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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 24775-1:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— USAGE text was revised to address code (now included in the front matter for all SNIA specifications)

— All recipes and their references were deleted.

— Instances of subprofile were changed to profile. In the annex, instances of subprofile were changed to component profile (TSG meeting voice vote).

— Profile versions and related text were updated. (TSG meeting voice vote).

— Indications have been replaced by DMTF Indications, and all affected clauses updated. (TSG meeting voice vote).

— Instances of Experimental within profiles already labeled as Experimental were removed to avoid confusion and redundancy. (Editorial change)

— CIM/XML was changed to CIM-XML (Response to ballot comments).

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— Annex: SMI-S Information Model.

— The CIM schema version was changed to 2.51 for V1.8.0 Rev3.

— Substantial editorial clean up to align CIM references with existing XML.

— Team WBEM server used consistently.

— Changes references from the Indication Profile to the Indications Profile in the Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 3 Common Profiles, which now references the DMTF Indications.

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Each publication of this specification is uniquely identified by a three-level identifier, comprised of a version number, a release number and an update number. The current identifier for this specification is version 1.8.0. Future publications of this specification are subject to specific constraints on the scope of change that is permissible from one publication to the next and the degree of interoperability and backward compatibility that should be assumed between products designed to different publications of this standard. The SNIA has defined three levels of change to a specification:

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TYPOGRAPHICAL CONVENTIONS

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In addition to informative and normative content, this specification includes guidance about the maturity of emerging material that has completed a rigorous design review but has limited implementation in commercial products. This material is clearly delineated as described in the following sections. The typographical convention is intended to provide a sense of the maturity of the affected material, without altering its normative content. By recognizing the relative maturity of different sections of the standard, an implementer should be able to make more informed decisions about the adoption and deployment of different portions of the standard in a commercial product.

This specification has been structured to convey both the formal requirements and assumptions of the SMI-S API and its emerging implementation and deployment lifecycle. Over time, the intent is that all content in the specification will represent a mature and stable design, be verified by extensive implementation experience, assure consistent support for backward compatibility, and rely solely on content material that has reached a similar level of maturity. Unless explicitly labeled with one of the subordinate maturity levels defined for this specification, content is assumed to satisfy these requirements and is referred to as "Finalized". Since much of the evolving specification

content in any given release will not have matured to that level, this specification defines three subordinate levels of implementation maturity that identify important aspects of the content's increasing maturity and stability. Each subordinate maturity level is defined by its level of implementation experience, its stability and its reliance on other emerging standards. Each subordinate maturity level is identified by a unique typographical tagging convention that clearly distinguishes content at one maturity model from content at another level.

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Experimental Maturity Level

No material is included in this document unless its initial architecture has been completed and reviewed. Some content included in this document has complete and reviewed design, but lacks implementation experience and the maturity gained through implementation experience. This content is included in order to gain wider review and to gain implementation experience. This material is referred to as “Experimental”. It is presented here as an aid to implementers who are interested in likely future developments within the SMI specification. The contents of an Experimental profile may change as implementation experience is gained. There is a high likelihood that the changed content will be included in an upcoming revision of the specification. Experimental material can advance to a higher maturity level as soon as implementations are available. Figure 1 is a sample of the typographical convention for Experimental content.

EXPERIMENTAL

Experimental content appears here.

EXPERIMENTAL

Figure 1 - Experimental Maturity Level Tag

Implemented Maturity Level

Profiles for which initial implementations have been completed are classified as “Implemented”. This indicates that at least two different vendors have implemented the profile, including at least one provider implementation. At this maturity level, the underlying architecture and modeling are stable, and changes in future revisions will be limited to the correction of deficiencies identified through additional implementation experience. Should the material become obsolete in the future, it must be deprecated in a minor revision of the specification prior to its removal from subsequent releases. Figure 2 is a sample of the typographical convention for Implemented content.

IMPLEMENTED

Implemented content appears here.

