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Introduction

This document has been developed for the rapidly evolving service robotics sector. At present this robotics market covers many small and niche sectors for which it is difficult to develop the specific and wide-ranging components needed. The market sizes and applications are expected to grow significantly, and the number and range of their functions are also increasing. To enable wide-spread and interoperable development of service robots, a common approach for building service robots is needed. This document lays out such common requirements.

On one side, the manufacturer-dependent architectural approaches currently adopted for designing service robots makes design and development difficult and substitution and reuse of modules in upgrading robot products is virtually impossible. On the other side, the research community has developed a vast knowledge base in robot modular design and continues to develop new methods for realising modular approaches, but none have the widespread appeal needed to make significant impact. In these conditions, this document can assist the service robotics manufacturers to produce the quality products at affordable cost demanded by the markets and new approaches are urgently needed to help the markets evolve to meet the global challenges.

An International Standard on robot modularity and robot module interoperability focusing on main issues of safety, security, connectivity (from both hardware and software perspectives) and functionality is pivotal to change the service robotics landscape and speed up the development of the new service robot market sectors. The robot modularity issues in this document are classified into basic modules with hardware and/or software aspects and composite modules. Requirements and guidelines are formulated so that module-based design approaches can be realised allowing application specific service robots and service robot systems meeting customer's requirements to be easily configured. The issues are classified into (a) safety and security, and (b) interoperability guidelines. In addition, the open modular approach realised has to enable modules to be easily substituted by other modules having the same interface specifications but perhaps with enhanced functionalities as needed.

Safety requirements specified in existing safety standards (e.g. ISO 13482, ISO 10218-1, ISO 10218-2, ISO/TS 15066) apply on the system level as well as on the level of a single module. The safety guidelines at the module level of this document are formulated to ensure compliance with the C-type standards for robot system safety. Security issues are also important when adopting an open modularity approaches and hence have been included in this document (e.g. to align with emerging IEC/TC 44 and IEC/TC 65 security related work projects).

Future parts of the ISO 22166 series are intended to include more specific requirements on particular types of robot modules, e.g., basic and composite modules with hardware and/or software aspects, and for particular types of service robots, e.g., mobile servant robots, physical assistant robots, person carrier robots, and service robots in professional environments.

Robotics — Modularity for service robots —

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This document presents requirements and guidelines on the specification of modular frameworks, on open modular design and on the integration of modules for realising service robots in various environments, including personal and professional sectors.

The document is targeted at the following user groups:

- modular service robot framework developers who specify performance frameworks in an unambiguous way;
- module designers and/or manufacturers who supply end users or robot integrators;
- service robot integrators who choose applicable modules for building a modular system.

This document includes guidelines on how to apply existing safety and security standards to service robot modules.

This document is not a safety standard.

This document applies specifically to service robots, although the modularity principles presented in this document can be utilized by framework developers, module manufacturers, and module integrators from other fields not necessarily restricted to robotics.

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 9787, *Robots and robotic devices — Coordinate systems and motion nomenclatures*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO/TR 22100-4, *Safety of machinery — Relationship with ISO 12100 — Part 4: Guidance to machinery manufacturers for consideration of related IT-security (cyber security) aspects*

ISO/IEC 27032, *Information technology — Security techniques — Guidelines for cybersecurity*

IEC 61076-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment-Product requirements — Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61984, *Connectors — Safety requirements and tests*

IEC/TS 62443-1-1, *Industrial communication networks — Network and system security — Part 1-1: Terminology, concepts and models*

IEC 62443-2-1, *Industrial communication networks — Network and system security — Part 2-1: Establishing an industrial automation and control system security program*

IEC 62443-3-3, *Industrial communication networks — Network and system security — Part 3-3: System security requirements and security levels*