure that this entity performs correctly, set your TangibleCharacters configuration to include the following characters: ()+- . For more information, see Configure Tangible Characters, on page 13.</p> <p>This entity returns the telephone number in the normalized format +NNNNN, starting with the country code. For example +12042439955.</p> <p>This entity returns components. See Components, on the next page.</p>
phi/telephone/landmark/us	A telephone number landmark, such as "Tel:".

vehicle.ecr

Entity	Description
phi/vehicle/licenseplate/context/us	A vehicle license place number with context. For example, "License Plate Number: ABC 123".
phi/vehicle/licenseplate/nocontext/us	A vehicle license place number without context. For example, "ABC 123".
phi/vehicle/licenseplate/landmark/us	A vehicle license plate number landmark. For example, "License Plate Number".
phi/vehicle/vin/context/us	A vehicle identification number with context. For example, "VIN: LJPCBLCX11000237".
phi/vehicle/vin/nocontext/us	A vehicle identification number without context. For example, "LJPCBLCX11000237".
phi/vehicle/vin/landmark/us	A vehicle identification number landmark. For example, "VIN".

Components

Some of the PHI entities extract *components* as well as whole matches. Components are parts of a match that can provide useful information. For example, the entity for an address can return components for the street and postcode.

IMPORTANT: The post-processing script requires components. The default PHI configuration file enables components. If you use a custom configuration file you must set the `EnableComponents` parameter to `True` to return components.

The following sections list the components available for particular entities.

NOTE: The PHI grammars sometimes generate additional components, which it uses to eliminate false positives during post-processing. If you disable post-processing, you might see these additional components. However, Micro Focus recommends that you always enable post-processing for these grammars.

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Accounts Components

account

Component Name	Notes
MICR_CODE	phi/account/bank/context/us and phi/account/bank/nocontext/us
COUNTRY_CODE	phi/account/swiftcode/context and phi/account/swiftcode/nocontext

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- 154012349 0123456789
 MICR_CODE: 154012349
- ABCDGB01234
 COUNTRY_CODE: GB

Address Components

address - address entity

Component Name	Notes
APARTMENT	
CITY	
COUNTRY	
FLOOR	
NUMBER	
PO_BOX	
POSTCODE	
STATE	
STREET	

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- 200 SOUTH 10TH STREET, APT 900, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219

APARTMENT: APT 900
CITY: RICHMOND
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUMBER: 200
POSTCODE: 23219
STATE: VIRGINIA
STREET: SOUTH 10TH STREET

- PO BOX 5404

PO_BOX: 5404

Certificate Components

certificate - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
TARGET	A birth or generic certificate number

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- 151-61-10641

TARGET: 151-61-10641

Dea Components

dea - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
NUMBERS	
CHECKSUM	

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- BE1234563

NUMBERS: 123456
CHECKSUM: 3

Device Components

device - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
DEVICEID	
DIN	Donation identification number
EXPRDATE_MMDDYY	Device expiration date in MMDDYY format
EXPRDATE_MMY	Device expiration date in MMY format
EXPRDATE_YYJJJ	Device expiration date in YYJJJ format (JJJ is a Julian day)
EXPRDATE_YYJJJHH	Device expiration date in YYJJJHH format (JJJ is a Julian day)
EXPRDATE_YYMMDD	Device expiration date in YYMMDD format
EXPRDATE_YYMMDDHH	Device expiration date in YYMMDDHH format
EXPRDATE_YYYJJJ	Device expiration date in YYYJJJ format (JJJ is a Julian day)
EXPRDATE_YYYYMMDD	Device expiration date in YYYYMMDD format
LOT	
PRODDATE_YYMMDD	Device manufacture date in YYMMDD format
PRODDATE_YYYJJJ	Device manufacture date in YYYJJJ format (JJJ is a Julian day)
PRODDATE_YYYYMMDD	Device manufacture date in YYYYMMDD format
SERIAL	

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- (01)5102222233336(11)141231(17)150707(10)A213B1(21)1234
 DEVICEID: 5102222233336
 EXPRDATE_YYMMDD: 150707
 LOT: A213B1
 PRODDATE_YYYYMMDD: 141231
 SERIAL: 1234
- =/A9999XYZ100T0944=,000025=A99971312345600=>014032=}013032&,100000000000XYZ1
 23
 DIN: A99971312345600

Driving Components

driving - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
DRIVING_LANDMARK	This component is for internal use during post-processing.
TARGET	This component is for internal use during post-processing.

