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- no direct inheritance from Administered Item of ISO/IEC 11179-3 in [5.2](#) and [5.4](#) to align with ISO/IEC 19763-10;
- clarification in [5.4](#) that "Ontology_Language", "Ontology_Whole", "Ontology_Component" and "Ontology_Atomic_Construct" are inherited from "Modelling_Language", "Model" or "Model_Element" of ISO/IEC 19763-10;
- changes of attribute and reference names in [5.4](#) and [5.5](#) to align with ISO/IEC 19763-10 (see [Annex D](#));
- editorial changes throughout the document to fully align with ISO/IEC Directives Part 2.

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Introduction

Interoperability among heterogeneous application systems serves to improve business performance. To promote it, unambiguous and formal specifications of the systems, especially of their inputs and outputs, are indispensable. Ontologies have a key role for that.

Several efforts to establish standards associated with ontologies have been made. But, most of them specify languages or are based on some particular language. To promote ontology-based interoperability, in addition to them, a generic framework for registering administrative and evolution information related to ontologies, independent of languages, is necessary.

This document provides a generic framework for registering administrative and evolution information related to ontologies.

The metamodels of ontologies expressed in specific languages and the mappings among them are specified in other specifications such as Reference [1].

Figure 1 illustrates the MFI ontology registration specified in this document.

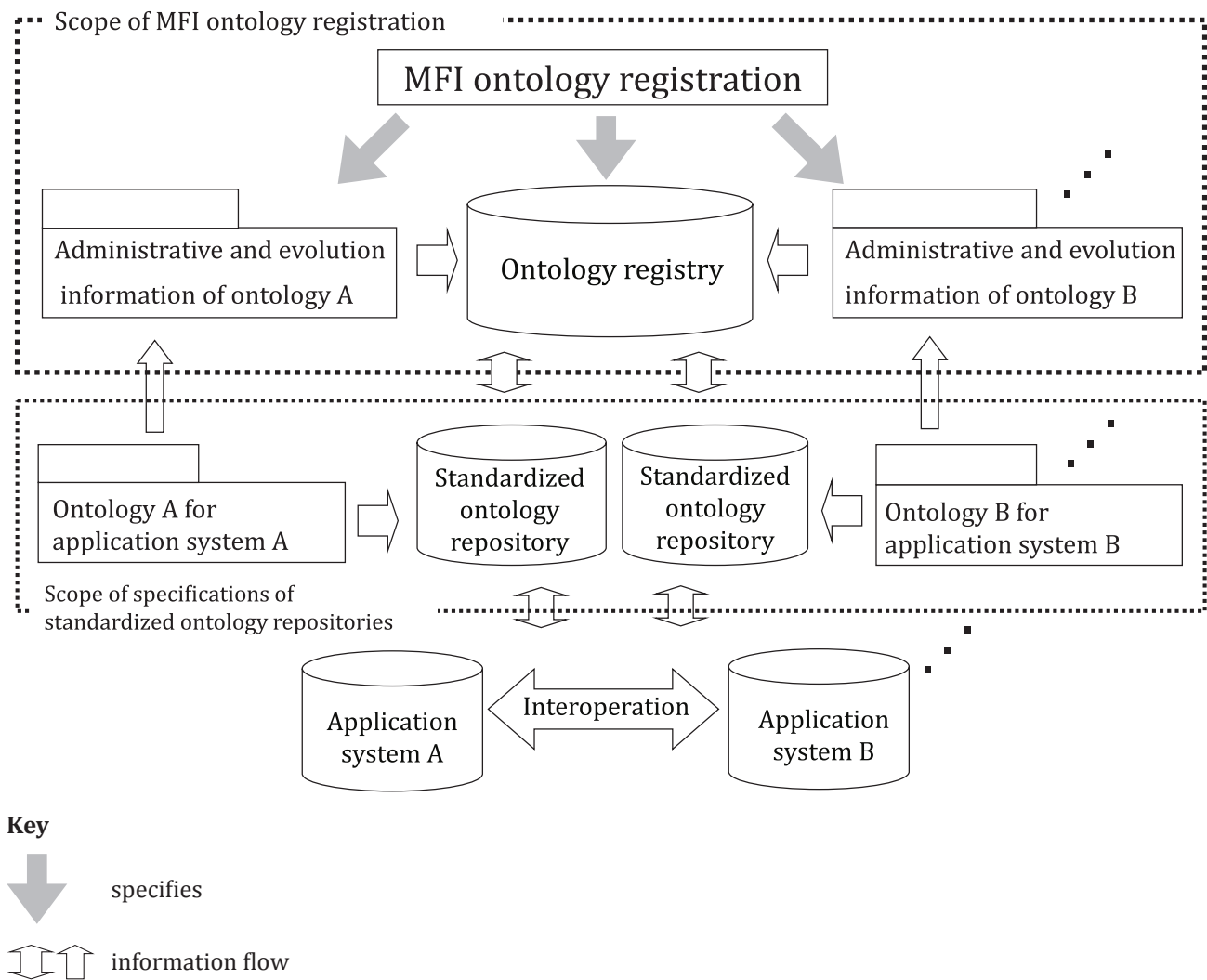


Figure 1 — MFI ontology registration