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## Introduction

Names and naming are central concepts for the design and construction of open distributed systems. Most existing systems are built upon the assumption of a naming scheme in which only one selected naming convention applies to all the entities of concern (a global naming scheme). This assumption proves unsatisfactory in the context of large, evolving, heterogeneous distributed systems, managed by different authorities. Therefore, ITU-T Recs. X.90x series | ISO/IEC 10746, the Reference Model for Open Distributed Processing (ODP-RM), defines names to be context-relative.

This Recommendation | International Standard expands on the naming concepts introduced in the ODP-RM. It provides a general framework for naming, giving concepts and procedures which support fully general context-relative naming. These concepts can be applied in any ODP viewpoint. They can be applied to any function which uses naming and is subject to distribution or federation.