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**Part 72:
XML file format x3p**

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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO 14638). It influences the chain link F of the chains of standards on profile and areal surface texture.

The ISO/GPS matrix model given in ISO 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to the specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed information of the relation of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex C](#).

The x3p format was in use in industry and academia before the creation of this document. The x3p file format as defined in this document has been developed based on the definitions in ISO 5436-2. The openGPS®¹⁾ consortium provides a free open source software implementation of this file format to avoid the inevitable inconsistency of multiple proprietary implementations.

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Part 72: XML file format x3p

1 Scope

This document defines the XML file format x3p for storage and exchange of topography and profile data.

2 Normative references

The following document is referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of its 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 25178-600²⁾, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Areal — Part 600: Metrological characteristics for areal-topography measuring methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 25178-600 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 zip-container

file format that can be used as a container for multiple files and folders that does also support a compression of the stored content

Note 1 to entry: The file format description is in the public domain^[1].

3.2 md5

method to calculate a unique 16-byte binary checksum used to check the integrity of files

Note 1 to entry: The binary value is typically represented by 32 hexadecimal digits.

Note 2 to entry: See Reference ^[2].

3.3 int16

2-byte representation of a signed integer

Note 1 to entry: The int16 type has a minimum value of -32 768 and a maximum value of 32 767.

2) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/DIS 25178-600.

Note 2 to entry: The less significant bytes are stored in memory addresses lower than those in which are stored the more significant bytes.

3.4 **int32**

4-byte representation of a signed integer

Note 1 to entry: The int32 type has a minimum value of -2 147 483 648 and a maximum value of 2 147 483 647.

Note 2 to entry: The less significant bytes are stored in memory addresses lower than those in which are stored the more significant bytes.

3.5 **float32**

4-byte representation of a floating point number according to IEEE 754

Note 1 to entry: The float32 type has a minimum value of -2^{128} and a maximum value of 2^{128} . The smallest positive number representable is 2^{-126} .

Note 2 to entry: The ASCII representation is a signed floating point number with 8 digits and a signed two-digit exponent in the range [-38.. +38].

Note 3 to entry: The less significant bytes are stored in memory addresses lower than those in which are stored the more significant bytes.

3.6 **float64**

8-byte representation of a floating point number according to IEEE 754

Note 1 to entry: The float64 type has a minimum value of -2^{1024} and a maximum value of 2^{1024} . The smallest positive number representable is 2^{-1022} .

Note 2 to entry: The ASCII representation is a floating point number with 16 digits and a signed three-digit exponent in the range [- 308.. + 308].

Note 3 to entry: The less significant bytes are stored in memory addresses lower than those in which are stored the more significant bytes.

3.7 **not a number** NaN

special floating point value defined in IEEE 754 specifying a number that is not computable

Note 1 to entry: Some floating point implementations define more than one value for NaN to distinguish between Quiet NaNs and Signaling NaNs. In this case the Quiet NaN is preferred.

Note 2 to entry: All mathematical operations incorporating a NaN value yield NaN as result. As a consequence, all comparisons with a NaN value yield "unequal". This is especially true for the equality comparison of two NaN values.

3.8 **element**

start tag followed by a data value followed by an end tag

EXAMPLE 1 An element with the name "example" comprising a start and an end tag would be implemented as
<example>contents of element</example>

EXAMPLE 2 An empty element with the name "example" would be implemented as
<example/>

Note 1 to entry: An element begins with a start tag and ends with an end tag. Alternatively, an element may consist of an empty tag solely. The content of the element is between the start and end tag and may contain further elements.

3.9**extensible markup language****XML**

language for encoding documents electronically

Note 1 to entry: XML is a subset of SGML (see Reference [Z]).

3.10**uniform resource locator****URL**

character string to locate a resource in a computer network or on a local computer

EXAMPLE A well-known use of a URL is the specification of a web site's address like "<http://www.iso.org/>".

3.11**uniform resource identifier****URI**

character string uniquely identifying a name or resource in a hierarchical style

EXAMPLE A URI for this document could be "www.iso.org/ISO_25178_Part_72".

Note 1 to entry: A URL is the most common form of a URI.

Note 2 to entry: The relation between a URI and a URL is like the relation between a person's name (the URI) and a person's address (the URL).

Note 3 to entry: To create a unique URI, it is good practice to start a URI with a domain name that has been registered on the name of the owner.

3.12**offset**

distance of the stored geometric data to the origin of the coordinate system along one axis of the coordinate system

3.13**rotation matrix**

3×3 matrix defining the rotation of the data set in 3D space

Note 1 to entry: It defines the orientation of the stored point cloud in 3D space.

3.14**global coordinate system**

three-dimensional coordinate system in which the position and orientation of the original point cloud is defined

3.15**view coordinate system**

three-dimensional coordinate system in which the 3D points are defined

Note 1 to entry: In the view coordinate system, the represented surface or point cloud typically is projectable along one spatial direction.

3.16**data matrix**

one-, two- or three-dimensional array of 3D points with a defined neighbourhood relation

Note 1 to entry: Each 3D point has two neighbours along each matrix dimension. The data matrix contains point coordinates in the view coordinate system.

Note 2 to entry: The index in the data matrix is described by the symbols u , v , and w .

Note 3 to entry: The array dimensions of the data matrix should not be confused with the spatial dimensions of the global coordinate system or view coordinate system.