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Foreword

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ISO/IEC 24727 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces*:

— *Part 1: Architecture*

— *Part 2: Generic card interface*

— *Part 3: Application interface*

— *Part 4: Application programming interface (API) administration*

— *Part 5: Testing*

— *Part 6: Registration authority procedures for the authentication protocols for interoperability*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 24727 is a set of programming interfaces for interactions between integrated circuit cards (ICCs) and external applications to include generic services for multi-sector use. The organization and the operation of the ICC conform to ISO/IEC 7816-4.

ISO/IEC 24727 is relevant to ICC applications desiring interoperability among diverse application domains. This part of ISO/IEC 24727 specifies a language-independent and implementation-independent application level interface that allows information and transaction interchange with a card. ISO/IEC 7498-1 is used as the layered architecture of the application interface. That is, the application interface assumes that there is a protocol stack through which it will exchange information and transactions among cards using commands conveyed through the message structures defined in ISO/IEC 7816. The semantics of commands accessed by the application interface refers to application protocol data units (APDUs) as characterized in ISO/IEC 24727-2, and in the following standards:

— ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

— ISO/IEC 7816-8, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 8: Commands for security operations*

— ISO/IEC 7816-9, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 9: Commands for card management*

The goal of this part of ISO/IEC 24727 is to maximize the applicability and solution space of software tools that provide application interface support to card-aware applications. This effort includes supporting the evolution of card systems as the cards become more powerful, peer-level partners with existing and future applications while minimizing the impact to existing solutions conforming to this part of ISO/IEC 24727.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 24727 defines services as representations of action requests and action responses to be supported at the client-application service interface. The services are described in a programming-language-independent way.

This part of ISO/IEC 24727 is the application interface of the Open Systems Interconnection Reference Model defined in ISO/IEC 7498-1. It provides a high-level interface for a client-application making use of information storage and processing operations of a card-application as viewed on the generic card interface.

This part of ISO/IEC 24727 does not mandate a specific implementation methodology for this interface.

2 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/IEC 7816-11, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 24727-1, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 1: Architecture*

ISO/IEC 24727-2, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 2: Generic card interface*

IETF RFC 2141, *URN Syntax,* May 1997

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 24727-1, ISO/IEC 24727-2 and the following apply.

3.1
access control list
set of access rules

3.2
access permission
granted capability to perform an action