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## **Validation Tool v.2.0.1**

**for the Planetary Data System**

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## 1.1 Overview

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### About Validation Tool

The next generation Validation Tool for the Planetary Data System (PDS) community. The tool is intended to replace the current generation Label Validation Tool (LVTool) for validating labeled data products according to the PDS Standards and the Planetary Science Data Dictionary (PSDD).

Please send comments, change requests and bug reports to the [PDS Operator](mailto:pds_operator@jpl.nasa.gov) at [pds\\_operator@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:pds_operator@jpl.nasa.gov).

## 1.2 Release Notes

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### Release Notes

The purpose of this section is to provide a description of a Validation Tool release including any impact that the new or modified capabilities will have on the Discipline Nodes or the PDS user community. A somewhat itemized list of changes for each release can be found on the [Release Changes](#) page. If viewing this document in PDF form, see the appendix for details.

#### Release 2.0.1

The operational release of the Validation Tool software incorporating the Phase II capability supporting validation of catalog files. This release includes some minor modifications regarding how catalog pointers are handled based on beta testing results.

#### Release 2.0.0

This release of the Validation Tool software incorporates the Phase II capability supporting validation of catalog files and was released to the Technical Staff for beta testing.

The major change for this release is the addition of support for validating catalog files, either standalone or as a set within a CATALOG directory. Modifications to support this capability included a general change with regard to how pointers are handled as well as relaxing some of the PDS Label constraints where catalog files do not conform to those constraints. The result is that catalog files are now validated correctly and the spurious messages that were previously produced have been eliminated.

Other changes in this release include:

- Correct validation of quoted date/time strings. Date/time strings may not be quoted when associated with an element that is defined with one of the DATE data types.
- Fixed a spacing issue seen in the validation report on the Mac platform.

## 1.3 Installation

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### Installation

This section describes how to install the Validation Tool (VTool) contained in the *vtool* package. The following topics can be found in this section:

- [System Requirements](#)
- [Unpacking the VTool Package](#)

### System Requirements

#### Java Requirement

The Validation Tool was developed using Java and will run on any platform with a supported Java Runtime Environment (JRE). The tool was specifically developed under Sun Java version 1.4, so the tool will execute correctly under versions 1.4 or 1.5.

Since the tool was developed using Sun's Java, this is the preferred Java environment for operation. The Sun Java package can be obtained from the [Sun Java](#) web site. Other Java environments are relatively compatible with Sun's Java. Testing has been performed with GNU's Java environment. The result is that release 4.1.1 at a minimum is required for nominal operations.

#### Data Dictionary Requirement

Release *1r64* or later of the Planetary Science Data Dictionary (PSDD) is required for the tools to function properly. Release *1r66* of the PSDD supports the validation of explicit FILE objects. The latest version of the PDS data dictionary can be retrieved from the [PDS Data Dictionary](#) web page.

### Unpacking the VTool Package

Download the *vtool* package from the [Label Validation Tool](#) web page. The binary distribution is available in identical zip or tar/gzip packages. Unpack the selected binary distribution file with one of the following commands:

```
[node: ~] unzip vtool-2.0.1.zip  
or
```

```
[node: ~] tar -xzvf vtool-2.0.1.tar.gz
```

Note: Depending on the platform, the native version of *tar* may produce an error when attempting to unpack the distribution file because many of the file paths are greater than 100 characters. If available, the GNU version of *tar* will resolve this problem. If that is not available or cannot be installed, the zipped package will work just fine in a UNIX environment.

The commands above result in the creation of the *vtool-2.0.1* directory with the following directory structure:

- **README.txt**

A README file directing the user to the available documentation for the project.

- **LICENSE.txt**

The copyright notice from the [California Institute of Technology](#) detailing the restrictions regarding the use and distribution of this software. Although the license is strictly worded, the software has been classified as Technology and Software Publicly Available (TSPA) and is available for *anyone* to download and use.

- **bin/**

This directory contains the executable jar file containing the Validation Tool software along with a batch and shell script for executing the tool.

- **docs/**

This document directory contains a local web site with the Validation Tool Guide, javadoc, unit test results and other configuration management related information. Just point your favorite browser to the *index.html* file in this directory.

- **lib/**

This directory contains the dependent jar files for the tool along with the jar file (*vtool-2.0.1.jar*) containing the Validation Tool software.

There is one more step for UNIX users intending to use the shell script for executing the tool. The permission on the script must be set to executable. This can be accomplished with the following commands:

```
[node: ~] cd vtool-2.0.1/bin
[node: ~/vtool-2.0.1/bin] chmod 775 VTool
```

For those of you wondering why we didn't take care of this prior to release, it appears that [Maven](#), our build tool, is resetting the file permissions when the creating the distributions packages. Go figure.

## 1.4 Use and Operation

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### Use and Operation

The goal of the Validation Tool (VTool) is to programmatically ascertain if a given data product is PDS compliant (or "valid"). Typically, this means the data product is well formed, complete, syntactically and semantically correct, and that it conforms to all applicable PDS standards. The standards themselves are defined in the [PDS Standards Reference](#).

This section describes how to use VTool in order to perform automated validation of data products. The following topics can be found in this section:

- [Tool Setup](#)
- [Tool Execution](#)
- [Report Formats](#)
- [Exit Status Values](#)
- [Common Errors](#)

Note: The command-line examples in this section have been broken into multiple lines for readability. The commands should be reassembled into a single line prior to execution.

### Tool Setup

In order to execute VTool, the user's environment must first be configured appropriately. This section describes how to setup the user environment on UNIX-based and Windows machines.

#### UNIX-Based Setup

This section details the environment setup for UNIX-based machines providing four different methods:

- Specify the Shell Script on the Command-Line
- Set the CLASSPATH Environment Variable
- Specify the CLASSPATH on the Command-Line
- Specify the Jar on the Command-Line

#### *Specify the Shell Script on the Command-Line*

The preferred method is to specify the shell script, *VTool*, on the command-line. Setting the *PATH*

environment variable to the location of the script, enables the shell script to be executed from any location in the user's machine.

