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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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ISO/IEC 13719 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology - Portable Common Tool Environment (PCTE)*:

- *Part 1: Abstract specification*
- *Part 2: C programming language binding*
- *Part 3: Ada programming language binding*
- *Part 4: IDL binding (Interface Definition Language)*

Annex C forms an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 13719. Annexes A and B are for information only.

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Part 4:

IDL binding (Interface Definition Language)

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 13719 defines the standard binding of the Portable Common Tool Environment (PCTE), as specified in ISO/IEC 13719-1, to the CORBA Interface Definition Language (IDL) defined in ISO/IEC CD 14750.

A number of features are not completely defined in ISO/IEC 13719-1, some freedom being allowed to the implementer. Some of these features are specified as implementation limits. Some constraints are placed on these implementation limits by this IDL Binding Standard. These constraints are specified in clause 24, Implementation Limits.

PCTE is an interface to a set of facilities that forms the basis for constructing environments supporting systems engineering projects. These facilities are designed particularly to provide an infrastructure for programs which may be part of such environments. Such programs, which are used as aids to systems development, are often referred to as tools.

2 Conformance

An implementation of PCTE conforms to this part of ISO/IEC 13719 if it conforms to 2.2 of ISO/IEC 13719-1, where the binding referred is taken to be the IDL Binding defined in clauses 1 to 5 and 8 to 25 of this part of ISO/IEC 13719. All other clauses in this part of ISO/IEC 13719 are provided as assistance to the reader and are not normative.

The IDL Binding defined in this part of ISO/IEC 13719 conforms to 2.1 of ISO/IEC 13719-1.

3 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 13719. 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 13719 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 13719-1:1998,	<i>Information technology - Portable Common Tool Environment (PCTE) - Part 1: Abstract specification.</i>
ISO/IEC 13719-2:1998,	<i>Information technology - Portable Common Tool Environment (PCTE) - Part 2: C programming language binding.</i>
ISO/IEC 14750:— ¹⁾ ,	<i>Information technology - Open Distributed Processing - Interface Definition Language.</i>

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