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Foreword

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ISO/IEC 29182 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Sensor networks: Sensor Network Reference Architecture (SNRA)*:

- *Part 1: General overview and requirements*
- *Part 2: Vocabulary and terminology*
- *Part 3: Reference architecture views*
- *Part 4: Entity models*
- *Part 5: Interface definitions*
- *Part 6: Applications*
- *Part 7: Interoperability guidelines*

Introduction

A wide range of applications has been proposed for sensor networks. In practice however, sensor networks have been built and deployed for a relatively small number of applications. This is partly due to the lack of a business case for certain applications and partly due to technical challenges in building a non-trivial sensor network of reasonable complexity. The main reason for this impediment is that multidisciplinary expertise, such as sensors, communications and networking, signal processing, electronics, computing, and cyber security is required to design a sensor network. Presently, the design process is so complex that one can leverage little from one sensor network design to another. It appears as if one has to start from almost scratch every time one wishes to design and deploy a sensor network. Yet, upon closer inspection, there are many commonalities in instantiations of sensor networks that realize various applications. These commonalities include similarities in the choice of network architecture, and the entities/functional blocks that are used in the architecture.

The purpose of the ISO/IEC 29182 series is to

- provide guidance to facilitate the design and development of sensor networks,
- improve interoperability of sensor networks, and
- make sensor networks plug-and-play, so that it becomes fairly easy to add/remove sensor nodes to/from an existing sensor network.

The ISO/IEC 29182 series can be used by sensor network designers, software developers, and service providers to meet customer requirements, including any applicable interoperability requirements.

The ISO/IEC 29182 series comprises seven parts. Brief descriptions of these parts are given next.

ISO/IEC 29182-1 provides a general overview and the requirements for the sensor network reference architecture.

ISO/IEC 29182-2 provides definitions for the terminology and vocabulary used in the reference architecture.

ISO/IEC 29182-3 presents the reference architecture from various viewpoints, such as business, operational, system, technical, functional, and logical views.

ISO/IEC 29182-4 categorizes the entities comprising the reference architecture into two classes of physical and functional entities and presents models for the entities. ISO/IEC 29182-5 provides detailed information on the interfaces among various entities in the reference architecture.

This part of ISO/IEC 29182 provides detailed information on the development of International Standardized Profiles.

ISO/IEC 29182-7 provides design principles for the reference architecture that take the interoperability requirements into account.

There are no requirements for compliance in ISO/IEC 29182-1 to ISO/IEC 29182-7. Users should ensure that the sensor nodes and the related sensor network are compliant with the application or deployment governing body.