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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 19116:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows.

— Device specific definitions have been removed from the model and normative body of the document. These have been clarified and reformatted in Annex D.

— Constructs from withdrawn standards ISO 19113, ISO 19114, and ISO 19115 have been updated where necessary to ISO 19115-1 and ISO 19157. References to these new standards are carried out using approved methods.

— Terminology entries from the first edition were updated and harmonized with other current standards in ISO/TC 211. As per ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, 2018, unused terms have been removed from this edition.

— Constructs from ISO 19111 have been updated. References to the revised ISO 19111:2019 document are carried out using approved methods.

— A new, convenient yet unobtrusive, set of constructs for determining the reliability of a positioning result have been added to the model, in Clause 8.

— Based on the concepts related to the model, conformance with the other standards, and separation of the technology specific content from the abstract model, all UML models have been updated.

— Original requirements “drafted as normative *shall* statements” were rechecked for consistency with the model. Where necessary the requirements were revised or retained as regular text.

— Significant editorial revisions have been carried out, clarifying the structure of the document, correction of errors, and following current ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 for drafting specifications.

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"The decimal marker shall be either a point on the line or a comma on the line."

In practice, the choice between these alternatives depends on customary use in the language concerned. In the technical areas of geodesy and geographic information it is customary for the decimal point always to be used, for all languages. That practice is used throughout this document.

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Introduction

Positioning services are among the processing services identified in ISO 19119:2016. Processing services include services that are computationally oriented and operate upon the elements from the model domain, rather than being directly integrated in the model domain itself. This document defines and describes the positioning service.

Positioning services employ a wide variety of technologies that provide position and related information to a similarly wide variety of applications, as depicted in Figure 1. Although these technologies differ in many respects, there are important items of information that are common among them and serve the needs of these application areas, such as the position data, time of observation and its accuracy. Also, there are items of information that apply only to specific technologies and are sometimes required in order to make correct use of the positioning results, such as signal strength, geometry factors, and raw measurements. Therefore, this document includes both general data elements that are applicable to a wide variety of positioning services and technology specific elements that are relevant to particular technologies.

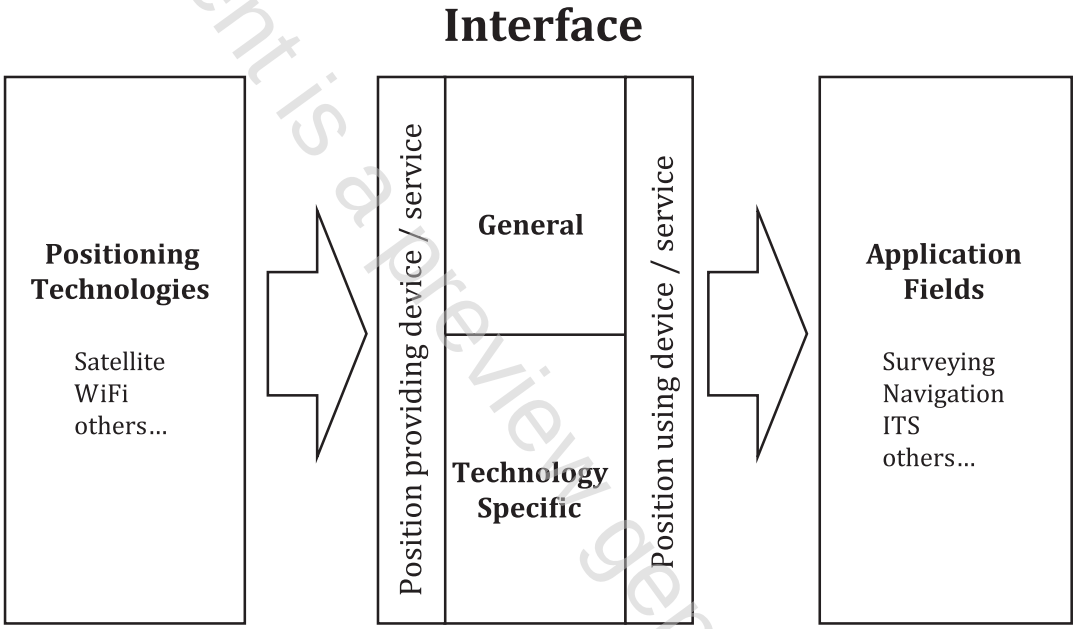

Figure 1 — Positioning services overview

Electronic positioning technology can measure the coordinates of a location on or near the Earth with great speed and accuracy, thereby allowing geographic information systems to be populated with any number of objects. However, the technologies for position determination have neither a common structure for expression of position information, nor common structures for expression of accuracy and reliability. The positioning services interface specified in this document provides data structures and operations that allow spatially oriented systems to employ positioning technologies with greater efficiency and interoperability.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the data structure and content of an interface that permits communication between position-providing device(s) and position-using device(s) enabling the position-using device(s) to obtain and unambiguously interpret position information and determine, based on a measure of the degree of reliability, whether the resulting position information meets the requirements of the intended use.

A standardized interface for positioning allows the integration of reliable position information obtained from non-specific positioning technologies and is useful in various location-focused information applications, such as surveying, navigation, intelligent transportation systems (ITS), and location-based services (LBS).

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 19103, *Geographic information — Conceptual schema language*

ISO 19107, *Geographic information — Spatial schema*

ISO 19111, *Geographic information — Referencing by coordinates*

ISO 19115-1, *Geographic information — Metadata — Part 1: Fundamentals*

ISO 19157, *Geographic information — Data quality*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/

3.1
absolute accuracy
external accuracy
closeness of reported coordinate values to values accepted as or being true

Note 1 to entry: Where the true coordinate value may not be perfectly known, accuracy is normally tested by comparison to available values that can best be accepted as true.

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