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Foreword

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In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee ISO/IEC JTC 1. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75% of the national bodies casting a vote.

International Standard ISO/IEC 13800 was prepared by joint technical committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 15, *Volume and file structure*.

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this International Standard.

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Introduction

This International Standard provides a means to register instances of entities that are specified by a volume and file structure standard for interchanging files. This International Standard was designed to satisfy the needs of ISO/IEC 13346 and ISO/IEC 13490 and to permit the addition of registrable entities to clause 4 (below) when needed by ISO/IEC 13346, ISO/IEC 13490 or other standards. It is expected that the procedures specified by this International Standard will satisfy the needs of other standards, including standards not pertaining to volume and file structure.

The registration process enhances the capability of interchanging more types of information, some of which may have an interpretation that is presently not appropriate for specification by a standard. It may be expected that the use of particular registered entities will lead to future standardisation of some of the objects identified by those entities.

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Information technology - Procedure for the registration of identifiers and attributes for volume and file structure

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the procedure to be followed by a Registration Authority in preparing, maintaining and publishing an International Register of attributes and one or more International Registers of identifiers for volume and file structure (see annex A), for use with applicable standards. This International Standard does not specify any method of using any attribute or identifier registered according to this International Standard.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 13346-1:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange - Part 1: General.*

ISO/IEC 13346-2:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange - Part 2: Volume and boot block recognition.*

ISO/IEC 13346-3:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange - Part 3: Volume structure.*

ISO/IEC 13346-4:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange - Part 4: File structure.*

ISO/IEC 13346-5:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange - Part 5: Record structure.*

ISO/IEC 13490-1:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of read-only and write-once compact disk media for information interchange - Part 1: General.*

ISO/IEC 13490-2:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of read-only and write-once compact disk media for information interchange - Part 2: Volume and file structure.*

ISO/IEC 14863:1996, *Information technology – System-Independent Data Format (SIDF).*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 application: A program that processes information conforming to one or more standards.

3.2 implementation: A set of processes which enable an information processing system to conform with the specifications of one or more standards.

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3.3 octet: A string of eight binary digits operated upon as a unit. If the container for the representation of an octet has more than eight bits, the octet shall be represented in the least significant eight bits of the container with the remaining bits of the container set to 0.

3.4 field identifier: A string of one to four octets, used to identify a field as specified in ISO/IEC 14863.

4 Registrable entities

An entity registered according to this International Standard shall be either an identifier (see 4.1), an attribute (see 4.2), an operating system number (see 4.3), a developer number (see 4.4), or a field identifier extent number (see 4.5).

4.1 Identifier

For the purposes of this International Standard, an identifier registered in accordance with this International Standard may be used to identify an object specified by one or more standards. The interpretation of the object identified shall be described according to Annex A.

An identifier shall be represented by a sequence of 23 octets. Each octet of the sequence shall be an integer x where $0 \leq x < 2^8$. At least one octet of the sequence shall not have the value 0. The octets in the sequence shall be numbered with consecutive integers assigned in ascending sequence starting with 0. Octet number 0 shall be assigned to the least significant octet of the sequence. Octet number 0 shall not have the value 43 or 45.

4.2 Attribute

For the purposes of this International Standard, an attribute is a collection of information that is associated with an object specified by one or more standards. An attribute shall be identified by an attribute type and one or more attribute subtypes. The interpretation of the attribute identified shall be described according to Annex A.

An attribute type shall be an integer x where $0 \leq x < 2^{32}$. An attribute subtype shall be an integer x where $0 \leq x < 2^8$. The attribute types are divided as follows:

— Attribute type 0 is reserved for future standardisation.

— Attribute types 1, 3, 5, 6, 2048 and 65536 are reserved for registration to accommodate the instances of these attribute types specified in ISO/IEC 13346-4 and ISO/IEC 13490-2. Attribute type 12 is reserved for registration to accommodate the instance of this attribute type specified in ISO/IEC 13346-4. Attribute types 2, 4 and 7 to 11 inclusive are reserved for registration to accommodate the instances of these attribute types specified in ISO/IEC 13490-2.

— Attribute types 13 to 2047 inclusive are reserved for registration to accommodate the instances of these attribute types that may be required by future editions of ISO/IEC 13346-4 and ISO/IEC 13490-2 or by other standards.

