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Coding bindings**

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Framework, common vocabulary, and common provisions for conformance*
- *Part 2: Coding bindings*
- *Part 3: API bindings*
- *Part 4: Protocol bindings*
- *Part 5: Profiles*

Introduction

The ISO/IEC 20944 series of International Standards provides the bindings and their interoperability for metadata registries, such as those specified in the ISO/IEC 11179 series of International Standards.

This part of ISO/IEC 20944 contains provisions that are common to coding bindings (Clauses 4-10) and the coding bindings themselves (Clause 11 onward). The coding bindings have commonality in their conceptualization of data instances and their internal structures. For example, common features include:

- using datatypes to characterize the nature and operations upon data;
- using ISO/IEC 11404 to define and declare datatypes;
- using common aggregate structures, such as array and record, to describe sets of data;
- using common navigation descriptions to reference components within a set of data.

The individual coding bindings each incorporate a mapping of common data semantics to their individual binding requirements.

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Part 2: Coding bindings

1 Scope

The ISO/IEC 20944 series of International Standards describes codings, application programming interfaces (APIs), and protocols for interacting with an ISO/IEC 11179 metadata registry (MDR).

This part of ISO/IEC 20944 specifies provisions that are common across coding bindings for the ISO/IEC 20944 series. This part of ISO/IEC 20944 includes the individual coding bindings themselves.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 11404:2007, *Information technology — General-Purpose Datatypes (GPD)*

ISO/IEC 20944-1:2013, *Information technology — Metadata Registries Interoperability and Bindings (MDR-IB) — Framework, common vocabulary, and common provisions for conformance*