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## Introduction

ISO 15187 is part of a series of International Standards dealing with manipulating industrial robots. Other International Standards cover such topics as safety, general characteristics, co-ordinate systems, performance criteria and related test methods, terminology, and mechanical interfaces. It is noted that these standards are interrelated and are also related to other International Standards.

Annex A provides examples of possible platform with GUI for open architecture.

The purpose of this International Standard is to standardize the use of graphical user interfaces for robot programming and operation (called GUI-R). Important customer requirements for programming and operation of robots are

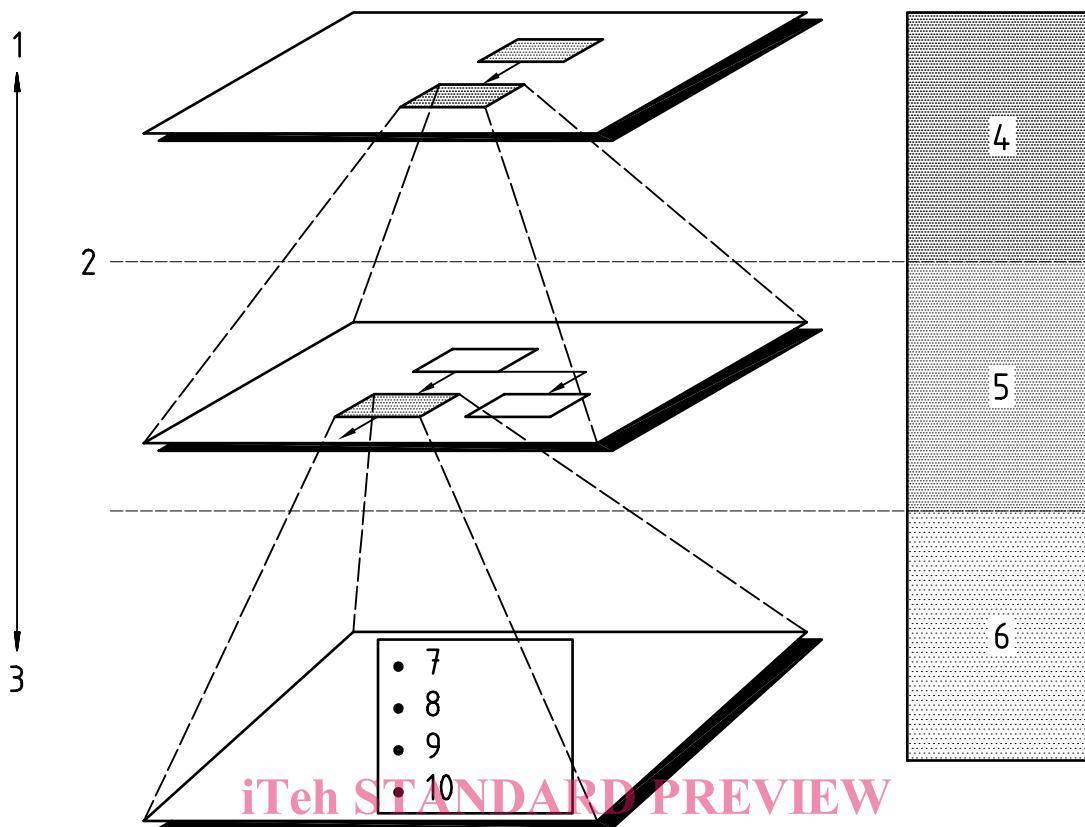
- simplification and
- standardized robot operation.

Programming and operation of industrial robots require a set of tools, e.g. editor, compiler, debugger, which help the user to specify a number of more or less complex functions to be performed by the robot control. There are many different functions for the robot control units in use world wide, and the GUI-R standard should simplify the programming with the help of graphics. In a first step GUI-R will give a style guide for the definition and use of graphical elements for the programming procedure of robots.

Therefore the GUI-R standard is nothing but the interface for the user to pick up elements for programming and operation by an easy manner. The function represented by these elements is defined in general, e.g. as a straight line robot move. The explicit, complete and detailed syntax and semantic meaning is not the purpose of GUI-R, e.g. all move parameters, the exact meaning of "straight line" by the linear interpolation including the behaviour of smoothing, and others. This is defined by the underlying robot system control and programming features: GUI-R is not a robot language expressed by graphical elements and icons. The user is obliged to read the robot system manuals and to learn about the special robot programming and control functions. GUI-R is a help to find the programming elements and to work with a graphic layout in the same manner for different robot systems. The program structure might be displayed on the screen by a program flow chart.

