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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-029, Coded Representation of Picture, Audio and Multimedia/Hypermedia Information.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO 15938-10:2005, *Information technology—Multimedia content description interface, Part 10: Schema definition*.

The objective of this Standard is provide the Australian multimedia and broadcasting industry a metadata system for describing multimedia content, by specifying the schema definition across all parts of ISO/IEC 15938.

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15938-2	Part 2: Description definition language	15938.2	Part 2: Description definition language
15938-3	Part 3: Visual	15938.3	Part 3: Visual
15938-4	Part 4: Audio	15938.4	Part 4: Audio
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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard, also known as "Multimedia Content Description Interface," provides a standardized set of technologies for describing multimedia content. It addresses a broad spectrum of multimedia applications and requirements by providing a metadata system for describing the features of multimedia content.

The following are specified in this International Standard:

- **Description Schemes (DS)** describe entities or relationships pertaining to multimedia content. Description Schemes specify the structure and semantics of their components, which may be Description Schemes, Descriptors, or datatypes.
- **Descriptors (D)** describe features, attributes, or groups of attributes of multimedia content.
- **Datatypes** are the basic reusable datatypes employed by Description Schemes and Descriptors.
- **Systems tools** support delivery of descriptions, multiplexing of descriptions with multimedia content, synchronization, file format, and so forth.

This International Standard is subdivided into 10 parts:

**Part 1 – Systems:** specifies the tools for preparing descriptions for efficient transport and storage, compressing descriptions, and allowing synchronization between content and descriptions.

**Part 2 – Description definition language:** specifies the language for defining the standard set of description tools (DSs, Ds, and datatypes) and for defining new description tools.

**Part 3 – Visual:** specifies the description tools pertaining to visual content.

**Part 4 – Audio:** specifies the description tools pertaining to audio content.

**Part 5 – Multimedia description schemes:** specifies the generic description tools pertaining to multimedia including audio and visual content.

**Part 6 – Reference software:** provides a software implementation of the International Standard.

**Part 7 – Conformance testing:** specifies the guidelines and procedures for testing conformance of implementations of the International Standard.

**Part 8 – Extraction and use of MPEG-7 descriptions:** provides guidelines and examples of the extraction and use of descriptions.

**Part 9 – Profiles and levels:** specifies profiles of description tools.

**Part 10 – Schema definition:** specifies the schema using Description Definition Language.

This document specifies the schema of the ISO/IEC 15938 standard by collecting the description tools specified in the ISO/IEC 15938, assigning a namespace designator, and specifying the resulting syntax description in a single schema using description definition language.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

# Information technology — Multimedia content description interface —

## Part 10: Schema definition

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 Organization of the document

This International Standard specifies a metadata system for describing multimedia content. This part of ISO/IEC 15938 specifies the schema definition across all parts of ISO/IEC 15938. This part of ISO/IEC 15938 collects the description tools specified in ISO/IEC 15938, assigns a name space designator, and specifies the resulting syntax description in a single schema using description definition language from ISO/IEC 15938-2.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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/IEC 15938 (Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), *Information technology — Multimedia content description interface*

XML, *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0*, October 2000

XML Schema, *W3C Recommendation*, 2 May 2001

XML Schema Part 0: *Primer*, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001

XML Schema Part 1: *Structures*, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001

XML Schema Part 2: *Datatypes*, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001

xPath, *XML Path Language*, W3C Recommendation, 16 November 1999

NOTE — These documents are maintained by the W3C (<http://www.w3.org>). The relevant documents can be obtained as follows:

*Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Second Edition)*, 6 October 2000, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/REC-xml-20001006>;

*XML Schema: W3C Recommendation*, 2 May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/XML/Schema>;

*XML Schema Part 0: Primer*, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0/> ;

*XML Schema Part 1: Structures*, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-1/>;