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Introduction

The tactile/haptic modality is the most widely used modality for inputs to interactive systems and is used as an important output modality for many contexts of use. Often, haptic devices and applications are designed for the “typical” or “average” user. It is important that interactive systems and their designs follow general ergonomic practice as well as meet the widest range of user needs, characteristics, and capabilities for tactile/haptic interactions.

Examples of the use of tactile/haptic inputs range from the use of keyboards, pointing devices (such as a mouse or track pad) and direct touch (gestures) to the use of non-touch gestures, eye-tracking, single-switch inputs, and whole-body movements. Examples of tactile/haptic outputs include the use of vibration and tactile pattern (e.g. braille) outputs. Tactile/haptic inputs/outputs can be combined (e.g. force feedback systems).

Achieving accessibility involves good ergonomic practice. This document works with other ISO and ISO/IEC standards relating to tactile/haptic interactions (such as ISO 9241-910, ISO 9241-920 and ISO 9241-960) and to accessibility (such as ISO 9241-171 and ISO/IEC 29136) to collect tactile/haptic-related accessibility requirements and recommendations and to provide more specific guidance relating to the accessibility of tactile/haptic interactions. It provides a means of addressing tactile/haptic-related user needs from ISO/IEC 29138-1. As such, it is intended to provide a comprehensive source of guidance on tactile/haptic accessibility.

Ergonomics of human-system interaction —

Part 971:

Accessibility of tactile/haptic interactive systems

1 Scope

This document provides both general and specific ergonomic requirements and recommendations for accessible tactile/haptic interactive systems, including accessible tactile/haptic interactions.

This document provides guidance for increasing the accessibility of interactive systems making use of tactile/haptic input/output modalities such as gestures, vibration, and force feedback. The guidance provided also supports alternative input modalities and the use of different output representations.

This document provides guidance for tactile/haptic interactions that is applicable to a variety of interactive systems, including assistive technologies (AT).

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 9241-171, *Ergonomics of human-system interaction — Part 171: Guidance on software accessibility*

ISO/IEC 29136, *Information technology — User interfaces — Accessibility of personal computer hardware*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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3.1

accessibility

extent to which products, systems, services, environments and facilities can be used by people from a population with the widest range of user needs, characteristics and capabilities to achieve identified goals in identified contexts of use

Note 1 to entry: Context of use includes direct use or use supported by assistive technologies.

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assistive technology

AT

hardware or software added to, or incorporated within, a system that increases accessibility for an individual

EXAMPLE Braille display, screen reader, screen magnification software, eye tracking devices.