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### Foreword

On the proposal of the CEN Central Secretariat, the Technical Board has decided to submit the international Standard:

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to the formal vote.

The result of the formal vote was positive.

For the time being, this document exists only in English and in French.

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## Foreword

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In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee, ISO/IEC JTC 1. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for approval before their acceptance as International Standards. They are approved in accordance with procedures requiring at least 75 % approval by the national bodies voting.

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8631 : 1986), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

Annex A of this International Standard is for information only.

## Introduction

It is accepted that a limited number of distinct constructs combined in a well-defined manner is sufficient to express any process. A program is considered to be well-structured if it is built from the constructs contained in this International Standard and follows the rules of combination.

A program may be viewed at several conceptual levels. At any but the lowest level, one construct may be represented as a number of constructs at a lower level.

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# Information technology – Program constructs and conventions for their representation

## 1 Scope

This International Standard is concerned with the expression of procedure oriented algorithms. It

- a) defines the nature of program constructs;
- b) indicates the manner in which constructs can be combined;
- c) provides specifications for a set of constructs;
- d) permits the definition of a variety of subsets of the defined constructs.

See annex A for symbolic representations.

## 2 Definition of program construct

A program construct consists of a set of one or more procedure parts and a control part which may be implicit.

Each procedure part consists of one or more operations to be performed or may be null.

The control part determines the manner in which the procedure parts are to be executed. It can consist of a directive and a set of conditions. The control part then activates or de-activates the procedure part(s) depending on the nature of the directive and the values of the conditions. If there is neither directive nor condition, control is called implicit.

## 3 How constructs may be combined

The only way in which constructs can be combined to build a well-structured program is by replacing a procedure part of one construct by a complete construct.

## 4 Specification of constructs

### 4.1 Imperative construct

This construct contains one procedure part and an implicit control part which determines that the procedure part is executed exactly once.

### 4.2 Serial construct

This construct contains two or more procedure parts and an implicit control part which determines that the procedure parts are to be executed exactly once in the sequence given.

### 4.3 Parallel construct

This construct consists of two or more procedure parts and a control part which initiates these procedure parts. Execution of the construct is finished when all initiated procedure parts are completely executed.

### 4.4 Iterative construct

- a) Pre-tested iteration

This construct consists of a procedure part and a control part with one condition, the value of which determines whether the procedure part is executed zero or more times.

- b) Post-tested iteration

This construct consists of a procedure part and a control part with one condition, the value of which determines whether the procedure part is executed more than once.

- c) Continuous iteration

This construct consists of a procedure part and a control part with an implicit condition which specifies that the procedure part will be repeated indefinitely.

### 4.5 Selective choice construct

- a) Monadic selective

This construct consists of a single procedure part and a control part with one condition, the value of which determines whether or not the procedure part is to be executed.

- b) Dyadic selective

This construct consists of two procedure parts and a control part with one condition, the value of which determines which one of the two procedure parts is to be executed.