
**Information technology — Remote
Database Access for SQL**

*Technologies de l'information — Accès à la base de données à distance
pour SQL*

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Foreword

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International Standard ISO/IEC 9579 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 32, *Data management services*.

This edition cancels and replaces ISO/IEC 9579-1:1993, ISO/IEC 9579-2:1988 and ISO/IEC 9579-3:1996, which have been technically revised.

Annexes A to E form an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes F and G are for information only.

Introduction

Remote Database Access for SQL (RDA/SQL) International Standard is a member of a set of International Standards produced to facilitate the interworking of computer systems. This International Standard conforms to the model defined in ISO/IEC 10032, *Information technology – Reference Model of Data Management*.

Remote Database Access for SQL can be used to provide remote data access to a database management system conforming to ISO/IEC 9075 (Database Language SQL).

The goal of Remote Database Access for SQL is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside this International Standard, the interconnection of applications and database systems:

- from different manufacturers,
- under different managements,
- of different levels of complexity,
- exploiting different technologies.

An application may itself be a database system and therefore this International Standard can be used to support multi-database system interworking.

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1 Scope

This International Standard, Remote Database Access for SQL (RDA), defines a model for the remote interaction of an SQL-client and one or more SQL-servers through communication media, and defines the encoding of messages, the semantics of messages and associated facilities for mediating the interaction between one SQL-client and one SQL-server.

This International Standard also defines a mapping of the RDA Protocol to the specific communication infrastructures TCP/IP and Transport Layer Security (TLS).

This International Standard relies upon the facilities provided by ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) and ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

Normative annexes provide:

- a Conformance Proforma,
- an optional language independent Application Programming Interface defined in the notational conventions of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) for invoking RDA Operations,
- an optional mapping of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) functions to RDA Operations,
- definitions of optional SQL-servers, the RDA Location Server and the RDA Support Server, to facilitate interoperability and data distribution in a heterogeneous environment.

Informative annexes provide:

- an ASN.1 specification for the RDA Protocol,
- an ASN.1 specification for the encoding of multiple rows.

This International Standard does not constrain:

- conforming RDA-client environments to be implemented using any particular processor decomposition,
- conforming RDA-server environments to be implemented using any particular processor decomposition.

This International Standard does not define:

- algorithms for query decomposition or for the combining of results in a distributed database environment,
- recovery mechanisms in the event that transaction co-ordination fails.

2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions, which through reference in this text constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

2.1 International Standards

- ISO/IEC 8824-1:1995 *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*
- ISO/IEC 8825-1:1995 *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*
- ISO/IEC 8825-2:1996 *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER)*
- ISO/IEC 9075:1992 *Information technology – Database Languages SQL*
- ISO/IEC 9075-3:1995 *Information technology – Database Languages SQL – Part 3: Call Level Interface*
- ISO/IEC 9075-4:1996 *Information technology – Database Languages SQL – Part 4: Persistent Stored Modules*
- ISO/IEC 10032:1995 *Information technology – Reference Model of Data Management*
- ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993 *Information technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) – Part 1: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane*

2.2 Internet Engineering Task Force

- RFC 791 *Internet Protocol*
- RFC 793 *Transmission Control Protocol*
- RFC 819 *The Domain Naming Convention for Internet User Applications*
- RFC 1122 *Requirements for Internet Hosts – Communication Layers*
- RFC 1123 *Requirements for Internet Hosts – Application and Support*
- RFC 2246 *The TLS Protocol*

Internet Engineering Task Force standards may be obtained in electronic form from the InterNIC Directory and Database Services at <http://www.internic.net> and <ftp://ftp.internic.net>.

2.3 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IEEE 754-1985 *Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*

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3.1 Interoperability between implementations**3 Interoperability**

This clause defines the compatibility of RDA-client or RDA-server implementations of the Operations and Protocol defined by this edition of this International Standard with RDA-server or RDA-client implementations respectively of the Operations and Protocol defined by this and other editions of this International Standard.