- Driver's License: 012AB3456
DRIVING_LANDMARK: Driver's Licence
TARGET: 012AB3456

Healthplan Components

healthplan - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
TARGET	The detected health plan number

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- MRN: XYZ94578123A
TARGET: XYZ94578123A

Internet Components

internet - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
DOMAIN	email address
LOCAL	email address
HOST	URL
PASSWORD	URL
PORT	URL
USER	URL

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- exampleuser@example.com
DOMAIN: example.com
LOCAL: exampleuser
- http://exampleuser:123456@example.com:9100/
HOST: example.com
PASSWORD: 123456
PORT: 9100
USER: exampleuser

Laboratory Components

laboratory - context entity

Component Name	Notes
TARGET	The detected laboratory number

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- LABORATORY: 33D9876543
TARGET: 33D9876543

License Components

license- context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
DRIVING_LANDMARK	
TARGET	

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- Driver's License: 012AB3456
DRIVING_LANDMARK: Driver's License
TARGET: 012AB3456
- MX-123-456/78
TARGET: MX-123-456/78

Location Components

location

Component Name	Notes
CITY	
COUNTY	
POSTCODE	
STATE	

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- Boston, 59715-3890",
CITY: BOSTON
POSTCODE: 597153890
- Fall River County, SD., 43125
COUNTY: FALL RIVER COUNTY
STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
POSTCODE: 43125

Name Components

name - name entities

Component Name	Notes
PRE_TITLE	
FORENAME	
INITIAL	
INITIAL_NODOT	This component is for internal use during post-processing.
SURNAMEPREFIX	
SURNAME	
POST_TITLE	
SURNAME_POSSESSIVE	jp only

The following examples demonstrate the use of these components.

- Dr Jane D O'Reilly Jr

PRE_TITLE: DR
FORENAME: JANE
INITIAL: D
INITIAL_NODOT
SURNAMEPREFIX: O
SURNAME: REILLY
POST_TITLE: JR

National ID Components

national_id - id entities

Component Name	Example	Notes
ID_LANDMARK	ID_LANDMARK: SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	This component is for internal use during post-processing.

Postcode Components

postcode - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
POSTCODE	

The following example demonstrates the use of these components.

- Zipcode: 597153890
POSTCODE: 597153890

Telephone Components

telephone - context and nocontext entities

Component Name	Notes
ISD_CODE	The normalized output for a telephone number match always includes the international dialing code (ISD), but the component returns only if the matched text contained the ISD.

The following example demonstrates the use of these components.

- Telephone: +1.415.243.9955
ISD_CODE: 1

User Grammar Extensions

In some cases, the PHI grammar files provide entities for values that are very broad, to allow you to find values that do not have very well-defined formats. To reduce the number of false positives in these cases, only the context form of the entity is available by default (that is, with a suitable landmark).

You can use a user extension to expand the entity to include more specific formats, which enables the `nocontext` entity.

Medical Record Numbers

Medical Record Numbers (MRN) are provider-specific, and have a large number of possible formats. Therefore, the provided MRN entities in the `healthplan.ecr` grammar are generic, and matches a string of 7-15 alphanumeric characters, with optional - and / separators.

Because the MRN pattern is so broad, it can match a lot of values that are not actually MRNs. To reduce the number of false positives, only the context form of the entity is available by default (that is, with a suitable landmark).

If you have a specific set of MRN values with well-defined patterns that you want to match, you can use the `healthplan_user.xml` extension grammar. This XML file allows you to expand the MRN grammar with more specific patterns, and compile them into a grammar. In this case, the original context entity is available, with your additional entities, and it also enables the `nocontext` entity.

For details of how to expand and compile the user XML grammar, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Generic License Numbers

The generic entities in the `license.ecr` grammar attempt to match a variety of different license numbers. The `phi/license/generic` entity matches a string of 5-20 alphanumeric characters (which must include at least one number), with optional - and / separators.

If you have a specific set of license values with well-defined patterns that you want to match, you can use the `license_user.xml` extension grammar. This XML file allows you to expand the grammar with more specific patterns, and compile them into a grammar. In this case, the original context entity is available, with your additional entities, and it also enables the `nocontext` entity.

For details of how to expand and compile the user XML grammar, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

Generic Certificate Numbers

The generic entities in the `certificate.ecr` grammar attempt to match a variety of different license numbers. The `phi/certificate/generic` entity matches a string of 5-20 alphanumeric characters (which must include at least one number), with optional - and / separators.