— Attribute types 2049 to 65535 inclusive are reserved for implementation use (see 3.2).

— Attribute types 65537 to 2^{32}-1 inclusive are reserved for application use (see 3.1).

4.3 Operating System Number

For the purposes of this International Standard, an operating system is a software entity which may be associated with one or more field identifiers. An operating system number shall serve to identify such an operating system. Apart from such identification, registration does not affect the interpretation of the operating system number.

An operating system number shall be an integer in the range of 0 to 65535 inclusive. The operating system numbers are classified as follows:

— operating system numbers 0 to 63 inclusive are specified, or reserved for future standardisation, by ISO/IEC 14863.

— operating system numbers 64 to 65535 inclusive are reserved for application use (see 3.1), implementation use (see 3.2), or use by other standards.

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4.4 Developer Number

For the purposes of this International Standard, a developer is an organisation which may be associated with one or more field identifiers. A developer number shall serve to identify such a developer. Apart from such identification, registration does not affect the interpretation of the developer number.

A developer number shall be an integer in the range of 0 to 65535 inclusive. The developer numbers are classified as follows:

— developer numbers 0 to 8191 inclusive are specified, or reserved for future standardisation, by ISO/IEC 14863.

— developer numbers 8192 to 65535 inclusive are reserved for application use (see 3.1), implementation use (see 3.2), or use by other standards.

4.5 Field Identifier Extent Number

For the purposes of this International Standard, a field identifier extent is the set of all field identifers which, in the manner specified in ISO/IEC 14863, contain the same field identifier extent number. A field identifier extent number shall serve to identify such a field identifier extent. Apart from such identification, registration does not affect the interpretation of the field identifier extent number.

A field identifier extent number shall be an integer in the range of 0 to 65535 inclusive. The field identifier extent numbers are classified as follows:

— field identifier extent numbers 0 to 8191 inclusive are specified, or reserved for future standardisation, by ISO/IEC 14863.

— field identifier extent numbers 8192 to 65535 inclusive are reserved for application use (see 3.1), implementation use (see 3.2), or use by other standards.

5 Registration Authority

5.1 Appointment

The Registration Authority shall be an organisation nominated by ISO/IEC JTC 1 and appointed by the ISO/IEC Councils according to the rule defined by the ISO/IEC Directives to act as the Registration Authority for the purpose of this International Standard.

5.2 Duties

5.2.1 Maintenance of International Registers

The Registration Authority shall maintain the International Register of identifiers and the International Register of attributes. The contents of both International Registers shall be available upon request to national bodies that are members of ISO or IEC, to liaison organisations of ISO or IEC, and to any interested party.

5.2.2 Distribution of International Registers

The Registration Authority shall maintain an up-to-date list of the current recipients of each International Register. New registrations and any other pertinent communication, including corrections, concerning each International Register shall be sent to all persons on the list for that International Register. The Registration Authority may request from time to time that recipients confirm their continuing interest in receiving new registrations and drop from each list those not confirming such interest.

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6 Applications for registration

Applications for the registration of an identifier or an attribute may be made by the following, which for the purpose of this International Standard are Sponsoring Authorities:

a) any ISO or IEC technical committee or subcommittee;

b) any group within the ISO/IEC JTC 1 subcommittees concerned with volume and file structure in information technology;

c) any National Body that is a member of ISO or IEC;

d) any international organisation having A-liaison status with an ISO or IEC technical committee or subcommittee.

7 Registration procedure

Regarding the modification of each International Register, the responsibilities of the Registration Authority shall be:

a) to receive from Sponsoring Authorities applications for allocation of an entry to the International Register;

b) to ascertain that the applications received are formally in accordance with this International Standard;

NOTE 1 - This International Standard requires only that an application for registration meets the requirements of this International Standard. Sponsoring Authorities are free to specify additional requirements to be met to receive their support.

c) where required, to indicate to the Sponsoring Authority the changes needed to meet the requirements of this International Standard;

d) to circulate the proposals to the members of JTC 1, and any ISO or IEC committee having indicated an interest in the area of volume and file structure, for a three-month information and comment period;

e) to consider comments received and, where feasible, to resolve issues with the applicant;

f) to allocate a number for registration as follows:

- for an identifier, the sequence of octets for the identifier;
- for an attribute, the decimal number for the attribute type and the decimal number for each attribute subtype.
- for an operating system number, the decimal number for the operating system.
- for a developer number, the decimal number for the developer.
- for a field identifier extent number, the decimal number for the field identifier extent.

g) to promulgate to all national bodies and liaison organisations of ISO and IEC the meaning that has been assigned to each entry registered.

