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Foreword

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Introduction

There is a growing need for electronic, machine-readable, digital information about building services. The designers in building services have to execute detailed calculations and simulations to ensure saving of energy and to satisfy hygienic and comfort criteria in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and sanitary plants. Designers must have access to more complete and more accurate documentation to address these needs. The resulting designs have to describe the complete building services system without internal interference to avoid collision with other systems and components and the building structure.

These requirements can only be achieved with modern building services applications such as computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided engineering (CAE) systems, calculation programmes, BIM tools, and management software. The software systems need exact data of the used plant components because each component contributes to the performance of the whole building.

Thus, an international standard is required to provide the models and definitions for product catalogue data exchange.

Such a standard eliminates the need to manage different data formats or to use different manufacturer-specific software systems to deal with products of different manufacturers. The standard will lead to a significant reduction of costs for manufacturers and users. Integrating this data into building information modelling (BIM) systems allows data interchange between information technology (IT) systems. In addition to the benefits of planning, there will be further advantages for other software solutions, such as facility management and life-cycle management.

This part of ISO 16757 offers for the first time an interface which allows the uniform handling of data about technical, maintenance and service, as well as geometry, images, video and text information.

The objectives of this part of ISO 16757 are to facilitate

— automatic integration of catalogue data of all manufacturers in engineering applications such as CAD, CAE, dimensioning and calculation systems,

— uniform product selection across manufacturers,

— dimensioning of products using manufacturers' algorithms,

— possibility to recalculate and re-simulate the whole system with data of all building services components as often as required, and

— standardized representation of technical data for data exchange and life-cycle management.

This part of ISO 16757 specifically provides definitions and specifications for modelling and exchanging geometric information of building services components.

ISO 16757-1 gives the overview about the standard and the rationale for its elements and organization. This document defines the geometric elements which are used to represent the products in ISO 16757 catalogues. ISO 16757-3 defines the script language used in ISO 16757 (all parts) for various purposes. ISO 16757-4 contains IDM descriptions for ISO 16757 (all parts), including process descriptions for those processes which are to be supported by the standard and it comprises the rules for mapping of product and the property descriptions to IFC and for defining properties semantically with IFD. ISO 16757-5 defines an exchange format in XML by which electronic catalogues can be exchanged according to the definitions of ISO 16757 (all parts). The exchange format will be specified as an XML Schema Definition (XSD). The content parts of ISO 16757 will define standardized properties for the product groups and the composition of the technical data model. Furthermore, the content parts of ISO 16757 determine the specific programming function-interfaces to layout, calculate and simulate the products.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 16757 describes the modelling of building services product geometry. The description is optimized for the interchange of product catalogue data and includes

— shapes for representing the product itself,

— symbolic shapes for the visualization of the product's function in schematic diagrams,

— spaces for functional requirements,

— surfaces for visualization, and

— ports to represent connectivity between different objects.

The shape and space geometry is expressed as Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG) based on geometric primitives concatenated to boundary representations by Boolean operations. This part of ISO 16757 uses the applicable primitives from ISO 10303-42 and from ISO 16739 and adds primitives which are required for the special geometry of building services products. For symbolic shapes, line elements are also used.

This part of ISO 16757 neither describes the inner structure and internal functionality of the product nor the manufacturing information because this is typically not published within a product catalogue.

Building services products can have millions of variant dimensions. To avoid the exchange of millions of geometries, a parametric model is introduced which allows the derivation of variant-specific geometries from the generic model. This is necessary to reduce the data to be exchanged in a catalogue to a manageable size. The parametric model will result in smaller data files, which can be easier transmitted during data exchanges.

The geometry model used does not contain any drawing information such as views, line styles or hatching.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 16757-1, *Data structures for electronic product catalogues for building services — Part 1: Concepts, architecture and model*

ISO 6707-1,*Buildings and civil engineering works — Vocabulary — Part 1: General Terms*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16757-1 and ISO 6707-1 and the following apply.

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