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# Information technology — User system interfaces and symbols — Icon symbols and functions —

## Part 6:
Action icons

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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 11581-6 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology.*

ISO/IEC 11581 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — User system interfaces and symbols — Icon symbols and functions*:

—  *Part 1: Icons — General*

—  *Part 2: Object icons*

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## Introduction

Action icons permit users to invoke functions that act upon pre-selected or default objects. Functions initiated by action icons may also be available via text commands on menus. Action icons provide more direct access to functions by representing those text commands graphically.

The icon functions and graphics included in this part of ISO/IEC 11581 have been selected on the basis of their common use across contemporary platforms and applications.

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## 1 Scope

ISO/IEC 11581 applies to icons that are shown on a screen, that users can manipulate and interact with, and that represent data or computer system functions. This part of ISO/IEC 11581 addresses only action icons. Action icons represent actions by association with objects that prompt the user to recall the intended actions. This part of ISO/IEC 11581 describes user interaction with and appearance of action icons on the screen. Other types of icons are covered in other parts of the standard, listed in the Foreword.

## 2 Conformance

A system, application, or set of one or more icons conforms to this part of ISO/IEC 11581 if all action icons available to the user in the system or application conform to ISO/IEC 11581-1, clauses 5 and 6.1 and to subclauses 6.1.1 to 6.1.3 of this part of ISO/IEC 11581.

## 3 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 11581. 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 11581 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 11581-1:—[1], *Information technology — User system interfaces and symbols — Icon symbols and functions — Part 1: Icons — General.*

ISO/IEC 11581-2:—[1], *Information technology — User system interfaces and symbols — Icon symbols and functions — Part 2: Object icons.*

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[1] To be published.