8 Withdrawal procedure

Withdrawal is a formal declaration by which the Sponsoring Authority informs the Registration Authority that it withdraws its support of an entry in an International Register.

NOTE 2 - Such a declaration may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for the withdrawal.

The Registration Authority shall inform the recipients of the affected International Register of the reception of such declarations.

Withdrawal has no effect on the entry which shall remain in the International Register and continue to be identified as if withdrawal had not been declared.

9 Correction procedure

Errors in each International Register shall be corrected by the Registration Authority when detected.

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10 Revision procedure

In general, changes to registrations are not permitted, as this would be contrary to the principles on which the registration scheme is based.

The Registration Authority may exceptionally grant a waiver to international governmental organisations issuing internationally recognised and worldwide implemented standards. However, the possibility that a registration may be modified in the future without allocation of a new identifier shall be mentioned in the first application papers and in the affected International Register.

11 Appeal procedure

Appeal against decisions of the Registration Authority can be made as follows.

Appeals shall be filed with the Registration Authority by registered mail

— either within 30 days of reception of the refusal of the Registration Authority;

— or before the end of the circulation period in accordance with clause 7, item d).

Appeals shall be submitted by the Registration Authority within 30 days after reception in the case of 11.1, or the end of the circulation period in the case of 11.2 to the members of the Advisory Group (see annex B). If the matter cannot be resolved by the Advisory Group the appeal will be submitted to the P-members of JTC 1 for vote according to the Directives for the work of ISO/IEC JTC 1.

11.1 Appeal by a Sponsoring Authority

Appeal by a Sponsoring Authority can be made if it disagrees with the Registration Authority on whether the application meets the requirements of this International Standard.

11.2 Appeal by National Bodies of JTC 1

Appeal can be made if at least four National Bodies of JTC 1 object to a forthcoming publication of a registration by the Registration Authority, but solely on the grounds that the requirements of this International Standard are not met.

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Annex A

(normative)

International Register

Each entry of an International Register shall comprise the following information:

— the name, postal address, electronic mail addresses, voice telephone number, facsimile telephone number, telex number and, if the applicant is an organisation, identification of a contact person for the initial applicant (owner);

— identification of the initial Sponsoring Authority;

— the date of original assignment;

— the date of last transfer of assignment, if allowed;

— the name, postal address, electronic mail addresses, voice telephone number, facsimile telephone number, telex number and, if the applicant is an organisation, identification of a contact person for the current owner;

— For an identifier

- the allocated identifier, in hexadecimal;
- a short name for the object identified;
- a description of the object identified;
- a description of the expected applications of the identifier.

— For an attribute

- the allocated attribute type, in decimal;
- the allocated attribute subtypes, in decimal;
- a short name for the attribute;
- a description of the attribute;
- a description of the expected applications of the attribute.

— For an operating system number

- the decimal number for the operating system;
- a short name for the operating system;
- version number information the operating system, if relevant;
- subject to availability, the name, postal address, electronic mail addresses, voice telephone number, facsimile telephone number, telex number and identification of a contact person or role for the operating system owner.

— For a developer number

- the decimal number for the developer;
- the name, postal address, electronic mail addresses, voice telephone number, facsimile telephone number, telex number and identification of a contact person or role for the developer.

— For a field identifier extent number

- the decimal number for the field identifier extent;
- a short name for the field identifier extent.

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Annex B

(normative)

Advisory Group of the Registration Authority (AG)

ISO/IEC JTC 1 shall establish an Advisory Group of the Registration Authority (AG) of four members.

The AG shall consist of a representative of the Registration Authority and three other members elected by the P-members of ISO/IEC JTC 1.

The task of the AG shall be as follows:

a) to assist the Registration Authority, if needed, to assess whether the documentation required by this International Standard is complete;

b) to consider appeals received by the Registration Authority;

c) to act as a mediator between the Registration Authority and the appealing parties;

d) if three-quarters of the members of the AG consider the appeal justified, the Registration Authority shall yield;

e) when required, to edit the documents to be submitted to a vote in accordance with clause 11.

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