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**Information and documentation —  
Codes for the representation of names  
of scripts**

*Information et documentation — Codes pour la représentation des  
noms d'écritures*



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## Foreword

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

- the normative references clause has been updated;
- references to the holder of the Registration Authority in the text have been removed, examples and references throughout the document have been updated.

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# Information and documentation — Codes for the representation of names of scripts

## 1 Scope

This document provides a code for the presentation of names of scripts. The codes were devised for use in terminology, lexicography, bibliography, and linguistics, but they can be used for any application requiring the expression of scripts in coded form. This document also includes guidance on the use of script codes in some of these applications.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

### 3.1

#### **alias**

*script code* (3.8) which encompasses two or more script codes

### 3.2

#### **code**

data representation in different forms according to a pre-established set of rules

[SOURCE: ISO 639-2:1998, 3.1]

### 3.3

#### **country code**

combination of characters used to designate the name of a country

### 3.4

#### **font**

collection of *glyph* (3.5) images having the same basic design

EXAMPLE *Courier, Bold, Oblique.*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9541-1:2012, 3.6]

### 3.5

#### **glyph**

recognizable abstract graphic symbol which is independent of any specific design

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9541-1:2012, 3.12]