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techniques — Time-stamping services —**

**Part 1:
Framework**

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Partie 1: Cadre général



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- *Part 1: Framework*
- *Part 2: Mechanisms producing independent tokens*
- *Part 3: Mechanisms producing linked tokens*

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Part 1: Framework

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 18014:

1. identifies the objective of a time-stamping authority;
2. describes a general model on which time-stamping services are based;
3. defines time-stamping services;
4. defines the basic protocols of time-stamping;
5. specifies the protocols between the involved entities.

2 Normative References

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 18014. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 18014 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8601:2000, Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times

ISO/IEC 8824-1: 1998 | X.680: ITU-T Recommendation X. 680 (1997), Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation

ISO/IEC 8824-2: 1998 | X.681: ITU-T Recommendation X. 681 (1997), Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification

ISO/IEC 8824-3: 1998 | X.682: ITU-T Recommendation X. 682 (1997), Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Constraint specification

ISO/IEC 8824-4: 1998 | X.683: ITU-T Recommendation X. 683 (1997), Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Parameterization of ASN.1 specifications

ISO/IEC 8825-1: 1998 | X.690: ITU-T Recommendation X. 690 (1997), Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)

ISO/IEC 9798-1: 1997 Information technology – Security techniques – Entity authentication – Part 1: General

ISO/IEC 10118 (all parts), Information technology – Security techniques – Hash-functions

ISO/IEC 11770-1: 1996 Information technology – Security techniques – Key management – Part 1: Framework

ISO/IEC 11770-3: 1999 Information technology – Security techniques – Key management – Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques

ISO/IEC 14888-2: 1999 Information technology – Security techniques - Digital signatures with appendix – Part 2: Identity-based mechanisms

ISO/IEC 14888-3: 1999 Information technology – Security techniques - Digital signatures with appendix – Part 3: Certificate-based mechanisms

ISO/IEC 15946-2, Information technology – Security techniques – Cryptographic techniques based on elliptic curves – Part 2: Digital signatures

3 Terms and Definitions

The following term is used as defined in ISO/IEC 9798-1:

entity authentication: the corroboration that an entity is the one claimed.

The following terms are used as defined in ISO/IEC 10118-1:

collision-resistant hash-function: a hash-function satisfying the following property:

- it is computationally infeasible to find any two distinct inputs which map to the same output.

hash-function: a function which maps strings of bits to fixed-length strings of bits, satisfying two important properties. The first property states that for a given output, it is computationally infeasible to find an input which map to this output. The second property states