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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialized system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work.

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 10175-1 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 18, *Document processing and related communication*.

ISO/IEC 10175 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Text and office systems — Document Printing Application (DPA)*:

- *Part 1: Abstract service definition and procedures*
- *Part 2: Protocol specification*
- *Part 3: Management abstract service definition and procedures*

Annexes A to E form an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 10175. Annexes F to H are for information only.

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Part 1:

Abstract service definition and procedures

Section 1 - General

1 Scope

ISO/IEC 10175 consists of three parts:

- Part 1: Abstract service definitions and procedures
- Part 2: Protocol specification
- Part 3: Management abstract service definition and procedures

This part of ISO/IEC 10175:

- specifies a client-server model of printing in accordance with the Distributed-office-applications Model (ISO/IEC 10031-1);
- specifies functions and services provided by Document Printing Application servers;
- specifies the Document Printing Application abstract service using the principles established by the Abstract Service Definition Conventions (ISO/IEC 10021-3);
- specifies the usage of other services.

The Document Printing Application is one component of a coordinated set of facilities and standards needed to satisfy the printing requirements of the modern distributed office. Together, the capabilities provided can enable users to create and produce high-quality office documents in a consistent and unambiguous manner within a distributed open systems environment.

Specifically, ISO/IEC 10175 addresses those aspects of document processing that enable users in a distributed open systems environment to send electronic documents to shared, possibly geographically-dispersed printers, and to cause the documents to be printed in accordance with the desires of those users. For the purposes of ISO/IEC 10175, it is assumed that such documents have been composed in a form that is compatible with the destination printing system prior to their introduction to the Document Printing Application.

Other Standards deal with related aspects of document processing, such as the creation and formatting of electronic documents, and the underlying protocols used to transport electronic documents to a printing system. ISO/IEC 10175 is aligned with these related Standards as appropriate, and shares some information in common with them. Clause 2 identifies those standards that are directly applicable to this one.

The Document Printing Application defined in ISO/IEC 10175 is consistent with the model, architectural framework and design principles of the Distributed Office Applications Model (ISO/IEC 10031-1). This Document Printing

Application Standard defines services and specifies access protocols available within the application layer of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model (ISO/IEC 7498-1).

In addition, recognition has been given to the potential need for printing systems to be able to operate within and across diverse networking environments. In particular, the Document Printing Application has contributed to, and benefited from, related standardization activities in other venues such as the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Desktop Management Task Force, the POSIX project of the IEEE Computer Society, and X/Open.

The Document Printing Application constitutes the final phase of the document processing cycle, i.e., the queuing, preparation, rendering and finishing of the fully composed form of the document on marking engines and other image generation devices and ancillary equipment. This cycle includes other processes such as document creation and interchange through public and private networks.

ISO/IEC 10175 is oriented toward satisfying the following subset of the overall document processing functional requirements:

- an ability for multiple users to share access to distributed printers;
- an ability for users to convey information to a printing system to influence the scheduling and processing requirements of a print-job;
- a capability for users to monitor and manage the progress of their print-job;
- a capability for printing systems, and associated facilities, to protect against unauthorized printing of documents.

Accordingly, the abstract-service defined by ISO/IEC 10175 enables a user to convey document files to a document print-server, along with the parameters needed to express the user's desires regarding the scheduling and production of the ensuing print-job. In addition, the abstract-service permits a user to inquire about the status, capabilities and characteristics of a document print-server in order to choose from a variety of printing devices, depending on capabilities, formats, logistic convenience, cost, ownership and availability.

The abstract-service also allows users to inquire about jobs, modify the characteristics and progress of jobs, and obtain feedback about a job.

Many different document formats have been developed for printing purposes, and are in wide use. For this reason, the Document Printing Application has been developed with a view toward supporting arbitrary document formats in a transparent manner. That is, the specific content or format of an electronic document is independent of the access protocol defined by ISO/IEC 10175. The only requirement is that the destination printing system be capable of dealing with the format of the transmitted document, and possess the features and functionality needed to render the document successfully.

However, in spite of this generality of focus, ISO/IEC 10175 is particularly oriented toward alignment with the Standard Page Description Language (SPDL - ISO/IEC 10180). This will assure that DPA will include the features needed to assist in the transport and faithful rendering of SPDL documents.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 10175. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 10175 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.

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- Part 3: Abstract Service Definition Conventions.
- ISO/IEC 10021-4: 1990, *Information technology - Text Communication - Message-Oriented Text Interchange Systems (MOTIS)*
- Part 4: Message Transfer System: Abstract Service Definition and Procedures.
- ISO/IEC 10031-1: 1991, *Information technology - Text and office systems - Distributed-office-applications model*
- Part 1: General model.
- ISO/IEC 10031-2: 1991, *Information technology - Text and office systems - Distributed-office-applications model*
- Part 2: Distinguished-object-reference and associated procedures.
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- Part 1: Abstract service definition and procedures.
- ISO/IEC 10180: 1995, *Information technology - Processing languages - Standard Page Description Language (SPDL).*
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