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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard of the ISO geographic information suite of standards is concerned with the adoption and use of a conceptual schema language (CSL) for developing computer interpretable models, or schemas, of geographic information. Standardization of geographic information requires the use of a formal CSL to specify unambiguous schemas that can serve as a basis for data interchange and the definition of interoperable services. An important goal of the ISO geographic information suite of standards is to create a framework in which data interchange and service interoperability can be realized across multiple implementation environments. The adoption and consistent use of a CSL to specify geographic information is of fundamental importance in achieving this goal.

There are two aspects to this International Standard. First, a CSL is selected that meets the requirements for rigorous representation of geographic information. This International Standard identifies the combination of the Unified Modeling Language (UML) static structure diagram with its associated Object Constraint Language (OCL) and a set of basic type definitions as the conceptual schema language for specification of geographic information. Secondly, this International Standard provides guidelines on how UML should be used to create geographic information models that are a basis for achieving the goal of interoperability.

One goal of the ISO geographic information suite of standards using UML models is that they will provide a basis for model based mapping to encoding schemas like the ones defined in ISO 19118, as well as a basis for creating implementation specifications for implementation profiles for various other environments.

This International Standard describes the general metamodel for use of UML in the context of the ISO geographic information series of standards. Aspects specifically dealing with the modelling of application schemas are described in ISO 19109.

This International Standard is a revision of a previous version from 2005. Changes are documented in Clause 5.

