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- b) maturity identification using stages; and
- c) new profiles.

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Introduction

The host-based storage part of the Information Technology – Storage Management contains profiles and other clauses for management of host-based storage devices. Host-based storage devices provide storage capabilities to a host computer system. Examples of these devices include Fiber Channel Host Bus Adapters, Serial Attached SCSI Host Bus Adapters, RAID Controllers, JBODs (Just-A-Bunch-Of-Disks) and Operating System-discovered storage resources. The host-based profiles describe the manageability required for each device and the connectivity to the host computer system. The host-based profiles leverage existing subprofiles within this standard, as well as other profiles from the Distributed Management Task Force, where applicable, to create a comprehensive management model.

Parts of this Standard

This International Standard is subdivided into the following parts:

- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 1: Overview*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 2: Common architecture*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 3: Common profiles*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 4: Block devices*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 5: Filesystems*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 6: Fabric*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 7: Host elements*
- *Information technology – Storage management – Part 8: Media libraries*

Changes since the Last Edition

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2011 and constitutes a technical revision. This edition includes the following significant changes with respect to the previous edition. The changes fall into three broad categories:

- **Improved organization.** The International Standard has been reorganized into eight parts to provide more information more easily. The parts are:
 - *Part 1 Overview:* The overview book provides a high level overview of the standard.
 - *Part 2 Common Architecture:* This part covers general information about the interface, such as security and protocols.
 - *Part 3 Common Profiles:* This part covers component profiles that extend profiles in other books, such as target ports and job control.
 - *Part 4 Block Devices:* This part covers storage profiles that support various forms of disk storage.
 - *Part 5 Filesystems:* This part covers profiles that support filesystems, such as NAS (Network Attached Storage).
 - *Part 6 Fabric:* This part covers profiles that deal with interconnection of host servers and storage devices, such as switches.
 - *Part 7 Host Elements:* This part covers profiles for storage software on host servers, such as disk partitioning and Host Hardware RAID controllers.
 - *Part 8 Media Libraries:* This part covers profiles that deal with removable media such as tape libraries.
- **Maturity identification.** As material is added to the standard it goes through various stages of maturity. The initial stage is *Experimental*, which is material that has not yet been implemented and is subject to change. The other stages indicate the degree of implementations. The stages are:
 - **Experimental:** Full design review, no commercial implementations.

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- **Implemented:** Initial implementations available, may be removed at minor revision.
- **Stable:** Three or more vendors have implemented the identified material, backward compatibility assured, removed only at major revision.
- **Finalized:** Relies solely on Finalized content, deprecated only at major revision.
- **Deprecated:** Obsolete material, may be removed in future revisions.
For a more detailed explanation of each maturity level and its typographical indication, see Clause 4 Typographical Conventions.
- **Expanded scope.** The range of SAN components modeled by the profiles defined in the parts has been greatly expanded.
- New profiles include:
 - *Part 3 Common Profiles:* Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) Target Port, Serial ATA (SATA) Target Ports, SB Target Port, SAS Initiator Ports, ATA Initiator Ports, FC-SB-x Initiator Ports, FCoE Initiator Ports, Power Supply, Fan, Sensors, Base Server, Media Access Device, Storage Enclosure, Software Inventory, Profile Registration, Proxy Server System Management, Operational Power.
 - *Part 4 Block Devices:* Block Storage Views, CKD Block Services, Erasure, Storage Server Asymmetry, Volume Composition, Storage Element Protection, Replication Services, Pools from Volumes, Group Masking and Mapping, Thin Provisioning.
 - *Part 5 Filesystems:* File Export, File Server Manipulation, File Storage, Filesystem, Filesystem Copy Services, Filesystem Performance, Filesystem Quotas, NAS Network Port, Host Filesystem, Filesystem Remote Copy Services.
 - *Part 6 Fabric:* Fibre Channel Security, Fabric Views, Virtual Fabrics, Switch Partitioning, SAS Expander, N Port Virtualizer, Inter Fabric Routing.
 - *Part 7 Host Elements:* Storage HBA, Host Hardware RAID Controller.
 - *Part 8 Media Libraries:* Partitioned Tape Library, Virtual Tape Library, Virtual Tape Library Copy and Library Views.
- The following experimental profiles were removed from the International Standard:
 - *Part 3 Common Profiles:* Security, 3rd Party Authentication, Authorization, Credential Management, Identity Management, Security Role Based Access Control and Security Resource Ownership.
 - *Part 4 Block Devices:* Pool Management Policy.
- The following profiles were deprecated:
 - *Part 3 Common Profiles:* Cascading (replaced by direct use of cascading classes).
 - *Part 4 Block Devices:* Volume Management (and not replaced).
 - *Part 6 Fabric:* Router (and not replaced).
 - *Part 7 Host Elements:* FC HBA (replaced by Storage HBA), SB Multipath Management (and not replaced).
 - *Part 8 Media Libraries:* InterLibraryPort Connection (and not replaced).
- In addition, many of the existing profiles have been enhanced.

This International Standard was prepared by the SNIA (Storage Networking Industry Association)¹. The standard is often referred to as **SMI-S** (*Storage Management Initiative Specification*).

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