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- improve the presentation and accuracy of the summaries of implementation-defined and implementation-dependent aspects of this document;
- introduction of several digital artifacts;
- alignment with updated ISO house style and other guidelines for creating standards.

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Introduction

The organization of this document is as follows:

- 1) **Clause 1, “Scope”**, specifies the scope of this document.
- 2) **Clause 2, “Normative references”**, identifies additional standards that, through reference in this document, constitute provisions of this document.
- 3) **Clause 3, “Terms and definitions”**, defines the terms and definitions used in this document.
- 4) **Clause 4, “Concepts”**, presents concepts used in the definition of Persistent SQL modules.
- 5) **Clause 5, “Lexical elements”**, defines the lexical elements of the language.
- 6) **Clause 6, “Information Schema”**, defines viewed tables that contain schema information.
- 7) **Clause 7, “Definition Schema”**, defines base tables on which the viewed tables containing schema information depend.
- 8) **Clause 8, “Conformance”**, defines the criteria for conformance to this document.
- 9) **Annex A, “SQL conformance summary”**, is an informative Annex. It summarizes the conformance requirements of the SQL language.
- 10) **Annex B, “Implementation-defined elements”**, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this document states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or other aspect is partly or wholly implementation-defined.
- 11) **Annex C, “Implementation-dependent elements”**, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this document states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or other aspect is partly or wholly implementation-dependent.
- 12) **Annex D, “SQL optional feature taxonomy”**, is an informative Annex. It identifies the optional features of the SQL language specified in this document by an identifier and a short descriptive name. This taxonomy is used to specify conformance.
- 13) **Annex E, “Deprecated features”**, is an informative Annex. It lists features that the responsible Technical Committee intends not to include in a future edition of this document.
- 14) **Annex F, “Incompatibilities with ISO/IEC 9075:2016”**, is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous edition of this document.
- 15) **Annex G, “Defect Reports not addressed in this edition of this document”**, is an informative Annex. It describes the Defect Reports that were known at the time of publication of this document. Each of these problems is a problem carried forward from the previous edition of the ISO/IEC 9075 series. No new problems have been created in the drafting of this document.
- 16) **Annex H, “SQL mandatory feature taxonomy”**, is an informative Annex. It identifies mandatory features and subfeatures of the SQL language specified in this document by an identifier and a short descriptive name. This taxonomy is used to specify conformance to Core SQL.

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Part 11:

Information and Definition Schemas (SQL/Schemata)

1 Scope

This document specifies an Information Schema and a Definition Schema that describes the following information.

- The structure and integrity constraints of SQL-data.
- The security and authorization specifications relating to SQL-data.
- The features and subfeatures of the ISO/IEC 9075 series, and the support that each of these has in an SQL-implementation.
- The SQL-implementation information and sizing items of the ISO/IEC 9075 series and the values supported by an SQL-implementation.

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.

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