3.1 Interoperability between implementations

An RDA-client or RDA-server implementation that conforms to this International Standard will interoperate with any other RDA-server or RDA-client that conforms to this International Standard provided that the implementations use the same Transport Mapping.

Where protected access is required, the RDA-client and RDA-server need to share common authentication mechanisms to inter-operate.

NOTE 1 – There are circumstances under which the RDA Protocol and RDA Operations defined by this International Standard require that RDA Messages between interoperating implementations are rejected. These circumstances include the failure to satisfy authentication requirements and the use by one implementation of an encoding that is not supported by the other (the Default Encoding is always supported).

3.2 Interoperability with conforming Edition 2 implementations

The second edition of this International Standard published in 1997 maps the Service and Protocol to an OSI transport provider. This third edition of this International Standard maps the RDA Protocol to a TCP/IP transport provider. Edition 2 implementations can therefore co-exist with edition 3 implementations but cannot directly interoperate.

3.3 Interoperability with future editions

Features have been included in this version of the Protocol to permit server implementations to detect which version of the protocol a client has implemented and to behave appropriately.

Future editions of this International Standard will be compatible with this edition to the extent that:

- RDA Operations and Protocol defined by this edition will be retained in future editions using the same encodings.
- Changes to the Operations, Protocols and encodings in future editions will be extensions that are recognised by implementations of this edition and discarded after raising an exception.

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4 Definitions, Conventions and Notations

4.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) and ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) and the following definitions apply.

The following terms are defined in RFC 791, RFC 793, RFC 819, RFC 1122, RFC 1123:

- i) IP Address,
- ii) Local Socket,
- iii) Foreign Socket,
- iv) Port Number,
- v) Push.

The following term is defined in ISO/IEC 10032:

Distribution Controller.

In addition, the following definitions apply:

RDA Message: a protocol element as defined by this International Standard exchanged between an RDA-client and an RDA-server.

RDA Operation: a facility that is accessible remotely provided by an RDA-server, together with the means of invoking the facility through a protocol, the encoding of parameters that influence or result from an invocation of the facility, and rules governing the invocation of the facility.

RDA Programming Interface: a language independent Application Programming Interface defined in the notational conventions of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) for invoking RDA Operations.

RDA Protocol: the set of permissible exchanges of requests and responses between an RDA-client and an RDA-server, together with the encoding of the exchange, and rules governing the exchange.

4.2 Conventions

4.2.1 Convention for Figures

The convention used for figures is that defined in the Reference Model of Data Management, ISO/IEC 10032.

4.2.2 Naming of Concepts

Where a concept has been defined in ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) and used in this International Standard, the name used in ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) is used for that concept.

Concepts whose name begins with 'RDA-' are defined in this International Standard.

4.2.3 Naming of Parameters

The same identifier is used to designate both an RDA/API routine parameter and an RDA Protocol or Operation parameter where the items are semantically equivalent.

NOTE 2 – For data values of type other than RDAOctetString the encoding of this value may differ between the parameter in the RDA-client environment, the parameter in the protocol and the parameter in the RDA-server environment. This may be due to, for example, architecture, precision or language differences between the client and the server system.

Where there is a parameter in an SQL/CLI function which corresponds to an RDA Operation parameter or an RDA/API parameter, and the SQL/CLI parameter is semantically equivalent to the RDA parameter, the SQL/CLI parameter name is used.

Whether an identifier designates an SQL/CLI parameter, RDA/API client parameter, protocol parameter or RDA/API parameter is determined by the context.

4.2.4 Specification of RDA Protocol, RDA Operations and RDA encoding elements

The definition of each RDA protocol element, RDA Operation element or Encoding component has up to four parts

- function, a short statement of the purpose of the element,
- encoding, the syntax for the encoding of the element in terms of RDA Protocol or RDA Operation parameters,
- parameters, a definition of the RDA Protocol parameters or RDA Operation parameters for the element,
- rules, a sequence of Protocol Rules or Operation Rules for the element to be evaluated within the RDA-client environment or the RDA-server environment as indicated.

