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## Foreword

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- Part 2: Foundation (SQL/Foundation)
- Part 3: Call-Level Interface (SQL/CLI)
- Part 4: Persistent Stored Modules (SQL/PSM)
- Part 9: Management of External Data (SQL/MED)
- Part 10: Object Language Bindings (SQL/OLB)
- Part 11: Information and Definition Schemas (SQL/Schemata)
- Part 13: SQL Routines and Types Using the Java™ Programming Language (SQL/JRT)
- Part 14: XML-Related Specifications (SQL/XML)

## Introduction

The organization of this part of ISO/IEC 9075-14 is as follows:

- 1) Clause 1, “Scope”, specifies the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 2) Clause 2, “Normative references”, identifies additional standards that, through reference in this part of ISO/IEC 9075, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 3) Clause 3, “Definitions, notations and conventions”, defines the notations and conventions used in this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 4) Clause 4, “Concepts”, presents concepts related to this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 5) Clause 5, “Lexical elements”, defines the lexical elements of the language.
- 6) Clause 6, “Scalar expressions”, defines the elements of the language that produce scalar values.
- 7) Clause 7, “Query expressions”, defines the elements of the language that produce rows and tables of data.
- 8) Clause 8, “Predicates”, defines the predicates of the language.
- 9) Clause 9, “Mappings”, defines the ways in which certain SQL information can be mapped into XML and certain XML information can be mapped into SQL.
- 10) Clause 10, “Additional common rules”, specifies the rules for assignments that retrieve data from or store data into SQL-data, and formation rules for set operations.
- 11) Clause 11, “Additional common elements”, defines additional language elements that are used in various parts of the language.
- 12) Clause 12, “Schema definition and manipulation”, defines facilities for creating and managing a schema.
- 13) Clause 13, “SQL-client modules”, defines SQL-client modules and externally-invoked procedures.
- 14) Clause 14, “Data manipulation”, defines the data manipulation statements.
- 15) Clause 15, “Control statements”, defines the SQL-control statements.
- 16) Clause 16, “Session management”, defines the SQL-session management statements.
- 17) Clause 17, “Dynamic SQL”, defines the SQL dynamic statements.
- 18) Clause 18, “Embedded SQL”, defines the host language embeddings.
- 19) Clause 19, “Diagnostics management”, defines the diagnostics management facilities.
- 20) Clause 20, “Information Schema”, defines viewed tables that contain schema information.
- 21) Clause 21, “Definition Schema”, defines base tables on which the viewed tables containing schema information depend.
- 22) Clause 22, “The SQL/XML XML Schema”, defines the content of an XML namespace that is used when SQL and XML are utilized together.
- 23) Clause 23, “Status codes”, defines values that identify the status of the execution of SQL-statements and the mechanisms by which those values are returned.

- 24) Clause 24, “Conformance”, specifies the way in which conformance to this part of ISO/IEC 9075 may be claimed.
- 25) Annex A, “SQL Conformance Summary”, is an informative Annex. It summarizes the conformance requirements of the SQL language.
- 26) Annex B, “Implementation-defined elements”, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 9075 states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or any other behavior is partly or wholly implementation-defined.
- 27) Annex C, “Implementation-dependent elements”, is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this part of ISO/IEC 9075 states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or any other behavior is partly or wholly implementation-dependent.
- 28) Annex D, “Deprecated features”, is an informative Annex. It lists features that the responsible Technical Committee intend will not appear in a future revised version of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 29) Annex E, “Incompatibilities with ISO/IEC 9075-14:2006”, is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous version of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
- 30) Annex F, “SQL feature taxonomy”, is an informative Annex. It identifies features of the SQL language specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9075 by an identifier and a short descriptive name. This taxonomy is used to specify conformance and may be used to develop other profiles involving the SQL language.
- 31) Annex G, “Defect reports not addressed in this edition of this part of ISO/IEC 9075”, is an informative Annex. It describes the Defect Reports that were known at the time of publication of this part of this International Standard. Each of these problems is a problem carried forward from the previous edition of ISO/IEC 9075. No new problems have been created in the drafting of this edition of this International Standard.

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