The following command demonstrates how to set the *PATH* environment variable, by appending to its current setting:

```
[node:~] setenv PATH ${PATH}:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/bin
```

The tool can now be executed via the shell script as demonstrated in the following example:

```
[node:~] VTool <command-line arguments>
```

### ***Set the CLASSPATH Environment Variable***

An alternative method is to set the *CLASSPATH* environment variable. The following commands demonstrate how to set this variable, by appending to its current setting:

The first example and preferred method for setting the variable, appends the executable jar file found in the *bin* directory:

```
[node:~] setenv CLASSPATH ${CLASSPATH}:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/bin/vtool-2.0.1-app.jar

[node:~] echo $CLASSPATH
```

The second example separately appends the dependent jar files, found in the *lib* directory:

```
[node:~] setenv CLASSPATH ${CLASSPATH}:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/product-tools-1.2.0.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/antlr-2.7.6.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-cli-1.0.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-collections-3.1.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-configuration-1.2.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-io-1.2.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-lang-2.1.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/commons-logging-1.0.3.jar:\
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib/vtool-2.0.1.jar

[node:~] echo $CLASSPATH
```

The second command in both of the examples above, will display the current value of the *CLASSPATH* variable. Please note that the value for the *CLASSPATH* variable may not contain space characters. Once the *CLASSPATH* is set, the tool can be executed with the following command:

```
[node:~] java gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool <command-line arguments>
```

### ***Specify the CLASSPATH on the Command-Line***

An alternative method to setting the *CLASSPATH* variable is to specify the *java.ext.dirs* Java property on the command-line when running the tool each time. This is done by passing the property via the Java "-D" flag as demonstrated in the following example:

```
[node:~] java -Djava.ext.dirs=$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/lib \  
gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool <command-line arguments>
```

### ***Specify the Jar on the Command-Line***

Another alternative method is to specify the executable jar file on the command-line when running the tool each time. This is done by passing the jar file specification via the Java "-jar" flag as demonstrated in the following example:

```
[node:~] java -jar \  
$HOME/vtool-2.0.1/bin/vtool-2.0.1-app.jar \  
<command-line arguments>
```

## **Windows Setup**

This section details the environment setup for Windows machines providing four different methods:

- Specify the Batch File on the Command-Line
- Set the CLASSPATH Environment Variable
- Specify the CLASSPATH on the Command-Line
- Specify the Jar on the Command-Line

### ***Specify the Batch File on the Command-Line***

The preferred method is to specify the batch file, *VTool.bat*, on the command-line. Setting the *PATH* environment variable to the location of the file, enables the batch to be executed from any location in the

user's machine.

The following command demonstrates how to set the *PATH* environment variable, by appending to its current setting:

```
C:\> set PATH = %PATH%;\  
C:\vtool-2.0.1\bin
```

The tool can now be executed via the batch file as demonstrated in the following example:

```
C:\> VTool <command-line arguments>
```

### ***Set the CLASSPATH Environment Variable***

An alternative method is to set the *CLASSPATH* environment variable. The following commands demonstrate how to set this variable, by appending to its current setting:

The first example and preferred method for setting the variable, appends the executable jar file found in the *bin* directory:

```
C:\> set CLASSPATH=%CLASSPATH%;\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\bin\vtool-2.0.1-app.jar  
  
C:\> echo %CLASSPATH%
```

The second example separately appends the dependent jar files, found in the *lib* directory:

```
C:\> set CLASSPATH=%CLASSPATH%;\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\product-tools-1.2.0.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\antlr-2.7.6.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-cli-1.0.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-collections-3.1.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-configuration-1.2.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-io-1.2.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-lang-2.1.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\commons-logging-1.0.3.jar\  
c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib\vtool-2.0.1.jar  
  
C:\> echo %CLASSPATH%
```

The second command in both of the examples above, will display the current value of the *CLASSPATH* variable. Please note that the value for the *CLASSPATH* variable may not contain space characters. Once the *CLASSPATH* is set, the tool can be executed with the following command:

```
C:\> java gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool <command-line arguments>
```

Another way of setting the *CLASSPATH* is via the [Windows Control Panel](#) . If viewing this document in PDF form, see the appendix for details on this method.

### ***Specify the CLASSPATH on the Command-Line***

An alternative method to setting the *CLASSPATH* variable is to specify the *java.ext.dirs* Java property on the command-line when running the tool each time. This is done by passing the property via the Java "-D" flag as demonstrated in the following example:

```
C:\> java -Djava.ext.dirs=c:\vtool-2.0.1\lib \
gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool <command-line arguments>
```

### ***Specify the Jar on the Command-Line***

Another alternative method is to specify the executable jar file on the command-line when running the tool each time. This is done by passing the jar file specification via the Java "-jar" flag as demonstrated in the following example:

```
C:\> java -jar \
c:\vtool-2.0.1\bin\vtool-2.0.1-app.jar \
<command-line arguments>
```

## **Tool Execution**

VTool can be executed in various ways. This section describes how to run VTool and how to generate reports, as well as the behaviors and caveats of the tool.

### **Command-Line Options**

The following table contains command-line options available to VTool:

## VTool Command-Line Options

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-t, --target <labels,URLs,dirs>	Explicitly specify the targets (label files, directories, and URLs) to validate. Targets can be specified implicitly as well (example: VTool label.lb). For more details on target specification, see the <a href="#">Specifying Targets</a> section.
-d, --dict <.full files>	Specify the Planetary Science Data Dictionary full file name and any local dictionaries.
-l, --log-file <file (optional)>	Specify the file name for the machine-readable log. A file specification is optional. If no file name is given, then the log will be written to standard out. For more details on writing the log to a file, see the <a href="#">Report and Log Generation</a> section.
-r, --report-file <file>	Specify the file name for the human-readable report. Default is to write to the standard out if this flag is not specified. This report, however, will not print to standard out if this flag is missing AND the log file flag is specified with no file name. For more details on how to create reports, see the <a href="#">Report and Log Generation</a> section.
-s, --report-style	Specify the standard human-readable report format. Valid values are "full" for a full view, "min" for a minimal view, or "sum" for a summary view. Default is to generate a full report if this flag is not specified. For more details on these report styles, see the <a href="#">Report Formats</a> section.
-v, --verbose	Specify the message severity level and above to include in the human-readable report (1=Info, 2=Warning, 3=Error). Default is warning and above (level 2).
-I, --include <paths>	Specify paths to search for files referenced by pointers in a label. Separate each path with a comma. Default is to always look in the directory of the label, then search the specified directories.
-F, --no-follow	Do not follow or check for the existence of files referenced by pointer statements in a label.
-f, --force	Enable standalone label fragment validation. Default is to not validate them.
-c, --config <file>	Specify a configuration file to set the default values for VTool.
-L, --local	Validate files only in the input directory rather than recursively traversing down the sub-directories.
-e, --regexp <expressions>	Specify file patterns to look for when validating a directory. Separate each pattern with a comma. Each pattern should be surrounded in quotes ("*.LBL", "*.FMT") to avoid having the system shell mistakenly interpreting them (This has been seen on non-Windows systems). Pattern matching is case-insensitive in Windows, but case-sensitive for other systems.
-X, --ignore-file <expressions>	Specify file patterns to ignore when validating a directory. Separate each pattern with a comma. Patterns should be surrounded in quotes ("*.TXT", "*.TAB") to avoid having the system shell mistakenly interpreting them (This has been seen on non-Windows systems). Pattern matching is case-insensitive in Windows, but case-sensitive for other systems.
-D, --ignore-dir <expressions>	Specify the directory patterns to ignore. Separate each pattern with a space. Patterns should be surrounded by quotes ("LABEL", "DOC") to avoid having the system shell mistakenly interpreting them (This has been seen on non-Windows systems). Pattern matching is case-insensitive in Windows, but case-sensitive for other systems.

