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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC 24800 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — JPSearch*:

- *Part 1: System framework and components*
- *Part 2: Registration, identification and management of schema and ontology*
- *Part 3: Query format*
- *Part 4: File format for metadata embedded in image data (JPEG and JPEG 2000)*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 5: Data interchange format between image repositories*

Reference software will form the subject of a future Part 6.

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 24800 aims to provide a standard for interoperability for still image search and retrieval systems. There are many systems which provide image search and retrieval functionality on computer desktops, on the World Wide Web (i.e., websearch), on imaging devices, and in other consumer and professional applications. Existing systems are implemented in a way that tightly couples many components of the search process. ISO/IEC 24800 provides an abstract framework search architecture that decouples the components of image search and provides a standard interface between these components.

Aligning image search system design to this standard framework facilitates the use and reuse of metadata; the use and reuse of profiles and ontologies to provide a common context for searching; and the provision of a common query language to easily search across multiple repositories with the same search semantics. It allows image repositories to be independent of particular system implementations; and allows users to easily move or upgrade their image management applications or to move to a different device or upgrade to a new computer.

This part of ISO/IEC 24800 contains the tools of the JPEG Query Format (JPQF) as an adaptation for the still images domain of ISO/IEC 15938-12:2008. It addresses the normative aspects of the Query Format and also illustrates some non-normative examples.

# Information technology — JPSearch —

## Part 3: Query format

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 24800, also known as “JPSearch Query Format (JPQF)”, provides a standardized interface for image search and retrieval systems in three aspects: Input Query Format, Output Result Format, and Query Management. The Input Query Format provides users/systems with a set of precise input parameters to describe their search criteria in addition to a set of preferred output parameters to depict the return result sets. The Output Result Format provides users/systems with a set of output parameters to describe the aggregated return result sets for user presentation or machine consumption. The Query Management provides a means for selecting services (e.g., MPEG-7 database) or aggregated services (e.g., service provider that administers a set of different services) based on service properties (e.g., supported query format). The goal is to define a query language that provides the industry with a standardized format to accept and respond to user/system specification for image searches.

### 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 15938-12, *Information technology — Multimedia content description interface — Part 12: Query format*

XQuery 1.0 and XPath 2.0 Data Model (XDM). W3C Recommendation, 23 January 2007. <http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath-datamodel/>

XML Path Language (XPath) 2.0. W3C Recommendation, 23 January 2007. <http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath20/>

### 3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and conventions

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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

##### 3.1.1

##### input query format

interface format going from a requester to one or more responders with two functionalities:

- 1) provision of a combination of syntax and semantics of the interface, through which the requester assigns search criteria and associated data;
- 2) provision of syntax and semantics of the interface, through which the requester specifies the format of the result data

**NOTE** The second functionality of the input query format provides tools by which the requester can express desired output format that should be conformant to the specification of the output result format.