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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this International Standard is to define multimedia and application specific types and their associated routines using the user-defined features in ISO/IEC 9075.

This document is based on the content of ISO/IEC International Standard Database Language (SQL).

The organization of this part of ISO/IEC 13249 is as follows:

- 1) Clause 1, "Scope", specifies the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 2) Clause 2, "Normative references", identifies additional standards that, through reference in this part of ISO/IEC 13249, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 3) Clause 3, "Definitions, notations, and conventions", defines the notations and conventions used in this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 4) Clause 4, "Concepts", presents concepts used in the definition of this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 5) Clause 5, "Geometry Types", defines the geometry supertype.
- 6) Clause 6, "Point Types", defines primitive 0-dimensional geometry types.
- 7) Clause 7, "Curve Types", defines primitive 1-dimensional geometry types.
- 8) Clause 8, "Surface Types", defines primitive 2-dimensional geometry types.
- 9) Clause 9, "Geometry Collection Types", defines the geometry collection types.
- 10) Clause 10, "Spatial Reference System Types", defines the user-defined type to manage spatial reference systems.
- 11) Clause 11, "Angle and Direction Types", defines the angles and direction types.
- 12) Clause 12, "Support Routines", defines supporting functions and procedures used by this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 13) Clause 13, "SQL/MM Spatial Information Schema" defines the SQL/MM Spatial Information Schema.
- 14) Clause 14, "SQL/MM Spatial Definition Schema" defines the SQL/MM Spatial Definition Schema.
- 15) Clause 15, "Status Codes", defines the SQLSTATE codes used in this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 16) Clause 16, "Conformance", defines the criteria for conformance to this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 17) Annex A, "Implementation-defined elements", is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 13249 states that the syntax or meaning or effect on the database is partly or wholly implementation-defined, and describes the defining information that an implementer shall provide in each case.
- 18) Annex B, "Implementation-dependent elements", is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 13249 states explicitly that the meaning or effect on the database is implementation-dependent.
- 19) Annex C, "Incompatibilities with ISO/IEC 13249-3:1999", is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous version of this part of ISO/IEC 13249-3.
- 20) Annex D, "Geometry Type Hierarchy", is an informative Annex. It visually describes the inheritance relationship between user-defined types in this part of ISO/IEC 13249.
- 21) Bibliography is the last informative Annex. It is a list of selective reading relating to this part of ISO/IEC 13249.

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## **Information technology—Database languages—SQL multimedia and application packages**

### **Part 3: Spatial**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of ISO/IEC 13249:

- a) introduces the Spatial part of ISO/IEC 13249,
- b) gives the references necessary for this part of ISO/IEC 13249,
- c) defines notations and conventions specific to this part of ISO/IEC 13249,
- d) defines concepts specific to this part of ISO/IEC 13249,
- e) defines spatial user-defined types and their associated routines.

The spatial user-defined types defined in this part adhere to the following:

- A spatial user-defined type is generic to spatial data handling. It addresses the need to store, manage and retrieve information based on aspects of spatial data such as geometry, location, and topology.
- A spatial user-defined type does not redefine the database language SQL directly or in combination with another spatial data type.

Implementations of this part of ISO/IEC 13249 may exist in environments that also support geographic information, decision support, data mining, and data warehousing systems.

Application areas addressed by implementations of this part of ISO/IEC 13249 include, but are not restricted to, automated mapping, desktop mapping, facilities management, geoengineering, graphics, multimedia, and resource management applications.