

Notes and Errata Regarding New MSL DAN Releases and PDS3 to PDS4 Migration

PDS Geosciences Node

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These notes apply to Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons (DAN) archives at the PDS Geosciences Node. All MSL data sets were originally archived under the PDS3 standard.

Notes on New Releases

Beginning with PDS Release 33, August 1, 2023, new DAN derived data products are archived under the PDS4 standard. Beginning with PDS Release 36, August 2, 2024, new DAN raw data products are also archived under the PDS4 standard. The older data products are planned to be migrated in the near future, but for now these data directories remain unaltered (see “Notes on Migrated Data” below).

No files have been removed from the PDS3 archive volume. The only change is the addition of PDS4 labels and documentation files. New DAN data products include both PDS3 and PDS4 labels.

Instead of the data sets and archive volumes in PDS3, products in PDS4 are organized into collections and bundles. A collection is a set of related products, which may be data products, document products, browse products, miscellaneous products, etc. A bundle is a set of related collections.

Two PDS4 bundles have been defined for each of the two DAN data sets. The DAN raw bundle has one data collection, two document collections, and a miscellaneous collection that holds the PDS3 index table. The DAN derived bundle has three data collections, two document collections, a calibration collection, and a miscellaneous collection. The tables below show the correspondence between the PDS3 volume and PDS4 bundle and PDS3 product types and PDS4 collections, respectively.

MSL DAN PDS4 Bundles and Corresponding PDS3 Volume and Data Sets

Archive	PDS4 Bundle	PDS3 Volume	PDS3 Data Set ID
MSL DAN raw data	urn:nasa:pds:mssl_dan_raw	mssldan_0xxx	MSL-M-DAN-2-EDR-V1.0
MSL DAN reduced and derived data	urn:nasa:pds:mssl_dan_derived	mssldan_1xxx	MSL-M-DAN-3/4-RDR-V1.0

MSL DAN PDS4 Collections and Corresponding PDS3 Product Types

PDS4 Collection	PDS4 Collection ID	PDS3 Product Type
MSL DAN raw product	data_raw	DAN_ACTIVE, DAN_PASSIVE, DAN_STANDBY
MSL DAN reduced housekeeping product	data_hk_reduced	DAN_RDR_EN

MSL DAN reduced science product	data_science_reduced	DAN_RDR_PA, DAN_RDR_AC
MSL DAN derived science product	data_science_derived	DAN_RDR_AA, DAN_RDR_AP

A bundle is identified by a file named **bundle_*.xml** in the root directory of a bundle; it describes the bundle and lists the collections that belong to it. A collection is identified by a file named **collection_*.xml** in a subdirectory. The file **collection_*_inventory.csv** is a list of the products that belong to the collection.

Every product, collection, and bundle in PDS4 has a Logical Identifier (LID) which is guaranteed to be unique throughout PDS. The LID is defined in the PDS4 label using the tag **<logical_identifier>**. For data products, the LID is analogous to PRODUCT_ID in a PDS3 label.

Not every PDS3 directory has a PDS4 counterpart. The PDS3 data, calib, catalog, document, and index directories have been made into collections, but the label directory has been left unchanged. No PDS4 labels have been provided for **aareadme.txt**, **voldesc.cat**, and **errata.txt** in the volume root directories. Errata.txt has been replaced by a release notes file (in the document collection), which will be update with each release. Note that the SIS documents in the document directory refer to the PDS3 datasets.

Notes on Migrated Data

The data products in the PDS3 DAN archives at the Geosciences Node are already PDS4-compliant, so there will be no need to alter the data files when the older data are migrated. In the data directories, the metadata in PDS3 labels will be copied to PDS4 labels, so that each data product will have both a PDS3 and a PDS4 label.

Document Change Log

Date	Description
May 22, 2023	Initial version
May 20, 2024	Revised details for raw data products