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Foreword

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This fourth edition of ISO/IEC 9075-1 cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO/IEC 9075-1:2008), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates Technical Corrigendum ISO/IEC 9075-1:2008/Cor.1:2010.

ISO/IEC 9075 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Database languages — SQL*:

- Part 1: Framework (SQL/Framework)
- Part 2: Foundation (SQL/Foundation)
- Part 3: Call-Level Interface (SQL/CLI)
- Part 4: Persistent Stored Modules (SQL/PSM)
- Part 9: Management of External Data (SQL/MED)
- Part 10: Object Language Bindings (SQL/OLB)
- Part 11: Information and Definition Schemas (SQL/Schemata)
- Part 13: SQL Routines and Types Using the Java™ Programming Language (SQL/JRT)
- Part 14: XML-Related Specifications (SQL/XML)

NOTE 1 — The individual parts of multi-part standards are not necessarily published together. New editions of one or more parts may be published without publication of new editions of other parts.

Introduction

The organization of this part of ISO/IEC 9075 is as follows:

- 1) **Clause 1, “Scope”**, specifies the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 2) **Clause 2, “Normative references”**, identifies additional standards that, through reference in this part of ISO/IEC 9075, constitute provisions of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 3) **Clause 3, “Definitions and use of terms”**, defines terms used in this and other parts of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 4) **Clause 4, “Concepts”**, describes the concepts used in ISO/IEC 9075.
- 5) **Clause 5, “The parts of ISO/IEC 9075”**, summarises the content of each of the parts of ISO/IEC 9075, in terms of the concepts described in Clause 4, “Concepts”.
- 6) **Clause 6, “Notation and conventions used in other parts of ISO/IEC 9075”**, defines notation and conventions used in other parts of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 7) **Clause 7, “Annexes to the parts of ISO/IEC 9075”**, describes the content of annexes of other parts of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 8) **Clause 8, “Conformance”**, specifies requirements that apply to claims of conformance to all or some of the parts of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 9) **Annex A, “Maintenance and interpretation of SQL”**, is an informative Annex. It describes the formal procedures for maintenance and interpretation of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 10) **Annex B, “Implementation-defined elements”**, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 9075 states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or any other behavior is partly or wholly implementation-defined.
- 11) **Annex C, “Implementation-dependent elements”**, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 9075 states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or any other behavior is partly or wholly implementation-dependent.
- 12) **Annex D, “Deprecated features”**, is an informative Annex. It lists features that the responsible Technical Committee intend will not appear in a future revised version of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 13) **Annex E, “Incompatibilities with ISO/IEC 9075:2008”**, is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous version of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 14) **Annex F, “SQL feature taxonomy”**, is an informative Annex. It identifies features of the SQL language specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9075 by an identifier and a short descriptive name. This taxonomy is used to specify conformance.
- 15) **Annex G, “Defect reports not addressed in this edition of this part of ISO/IEC 9075”**, is an informative Annex. It describes the Defect Reports that were known at the time of publication of this part of this International Standard. Each of these problems is a problem carried forward from the previous edition of this part of ISO/IEC 9075. No new problems have been created in the drafting of this edition of this International Standard.

In the text of this part of ISO/IEC 9075, Clauses and Annexes begin new odd-numbered pages. Any resulting blank space is not significant.

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Framework (SQL/Framework)****1 Scope**

This part of ISO/IEC 9075 describes the conceptual framework used in other parts of ISO/IEC 9075 to specify the grammar of SQL and the result of processing statements in that language by an SQL-implementation.

This part of ISO/IEC 9075 also defines terms and notation used in the other parts of ISO/IEC 9075.

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2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

2.1 ISO and IEC standards

- [ISO9075-2] ISO/IEC 9075-2:2011, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 2: Foundation (SQL/Foundation)*
- [ISO9075-3] ISO/IEC 9075-3:2008, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 3: Call-Level Interface (SQL/CLI)*
- [ISO9075-4] ISO/IEC 9075-4:2011, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 4: Persistent Stored Modules (SQL/PSM)*
- [ISO9075-9] ISO/IEC 9075-9:2008, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 9: Management of External Data (SQL/MED)*
- [ISO9075-10] ISO/IEC 9075-10:2008, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 10: Object Language Bindings (SQL/OLB)*
- [ISO9075-11] ISO/IEC 9075-11:2011, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 11: Information and Definition Schemas (SQL/Schemata)*
- [ISO9075-13] ISO/IEC 9075-13:2008, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 13: SQL Routines and Types Using the Java™ Programming Language (SQL/JRT)*
- [ISO9075-14] ISO/IEC 9075-14:2011, *Information technology — Database languages — SQL — Part 14: XML-Related Specifications (SQL/XML)*
- [ISO10646] ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology — Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*
- [ISO14651] ISO/IEC 14651, *Information technology — International string ordering and comparison — Method for comparing character strings and description of the common template tailorable ordering*

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3 Definitions and use of terms

3.1 Definitions

3.1.1 Definitions provided in this standard

In this document, the definition of a verb defines every voice, mood, and tense of that verb.

For the purposes of this document and other parts of ISO/IEC 9075, the following definitions apply:

- 3.1.1.1 atomic**
incapable of being subdivided
- 3.1.1.2 column**
field of the row type of a table
- 3.1.1.3 compilation unit**
segment of executable code, possibly consisting of one or more subprograms
- 3.1.1.4 data type**
set of representable values
- 3.1.1.5 descriptor**
coded description of an SQL object
- NOTE 2 — It includes all of the information about the object that a conforming SQL-implementation requires.
- 3.1.1.6 fully qualified (of a name of some SQL object)**
With all optional components specified explicitly
- NOTE 3 — A fully qualified name does not necessarily identify an object uniquely. For example, although a fully qualified specific name, consisting of a catalog name, a schema name and a specific name, uniquely identifies a routine, a fully qualified routine name doesn't necessarily do so.
- 3.1.1.7 identifier**
object by which something is identified
- 3.1.1.8 identify**
to reference something without ambiguity
- 3.1.1.9 implementation-defined**
possibly differing between SQL-implementations, but specified by the implementor for each particular SQL-implementation
- 3.1.1.10 implementation-dependent**
possibly differing between SQL-implementations, but not specified by ISO/IEC 9075, and not required to be specified by the implementor for any particular SQL-implementation