If you have a specific set of certificate values with well-defined patterns that you want to match, you can use the `certificate_user.xml` extension grammar. This XML file allows you to expand the grammar with more specific patterns, and compile them into a grammar. In this case, the original context entity is available, with your additional entities, and it also enables the `nocontext` entity.

For details of how to expand and compile the user XML grammar, refer to the *Education User and Programming Guide*.

PHI Grammar Customization

In cases where you find that the PHI grammars miss particular matches in your input, you can customize them. This section describes the possible customizations.

The following grammars support customization:

- `address.ecr`
- `name.ecr`

NOTE: It is technically possible to extend any public entity in a PHI grammar, but it can involve a lot of work. If you want to extend an entity that is not listed in the following list, see [Modify Other Grammars and Entities, on page 36](#).

For each grammar that supports customization, you can customize the following entities:

- `address`
 - `phi/address/knowncity_headwords/us`
 - `phi/address/knownstreet/us`
- `name`
 - `phi/name/surname/nocontext/us`
 - `phi/name/given_name/nocontext/us`

You can use customizations to add entries that the existing entities do not match (such as unusual names). You might also use it if your data uses unusual separators and punctuation. The following sections provide examples of these changes.

TIP: When you customize an entity, you can either replace or extend the definition. For PHI grammars, Micro Focus recommends that you only extend the entity definitions.

If you replace an entity, you are likely to miss matches or reduce performance. In addition, existing definitions cover many match cases that you might not consider, so there is a lot of value in using these definitions as a base.

Example 1: New Street Address

The following grammar definition below shows an example for extending `address.ecr`.

address_extended.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE grammars SYSTEM "../published/edk.dtd">
<grammars version="4.0">
  <include path="address.ecr"/>
  <grammar name="phi/address">

    <entity name="suffixes/us" type="private">
      <entry headword="Cury"/>
      <entry headword="CURY"/>
    </entity>

    <entity name="knownstreet/us" extend="append" type="private">
      <pattern>[A-Z][a-z]+ (?A:suffixes/us)</pattern>
    </entity>

    <entity name="streetlocation/nocontext/us" extend="append">
      <pattern score="0.75">(?A=STREET:(?A:knownstreet/us))</pattern>
    </entity>

  </grammar>
</grammars>
```

This definition extends the `knownstreet/us` and `streetlocation/nocontext/us` entities in the PHI address grammar:

- It adds *Cury* as a known street suffix.
- It extends the `knownstreet` entity to accept any two word street name that ends with the new *Cury* suffix.
- It extends the `streetlocation/nocontext/us` entity to use the extended `knownstreet` entity, so that these changes take effect.

The result of these changes is that *Petty Cury* matches as a street location with a score of 0.75. Previously, it would not have matched at all.

TIP: You do not need to redeclare the full address entity to use the extended `knownstreet` entity.

For example, with these changes *123 Petty Cury, Cambridge MA 02140* now matches `phi/address/us` with a score of 1. Previously, this address would have matched, but with a lower score.

When you add known street names or patterns for your country of interest, it improves scores for matches that contain these customizations.

Example 2: New Known City

The following grammar definition adds more known cities to `address.ecr`.

address_extended.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE grammars SYSTEM "../published/edk.dtd">
```

```
<grammars version="4.0">
  <include path="address.ecr"/>
  <grammar name="phi/address">

    <entity name="knowncity_headwords/us" extend="append" type="private">
      <entry headword="Chesterton"/>
    </entity>

    <entity name="city/nocontext/us" extend="append">
      <pattern>(?A=CITY:(?A^knowncity_headwords/us))</pattern>
    </entity>

  </grammar>
</grammars>
```

This example definition:

- adds *Chesterton* to the `knowncity_headwords/us` entity.
- extends the `city/nocontext/us` entity to use the extended `knowncity` entity, so that the change takes effect.

The result of these changes is that *Chesterton* matches as a city with a score of 1. Previously, it would have matched as a speculative city name, with a lower score.

Again, you do not need to change the full address entity to pick up this new declaration. For example, *123 Main Street, Chesterton MA 02140* now matches `phi/address/us` with a score of 1, which is an improved score. Previously, it would have matched with a lower score, because the city was a speculative match.

TIP: The definition for `city/nocontext/us` uses the dynamic reference syntax when using the `knowncity_headwords/us`; that is, `(?A^`. Micro Focus recommends this syntax for performance reasons when you refer to that entity, because the version of this entity for each country often contains several thousand entries.

To make both sets of changes for known streets and cities, merge the declarations in examples 1 and 2 into a single XML file.

