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- the definition for hybrid cloud was changed;
- definitions for CSC role, CSP role, and CSN role were added;
- the definitions for CSC, CSP, and CSN were revised to leverage CSC role, CSP role, and CSN role, respectively;
- the ISO/IEC 27000 definitions for confidentiality, integrity, and information security were removed;
- the definition of inter-cloud computing was changed;
- terms relating to multi-cloud were added;
- peer cloud service and peer cloud service provider were replaced with secondary cloud service and secondary cloud service provider, respectively; and
- terms relating to multiplicity and organization of cloud services were added into a new subclause.

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1 Scope

This document defines terms used in the field of cloud computing.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Terms related to cloud computing foundation

3.1.1

cloud computing

paradigm for enabling network access to a scalable and elastic pool of shareable physical or virtual resources with self-service provisioning and administration on-demand

Note 1 to entry: Examples of resources include servers, operating systems, networks, software, applications, and storage equipment.

Note 2 to entry: Self-service provisioning refers to the provisioning of resources provided to *cloud services* (3.1.2) performed by *cloud service customers* (3.3.2) through automated means.

3.1.2

cloud service

one or more capabilities offered via *cloud computing* (3.1.1) invoked using a defined interface

3.1.3

cloud solution

cloud services (3.1.2) combined and controlled to meet *cloud service customer* (3.3.2) requirements

Note 1 to entry: A *cloud solution* can use any combination of *cloud deployment models* (3.2.1).