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Foreword

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The main task of the joint technical committee is to prepare International Standards. 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 29500 was prepared by Ecma International (as ECMA-376:2006) and was adopted, under a special “fast-track procedure”, by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, in parallel with its approval by the national bodies of ISO and IEC.

Some important differences between ISO/IEC 29500 and ECMA-376:2006 are given in Annex I.

ISO/IEC 29500 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Document description and processing languages — Office Open XML File Formats*:

- *Part 1: Fundamentals and Markup Language Reference*
- *Part 2: Open Packaging Conventions*
- *Part 3: Markup Compatibility and Extensibility*
- *Part 4: Transitional Migration Features*

Annexes A, B, C, D and F form a normative part of this Part of ISO/IEC 29500. Annexes E, G, H, I and J are for information only.

This Part of ISO/IEC 29500 includes two annexes (Annex D and Annex E) that refer to data files provided in electronic form.

Introduction

ISO/IEC 29500 specifies a family of XML schemas, collectively called *Office Open XML*, which define the XML vocabularies for word-processing, spreadsheet, and presentation documents, as well as the packaging of documents that conform to these schemas.

The goal is to enable the implementation of the Office Open XML formats by the widest set of tools and platforms, fostering interoperability across office productivity applications and line-of-business systems, as well as to support and strengthen document archival and preservation, all in a way that is fully compatible with the existing corpus of Microsoft Office documents.

The following organizations have participated in the creation of ISO/IEC 29500 and their contributions are gratefully acknowledged:

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Part 2: Open Packaging Conventions

1. Scope

This Part of ISO/IEC 29500 specifies a set of conventions that are used by Office Open XML documents to define the structure and functionality of a *package* in terms of a package model and a physical model.

The *package model* is a package abstraction that holds a collection of *parts*. The parts are composed, processed, and persisted according to a set of rules. Parts can have relationships to other parts or external resources, and the package as a whole can have relationships to parts it contains or to external resources. The package model specifies how the parts of a package are named and related. Parts have content types and are uniquely identified using the well-defined naming rules provided in this Part of ISO/IEC 29500.

The *physical mapping* defines the mapping of the components of the package model to the features of a specific physical format, namely a ZIP archive.

This Part of ISO/IEC 29500 also describes certain features that might be supported in a package, including *core properties* for package metadata, a *thumbnail* for graphical representation of a package, and *digital signatures* of package contents.

Because this Part of ISO/IEC 29500 might evolve, packages are designed to accommodate extensions and to support compatibility goals in a limited way. The versioning and extensibility mechanisms described in Part 3 support compatibility between software systems based on different versions of this Part of ISO/IEC 29500 while allowing package creators to make use of new or proprietary features.

This Part of ISO/IEC 29500 specifies requirements for documents, producers, and consumers. Conformance requirements are identified throughout the text of this Part of ISO/IEC 29500. A formal conformance statement is given in §2. An informative summary of requirements relevant to particular classes of developers is given in Annex H.

2. Conformance

Each conformance requirement is given a unique ID comprised of a letter (M – MANDATORY; S – SHOULD; O – OPTIONAL), an identifier for the topic to which it relates, and a unique ID within that topic. (Producers and consumers might use these IDs to report error conditions.) Mandatory requirements are those stated with the normative terms "shall," "shall not," or any of their normative equivalents. Should items are those stated with the normative terms "should," "should not," or any of their normative equivalents. Optional requirements are those stated with the normative terms "can," "cannot," "might," "might not," or any of their normative equivalents.

[*Example*: Package implementers shall not map logical item name(s) mapped to the Content Types stream in a ZIP archive to a part name. [M3.11] *end example*]

Each Part of this multi-part standard has its own conformance clause, as appropriate. The term *conformance class* is used to disambiguate conformance within different Parts of this multi-part standard. This Part of ISO/IEC 29500 has only one conformance class, *OPC* (that is, Open Packaging Conventions).

A document is of conformance class OPC if it obeys all syntactic constraints specified in this Part of ISO/IEC 29500.

OPC conformance is purely syntactic.

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