4.2.5 Evaluation of Rules

Rules are used:

- to specify RDA Protocol Rules,
- to specify RDA Operation Rules.

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When Rules are evaluated, the required effect is that which would be obtained by beginning with the first Rule and evaluating the rules in numerical sequence until a rule is evaluated that specifies or implies either a change in sequence or termination of the evaluation of the Rules. Unless otherwise specified or implied by a specific Rule that is evaluated, evaluation of Rules terminates when the last in a sequence has been evaluated.

Evaluation of a sequence of Rules *R1* may involve the evaluation of another sequence of Rules *R2* referred to in *R1*. Termination of *R2* does not of itself terminate the evaluation of *R1*.

If the evaluation of a sequence of Rules causes an exception to be raised, evaluation of the sequence of Rules causing the exception is terminated after raising the exception.

If the evaluation of a Rule *R* results in the evaluation of a sequence of General Rules of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) then that sequence of General Rules is evaluated in the manner defined by ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI). If such evaluation causes an exception to be raised, then the exception is deemed to have been raised by *R*.

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4.3 Notations

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4.3.1 SQL/CLI functions

An SQL/CLI function *X* defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) is referred to in this International Standard as *SQLX*. This notation makes no assumption as to whether the function is a “by value” function or a “by reference” function.

4.3.2 Implicit encoding definitions

For each definition of an encoding with identifier *X*, an additional definition is implied for an encoding *XL*ist defined as SEQUENCE OF *X*.

4.3.3 Encoding Attributes

For the purposes of this document, each encoded item, whether basic or compound, is deemed to have the following attributes which can be derived from the encoding or from the RDA encoding syntax:

Encoded Length: the length in octets of an encoding, including any octets that specify length.

Encoded Type: the type of an encoding.

Encoded Value: the value encoded.

Furthermore, certain encoded items have the following additional attributes that can be derived from the encoding:

Encoded Character Length: the length in characters of an encoding of a value of type *RDACharString*.

Encoded Count: the number of items in a SEQUENCE OF encoding.

4.3.4 Notation for encoding syntax

The notation for defining encoding syntax is ASN.1 Basic Notation as defined in ISO/IEC 8824-1.

5 Model and Facilities

5.1 Model

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) defines an SQL-environment, SQL-client and SQL-server. This International Standard (RDA) defines how an SQL-client and SQL-servers interact when supported by an underlying communication system. Concrete definitions for some aspects of the SQL model and some SQL concepts are given to the extent that is required for remote, heterogeneous, interoperation of an SQL-client and an SQL-server using the facilities defined by this International Standard, RDA.

The model adds the following key concepts: *RDA-client*, *RDA-server*, *Transport Provider*, and *Transport Connection*. Subsequent subclauses of this clause define each of these concepts.

Figure 1 provides a representation of the interrelationship of these components and related SQL terms.

