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- Addition of 3D comment related elements and attributes;
- Stream encoding information for XFDF.

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## Introduction

This document describes the XML Forms Data Format, which is used to represent form data from PDF (ISO 32000-2) in an XML tagset.

This format is derived from the forms data format in PDF and is intended to be a more interchangeable format for forms data.



# Document management — XML Forms Data Format —

## Part 1: Use of ISO 32000-2 (XFDF 3.0)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies an XML format for representing forms data and annotations in the Portable Document Format, ISO 32000-2 (PDF 2.0).

This document does not change or add any definitions for any components of ISO 32000-2.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 32000-2:2017, *Document management — Portable Document Format — Part 2: PDF 2.0*

*Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0. Fifth Edition. World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), November 2008*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 32000-2 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Notation

All XFDF element names, XFDF attributes names and examples (XFDF and PDF) are written in fixed width font. All inline PDF and FDF operators, keywords and the names of keys in PDF dictionaries are written in bold font. All inline words that denote operands of PDF and FDF operators or values of PDF dictionary keys are written in italic sans serif font.

Ellipses (...) are used within XFDF examples to indicate omitted detail.

### 5 Overview of XFDF

#### 5.1 General

XFDF (XML Forms Data Format) is a format for representing forms data and annotations in a PDF document. This specification describes XFDF compatible with ISO 32000-2. XFDF is the XML version of Forms Data Format (FDF), a simplified version of PDF for representing forms data and annotations.