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1 Scope

This International Standard defines how the packaging of data and metadata, including software, can be put into a single package (e.g. file or message) in order to facilitate information transfer and archiving.

This International Standard also provides a detailed specification of core packaging structures and mechanisms, which accommodate the current computing environment and meet evolving requirements, and which can be implemented to demonstrate practical, near-term results.

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FOREWORD

This document is a technical Recommendation to use for the packaging of data and metadata, including software, into a single package (e.g., file, document or message) to facilitate information transfer and archiving. It provides a detailed specification of core packaging structures and mechanisms that meet current CCSDS agency requirements and that augment the current CCSDS packaging and language Recommended Standards to accommodate the current computing environment and meet evolving requirements. This Recommended Standard leverages the wide community acceptance and usage of XML technologies by making the packaging manifest an XML document defined by the XML Schema specified in this Recommended Standard.

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