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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 36, *Information technology for learning, education and training*.

ISO/IEC 19788 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Learning, education and training — Metadata for learning resources*:

- *Part 1: Framework*
- *Part 2: Dublin Core elements*
- *Part 3: Basic application profile*
- *Part 4: Technical elements*
- *Part 5: Educational elements*
- *Part 8: Data elements for MLR records*

*The following parts are under preparation:*

- *Part 7: Bindings*
- *Part 9: Data elements for persons*
- *Part 11: Migration from the LOM to MLR*

## Introduction

The primary purpose of ISO/IEC 19788 is to facilitate (1) the description of a learning resource by providing a standards-based approach to the identification and specification of the metadata elements required to describe a learning resource, e.g. as a metadata learning resource (MLR) record, and (2) the search, discovery, acquisition, evaluation, and use of learning resources, for instance, by learners, instructors or automated software processes.

This International Standard is modularly structured with all subsequent parts corresponding to a specified set of user requirements for the identification and specification of metadata elements having a particular focus and intended use in the description of a learning resource. This includes categories of metadata elements focused on technical perspectives, pedagogical aspects, availability and intellectual property aspects, bindings, etc.

This part of ISO/IEC 19788 uses the data element specification model and framework provided in ISO/IEC 19788-1 to specify data elements for the description of persons (individual or organization). Persons here are entities that need description because they are related to a learning resource (e.g. they created or contributed to the learning resource). Data elements specified in this part of ISO/IEC 19788 can provide, for example, the given name, family name and email address of such a person contributing to the learning resource under description.

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# Information technology — Learning, education and training — Metadata for learning resources —

## Part 9: Data elements for persons

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 Scope of MLR International Standard

The primary purpose of this International Standard is to specify metadata elements and their attributes for the description of learning resources. This includes the rules governing the identification of data elements and the specification of their attributes.

This International Standard provides data elements for the description of learning resources and resources directly related to learning resources.

This International Standard provides principles, rules and structures for the specification of the description of a learning resource; it identifies and specifies the attributes of a data element, as well as the rules governing their use. The key principles stated in ISO/IEC 19788-1 are informed by a user requirements-driven context with the aim of supporting multilingual and cultural adaptability requirements from a global perspective.

ISO/IEC 19788-1 is information technology neutral and defines a set of common approaches, i.e. methodologies and constructs, which apply to the development of the subsequent parts of ISO/IEC 19788.

#### 1.2 Scope of this part of ISO/IEC 19788 — Data elements for persons

This part of ISO/IEC 19788 provides data elements for the description of persons (individual or organization) that are related to the description of a learning resource.

These elements can later be combined with other descriptive elements from other type 1 parts of ISO/IEC 19788 or other standards to provide the description of a learning resource and of related entities needed for that description.

#### 1.3 Exclusions

Excluded from the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 19788 are descriptive elements of a person as a learning resource. The provision of descriptive elements of a person as a learning resource might be addressed in another (future) part of ISO/IEC 19788.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6709:2008, *Standard representation of geographic point location by coordinates*

ISO/IEC 19788-1, *Information technology — Learning, education and training — Metadata for learning resources — Part 1: Framework*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19788-1 and the following apply.

#### 3.1 document

piece of written, printed, or electronic matter that provides information

[SOURCE: Adapted from the Oxford English Dictionary]

#### 3.2 vCard

*document* (3.1) that provides contact information about a person (individual or organization) and that is conformant with the vCard 4.0 specification (IETF RFC6350) or earlier vCard 3.0 or vCard 2.1 specifications

Note 1 to entry: IETF RFC 6350 is available as <http://tools.ietf.org/pdf/rfc6350.pdf>.

Note 2 to entry: All conformant vCards contains a value for the VERSION property.

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

DEGS Data Element Group Specification

DES Data Element Specification

FOAF Friend of a Friend

GPS Global Positioning System

IRM International Reference Meridian

PRS Predefined Rule Set

RC Resource Class

URI Uniform Resource Identifier

WGS World Geodetic System

### 5 Data element specifications

#### 5.1 Identifier (DES0100)

Data element specification	
Identifier	ISO_IEC_19788-9:2015::DES0100
<i>Data element specification attributes</i>	
Property name	identifier
Definition	alphanumeric string uniquely associated with a person (individual or organization) that serves to differentiate that person from other persons within a referenced identification schema
Linguistic indicator	linguistic
Domain	<i>Person</i> (ISO_IEC_19788-1:2011::RC0003)

Data element specification	
Codomain	<i>literal</i>
Content value rules	MLR STRING (ISO_IEC_19788-1:2011::PRS0001)
Refines	—
Example(s)	1) Union List of Artist Names ID: 500208005 (English) 2) Union List of Artist Names ID: 500218573 (English)
Note(s)	1. Precede the identifier with the name of the entity responsible for assigning the identifier. 2. See examples in Reference [2], sections 9.18 and 11.11.

## 5.2 Name (DES0200)

Data element specification	
Identifier	ISO_IEC_19788-9:2015::DES0200
<b>Data element specification attributes</b>	
Property name	name
Definition	word, phrase, character, or group of characters by which a person (individual or organization) is known
Linguistic indicator	linguistic
Domain	<i>Person</i> (ISO_IEC_19788-1:2011::RC0003)
Codomain	<i>literal</i>
Content value rules	MLR STRING (ISO_IEC_19788-1:2011::PRS0001)
Refines	—
Example(s)	1) سد يونا ابن (Arabic) 2) Hong Gil-dong (English) 홍길동 (Korean) 3) Université du Québec à Montréal (French)
Note(s)	1. Refines <a href="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name">http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name</a> 2. See examples in Reference [2], sections 9.2 and 11.2.

## 5.3 Family Name (DES0300)

Data element specification	
Identifier	ISO_IEC_19788-9:2015::DES0300
<b>Data element specification attributes</b>	
Property name	family name
Definition	name common to all members of the individual's family (as distinguished from each member's given name)
Linguistic indicator	linguistic
Domain	<i>Natural Person</i> (ISO_IEC_19788-9:2015::RC0001)
Codomain	<i>literal</i>