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Application management guidance  
on the relationship between ISO/IEC  
16350:2015 and Application Service  
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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document can assist readers in relating the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 16350:2015 to supporting text in the application management framework ASL<sup>®1)</sup>. Internal and external Application Management Services providers can refer to this guidance as a cross-reference between the two documents to help them plan and implement an application management system (AMS).

A description of the purpose and content of both publications is followed by a table showing high-level correlations between ASL and clauses in ISO/IEC 16350:2015.

ISO/IEC 16350:2015 is the International Standard for application management and specifies requirements which can be used as the basis of a conformity assessment. ISO/IEC 16350:2015 can be used in different ways, including:

- a) as a source of requirements for the processes within the software industry on the supply, maintenance and renewal of applications;
- b) to establish a consistent approach for the processes within an application management organization;
- c) to establish a consistent approach for the processes between an application management organization, service management organizations and business information management organizations;
- d) as an unbiased basis to assess, measure and report about (a set of) application management processes;
- e) as a set of criteria for audit and assessment of the application management processes of an application management organization.

ASL is defined on the website of the ASL BiSL Foundation as:

*“ASL is a vendor-independent library for the implementation of application management. The library consists of publications on the process model for application management and a large number of best practices, white papers, articles and presentations. ASL aims to professionalize the field of application management.*

*The standardized approach of ASL contributes to the professionalization of the application management organization and facilitates a more efficient and cost-effective way of working. One of the main advantages of ASL is that it is a common terminology and reference framework for the domain of application management allowing better cooperation between the parties concerned.*

*The library is developed and promoted by the ASL BiSL Foundation.*

See <http://aslbiislfoundation.org/asl/> for more information.”

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## 1 Scope

This document provides guidance on the relationship between ISO/IEC 16350:2015 and a commonly used application management framework, ASL. It can be used by any organization or person wishing to understand how ASL can be used with ISO/IEC 16350:2015, including:

- a) an internal or external application management organization that has demonstrated or intends to demonstrate conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 16350:2015 and is seeking guidance on the use of ASL to establish and improve an AMS and the processes;
- b) an application management organization that already uses ASL and is seeking guidance on how ASL can be used to support efforts to demonstrate conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 16350:2015;
- c) an assessor or auditor who wishes to understand the use of ASL as support to achieve the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 16350:2015.

The correlations provided in this document relate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of ASL® (ASL2).

[Clause 4](#) describes how ASL® can support the demonstration of conformity to ISO/IEC 16350:2015.

[Clause 5](#) relates chapters in ASL® to clauses in ISO/IEC 16350:2015.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.