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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 7816-9:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a template 'AE' has been proposed for the configuration of command-dependent LCS transitions (see CREATE command);
- [Figure 1](#) (generic LCS transition diagram) has been modified;
- DELETE, ACTIVATE, DEACTIVATE, TERMINATE commands have been redesigned with a common generic P1 parameter, and existing commands have remained unchanged for legacy reasons; [6.1](#) describes generic or legacy command options and [Table 3](#) describes the bitmap of P1 and P2 for legacy commands and extended command (generic ones);
- MANAGE DATA and DELETE DATA commands have been reserved for DO only; enquiry on DELETE DATA usefulness has been confirmed and the command maintained but declared as likely to be deprecated in future revisions of this document;
- dedicated subclauses have been provided addressing LCS inheritance and LCS evaluation;
- new terminology and rules for evaluated LCS category have been provided: directly assigned or effective, with addition of a recursive table for effective LCS allotment to the child object;
- the command CREATE DATA has been renamed CREATE and assigned a P1 parameter borrowed from generic commands for the sake of harmonization.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 7816 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

ISO/IEC 7816 is a series of International Standards specifying integrated circuit cards and the use of such cards for interchange. These cards are identification cards intended for information exchange negotiated between the outside world and the integrated circuit in the card. As a result of an information exchange, the card delivers information (computation result, stored data) and/or modifies its content (data storage, event memorization).

- Five parts in the series are specific to cards with galvanic contacts and three of them specify electrical interfaces.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-1 specifies physical characteristics for cards with contacts.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-2 specifies dimensions and location of the contacts.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-3 specifies electrical interface and transmission protocols for asynchronous cards.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-10 specifies electrical interface and answer to reset for synchronous cards.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-12 specifies electrical interface and operating procedures for USB cards.
- All the other parts in the series are independent from the physical interface technology. They apply to cards accessed by contacts and/or by radio frequency.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-4 specifies organization, security and commands for interchange.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-5 specifies registration of application providers.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-6 specifies interindustry data elements for interchange.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-7 specifies commands for structured card query language.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-8 specifies commands for security operations.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-9 specifies commands for card management.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-11 specifies personal verification through biometric methods.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-13 specifies commands for application management in a multi-application environment.
 - ISO/IEC 7816-15 specifies cryptographic information application.

ISO/IEC 10536 (all parts) specifies access by close coupling. ISO/IEC 14443 (all parts) and ISO/IEC 15693 (all parts) specify access by radio frequency. Such cards are also known as contactless cards.

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1 Scope

This document specifies interindustry commands for card, file and other structure management, i.e. data object and security object. These commands cover the entire life cycle of the card and therefore some commands are used before the card has been issued to the cardholder or after the card has expired. For details on record life cycle status, refer to ISO/IEC 7816-4.

It is not applicable to the internal implementation within the card and/or the outside world.

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/IEC 7816-4:2013, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

object

structure (according to ISO/IEC 7816-4) or *security object* (3.3)

3.2

secure messaging

set of means for cryptographic protection of (parts of) command-response pairs

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 7816-4:2013, 3.50]

3.3

security object

standalone *object* (3.1) nested in an EF, a record, a data object, a DataString or a combination thereof that endorses security handling according to ISO/IEC 7816-4

A1 3.4

quantum safe cryptography

cryptographic systems that are secure against both quantum and classical computers

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 7816-8:2021/Amd 1:2023, 3.29]

3.5

common parameter

public value that is used to control the operation of a cryptographic algorithm or that is used by a cryptographic algorithm to compute outputs

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 7816-8:2021/Amd 1:2023, 3.11] **A1**