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infrastructure —**

**Part 1:  
Architecture**

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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: Architecture*
- *Part 2: Data management*
- *Part 5: Device interface*

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 3: Device management*

## Introduction

Radio frequency identification (RFID) air interface technology is based on non-contact electro-magnetic communication among interrogators and tags. RFID software systems are composed of RFID interrogators, intermediate software systems, and applications that provide control and coordination of air interface operation, tag information exchange, and health and performance management of system components. RFID technology is expected to increase effectiveness in many aspects of business by further advancing the capabilities of automatic identification and data capture (AIDC). To achieve this goal through the successful adoption of RFID technology into real business environments, RFID devices, software systems, and business applications must provide secure and interoperable services, interfaces, and technologies. This is the goal of ISO/IEC 24791.

# Information technology — Radio frequency identification (RFID) for item management — Software system infrastructure —

## Part 1: Architecture

### 1 Scope

ISO/IEC 24791 defines a Software System Infrastructure that enables RFID system operations between business applications and RFID interrogators. RFID software systems are composed of RFID interrogators, intermediate software systems, and applications that provide control and coordination of air interface operation, tag and sensor information exchange, and health and performance management of system components.

This part of ISO/IEC 24791 provides the following:

- an overview of the Software System Infrastructure;
- the relationship of the Software System Infrastructure to existing ISO components, e.g. ISO/IEC 15962;
- a basic description of each Software System Infrastructure component and the services that it provides (The detailed description of a particular component can be found in other Parts of ISO/IEC 24791.);
- illustrative (informative) deployment models of the components of the Software System Infrastructure.

### 2 Conformance

This part of ISO/IEC 24791 describes the overall RFID Software System Infrastructure, but it does not define conformance requirements. Conformance requirements are specified in the other parts of ISO/IEC 24791. There is no requirement for an RFID software system to conform to each of the parts; all conformance requirements are based on the individual parts only.

### 3 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 19762-1, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary — Part 1: General terms relating to AIDC*

ISO/IEC 19762-3, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary — Part 3: Radio frequency identification (RFID)*