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Partie 2: Interface de programme d'application PIKS

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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.

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— *Part 1: Common architecture for imaging*

— *Part 2: Programmer's imaging kernel system application program interface*

— *Part 3: Image Interchange Facility*

Annexes A, G, H and J form an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 12087. Annexes B, C, D, E, F, K and L are for information only.

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Part 2:
Programmer's imaging kernel system application program interface

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 12087 establishes the specification of the application program interface (API), called the Programmer's Imaging Kernel System (PIKS). ISO/IEC 12087-1 establishes the conceptual and architectural definitions of the Common Architecture for Imaging (CAI). ISO/IEC 12087-3 establishes the specification of the Image Interchange Facility (IIF).

PIKS is intended to provide a rich set of both low-level and high-level services on image and image-derived data objects. These services can be used as building blocks for a broad range of common imaging applications.

A conscious effort has been made by the developers of PIKS to create a standard that does not favor any particular computing system. Implementations of PIKS should be possible on computing systems ranging in architecture from general purpose computers to specialised hardware accelerators, ranging in size from personal computers to mainframe supercomputers, and ranging in connectivity from stand-alone machines to distributed computing networks.

Where applicable, PIKS relies on other APIs and data format standards to provide capabilities that are not unique to imaging. The following lists contain a summary of technological capabilites provided by PIKS and not provided by PIKS. However, it should be noted that PIKS functionality may be useful as a pre-processor or co-processor for many of the technologies in the "Not provided by PIKS" list.

Provided by PIKS

image analysis
image classification (basic)
image enhancement
image interchange between PIKS and an application
image interchange between PIKS and the IIF
image manipulation primitives
image processing data object generation tools (e.g., image filter functions)
image restoration
image visualization (basic)
standard colour models

Not provided by PIKS

audio
computer graphics
device control
image acquisition
image communication
image compression and decompression
image display
image transport between applications
image understanding
multimedia
pattern recognition
specific implementations
video
window systems

NOTE – The Image Interchange Facility of ISO/IEC 12087-3 specifies image compression and decompression functionality and image transport between applications and between an application and PIKS.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this part of the ISO/IEC 12087. 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 12087 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 12087-1:—[1)], *Information technology — Computer graphics and image processing — Image Processing and Interchange (IPI) — Functional specification — Part 1: Common Architecture for Imaging.*

ISO/IEC 12087-3:—[1)], *Information technology — Computer graphics and image processing — Image Processing and Interchange (IPI) — Functional specification — Part 3: Image Interchange Facility.*

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