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# Space data and information transfer systems — Open archival information system (OAIS) — Reference model

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines the reference model for an open archival information system (OAIS). An OAIS is an archive, consisting of an organization, which may be part of a larger organization, of people and systems that has accepted the responsibility to preserve information and make it available for a designated community. It meets a set of such responsibilities as defined in this International Standard, and this allows an OAIS archive to be distinguished from other uses of the term "archive". The term "open" in OAIS is used to imply that this International Standard, as well as future related International Standards, are developed in open forums, and it does not imply that access to the archive is unrestricted.

This International Standard

- provides a framework for the understanding and increased awareness of archival concepts needed for long term digital information preservation and access,
- provides the concepts needed for non-archival organizations to be effective participants in the preservation process,
- provides a framework, including terminology and concepts, for describing and comparing architectures and operations of existing and future archives,
- provides a framework for describing and comparing different Long Term Preservation strategies and techniques,
- provides a basis for comparing the data models of digital information preserved by archives and for discussing how data models and the underlying information may change over time,
- provides a framework that may be expanded by other efforts to cover long term preservation of information that is not in digital form (e.g. physical media and physical samples),
- expands consensus on the elements and processes for long term digital information preservation and access, and promotes a larger market which vendors can support, and
- guides the identification and production of OAIS-related standards.

The scope and field of application are furthermore detailed in subclauses 1.1 and 1.2 of the enclosed CCSDS publication.

## 2 Requirements

Requirements are the technical recommendations made in the following publication (reproduced on the following pages), which is adopted as an International Standard:

CCSDS 650.0-M-2, June 2012, *Reference model for an open archival information system (OAIS)*.

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For the purposes of international standardization, the modifications outlined below shall apply to the specific clauses and paragraphs of publication CCSDS 650.0-M-2.

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## FOREWORD

This document is a technical Recommended Practice for use in developing a broader consensus on what is required for an archive to provide permanent, or indefinite Long Term, preservation of digital information.

This Recommended Practice establishes a common framework of terms and concepts which make up an Open Archival Information System (OAIS). It allows existing and future archives to be more meaningfully compared and contrasted. It provides a basis for further standardization within an archival context and it should promote greater vendor awareness of, and support of, archival requirements.

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