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Abstract service definition**

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de messages: Définition du service abstrait*

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: System and Service Overview*
- *Part 2: Overall architecture*
- *Part 3: Abstract Service Definition Conventions*
- *Part 4: Message transfer system: Abstract service definition and procedures*
- *Part 5: Message store: Abstract service definition*
- *Part 6: Protocol specifications*
- *Part 7: Interpersonal messaging system*
- *Part 8: Electronic Data Interchange Messaging Service*
- *Part 9: Electronic Data Interchange Messaging System*
- *Part 10: MHS routing*
- *Part 11: Guide for Messaging Systems Managers*

Annexes A to G form a normative part of this part of ISO/IEC 10021. Annexes H to K are for information only.

Introduction

This Service Definition is one of a series of Recommendations | International Standards defining Message Handling in a distributed open systems environment.

Message Handling provides for the exchange of messages between users on a store-and-forward basis. A message submitted by one user (the originator) is transferred through the message-transfer-system (MTS) and delivered to one or more other users (the recipients).

This Service Definition defines the Message Store abstract-service (MS abstract-service) which supports message-retrieval from a Message Store (MS) and message-submission through the MS in a Message Handling System (MHS). The MS abstract-service also provides message-administration services, as defined by the Message Transfer System (MTS) abstract-service.

This Service Definition has been produced by joint ITU-T – ISO/IEC agreement. It is published as common text as ITU-T Rec. X.413 | ISO/IEC 10021-5. Annex K lists the differences between ITU-T and ISO/IEC texts.

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MESSAGE HANDLING SYSTEMS (MHS):
MESSAGE STORE: ABSTRACT SERVICE DEFINITION****SECTION 1 – GENERAL****1 Scope**

This Recommendation | International Standard defines the Message Store abstract-service. This abstract-service is provided by the Message Store access protocol (specified in ITU-T Rec. X.419 | ISO/IEC 10021-6) in conjunction with the MTS abstract-service (defined in ITU-T Rec. X.411 | ISO/IEC 10021-4), together with the Remote Operations Service Element (ROSE) services (defined in ITU-T Rec. X.219 | ISO/IEC 9072-1). The abstract-syntax for the application-layer protocols used in this Recommendation | International Standard is defined in ITU-T Rec. X.680 | ISO/IEC 8824-1.

Other Recommendations | parts of ISO/IEC 10021 define other aspects of the MHS. ITU-T Rec. F.400/X.400 | ISO/IEC 10021-1 defines the user-oriented services provided by the MHS. ITU-T Rec. X.402 | ISO/IEC 10021-2 provides an architectural overview of the MHS. ITU-T Rec. X.420 | ISO/IEC 10021-7 defines the abstract-service for Interpersonal Messaging and defines the format of Interpersonal Messages.

Section 2 of this Recommendation | International Standard contains the Message Store abstract-service definition. Clause 6 describes the MS model. Clause 7 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the MS-bind and the MS-unbind abstract-operations. Clause 8 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the operations of the MS abstract-service. Clause 9 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the errors of the abstract-service.

Section 3 of this Recommendation | International Standard defines the general-attribute-types, general-matching-rules, and general-auto-action-types related to the MS. Clause 10 contains an overview. Clause 11 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the general-attribute-types. Clause 12 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the general-matching-rules. Clause 13 defines the semantics and abstract-syntax of the general-auto-action-types.

Section 4 of this Recommendation | International Standard describes the procedures for Message Store and the ports realization. Clause 14 contains an overview. Clause 15 describes how the Message Transfer System abstract-service is consumed. Clause 16 describes how the Message Store abstract-service is supplied. Clause 17 describes how the MS ports are realized.

The requirements for conformance to this Recommendation | International Standard are stated in clause 10 of ITU-T Rec. X.419 | ISO/IEC 10021-6.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

2.1 Reference Model references

This Recommendation | International Standard cites the following Reference Model specification:

- ITU-T Recommendation X.200 (1994) | ISO/IEC 7498-1: 1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*.

2.2 Presentation references

This Recommendation | International Standard cites the following Presentation specifications:

- ITU-T Recommendation X.680 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-1: 1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.681 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-2: 1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.682 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-3: 1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Constraint specification*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.690 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8825-1: 1998, *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER), and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*.

2.3 Remote Operations references

This Recommendation | International Standard cites the following Remote Operations specification:

- ITU-T Recommendation X.880 (1994) | ISO/IEC 13712-1: 1995, *Information technology – Remote Operations: Concepts, model and notation*.

2.4 Directory references

This Recommendation | International Standard cites the following Directory specifications:

- ITU-T Recommendation X.501 (1997) | ISO/IEC 9594-2: 1998, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Models*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.509 (1997) | ISO/IEC 9594-8: 1998, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Authentication framework*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.520 (1997) | ISO/IEC 9594-6: 1998, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Selected attribute types*.

2.5 Message Handling references

This Recommendation | International Standard cites the following Message Handling System specifications:

- ITU-T Recommendation F.400/X.400 (1999), *Message handling services: Message handling system and service overview*.
ISO/IEC 10021-1: 1999, *Information technology – Message Handling Systems (MHS) – Part 1: System and service overview*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.402 (1999) | ISO/IEC 10021-2: 1999, *Information technology – Message Handling Systems (MHS): Overall architecture*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.411 (1999) | ISO/IEC 10021-4: 1999, *Information technology – Message Handling Systems (MHS): Message transfer system: Abstract service definition and procedures*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.419 (1999) | ISO/IEC 10021-6: 1999, *Information technology – Message Handling Systems (MHS): Protocol specifications*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.420 (1999) | ISO/IEC 10021-7: 1999, *Information technology – Message Handling Systems (MHS): Interpersonal messaging system*.

3 Definitions

3.1 Common Definitions for MHS

For a list of the common definitions for MHS refer to ITU-T Rec. X.402 | ISO/IEC 10021-2.