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- *Part 1: General terms relating to AIDC*
- *Part 2: Optically readable media (ORM)*
- *Part 3: Radio frequency identification (RFID)*
- *Part 4: General terms relating to radio communications*
- *Part 5: Locating systems*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 19762 is intended to facilitate international communication in information technology, specifically in the area of automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques. It provides a listing of terms and definitions used across multiple AIDC techniques.

Abbreviations used within each part of ISO/IEC 19762 and an index of all definitions used within each part of ISO/IEC 19762 are found at the end of the relevant part.

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Part 3: Radio frequency identification (RFID)

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 19762 provides terms and definitions unique to radio frequency identification (RFID) in the area of automatic identification and data capture techniques. This glossary of terms enables the communication between non-specialist users and specialists in RFID through a common understanding of basic and advanced concepts.

2 Classification of entries

The numbering system employed within ISO/IEC 19762 is in the format nn.nn.nnn, in which the first two numbers (**nn**.nn.nnn) represent the “Top Level” reflecting whether the term is related to 01 = common to all AIDC techniques, 02 = common to all optically readable media, 03 = linear bar code symbols, 04 = two-dimensional symbols, 05 = radio frequency identification, 06 = general terms relating to radio, 07 = real time locating systems, and 08 = MIIM. The second two numbers (nn.**nn**.nnn) represent the “Mid Level” reflecting whether the term is related to 01 = basic concepts/data, 02 = technical features, 03 symbology, 04 = hardware, and 05 = applications. The third two or three numbers (nn.nn.**nnn**) represent the “Fine” reflecting a sequence of terms.

The numbering in this part of ISO/IEC 19762 employs “Top Level” numbers (**nn**.nn.nnn) of 05.

3 Terms and definitions

05.01.01

radio frequency identification

RFID

use of electromagnetic or inductive coupling in the radio frequency portion of the spectrum to communicate to or from a tag through a variety of modulation and encoding schemes to uniquely read the identity of an RF Tag

05.01.02

backscatter(1)

process whereby a **transponder** responds to a reader/interrogation signal or field by modulating and re-radiating or transmitting the response signal at the same carrier **frequency**

05.01.03

backscatter(2)

technique for retrieving information from a **tag** in which the narrow band energy from the **interrogator** is reflected back to the interrogator in varying degrees as the impedance of the tag **antenna** is modulated

05.01.04

awake

state at which the **tag's** receiver is powered and able to receive and respond to a transmission from a compliant **interrogator**

05.01.05

enrolment

process by which a **tag** initially becomes associated with an **interrogator**

05.01.06

false activation

response due to the result of a 'foreign' or non-assigned **transponder** entering the **interrogation zone** of a radio frequency **identification** system and effecting a response, erroneous or otherwise

05.01.07

family of tags

group of **tags** with differing capabilities which are nevertheless capable of communicating ID numbers and/or data with a common **interrogator**

05.01.08

in field reporting

mode of operation in which a **reader/interrogator** reports a **transponder** ID when the transponder enters the **interrogation zone** and then periodically at a prescribed interval of time while the tag remains in the interrogation zone

cf. **out of field reporting**

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05.01.09

out of field reporting

mode of operation in which the identification of a **transponder** is reported as or once the transponder leaves the reader **interrogation zone**

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interrogation

process of communicating with and reading a **transponder**

05.01.11

interrogation zone

region in which a **transponder** or group of transponders can be effectively read by an associated **radio frequency identification** reader/interrogator

05.01.12

tag ID

generic reference to either a manufacturer **tag ID** or user **tag ID**

05.01.13

user tag ID

user-defined **tag** identifier

NOTE The user **tag ID** may not be a unique identifier.

05.01.14

manufacturer tag ID

reference number which uniquely identifies the **tag**

05.01.15

orientation sensitivity

sensitivity of response for a **transponder** expressed as a function of angular variation or orientation

05.01.16**phantom transaction**

report of a non-existent **tag**

05.01.17**INCITS T6**

technical committee of the ANSI accredited standards developer responsible for the development of **RFID** technical standards within the United States

NOTE Formerly known as X3T6 and NCITS T6.

05.01.18**rate**

quantity of tags per unit time including impulse and steady state

NOTE Tag population will be both static and dynamic.

