
Geographic information — Portrayal

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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard is an abstract document and is not intended for direct implementation. It gives general guidelines to the application developers about the mechanism to be used to portray the feature instances of a dataset. The portrayal mechanism described makes it possible to have general rules valid for the whole dataset, and at the same time rules valid for a specific value of a feature attribute only. Different computer graphics standards use different attributes to visualize geometric primitives. For example, a line can be distinguished by thickness, width, colour, stippling, anti-aliasing, etc. This International Standard therefore includes a mechanism for declaring portrayal attributes as part of the portrayal specification.

In some cases whole feature classes have to be referenced and portrayed in a specific way, e.g. as symbols on nautical charts. Several symbol standards exist, and without a portrayal standard the application would have to set up a separate interface to each of these standards. With this International Standard all the supported symbol standards can be handled in a uniform way.

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines a schema describing the portrayal of geographic information in a form understandable by humans. It includes the methodology for describing symbols and mapping of the schema to an application schema. It does not include standardization of cartographic symbols, and their geometric and functional description.

2 Conformance

Any portrayal catalogue and portrayal schema describing the portrayal of geographic information claiming conformance with this International Standard shall pass all the requirements of the abstract test suite presented in Annex A.

3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 19101, *Geographic information — Reference model*

ISO/TS 19103:—¹⁾, *Geographic information — Conceptual schema language*

ISO 19107:2003, *Geographic information — Spatial schema*

ISO 19109:—¹⁾, *Geographic information — Rules for application schema*

ISO 19115:2003, *Geographic information — Metadata*

ISO/IEC 19501:2005, *Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Unified Modeling Language (UML) Version 1.4.2*

4 Terms and definitions

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

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annotation

any marking on illustrative material for the purpose of clarification

NOTE Numbers, letters, symbols, and signs are examples of annotation.

1) To be published.