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Introduction

The organization 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 20, “Diagnostics management”, defines the diagnostics management facilities.
- 20) Clause 21, “Information Schema”, defines viewed tables that contain schema information.
- 21) Clause 22, “Definition Schema”, defines base tables on which the viewed tables containing schema information depend.
- 22) Clause 23, “The SQL/XML XML Schema”, defines the content of an XML namespace that is used when SQL and XML are utilized together.
- 23) Clause 24, “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 25, “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 9075:2011”**, is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous version of this part of ISO/IEC 9075.
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