05.02.01**identify**

process of tag segregation and isolation, resulting in a uniquely addressable means to communicate with a **tag** (the tag ID)

NOTE Application data has not been accessed.

05.02.02**identification range**

range at which an RFID system can reliably identify desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.03**identification rate**

rate at which an RFID system can reliably identify desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.04**read**

process of tag transaction to retrieve information from identified tag population, including both single byte and multiple byte transactions

05.02.05**read range**

range at which an RFID system can reliably read from desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.06**read rate**

rate at which an RFID system may reliably read desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.07**write(1)**

process of tag transaction to write information into identified tag population

NOTE This process will include both single byte and multiple byte transactions. Write with verification will be available.

05.02.08**write range**

range at which an RFID system may reliably write to desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.09**write rate**

rate at which an RFID system may reliably write to desired tags under defined conditions

05.02.10

pick rate

percentage detection rate for an **RF** system

NOTE This is a function the speed of throughput, **tag** orientation, number of tags present, etc.

05.02.11

in-use programming

tags in read/write systems that have the ability to read from and **write** to a **transponder** while it is attached to the object or item for which it is being used

05.02.12

re-programmability

ability to change the data content of a **transponder** using a suitable **programming** device

cf. **in-use programming**

05.02.13

read only

transponder in which the data is stored in an unchangeable manner and can therefore only be read

cf. **factory programming**

05.02.14

field programming

programming information into the **tags** after the tag has been shipped from the manufacturer to an OEM customer or end user or in some cases to the manufacturer's distribution locations

NOTE Field programming usually occurs before the tag is installed on the object to be identified. This approach enables the introduction of data relevant to the specifics of the application into the tag at any time; however, the tag would typically have to be removed from its object. In some cases, change or duplication of all data in the tag is possible. In other cases, some portion is reserved for **factory programming**. This might include a unique tag serial number, for example. Field programming is usually associated with **Write Once Read Many (WORM)** and **read/write (RW)** devices. The data entered into a **transponder** may be by a combination of factory and field programming.

cf. **factory programming, field programming**

05.02.15

factory programming

entering of data into a **transponder** as part of the manufacturing process, resulting in a read-only **tag**

cf. **field programming**

05.02.16

return link (uplink)

communications from **tag** to **interrogator**

05.02.17

roaming

ability of a **tag** to move from one **interrogator's** cell to another

05.02.18

selection

process by which an **interrogator** requests that a specific **tag** or subset of tags responds to the interrogator

05.02.19

separation

operational distance between two **tags** or between a tag and the **interrogator**

05.02.20**shadowing**

condition in which an object located between an **interrogator** and a **tag** obscures the signals thus preventing a successful transaction

05.02.21**abstract syntax**

⟨OSI Presentation Service⟩ specification of application layer **data** or application protocol control information by using notation rules that are independent of the encoding technique used to represent them

05.02.22**inventoried flag**

flag that indicates whether a tag may respond to an interrogator

NOTE Tags maintain a separate inventoried flag for each of four sessions, where each flag has symmetric A and B values within any given session, and in which interrogators typically inventory tags from A to B followed by a re-inventory of tags from B back to A (or vice versa).

05.02.23**inventory round**

period initiated by a query command and terminated by either a subsequent query command (which also starts a new inventory round) or a select command

05.02.24**permalocked**

memory location whose lock status is unchangeable (i.e. the memory location is permanently locked or permanently unlocked)

05.02.25**persistent memory**

memory whose state is maintained during a brief loss of tag power

05.02.26**persistent flag**

flag value whose state is maintained during a brief loss of tag power

05.02.27**transfer syntax**

abstract syntax and concrete syntax used in the transfer of data between open systems

NOTE The term 'transfer syntax' is sometimes used to mean encoding rules, and sometimes used to mean the representation of bits in data while in transit.

05.02.28**type reference**

name, in ASN.1 syntax, associated uniquely with a characteristic

EXAMPLE **ObjectID**

05.02.29**application family identifier****AFI**

mechanism used in the **data protocol** and the air interface protocol to select a class of RFID tags relevant to an application, or aspect of an application, and to ignore further communications with other classes of RFID tags with different identifiers

05.02.30**data format**

mechanism used in the **data protocol** to identify how **object identifiers** are encoded on the RFID tag, and (where possible) identify a particular data dictionary for the set of relevant object identifiers for that application