IMPLEMENTED

Figure 2 - Implemented Maturity Level Tag

Stable Maturity Level

Once content at the Implemented maturity level has garnered additional implementation experience, it can be tagged at the Stable maturity level. Material at this maturity level has been implemented by three different vendors, including both a provider and a client. Should material that has reached this maturity level become obsolete, it may only be deprecated as part of a minor revision to the specification. Material at this maturity level that has been deprecated may only be removed from the specification as part of a major revision. A profile that has reached this maturity level is guaranteed to preserve backward compatibility from one minor specification revision to the next. As a result, Profiles at or above the Stable

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maturity level shall not rely on any content that is Experimental. Figure 3 is a sample of the typographical convention for Implemented content.

STABLE

Stable content appears here.

STABLE

Figure 3 - Stable Maturity Level Tag

Finalized Maturity Level

Content that has reached the highest maturity level is referred to as “Finalized.” In addition to satisfying the requirements for the Stable maturity level, content at the Finalized maturity level must solely depend upon or refine material that has also reached the Finalized level. If specification content depends upon material that is not under the control of the SNIA, and therefore not subject to its maturity level definitions, then the external content is evaluated by the SNIA to assure that it has achieved a comparable level of completion, stability, and implementation experience. Should material that has reached this maturity level become obsolete, it may only be deprecated as part of a major revision to the specification. A profile that has reached this maturity level is guaranteed to preserve backward compatibility from one minor specification revision to the next. Over time, it is hoped that all specification content will attain this maturity level. Accordingly, there is no special typographical convention, as there is with the other, subordinate maturity levels. Unless content in the specification is marked with one of the typographical conventions defined for the subordinate maturity levels, it should be assumed to have reached the Finalized maturity level.

Deprecated Material

Non-Experimental material can be deprecated in a subsequent revision of the specification. Sections identified as “Deprecated” contain material that is obsolete and not recommended for use in new development efforts. Existing and new implementations may still use this material, but shall move to the newer approach as soon as possible. The maturity level of the material being deprecated determines how long it will continue to appear in the specification. Implemented content shall be retained at least until the next revision of the specialization, while Stable and Finalized material shall be retained until the next major revision of the specification. Providers shall implement the deprecated elements as long as it appears in the specification in order to achieve backward compatibility. Clients may rely on deprecated elements, but are encouraged to use non-deprecated alternatives when possible.

Deprecated sections are documented with a reference to the last published version to include the deprecated section as normative material and to the section in the current specification with the replacement. Figure 4 contains a sample of the typographical convention for deprecated content.

DEPRECATED

Content that has been deprecated appears here.

DEPRECATED

Figure 4 - Deprecated Tag

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FOREWORD

The Overview part of the Storage Management Technical Specification contains informative clauses that provide an overview of how SMI-S works. It is a useful base for understanding the details of the technical specification. While the normative information of the specification is contained in other parts, this part provides high-level introductory material on key concepts of the specification.

Parts of this Standard

This standard is subdivided in the following parts:

- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 1 Overview, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 2 Common Architecture, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 3 Common Profiles, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 4 Block Devices, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 5 Filesystems, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 6 Fabric, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 7 Host Elements, 1.8.0 Rev 4*
- *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 8 Media Libraries, 1.8.0 Rev 4*

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification defines an interface for the secure, extensible, and interoperable management of a distributed and heterogeneous storage system. This interface uses an object-oriented, XML-based, messaging-based protocol designed to support the specific requirements of managing devices and subsystems in this storage environment. Using this protocol, this Technical Specification describes the information available to a WBEM Client from an SMI-S compliant WBEM Server.

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2 Normative References

2.1 Overview

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

2.2 Approved references

ISO/IEC 14776-452, SCSI Primary Commands - 3 (SPC-3) [ANSI INCITS.351-2005]

2.3 References under development

Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 2 Common Architecture, 1.8.0 Rev 4

Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 3 Common Profiles, 1.8.0 Rev 4

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3 Term, Definitions, Symbols, Abbreviations, and Conventions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations, and conventions given in *Storage Management Technical Specification, Part 2 Common Architecture, 1.8.0 Rev 4* apply.

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