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Interconnection — Procedures for the  
operation of OSI Registration Authorities:  
Registration of Object Identifier arcs  
beneath the top-level arc jointly  
administered by ISO and ITU-T**

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d'objet au-dessous de l'arc de niveau supérieur administré  
conjointement par l'ISO et l'UIT-T*

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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO/IEC 9834-3:2005), which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 9834 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Procedures for the operation of OSI Registration Authorities*:

- *Part 1: General procedures and top arcs of the International Object Identifier tree*
- *Part 2: Registration procedures for OSI document types*
- *Part 3: Registration of Object Identifier arcs beneath the top-level arc jointly administered by ISO and ITU-T*
- *Part 4: Register of VTE Profiles*
- *Part 5: Register of VT Control Object Definitions*
- *Part 6: Registration of application processes and application entities*
- *Part 7: Joint ISO and ITU-T Registration of International Organizations*
- *Part 8: Generation and registration of Universally Unique Identifiers (UUIDs) and their use as ASN.1 Object Identifier components*
- *Part 9: Registration of object identifier arcs for applications and services using tag-based identification*

## Introduction

ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1 defines procedures for registration to meet requirements for assignment of unambiguous names to objects. These registration procedures are generally applicable to registration independent of the type of object involved. In particular, ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1 defines the International Object Identifier tree, which is a tree whose nodes correspond to objects that are registered and whose non-leaf nodes may be Registration Authorities. ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1 also defines procedures for the delegation of authority for the assignment of names in order to ensure that names are unambiguous. The International Object Identifier tree supports the ASN.1 object identifier and OID internationalized resource identifier types.

The root of the International Object Identifier tree is ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1. There are three root arcs from this root:

<i>Primary integer value</i>	<i>Resulting integer-valued Unicode label</i>	<i>(Non-integer) Unicode label</i>	<i>Secondary identifier</i>
0	"0"	"ITU-T"	itu-t
1	"1"	"ISO"	iso
2	"2"	"Joint-ISO-ITU-T"	joint-iso-itu-t

The Registration Authority for the nodes identified by the top-level arcs with primary integer values 0 and 1 (Unicode labels "ITU-T" and "ISO") are provided by ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1, Annex A. Further discussion is beyond the scope of this Recommendation | International Standard.

The operation of the Registration Authority for the node identified by the joint arc (see 3.3) is specified in this Recommendation | International Standard. The corresponding register is called the "Register of arcs beneath the top arc with primary integer value 2".

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**INTERNATIONAL STANDARD  
ITU-T RECOMMENDATION**

**Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Procedures for  
the operation of OSI Registration Authorities: Registration of object  
identifier arcs beneath the top-level arc jointly administered  
by ISO and ITU-T**

## 1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the procedures for adding or modifying entries in the "Register of arcs beneath the top level arc with primary integer value 2" and for the publication of such entries.

## 2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

### 2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- ITU-T Recommendation X.660 (2008) | ISO/IEC 9834-1:2008, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Procedures for the operation of OSI Registration Authorities: General procedures and top arcs of the International Object Identifier tree.*
- ITU-T Recommendation X.680 (2008) | ISO/IEC 8824-1:2008, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation.*

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply.

### 3.1 ASN.1 terms

This Recommendation | International Standard uses the following terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.680 | ISO/IEC 8824-1:

- a) object identifier type;
- b) OID internationalized resource identifier type.

### 3.2 International Object Identifier tree terms

This Recommendation | International Standard uses the following terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1:

- a) additional secondary identifier;
- b) additional Unicode label;
- c) integer-valued Unicode label;
- d) International Object Identifier tree;

- e) Joint ITU-T | ISO/IEC JTC 1 Collaborative Team for object identifiers;
- f) long arc;
- g) non-integer Unicode label;
- h) primary integer value;
- i) Registration Authority;
- j) relevant ITU-T Study Group;
- k) relevant ISO/IEC JTC 1 Sub-Committee;
- l) secondary identifier;
- m) Unicode label.

### 3.3 Additional definitions

**3.3.1 joint arc:** The root arc of the International Object Identifier tree that has primary integer value 2, Unicode label "Joint-ISO-ITU-T" and secondary identifier joint-iso-itu-t.

## 4 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following abbreviations apply:

- ASN.1 Abstract Syntax Notation One
- OID Object Identifier

## 5 General information

**5.1** When a new arc is allocated beneath the joint arc, it identifies an international organization or an area of joint work between ITU-T and ISO.

**5.2** Where an allocation is made to an international organization or to an area of joint work, the responsible officers shall ensure that an appropriate tree of Registration Authorities be established in order to record all subsequent allocations.

**5.3** The allocation determines the primary integer value and optionally one or more Unicode labels and secondary identifiers for the new arc.