This International Standard only specifies the detailed specifications of GUI-R level and the concept of hierarchization, see Figure 1. The contents of the low-level hierarchy will not be specified intentionally, and consideration will be taken so that implementation will be easier.

Of course, a standard should be complete and precisely defined to cover the subject to be standardized. But there is a variety of robot programming languages and controls with different concepts, functions, syntax, and semantics. Because it is not possible to include all (partly contradictory) concepts and functions of existing (and future) robot languages for a representation by graphical elements, GUI-R covers only the main elements and functions for programming and operation. It doesn't specify all elements of one function level, e.g. icons for all possible statements of a robot language, and it doesn't specify all parameters or elements of a function or statement, e.g. the parameters of a move statement. This means GUI-R is concentrated on the main functions (defined horizontally) and on the main syntactical elements or parameters (defined vertically), see Figure 2.



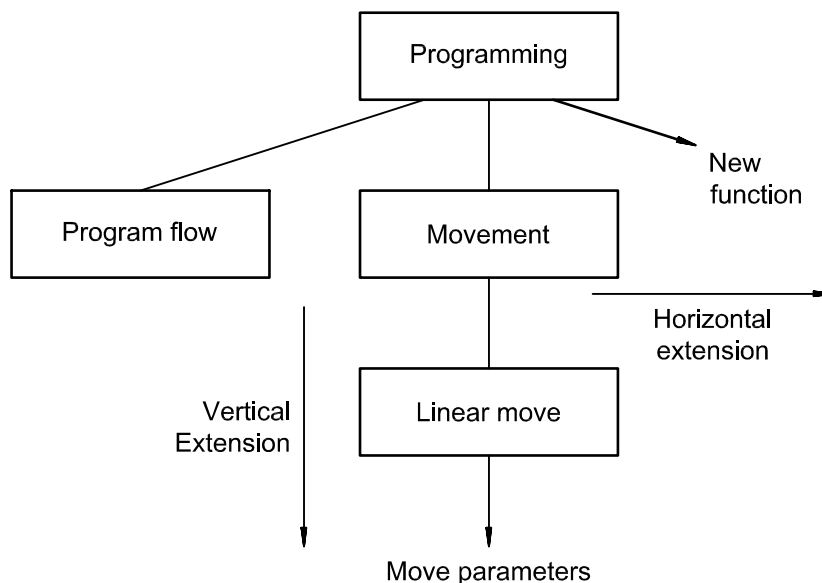
**Key**

- 1 High
- 2 Abstract Level
- 3 Low
- 4 GUI Level
- 5 Function Level

- 6 Language Level (Implementation)
- 7 C
- 8 Visual Language
- 9 Flow Chart
- 10 Others (Interpreter, etc.)

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**Figure 1 — Image of hierarchies**



**Figure 2 — Horizontal and vertical extensions**

The GUI-R standard cannot cover all elements of a specific robot programming language, and it should be possible to use GUI-R also in the future for new functions. Therefore the definition of GUI-R allows the addition of new elements and rules as well as user or robot system vendor specific elements. The user or vendor can specify new elements on high functional level (horizontal extension), like for new statements or new functions, or new parameters can be added (vertical extension), e.g. for move control. Especially, it is not intended that GUI-R represents a complete functional or language definition.

Whenever it is possible, GUI-R contains reference (and perhaps a short explanation in addition, it depends on the background) to a standard or de-facto standard used for its definition base. The objective of the development of GUI-R is the use on robotic applications and not for general use in other fields like graphics. A decision was made to develop rules which are realistic and can find practical applications in industrial production. This resulted in sometimes developing vigorous GUI-R standard specifications and in other occasions provide references to other standards. The first case was used only if it was strongly needed.

GUI-R specifies how to position icons, how to structure the different areas on the screen for user programming and operation input and gives rules for the design of icons. But this could not be a "precise" definition: For example, it is not specified that the area for language statement icons is from screen co-ordinates (22,34) to (345,57) or that only blue is used for icon background. However, the scope of this International Standard has been defined in a pragmatic manner, e.g. the rules for a movement icon. There is a recommendation for GUI-R elements or screen layout, to help the user apply the standard, but not to restrict him too much. GUI-R was designed in such a manner that it is possible to convert the graphical elements into a robot language representation and vice versa.

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