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ASN.1 Basics

Chapter 1

Abstract Syntax Notation: ASN.1

ASN.1. For example, this data structure may be encoded according to some encoding rules and sent to the destination using the TCP protocol. The ASN.1 specifies several

1.1.3 The ENUMERATED type

1.3 ASN.1 Constructed Types

1.3.1 The SEQUENCE type

This is an ordered collection of other simple or constructed types. The SEQUENCE constructed type resembles the C "struct" statement.

```
Address ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- The apartment number may be omitted
    apartmentNumber      NumericString OPTIONAL,
    streetName           PrintableString,
    cityName             PrintableString,
    stateName            PrintableString,
    -- This one may be omitted too
    zipNo                NumericString OPTIONAL
}
```

1.3.2 The SET type

This is a collection of other simple or constructed types. Ordering is not important. The

```
-- an array of structures defined in place.  
ManyCircles ::= SEQUENCE OF SEQUENCE {  
    radius INTEGER  
}
```

1.3.5 The SET OF type

The SET OF type models the bag of structures. It resembles the SEQUENCE OF type, but the order is not important: i.e. the elements may arrive in the order which is not

Part II

ASN.1 Compiler

Chapter 2

Introduction to the ASN.1 Compiler

Chapter 3

Quick start

After building and installing the compi9er, the *asn1c*¹

Chapter 4

Overall Options	Description
-E	Stop after the parsing stage and print the reconstructed ASN.1 specification code to the standard output.
-F	Used together with -E, instructs the compiler to stop after the ASN.1 syntax tree fixing stage and dump the reconstructed ASN.1 specification to the standard output.
-P	Dump the compiled output to the standard output instead of

4.3.2 Encoding DER

The Distinguished Encoding Rules is the *canonical* variant of BER encoding rules. The DER is best suited to encode the structures where all the lengths are known beforehand. This is probably exactly how you want to encode: either[(v)25Ather[(v)25r[(v)2(BER)-247dencodingv manucalfiall1(-up,l)-187(the)-34((t)1ar)187gete(structure)-34(containsse)-34((the)-33(data:)-34(whiche)-34((izre) SN.1 ypde787(asn_DEF_Reacat787fromy thewhiche ishats

```
    }  
}
```

As you see, the DER encoder does not write into some sort of buffer or something. It just invokes the custom function (possible, multiple times) which would save the

Part III

Examples

Step-by-step: A ”Rectangle” Decoder

This chapter will help you to create a simple decoder of a simple ”Rectangle” type used throughout this document.

1. Create a file named

6. Compile all files together using C compiler (varies by platform):

```
cc -I. -o rdecode *.c
```

7. Voila! You have just created the Rectangle type decoder named **rdecode**!