**5.4** The allocation may also add a new long arc from the root to directly identify the new node in accordance with ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO 9834-1, A.6. It may also add additional secondary identifiers or additional Unicode labels to the joint arc in accordance with ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO 9834-1, A.7.

NOTE – The provision for additional secondary identifiers or additional Unicode labels on the root nodes pre-dated the provision for long arcs. The long arc mechanism would normally be preferred.

## 6 Elements of information of a register entry

**6.1** The elements of information of a register entry shall be:

- a) the identification of a new node (Registration Authority) in the International Object Identifier tree by assigning a primary value and names to a new arc beneath the joint arc; the names shall consist of:
  - 1) an integer-valued Unicode label (defined by the primary integer value) and;
  - 2) (optionally) one or more non-integer Unicode labels; and
  - 3) (optionally) one or more secondary identifiers;
- b) either:
  - 1) an area of joint ISO/IEC and ITU-T work which will be the Registration Authority responsible for the allocation of a sub-tree beneath the arc specified in a) above, specified by the ISO project number and the number of the International Standard in which the sub-tree arcs will be specified, and the ITU-T Study Group, Study Period, and Question, and the number of the ITU-T (or CCITT) Recommendation in which the sub-tree arcs will be specified, and a brief title; or

- 2) an international organization which will be the Registration Authority responsible for the allocation of a sub-tree beneath the arc specified in a) above;
- EXAMPLE – The Universal Postal Union (UPU) or the Organization for Advancing Open Standards for the Information Society (OASIS) are examples of such international organizations.
- c) status of the entry indicating whether the entry is "active" or "deleted"; and
- d) either:
- 1) a "Responsible Officer" nominated by ISO/IEC and a "Responsible Officer" nominated by ITU-T, who will jointly agree on the assignment of sub-tree arcs within the area of work; or
  - 2) a "Responsible Officer" in the international organization that is responsible for the assignment of sub-tree arcs for that organization.

**6.2** The registration entry for an arc from the joint arc shall be identified by specifying that it is the entry for an arc from the joint arc and by giving its primary integer value. An alternative form of identification would be by the use of an IRI/URI value (see ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1, Annex F), with either two Unicode labels or a single Unicode label for the long arc (if one has been allocated).

## 7 Procedures

### 7.1 Maintenance of the register

The "Register of arcs beneath the root arc with primary integer value 2" is to be maintained in accordance with ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1, A.8.1.4, recording for each entry the information required by clause 6, using the proforma in Annex A or otherwise.

NOTE – It is recommended that the Register be made publicly available through the OID repository at <http://www.oid-info.com/get/2>.

### 7.2 Recording of entries

**7.2.1** The register is to have new entries added as the result of simple resolutions by the relevant ISO/IEC JTC 1 Sub-Committee, ratified by decisions of the relevant ITU-T Study Group, or as the result of decisions by the relevant ITU-T Study Group, ratified by simple resolutions by the relevant ISO/IEC JTC 1 Sub-Committee.

**7.2.2** The non-integer Unicode labels (if any) and secondary identifiers (if any) of the arc beneath joint arc shall be requested by the Responsible Officers of ISO/IEC and ITU-T (see 6.1.d.1) or of the international organization (see 6.1.d.2) as specified in ITU-T Rec. X.660 | ISO/IEC 9834-1, A.8.2. If a requested Unicode label or secondary identifier is already assigned within the register, or otherwise deemed inappropriate by the International Registration Authority, the request shall be rejected by the Registration Authority. Otherwise, the non-integer Unicode label and secondary identifiers shall be assigned.

**7.2.3** The primary integer value (defining the integer-valued Unicode label) of the arc shall be assigned by the International Registration Authority. This value shall normally be increased sequentially by the positive integer one, i.e., +1, above the last assigned primary integer value in the register.

NOTE – The top two arcs of the International Object Identifier tree will encode into a single octet in an ASN.1 object identifier encoding if and only if the primary integer value is in the range 0 to 47, and allocations may be made from 48 upwards if a short identification is not considered necessary for this application.

### 7.3 Deletion of entries

**7.3.1** The status entry shall be updated upon activation or deletion of an entry.

**7.3.2** Entries shall be marked as deleted (but still retained) as the result of simple resolutions by the relevant ISO/IEC JTC 1 Sub-Committee, ratified by decisions of the relevant ITU-T Study Group, or as the result of decisions by the relevant ITU-T Study Group, ratified by simple resolutions by the relevant ISO/IEC JTC 1 Sub-Committee, when no further assignments of object identifiers are expected in the area of work. The primary integer values (defining the integer-valued Unicode labels) and the non-integer Unicode labels of arcs marked as deleted shall never be reused for a new arc.