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Introduction

The present document defines the Universal Subscriber Identity Module (USIM) application. This application resides on the UICC, an IC card specified in TS 31.101 [11]. In particular, TS 31.101 [11] specifies the application independent properties of the UICC/terminal interface such as the physical characteristics and the logical structure.

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