

Comment #16 – 9/18/13 – 4:19 p.m.

Thank you for creating and distributing the Exposure Draft on Modeling. While most of it seems like common sense, it will be good to have these guidelines documented as an ASOP.

I'm writing to suggest a small change related to bullet 6 under the "Request for Comments" section on page vi of the draft which addresses the use of bold font.

I noticed that "parameter" and "parameters" (singular and plural) are both bolded in the exposure draft but, while "assumptions" is bolded, "assumption" is not. The singular case "assumption" is used in section 2.3, twice in section 3.2.7.a.4, and in sections 4.2.a and 4.2.b and is not bolded in any case. It probably has to do with a word search function that only looks for the plural case.

Related to this, the definition of "Assumptions" in section 2.1 should be changed to "Types of **input...**" versus "**A type** of **input...**" if you stay with the plural version. However, my suggestion would be simply to change the defined term in section 2.1 to "Assumption" and leave the definition unchanged. This would be consistent with the use and definition of the singular term "Parameter" and with bolding the term "assumption" (singular) used 5 times in the draft.

I think this simple change will make the draft more readable and understandable. Please feel free to contact me if questions or concerns. Thanks for considering these suggestions.

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