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environments, and system software
interfaces — ECMAScript®
Specification Suite**

*Technologies de l'information — Langues de programmation, leur
environnement et interfaces des logiciels de systèmes — Suite de
spécifications ECMAScript®*



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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO/IEC 22275 cancels and replaces ISO/IEC 16262:2011. Technical content has been replaced with normative references to ECMA-262 and ECMA-402 which, together, were equivalent to the former ISO/IEC 16262:2011. This first edition of ISO/IEC 22275 is complemented with additional specifications, thus now establishing a full specification Suite.

Introduction

ECMAScript is the general purpose programming language that is an essential part of the Web Browser application platform, but it is also widely used in many other environments.

Essential components of an ECMAScript implementation are described in several individual standards and technical reports.

The ECMAScript Specification Suite is just a collection of those. The specifications that define the ECMAScript programming language and its built-in libraries are developed by Ecma International.

The International Standard for ECMAScript Specification Suite defined by this document aggregate these specifications via normative and informative references to the latest published Ecma International ECMAScript specifications. This has the advantage that an update of the Suite is only needed if there is a change (addition or deletion) in the set of the individual ECMAScript standards and technical reports.

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines the ECMAScript Specification Suite containing the ECMAScript programming language and its required and optional built-in libraries. It defines all the necessary components (both normative and informative) that is needed to implement this suite of standards. This suite does not change if one or more components are updated by a new standard edition. The Suite changes only when new components are added and / or old components are removed from it.

2 Normative references

The following documents are 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.

ECMA-262, *ECMAScript® Language Specification*

ECMA-402, *ECMAScript® Internationalization API Specification*

ISO/IEC 21778, *Information technology — The JSON data interchange syntax* [Adoption of ECMA-404]

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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

4 ECMAScript

An implementation of ECMAScript consists of the ECMAScript programming language, required built-in libraries, and optional built-in libraries. The implementation of the ECMAScript language and required library shall conform to ECMA-262. The required library include data interchange functions that shall conform to ISO/IEC 21778. An implementation of ECMAScript may include an optional internationalization library that if included shall conform to ECMA-402.

The following Standards constitute the current ECMAScript Specification Suite (see [Figure 1](#)):

- ECMA-262, *ECMAScript® Language Specification*
- ECMA-402, *ECMAScript® Internationalization API Specification*
- ISO/IEC 21778, *The JSON data interchange syntax* [Adoption of ECMA-404]

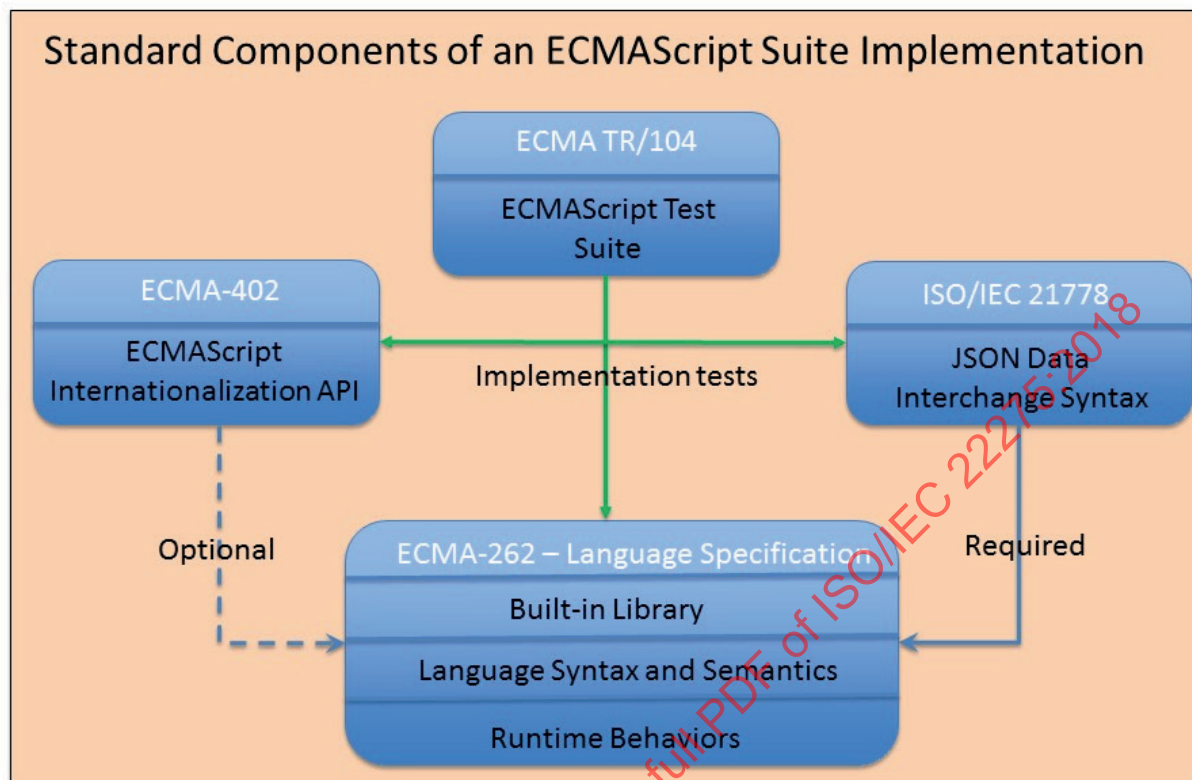


Figure 1 — Components of the ECMAScript Specification Suite Standard

4.1 ECMA-262, ECMAScript® Language Specification

This Standard defines the ECMAScript general purpose programming language. The language specification defines the syntax and semantics of the ECMAScript language; the language's execution environment; and, a built-in library that is available for use by ECMAScript programs as they execute.

4.2 ECMA-402, ECMAScript® Internationalization API Specification

This Standard defines the application programming interface for ECMAScript objects that support programs that need to adapt to the linguistic and cultural conventions used by different human languages and countries.

4.3 ISO/IEC 21778, The JSON data interchange syntax

JSON is a lightweight, text-based, language-independent syntax for defining data interchange formats. It was derived from the ECMAScript programming language, but is programming language independent. JSON defines a small set of structuring rules for the portable representation of structured data.

5 ECMAScript Test Suite

ECMA TR/104, ECMAScript® Test Suite, provides a set of non-normative software tests that ECMAScript implementers can use to help verify conformant ECMAScript implementations.