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General**

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## Foreword

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# Information technology — Security techniques — Hash-functions —

## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

ISO/IEC 10118 (all parts) specifies hash-functions and is therefore applicable to the provision of authentication, integrity and non-repudiation services. Hash-functions map strings of bits of variable (but usually upper bounded) length to fixed-length strings of bits, using a specified algorithm. They can be used for

- reducing a message to a short imprint for input to a digital signature mechanism, and
- committing the user to a given string of bits without revealing this string.

**NOTE** The hash-functions specified in ISO/IEC 10118 (all parts) do not involve the use of secret keys. However, these hash-functions may be used, in conjunction with secret keys, to build message authentication codes. Message Authentication Codes (MACs) provide data origin authentication as well as message integrity. Techniques for computing a MAC using a hash-function are specified in ISO/IEC 9797-2 [1].

This document contains definitions, symbols, abbreviations and requirements that are common to all the other parts of ISO/IEC 10118. The criteria used to select the algorithms specified in subsequent parts of ISO/IEC 10118 are defined in [Annex B](#) of this document.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1 collision-resistant hash-function

hash-function satisfying the following property: it is computationally infeasible to find any two distinct inputs which map to the same output

Note 1 to entry: Computational feasibility depends on the specific security requirements and environment. Refer to [Annex C](#).

#### 3.2 data string data

string of bits which is the input to a hash-function