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Foreword

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International Standard ISO/IEC 10166-2 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*.

ISO/IEC 10166 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Text and office systems — Document Filing and Retrieval (DFR)*:

- *Part 1: Abstract service definition and procedures*
- *Part 2: Protocol specification*

Annex A forms an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 10166.

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Introduction

The Document Filing and Retrieval (DFR) application provides the capability for large capacity non-volatile document storage to multiple users in a distributed office system. This facility is particularly useful in an environment where a large population of desktop workstations that have limited storage capacity require access to large expensive storage devices.

Documents have associated attributes, to facilitate and control retrieval. Use of these attributes according to given algorithms will enable documents in the document storage to be browsed, retrieved, managed and deleted in a variety of ways. Access control protects documents from unauthorized operations. Documents can be stored in nested groups. References to documents and groups can be created and also stored in nested groups. With specific attributes a document can be designated a version of another document. Single documents, references or groups can be moved from one group into another group. Enumeration of groups, identification by other attributes besides names, identification by conditions over attributes, search for documents meeting search criteria, concurrent access to the same document, reference or group of documents are further functions provided by this standard for the user requirements in an office environment.

The Document Filing and Retrieval application is one of a series of International Standards defining applications needed in the area of office automation, as described in the Distributed-office-application model [ISO/IEC 10031-1]. This part of ISO/IEC 10166 provides the functionality of document filing and retrieval which directly supports the user in an office environment. Thus Document Filing and Retrieval is not a general standardization of all types of filestores as they may exist in computing systems. Rather it concentrates on the filing and retrieval of documents, as related to the task of office work. Document Filing and Retrieval aims only at standardizing the model of such document stores and the associated services and protocols defining the principles of how clients can access such document store servers, where clients and servers reside on different nodes of a distributed office system.

The Document Filing and Retrieval application is a distributed application located in the Application Layer of the Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection (see ISO 7498).

It should be noted that a Document Filing and Retrieval application will provide storage for an open-ended set of document types. The content of the documents stored is transparent to the Document Filing and Retrieval server.

NOTES

1 This part of ISO/IEC 10166 deals with individual Document Filing and Retrieval servers, it defines the Document Filing and Retrieval (DFR-) protocol. This part of ISO/IEC 10166 governs the interactions of a Document Filing and Retrieval client and a single Document Filing and Retrieval server. Future standardization will consider the facilities of a Distributed Filing and Retrieval server system and the need for inter-server protocols and a DFR administration protocol. It is intended that the results of the initial standardization work be extensible and support this future work.

2 This part of ISO/IEC 10166 does not presently include administration aspects of the Document Filing and Retrieval abstract-service. For the time being these aspects are left to local implementation, although they are candidates for future standardization.

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Section 1: General

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 10166 specifies the Document Filing and Retrieval access protocol.

It

- specifies the Abstract Syntax of the Document Filing and Retrieval access protocol;
- specifies how the Document Filing and Retrieval access protocol supports the Document Filing and Retrieval Abstract Service as defined in ISO/IEC 10166-1;
- specifies the mapping of the Document Filing and Retrieval access protocol onto the services used;
- specifies the requirements for conformance with the Document Filing and Retrieval access protocol;

Except for the specification of the conformance requirements, this specification uses the principles established by the Abstract Service Definition Conventions [ISO/IEC 10021-3].

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 10166. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 10166 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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| ISO/IEC 9072-1:1989, | <i>Information processing systems - Text communication - Remote Operations Part 1: Model, notation and service definition.</i> |
| ISO/IEC 10166-1:1991, | <i>Information technology - Text and office systems - Document Filing and Retrieval (DFR) - Part 1: Abstract service definition and procedures.</i> |