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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a reference model for the concepts in Recursive Inter-Network Architecture (RINA)<sup>[1],[2]</sup>. This document provides the fundamental definitions for the ISO/IEC 4396 series. It defines an architecture.

This document is the high-level description of the concepts, the elements and how they work. This is a top-level specification, not a tutorial. Other more detailed specifications will draw on the ISO/IEC 4396 series as their starting point.



# Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Recursive inter-network architecture —

## Part 1: Reference model

### 1 Scope

This document provides the reference model for the Recursive Inter-Network Architecture (RINA). It describes:

- the basic concepts of distributed systems and distributed applications;
- distributed management systems (DMSs);
- the fundamental structure of distributed Inter-Process Communications;
- the Distributed Inter-Process Facility (DIF) operations.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.