### VTool Command-Line Options

-p, --progress	Enable validation progress reporting. Default is no. When this option is enabled, the current directory being validated will be written to standard error, followed by a series of asterisk "*" symbols, which represents a file being validated.
-h, --help	Display VTool usage.
-V, --version	Display VTool version.

### Running VTool

This section demonstrates some of the ways that the tool can be executed using the command-line option flags:

- Validating Against a Single Dictionary
- Validating Against Multiple Dictionaries
- Validating Files with a Specific File Pattern
- Ignoring Sub-Directories During Validation
- Ignoring Files with a Specific File Pattern
- Checking For Referenced Files in Different Locations
- Not Following a Pointer
- Standalone Label Fragment Validation
- Progress Reporting
- Changing Tool Behaviors With The Configuration File

Note: The command-line examples below are executing VTool via the batch/shell script. Alternatively, the `java -jar` or `java gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool` command can be used to execute the tool as mentioned in the [Tool Setup](#) section. Make sure the user environment is configured properly prior to calling the tool with your preferred method.

#### ***Validating Against a Single Dictionary***

The following command demonstrates the validation of a single data product label against the PSDD:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full
```

If there is a dictionary error, the tool will not perform label validation.

#### ***Validating Against Multiple Dictionaries***

The following command demonstrates the validation of a single data product label against the PSDD and a local dictionary:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full, localdd.full
```

For more information on how the tool behaves when multiple dictionaries are passed in, see the [Multiple Dictionary Support](#) section.

### ***Validating Files with a Specific File Pattern***

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data product labels in a specified target directory, where validation only occurs on file names that end in ".LBL" or begins with the letters "MER":

```
[node:~] VTool $HOME/DIR \  
-d pdsdd.full -e "/*.LBL", "MER*"
```

### ***Ignoring Sub-Directories During Validation***

By default, the tool will recursively traverse down a directory tree when a target directory is specified, validating files within the sub-directories. Sub-directories can be ignored with the ignore directories flag.

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data product labels in a specified target directory, where directories named "EXTRAS" or "LABEL" are ignored.

```
[node:~] VTool $HOME/DIR \  
-d pdsdd.full -D "EXTRAS", "LABEL"
```

The local flag can also be used to stop the tool from recursing down a directory tree.

The following command demonstrates the same validation as above, but without recursion:

```
[node:~] VTool $HOME/DIR \  
-d pdsdd.full -L
```

### ***Ignoring Files with a Specific File Pattern***

The ignore files flag can be used to tell the tool which files to ignore during validation.

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data product labels contained in a directory except for files ending in a ".IMG" or ".TAB":

```
[node:~] VTool $HOME/DIR \  
-d pdsdd.full -X "*IMG", "*TAB"
```

### ***Checking For Referenced Files in Different Locations***

If a data product label contains a pointer statement that references a file, it will always assume it is co-located with the label. If it cannot be found there, then VTool will look for that referenced file in the paths specified by the include directories option.

The following command demonstrates the validation of a data product label that contains a pointer statement to a file located in a directory called DIR.

```
[node:~] VTool LABELPTR.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -I $HOME/path
```

If the data product label contains pointer statements that reference files located in two different locations, then multiple paths can be specified.

The following command demonstrates the validation of a data product label that contains pointer statements that reference files located in two different locations, path1 and path2.

```
[node:~] VTool LABELPTR2.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -I $HOME/path1, $HOME/path2
```

### ***Not Following a Pointer***

If a data product label points to a label fragment, VTool has the capability of validating this label without having to validate the associated label fragment with the no follow pointers option. This would be used in cases where the label fragment is not complete or in cases where the user wishes to simply check that the parent label structure is PDS compliant.

The following command demonstrates the validation of a data product label that contains a label fragment, but specifying to the tool to not follow the pointer:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \
-d pdsdd.full -F
```

### ***Standalone Label Fragment Validation***

The force flag is used to force standalone label fragment validation. When this flag is specified, standalone label fragment validation will occur on files whose extension ends in a .FMT

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data products, including performing standalone label fragment validation on any files it finds with a .FMT extension:

```
[node:~] VTool $HOME/DIR \
-d pdsdd.full -f
```

### ***Progress Reporting***

Validation progress reporting is enabled with the progress flag. With progress reporting enabled, VTool will print, to the standard error, the current location that is being validated followed by a series of asterisk "\*" symbols that represents a file it has encountered. The default behavior is to have this feature disabled.

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data products found in a directory, *DIR*, and its sub-directories with progress reporting enabled.

```
[node:~] VTool /home/user/DIR \
-d pdsdd.full -p
```

The progress reporting would look something like the following:

```
Validating file(s) in: file:/home/user/DIR
*
Validating file(s) in: file:/home/user/DIR/subDir1
*****
Validating file(s) in: file:/home/user/DIR/subDir2
***
...

```

In the above example, 1 file was validated in the DIR directory, 5 files were validated in DIR/subDir1, and 3 files were validated in DIR/subDir2.

### ***Changing Tool Behaviors With The Configuration File***

A configuration file can be passed into the command-line to change the default behaviors of the tool and to also provide users a way to perform validation with a single flag. For more details on how to setup the configuration file, see the [Using a Configuration File](#) section.

The following command demonstrates performing validation using a configuration file:

```
[node:~] VTool -c config.txt
```

### **Specifying Targets**

Targets are validated in the order in which they are specified on the command-line. They can be specified implicitly and explicitly.

To specify targets implicitly, it is best to specify them first on the command-line before any other option flags.

The following command demonstrates the validation of a single data product label, specified implicitly, against the PSDD:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full
```