Example 3: New Name and Custom Separator

Another way to use entity customizations is to declare patterns with custom separators. For example, if your input data contains unusual spacing or characters between entities, you can declare these in your entity extensions.

The following grammar definition extends `name.ecr`.

name_extended.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE grammars SYSTEM "../published/edk.dtd">
<grammars version="4.0">
  <include path="name.ecr"/>
  <grammar name="phi/name">
```

```
<entity name="given_name/nocontext/us" extend="append" case="insensitive">
  <entry headword="Fobo" score="2"/>
</entity>

<entity name="surname/nocontext/us" extend="append" case="insensitive">
  <entry headword="Jobo" score="2"/>
</entity>

<entity name="gb" extend="append">
  <pattern>(?A=SURNAME:(?A:surname/nocontext/us))@@(?A=FORENAME:(?A:given_
name/nocontext/us))</pattern>
</entity>

</grammar>
</grammars>
```

This declaration makes two changes:

- It adds new entries for `given_name` and `surname`. This change allows *Fobo Jobo* to match as a name.
- It declares a new pattern for the `us` entity, to match a name in reverse order, with the elements separated by a custom separator (two `@` symbols). This change allows *Jobo@@Fobo* to match as a name.

TIP: The grammar already handles hyphenated known names. For example, after this definition change, Eduction matches *Fobo-Fobo Jobo* with a score of 1, with no further changes required. You do not need to add hyphenated entries to the `given_name/nocontext` or `surname/nocontext` entities.

Compile Custom Grammars

As with any Eduction grammar, Micro Focus recommends that you compile your grammar extensions before using them. You can use the `edktool` command-line tool to compile the XML file that contains your extension declarations into an ECR file.

For more information about compiling custom grammars, refer to the *Eduction User and Programming Guide*.

Modify Other Grammars and Entities

It is possible to extend any public entity in a PHI grammar. However, you cannot use the various private entities that the public ones use in their definitions.

For entities in the simpler grammars such as driving or national ID, this might be less of a problem, as long as you know the format for the data portion of this entity. For example, you might want to add new landmarks to these entities, for example.

However, be aware that existing definitions account for factors such as varying spaces, and additional words between the landmark and the data. In this case, you must emulate this behavior in your extensions, which might take a lot of work.

In practice, Micro Focus recommends that you make a support request to make these changes to the official PHI grammars, unless you need to add support in a very short time frame. The existing definitions provide a lot of value because they cover so many match cases, and you might miss these cases when you extend the public entities where these definitions are not available.

Validated ID Numbers

The script `phi_postprocessing.lua` (see [Configure Post Processing, on page 11](#)) includes steps to validate ID numbers that are found by Education. This improves accuracy by discarding results that match the pattern for a valid ID number, but cannot be genuine because they have an invalid checksum. The script increases the score for matches that have a valid checksum, because this is an indication that the match is more likely to be genuine.

The following tables list the entities that are validated.

Unique Device Identifiers (<code>device.ecr</code>)

<code>phi/device/udi/nocontext</code>

IDOL AgentBoolean IDX

IDOL AgentBoolean provides another way of finding pieces of information in text. In this case, you index the entities that you want to find into an IDOL Agentstore component.

The IDOL Agentstore component is a specially configured IDOL Content component. It uses IDOL AgentBoolean queries for entity matching.

When you use AgentBoolean for entity matching, each entity becomes a document in Agentstore. You then send a piece of text as a query to Agentstore, and it returns the entity documents that match the text.

The IDOL PHI Package contains IDX documents that describe entities for professions and occupations. You can use these IDX documents as another tool to find data that is protected by PHI regulations.

The package also contains an example Agentstore configuration file to allow you to set up your Agentstore component more easily.

NOTE: This example file does not contain all the required settings, such as license details, for your Agentstore. You might also want to add authorization roles and SSL settings for your system.

After you configure and set up your Agentstore, you can index the IDX documents and use Agentstore for entity matching. The following example index action indexes one of these IDX files:

```
http://localhost:5502/DREADD?C:\MicroFocus\PHIPackage\agentstore\idx\professions.idx
```

NOTE: The provided IDX files include a database field, so that Agentstore automatically indexes them into the correct database.

If you do not use the provided Agentstore configuration file, you must ensure that the `professions` database exists in your Agentstore. You must also configure the appropriate `DatabaseType` fields, or supply the `DREDbName` parameter in your DREADD index action.

For more information about how to set up and use IDOL querying, refer to the *IDOL Server Administration Guide* and the *IDOL Content Component Reference*.

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