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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO/IEC 11179-35 is part of the 4th Edition modularization of ISO/IEC 11179. This document brings into ISO/IEC 11179 the ability to register models and metamodels. As such, it provides alternative facilities to those specified in ISO/IEC 19763 (see References [4] to [14]).

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 11179 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

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Introduction

In the ISO/IEC 11179 series, the structure of a Metadata Registry is specified in the form of a conceptual data model. ISO/IEC 11179-3 specifies a metamodel for registry common facilities, which is intended to be extended by other parts of ISO/IEC 11179 for specific purposes.

This document provides a specification of the extensions to the registry metamodel specified in ISO/IEC 11179-3 to enable the registration of metadata about models and their associated metamodels. These models can be information or data models, process models, models of web services or any other type of models used in software engineering or information processing. All such models can be considered as metadata.

In Clauses 6 and 7 and Annex C, this document uses:

— **bold** font to highlight terms which represent metadata objects specified by the metamodel;

— normal font for terms which represent concepts defined in Clause 3.

EXAMPLE **Model_Element** (7.2.2.3) is a class each instance of which models a model element.

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1 Scope

This document provides a specification for an extension to a Metadata Registry (MDR), as specified in ISO/IEC 11179-3, in which metadata that describes models, and their associated metamodels, can be registered.

The specification in this document, together with the relevant clauses of the specification in ISO/IEC 11179-3, provides the ability to record metadata about:

a) models used in software engineering or information processing, for example, information or data models, process models, models of web services or any other type of models used to develop software systems or the processing of information;

b) the concepts associated with the various elements within the models;

c) the metamodels associated with the models;

d) the mappings identified between the models, between the metamodels, and between the models and their associated metamodels – this is achieved by using the mapping facilities specified in ISO/IEC 11179-3.

This document is applicable to the formulation of models and metamodels to be shared among people and machines, independent of the organization that produces the model or metamodel. It is not applicable to the physical instantiation of any model.

2 Normative references

The following document is referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 11179-3:2023, *Information technology — Metadata registries (MDR) — Part 3: Metamodel for registry common facilities*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 11179-3 and the following apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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