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data product labels, both specified implicitly, against the PSDD:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL, $HOME/DIR \  
-d pdsdd.full
```

**Implicit targets should not be specified after option flags that allow multiple arguments (see example below). Unexpected results will occur.**

```
[node:~] VTool -d pdsdd.full \  
LABEL.LBL
```

In this example, VTTool will inadvertently treat the implicit target, *LABEL.LBL*, as a dictionary file.

Targets can be specified both implicitly and explicitly at the same time. Targets specified implicitly are validated first, followed by those that are specified explicitly with the target flag.

The following command demonstrates the validation of multiple data product labels, specified both implicitly and explicitly, against the PSDD:

```
[node:~] VTTool LABEL1.LBL \  
LABEL2.LBL -d pdsdd.full -t LABEL3.LBL, $HOME/DIR
```

In this example, LABEL1.LBL and LABEL2.LBL will get validated first, then LABEL3.LBL and the labels in \$HOME/DIR will get validated next.

### Report and Log Generation

This section describes how to generate a human-readable report and machine-readable log of a validation run. This is done in the following ways:

- Writing a Human-Readable Report to File
- Writing a Human-Readable Report to Standard Out
- Writing the Machine-Readable Log to Standard Out with No Human-Readable Report
- Writing the Machine-Readable Log to File, Writing the Human-Readable Report to Standard Out
- Writing Both the Machine-Readable Log and Human-Readable Report to File

#### ***Writing a Human-Readable Report to File***

Specify the report file flag to write the human-readable report to file. The report style flag is used to specify the report format. If the style flag is not specified, the default is to show a full report.

The following command demonstrates writing the human-readable, full report to a file named *report.txt*:

```
[node:~] VTTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -r report.txt
```

#### ***Writing a Human-Readable Report to Standard Out***

Do not specify the report file flag to write the human-readable report to standard out.

The following command demonstrates the validation of a single data product label against the PSDD, where the human-readable, full report is written to standard out:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full
```

The examples below will demonstrate how to generate a machine-readable log of a validation run.

### ***Writing the Machine-Readable Log to Standard Out with No Human-Readable Report***

Use the log file flag *with no file specification* and do not specify the report file flag.

The following command demonstrates writing the machine-readable log to standard out with no human-readable report generated:

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -l
```

### ***Writing the Machine-Readable Log to File, Writing the Human-Readable Report to Standard Out***

Specify the report file flag and the log file flag *with a file name specification*.

Note: When a directory is being validated and the log will be written to a file, the log should be written to a location different from the target directory. Otherwise, the tool will attempt to validate the log and it will be seen in the report.

The following command demonstrates writing the machine-readable log to a file named *log.xml* and writing a human-readable, full report to standard out.

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -l log.xml
```

### ***Writing Both the Machine-Readable Log and Human-Readable Report to File***

Specify the report file flag and the log file flag with a file specification. The file names should be different. The log and report cannot be written to the same file.

The following command demonstrates writing the machine-readable log to a file named *log.xml* and writing

the human-readable report to a file named *report.txt*

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -l log.xml -r report.txt
```

### ***Writing the Machine-Readable Log to Standard Out, Writing the Human-Readable Report to File***

Specify the report file flag and the log file flag with no file specification.

The following command demonstrates writing the machine-readable log to standard out and writing the human-readable report to a file named *report.txt*

```
[node:~] VTool LABEL.LBL \  
-d pdsdd.full -l -r report.txt
```

### **Multiple Dictionary Support**

VTool allows multiple dictionary files to be passed in through the command-line via the "-d" flag. When passing in multiple dictionaries, element and object definitions found in the dictionaries are merged together internally. In the case where definitions are found to be identical in each of the dictionary files being passed in, the definition found in the dictionary file specified LAST on the command-line will be retained.

The following example demonstrates the VTool behavior when passing in two dictionary files:

Suppose a PSDD, pdsdd.full, and a local dictionary, local-dd1.full, is being passed into VTool, where the PSDD contains the following DATA\_SET\_ID definition:

```
OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION  
NAME = DATA_SET_ID  
STATUS_TYPE = APPROVED  
GENERAL_DATA_TYPE = IDENTIFIER  
UNIT_ID = NONE  
STANDARD_VALUE_TYPE = FORMATION  
MAXIMUM_LENGTH = 40  
DESCRIPTION = "  
    The data_set_id element is a unique  
    alphanumeric identifier for a data set or a data product.  
    The data_set_id value for a given data set or  
    product is constructed according to flight project  
    naming conventions. In most cases the data_set_id is an  
    abbreviation of the data_set_name.  
    Example value: MR9/VO1/VO2-M-ISS/VIS-5-CLOUD-V1.0.  
    Note: In the PDS, the values for both data_set_id and
```

```

data_set_name are constructed according to standards
outlined in the Standards Reference."
STANDARD_VALUE_SET = {
  "A-5-DDR-ASTERMAG-V1.0",
  "A-5-DDR-ASTEROID-SPIN-VECTORS-V3.0",
  "A-5-DDR-ASTNAMES-V1.0",
  "A-5-DDR-POLE-POSITION-REF-V1.0",
  "A-5-DDR-POLE-POSITION-V1.0",
  "A-5-DDR-TAXONOMY-V1.0",
  "ARCB-L-RTLS-3-70CM-V1.0",
  "ARCB-L-RTLS-4-70CM-V1.0",
  ....
}
END_OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION
END

```

and the local dictionary also contains DATA\_SET\_ID, but with a different set of standard values:

```

OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION
NAME = DATA_SET_ID
STATUS_TYPE = APPROVED
GENERAL_DATA_TYPE = IDENTIFIER
UNIT_ID = NONE
STANDARD_VALUE_TYPE = FORMATION
MAXIMUM_LENGTH = 40
DESCRIPTION = "
  The data_set_id element is a unique
  alphanumeric identifier for a data set or a data product.
  The data_set_id value for a given data set or
  product is constructed according to flight project
  naming conventions. In most cases the data_set_id is an
  abbreviation of the data_set_name.
  Example value: MR9/VO1/VO2-M-ISS/VIS-5-CLOUD-V1.0.
  Note: In the PDS, the values for both data_set_id and
  data_set_name are constructed according to standards
  outlined in the Standards Reference."
STANDARD_VALUE_SET = {
  "VENUS"
  "EARTH"
}
END_OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION
END

```

If the PSDD is passed in first followed by the local dictionary as follows:

```

... -d pdsdd.full, local-dd1.full ...

```

VTool will retain the DATA\_SET\_ID definition found in the local dictionary.

If the local dictionary is passed in first followed by the PSDD as follows:

```
... -d local-dd1.full, pdsdd.full ...
```

VTool will retain the DATA\_SET\_ID definition found in the PSDD.

The following example demonstrates the VTool behavior when passing in three dictionaries:

Suppose the PSDD and the local dictionary, local-dd1.full, file have the DATA\_SET\_ID definition as stated above. In addition, there is another local dictionary, local-dd2.full, that will be passed into VTool also, which contains the following DATA\_SET\_ID definition:

```
OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION
NAME = DATA_SET_ID
STATUS_TYPE = APPROVED
GENERAL_DATA_TYPE = IDENTIFIER
UNIT_ID = NONE
STANDARD_VALUE_TYPE = FORMATION
MAXIMUM_LENGTH = 40
DESCRIPTION = "
    The data_set_id element is a unique
    alphanumeric identifier for a data set or a data product.
    The data_set_id value for a given data set or
    product is constructed according to flight project
    naming conventions. In most cases the data_set_id is an
    abbreviation of the data_set_name.
    Example value: MR9/VO1/VO2-M-ISS/VIS-5-CLOUD-V1.0.
    Note: In the PDS, the values for both data_set_id and
    data_set_name are constructed according to standards
    outlined in the Standards Reference."
STANDARD_VALUE_SET = {
    "MARS"
    "JUPITER"
}
END_OBJECT = ELEMENT_DEFINITION
END
```

If these three dictionaries get passed into VTool as follows:

```
... -d pdsdd.full, local-dd1.full, local-dd2.full ...
```

VTool will retain the `DATA_SET_ID` definition found in the last dictionary specified. In this case, it is the definition found in `local-dd2.full`.

If these dictionaries get passed into VTool in some other order like the following:

```
... -d local-dd2.full, local-dd1.full, pdsdd.full ...
```

VTool will retain the `DATA_SET_ID` definition found in `pdsdd.full`.

### Using a Configuration File

A configuration file is used to set the default behaviors of the tool. It consists of a text file made up of keyword/value pairs. The configuration file follows the syntax of the stream parsed by the `Java Properties.load(java.io.InputStream)` method.

Blank lines and lines which begin with the hash character `"#"` are ignored.

Values may be separated on different lines if a backslash is placed at the end of the line that continues below.

Escape sequences for special characters like a line feed, a tabulation or a unicode character, are allowed in the values and are specified in the same notation as those used in Java strings (e.g. `\n`, `\t`, `\r`).

Since backslashes (`\`) have special meanings in a configuration file, keyword values that contain this character will not be interpreted properly by VTool even if it is surrounded by quotes. A common example would be a Windows path name (e.g. `c:\VTT_EN_1-1\target`). Use the forward slash character instead (`c:/VTT_EN_1-1/target`) or escape the backslash character (`c:\\VTT_EN_1-1\\target`).

Note: Any flag specified on the command-line takes precedence over any equivalent settings placed in the configuration file.

The following table contains valid keywords that can be specified in the configuration file:

KEYWORD	ASSOCIATED FLAG	valid value(s)
<code>vtool.target</code>	<code>-t</code>	Specify labels, directories, and URLs
<code>vtool.dict</code>	<code>-d</code>	Specify dictionary files
<code>vtool.log</code>	<code>-l</code>	To write the log to standard out, set to 'true'. To write the log to a file, set to a file name. Otherwise, do not specify this keyword at all (or simply set to 'false').
<code>vtool.report</code>	<code>-r</code>	Specify the human-readable report file name (do not specify keyword if wanting to write to standard out)

KEYWORD	ASSOCIATED FLAG	valid value(s)
vtool.style	-s	Specify the standard human-readable report format ("full", "min", or "sum"). If not specified, then a full report will be generated
vtool.verbose	-v	Specify the message severity level and above to include in the human-readable report(1=Info, 2=Warning, 3=Error). Default is warning and above (level 2).
vtool.includepaths	-l	Specify paths to search for files referenced by pointers in a label
vtool.follow	-F	Set to 'false' to not look for files referenced by pointer statements in a label, set to 'true' otherwise
vtool.force	-f	Set to 'true' to enable standalone label fragment validation, 'false' otherwise
vtool.recursive	-L	Set to 'false' to not traverse a directory, set to 'true' otherwise
vtool.regexp	-e	Specify file patterns to search for when validating a directory.
vtool.ignorefile	-X	Specify file patterns to ignore when validating a directory.
vtool.ignoredir	-D	Specify directory patterns to ignore.
vtool.progress	-p	Set to 'true' to enable progress reporting, 'false' otherwise.

The following example demonstrates how to set a configuration file:

```
# This is a VTool configuration file

vtool.target = ./TEST_DIR
vtool.dict = pdsdd.full
vtool.log = log.xml
vtool.report = rpt.txt
vtool.recursive = false
vtool.includepaths = /home/path
vtool.regexp = "*.LBL"
```

This is equivalent to running the tool with the following flags:

```
-t ./TEST_DIR -d pdsdd.full -l log.xml -L -e "*.LBL" \
-I /home/path -r rpt.txt
```

The following example demonstrates how to set a configuration file with multiple values for a keyword:

```
# This is a VTool configuration file with multiple values

vtool.target = TEST.LBL, ./TEST_DIR
vtool.dict = pdsdd.full, localdd.full
vtool.recursive = true
vtool.includepaths = /home/path1, /home/path2
vtool.regexp = "*.LBL", "*.FMT"
```

This is equivalent to running the tool with the following flags:

```
-t TEST.LBL, ./TEST_DIR -d pdsdd.full, localdd.full \
-e "*.LBL", "*.FMT" -I /home/path1, /home/path2
```

The following example demonstrates how to set a configuration file with multiple values that span across multiple lines:

```
# This is a VTool configuration file with multiple values
# that span across multiple lines

vtool.target = TEST.LBL, \
              ./TEST_DIR
vtool.dict = pdsdd.full, \
            localdd.full
vtool.recursive = true
vtool.regexp = "*.LBL", \
              "*.FMT"
```

The following example demonstrates how to override a setting in the configuration file.

Suppose the configuration file named config.txt is defined as follows:

```
# This is another VTool configuration file

vtool.target = ./TEST_DIR
vtool.dict = pdsdd.full
vtool.log = log.xml
vtool.recursive = false
vtool.regexp = "*.LBL"
```

If validating everything in TEST\_DIR is desired rather than just files that end in "LBL" as is defined in the configuration file, then the following command demonstrates how to perform this behavior:

```
[node:~] VTool -c config.txt -e "**"
```

## Report Formats

This section describes the contents of the validation report formats. The links below detail the validation results of the same run for each format. If viewing this document in PDF form, see the appendix for the actual examples.

The tool can represent a validation report in three different formats: a full, a summary, and a minimal format. The report style flag is used to change the formatting. When this flag is not specified on the command-line, the default is to generate a full report.

### Full Report

In a [full](#) report, the location, severity, and textual description of each detected anomaly is reported. A 'PASS', 'FAIL', or 'SKIP' keyword is displayed next to each file to indicate when a file has passed, failed, or skipped PDS validation, respectively.

### Summary Report

In a [summary](#) report, the set of detected anomalies are summarized by reporting the number of occurrences for each type of anomaly and providing the location of one example for that anomaly.

### Minimal Report

In a [minimal](#) report, only the number of anomalies detected are reported for each file. The anomalies are grouped by severity level.

## Exit Status Values

The Validation Tool returns an exit status based on the PDS validation results or if an application failure has occurred. This section details the values that can be returned as a result of a single validation run.

The following table shows what exit values can be returned when the tool validates one or more data product labels in a single run:

Integer Value	Binary Value	Meaning
0	0000 0000	The data product label(s) passed the PDS validation step with no errors or warnings.
1	0000 0001	An Application error has occurred.
2	0000 0010	A System error has occurred.
32	0010 0000	One or more files skipped during the validation run.
64	0100 0000	One or more validation warnings were encountered during the validation run.
96	0110 0000	One or more files skipped and validation warnings were encountered during the validation run.
128	1000 0000	One or more validation errors were encountered during the validation run.
160	1010 0000	One or more files skipped and validation errors were encountered during the validation run.
192	1100 0000	One or more validation warnings and errors were encountered during the validation run.
224	1110 0000	One or more files skipped. In addition, validation warnings and errors were encountered during the validation run.

## Common Errors

At this point in development there is a single common error that several users have encountered. The error is as follows:

```
[node:~] java gov.nasa.pds.vtool.VTool ...
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError:
gov/nasa/pds/vtool/VTool
```

The actual class name may vary but the above error is the result of the *CLASSPATH* environment variable not being set correctly. Verify that the variable contains all of the specified jar files and that there are no space characters in the value. See either the [UNIX-Based Setup](#) or [Windows Setup](#) section for details.

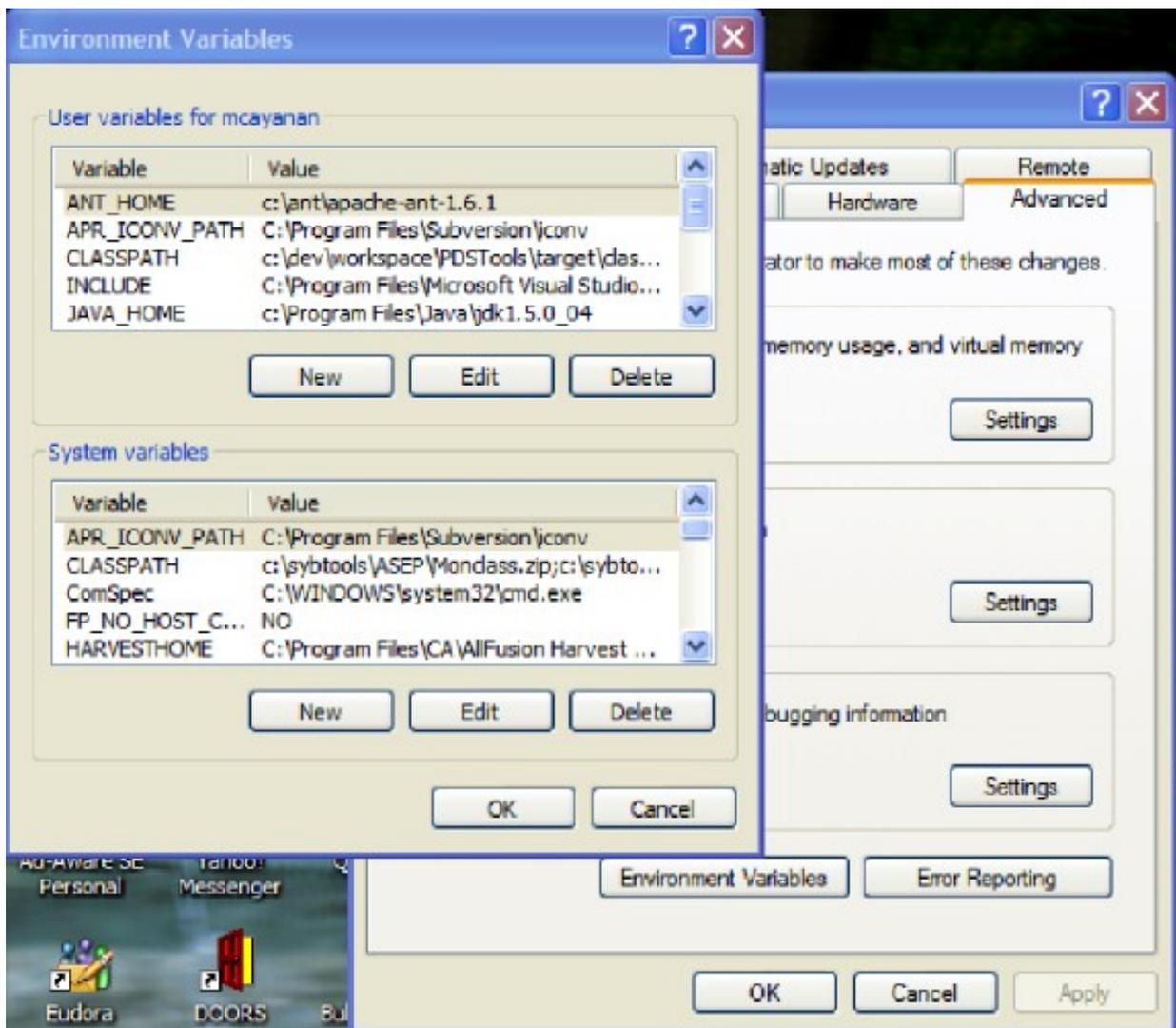
## 1.5 Appendix A - Using the Windows Control Panel

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### Windows Environment Setup

For those attempting to run the Validation Tool in a Windows environment, here are the steps for setting the CLASSPATH environment variable via the control panel:

- Right-click on My Computer on your desktop and select the Properties menu item.
- Navigate to the Advanced tab and select the Environment Variables button. At this point, you should now see a window like the one below:



- Highlight the *CLASSPATH* variable in the User Variables list and select the Edit button.
- Append to the current contents of the variable, the path(s) to the jar files that came with the *product-tools* package. See the *Windows Setup* section for actual jar file paths for the current release. Separate each path with a semicolon.
- Select the *OK* button when you are finished editing the *CLASSPATH* variable, then select the *OK* button at the Environment Variables window to apply the changes.

Note: If you already have a DOS window open, you will need to close and re-open the window for the *CLASSPATH* changes to take effect.

## 1.6 Appendix B - Report Examples

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### Report Examples

This section details the various report formats available from the Validation Tool.

## 1.6.1 Full Report

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### Full Report Example

The following is an example of a full report:

```
PDS Validation Tool Report

Version                1.2.0
Date                  Thu, Jul 24 2008 at 03:20:35 PM
Level of Validation    Syntactic and Semantic
Dictionary version
/* Planetary Science Data Dictionary database dump */
/* Start of alias definitions */
/* Version: OPS */
/* Online Database: pdscatlr70 */
/* Generated: Tue May  6 08:42:01 2008 */

Parameter Settings:

Target(s)              [VTT_EN_19-1\target\DATA]
Dictionary File(s)     [UTIL\pdsdd.full]
Aliasing               false
Directory Recursion    true
Follow Pointers        true
Validate Standalone Fragments false
Report File            rpt-full.txt
Report Style           full
Severity Level         Warning
Include Path(s)        [VTT_EN_19-1\target\LABEL, VTT_EN_19-1\target\DOCUMENT]
Progress Reporting     false

Validation Details:

FAIL: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED_DETACHED.LBL
Begin Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/COSPIN.FMT
End Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/COSPIN.FMT
ERROR line 20: Undefined Element: CASSINI:ADC_TIMING_SETTINGS
ERROR line 21: Undefined Element: CASSINI:BARREL_BAFFLE_TEMPERATURE
ERROR line 22: Undefined Element: CASSINI:CPMM_NUMBER
ERROR line 23: Undefined Element: CASSINI:POWERED_CPMM_FLAG
ERROR line 24: Undefined Element: CASSINI:BINNING
WARNING line 26: ? is not in the suggested list of valid values for
MRO:ADC_TIMING_SETTINGS

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_ARRAY-1.LBL
```

```
SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_ARRAY.DAT
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_HISTORY-1.LBL

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_IMG-1.IMG
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_IMG-1.LBL
      Begin Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/TLMTAB.FMT
      End Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/TLMTAB.FMT
      Begin Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/PREFIX2.FMT
      End Fragment: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/LABEL/PREFIX2.FMT

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_PALETTE-1.LBL

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_PALETTE.TAB
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPECTRUM.DAT
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPECTRUM.LBL

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPREADSHEET-1.LBL

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/HISTORY.TXT
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/LEAPSECS.KER
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/MYDATA.CSV
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

PASS: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/NONCOMP_ATTACHED.LBL

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/T92025.TAB
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.

SKIP: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/W1477654052.IMG
      WARNING Not a label. Could not find the PDS_VERSION_ID in the first line.
```

Summary:

```
8 of 17 validated, 9 skipped
7 of 8 passed
```

End of Report

## 1.6.2 Summary Report

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### Summary Report Example

The following is an example of a summary report:

```

PDS Validation Tool Report

Version                1.2.0
Date                  Thu, Jul 24 2008 at 03:20:48 PM
Level of Validation    Syntactic and Semantic
Dictionary version
/* Planetary Science Data Dictionary database dump */
/* Start of alias definitions */
/* Version: OPS */
/* Online Database: pdscatlr70 */
/* Generated: Tue May  6 08:42:01 2008 */

Parameter Settings:

Target(s)              [VTT_EN_19-1\target\DATA]
Dictionary File(s)     [UTIL\pdsdd.full]
Aliasing               false
Directory Recursion    true
Follow Pointers        true
Validate Standalone Fragments false
Report File            rpt-sum.txt
Report Style           sum
Severity Level         Warning
Include Path(s)        [VTT_EN_19-1\target\LABEL, VTT_EN_19-1\target\DOCUMENT]
Progress Reporting     false

Errors Found:

ERROR  Undefined Element: CASSINI:BINNING
Example: line 24 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED_DETACHED.LBL
1 occurrence(s)

ERROR  Undefined Element: CASSINI:CPMM_NUMBER
Example: line 22 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED_DETACHED.LBL
1 occurrence(s)

ERROR  Undefined Element: CASSINI:ADC_TIMING_SETTINGS
Example: line 20 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED_DETACHED.LBL

```

1 occurrence(s)

ERROR Undefined Element: CASSINI:POWERED\_CPMM\_FLAG

Example: line 23 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT\_EN\_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED\_DETACHED.LBL

1 occurrence(s)

ERROR Undefined Element: CASSINI:BARREL\_BAFFLE\_TEMPERATURE

Example: line 21 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT\_EN\_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED\_DETACHED.LBL

1 occurrence(s)

Warnings Found:

WARN ? is not in the suggested list of valid values for MRO:ADC\_TIMING\_SETTINGS

Example: line 26 of file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT\_EN\_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED\_DETACHED.LBL

1 occurrence(s)

WARN Not a label. Could not find the PDS\_VERSION\_ID in the first line.

Example: file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT\_EN\_19-1/target/DATA/COMP\_ARRAY.DAT

9 occurrence(s)

Info Found:

Summary:

8 of 17 validated, 9 skipped

7 of 8 passed

End of Report

## 1.6.3 Minimal Report

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### Minimal Report Example

The following is an example of a minimal report:

```
PDS Validation Tool Report

Version                1.2.0
Date                  Thu, Jul 24 2008 at 03:20:57 PM
Level of Validation   Syntactic and Semantic
Dictionary version
/* Planetary Science Data Dictionary database dump */
/* Start of alias definitions */
/* Version: OPS */
/* Online Database: pdscatlr70 */
/* Generated: Tue May  6 08:42:01 2008 */

Parameter Settings:

Target(s)              [VTT_EN_19-1\target\DATA]
Dictionary File(s)    [UTIL\pdsdd.full]
Aliasing               false
Directory Recursion   true
Follow Pointers       true
Validate Standalone Fragments false
Report File           rpt-min.txt
Report Style          min
Severity Level        Warning
Include Path(s)      [VTT_EN_19-1\target\LABEL, VTT_EN_19-1\target\DOCUMENT]
Progress Reporting    false

Message Counts:

ERROR   WARN   INFO   FILE
    5     1     0
file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMBINED_DETACHED.LBL
    0     0     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_ARRAY-1.LBL
    0     1     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_ARRAY.DAT
    0     0     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_HISTORY-1.LBL
    0     1     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_IMG-1.IMG
    0     0     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_IMG-1.LBL
    0     0     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_PALETTE-1.LBL
    0     1     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_PALETTE.TAB
    0     1     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPECTRUM.DAT
    0     0     0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPECTRUM.LBL
```

```
0      0      0
file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/COMP_SPREADSHEET-1.LBL
0      1      0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/HISTORY.TXT
0      1      0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/LEAPSECS.KER
0      1      0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/MYDATA.CSV
0      0      0
file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/NONCOMP_ATTACHED.LBL
0      1      0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/T92025.TAB
0      1      0   file:/C:/tool-tests/VTT_EN_19-1/target/DATA/W1477654052.IMG
-----
5      10     0
```

Summary:

8 of 17 validated, 9 skipped  
7 of 8 passed

End of Report

## 1.7 Appendix C - Release Changes

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### Release History

Version	Date	Description
<a href="#">2.0.1</a>	2009-02-06	The operational release of the Validation Tool software incorporating the Phase II capability supporting validation of catalog files.
<a href="#">2.0.0</a>	2009-01-09	This release of the Validation Tool software incorporates the Phase II capability supporting validation of catalog files and was released to the Technical Staff for beta testing.
<a href="#">1.2.0</a>	2008-07-24	This is a maintenance release of the Validation Tool, which includes an improved reporting capability to handle large validation runs and better message reporting of validation errors. Most of the changes in this release were implemented in the product-tools package and are detailed in the Release Changes page for that project.
<a href="#">1.1.0</a>	2007-09-28	This is a maintenance release of the Validation Tool including fixes and changes requested by the early adopters of the application. It is also the first release of the vtool project.
<a href="#">1.0.0</a>	2007-05-04	This release of the Validation Tool represents the operational release for the Phase I targeted capabilities. Although this release pertains to the product-tools project, its description has been retained here for completeness. Changes for previous releases can be viewed in the product-tools documentation.

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### Release 2.0.1 - 2009-02-06

Type	Changes	By
	Modified how catalog pointers are handled to not include referenced content but to validate the existence of the referenced file. Added check for valid catalog pointer names.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>

**Release 2.0.0 - 2009-01-09**

Type	Changes	By
	<b>PDSEN-116-</b> Support validation of catalog files.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	<b>PDSEN-107-</b> Inconsistent validation of values with quotation marks based on the associated element's general data type. The issue related to quoted date/time strings has been resolved. The issue related to quoted variables was determined to be a LTDTTool issue and a new issue was created and assigned to that component.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	<b>PDSEN-147-</b> VTool exits ungracefully when validating a catalog directory in a GCJ environment. This is believed to be associated with the limitation in catalog file support (PDSEN-116) as opposed to the GCJ environment so it should also be resolved in this release.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	Fix spacing issue of the validation report. Seen on the Mac platform.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>

**Release 1.2.0 - 2008-07-24**

Type	Changes	By
	<b>PDSEN-108-</b> Command-line arguments with multiple values should use commas instead of spaces for valid separators.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	<b>PDSEN-111-</b> Generate a warning message regarding semantic checking being skipped when a dictionary is not provided.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	<b>PDSEN-118-</b> Specifying a target in the configuration file is not recognized.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>

**Release 1.1.0 - 2007-09-28**

Type	Changes	By
	<p>The Validation Tool application has been split out from the <i>product-tools</i> project in order to provide more specific documentation and to turn the <i>product-tools</i> project into a library of classes that can be included by other projects. The following files or directories were moved to this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>src/java/gov/nasa/pds/tools/VTool.java</code></li> <li>• <code>src/java/gov/nasa/pds/tools/flags/VToolFlags.java</code></li> <li>• <code>src/java/gov/nasa/pds/tools/config/</code></li> <li>• <code>src/java/gov/nasa/pds/tools/status/</code></li> <li>• <code>src/resources/scripts/</code></li> <li>• <code>xdocs/install/</code></li> <li>• <code>xdocs/user/</code></li> </ul>	<a href="#">shardman</a>
	<p>Added a README file to be included with the binary distribution package. The README file points the user to the documentation provided with the package.</p>	<a href="#">shardman</a>
	<p>Updated VTool to return the following exit values:</p>	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	1	An Application Error has occurred.
	2	A System Error has occurred.
	32	One or more files skipped during the validation
	64	One or more validation warnings encountered
	96	One or more files skipped and validation warnin the validation run.
	128	One or more validation errors encountered durin
	160	One or more files skipped and validation errors validation run.
	192	One or more validation warnings and errors en validation run.
	224	One or more files skipped, validation warnings during the validation run.
	<p>Refactored the VTool class.</p>	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	<p>Changed the jarpath settings in the shell scripts to a more generic value ('vtool-X.X.X' instead of 'vtool-1.0.0').</p>	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>

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	Added support for validation of label fragments.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	Added the capability to return an appropriate exit status value based on validation results or tool application failure.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Created batch and shell scripts for simpler execution of VTool.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Added the capability for targets to be specified implicitly.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Added -f or --force flag option to perform standalone label fragment validation.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Validation of units is now performed against the master list of unit values. This comparison is case sensitive.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	File names referenced by pointers may be in any case and still be discoverable by the tool. File names in mixed case will generate a warning message.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	Cleaned up reporting including replacing SEVERE with ERROR in all instances and properly representing fragment messages when they are included in a label validation.	<a href="#">pramirez</a>
	Implemented new log file behavior to allow logs to be written to memory. This allows generation of reports without the need of explicitly specifying the log file flag option.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Changed the log file flag (-l or --log) option to optionally allow a file specification. See <i>Use and Operation</i> guide for log generation details.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Added time and date of tool execution in final reports.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Enhanced user guide with more details regarding command-line flag options, report examples, etc.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Fixed support for UNC pathnames.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>
	Fixed the minimal report stylesheet to work correctly on the Linux platform.	<a href="#">mcayanan</a>