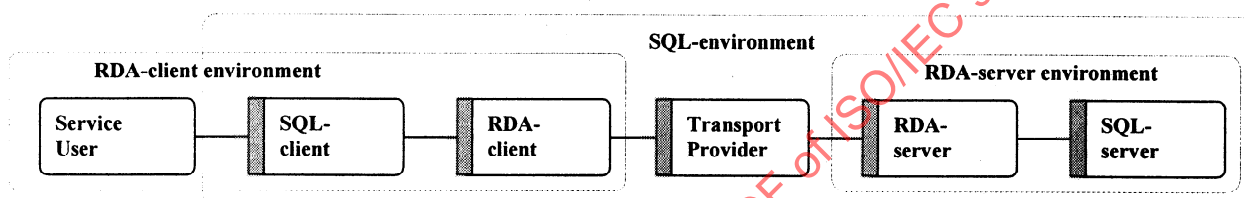


Figure 1 – RDA model of SQL-environment

The model adopted by this International Standard is that an RDA-client environment, which includes a Service User and an SQL-client, uses one or more Transport Providers to connect to RDA-server environments, each of which has one or more SQL-servers associated with it thereby establishing SQL-sessions between the SQL-client and the SQL-servers. Each SQL-session is associated with an SQL-connection. These are in turn supported by Transport Connections within Transport Providers that are established and terminated as required for communicating through the SQL-connection. More than one Transport Provider may be used concurrently to support concurrent SQL-sessions. A particular SQL-server may be in more than one RDA-server environment so the particular Transport Provider used to support a session between an SQL-client and a particular SQL-server may differ between SQL-sessions.

5.2 The RDA-client environment

The RDA-client environment is described with reference to five functional components: a *Service User*, *SQL-client Services* which establish connections with SQL-servers and co-ordinate operations involving more than one SQL-server, *RDA-client Services* which provide the client end of the RDA Protocol and the RDA Operations, a *Transport Mapping* that interfaces to a communications infrastructure and an optional *RDA Location Server* that facilitates control of distributed data. How these five functional components interrelate is depicted in Figure 2.

NOTE 3 – An implementation containing a conforming RDA-client need not materialise the five different components corresponding to these five functional components nor their intermediate interfaces.

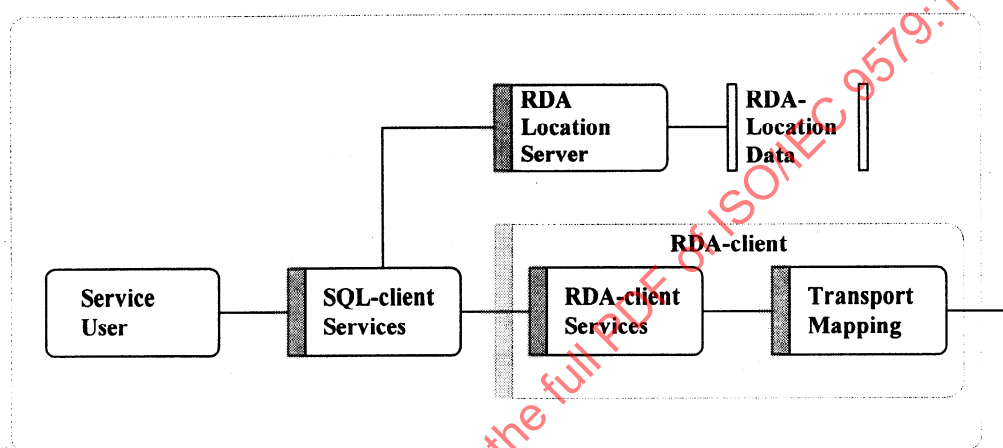


Figure 2 – Model of the RDA-client environment

5.2.1 Service User

The Service User is the component of the RDA-client environment that invokes SQL/CLI routines.

NOTE 4 – The Service User is not further defined by this International Standard.

5.2.2 SQL-client Services

SQL-client Services:

- map the SQL/CLI routines used within the RDA-client environment by the Service User to the RDA Operations defined by this International Standard,
- hold SQL Diagnostic and SQL Descriptor information,
- buffer the results of SQL operations,
- perform locally those SQL operations that can be carried out without communication with an RDA-server environment,
- co-ordinate SQL operations involving more than one SQL-server.

SQL-client Services also co-ordinate SQL operations involving more than one SQL-server by:

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- processing the SQL-connection statements, that is <connect statement>, <set connection statement> and <disconnect statement>,
- processing the SQL-transaction statements, that is <set transaction statement>, <set constraints mode statement>, <commit statement> and <rollback statement>,
- co-ordinating the protocol flows for multiphase commitment,
- mapping instances of entities that have only local validity into instances of entities with more extended validity
- translating an SQL statement into a number of other SQL statements, causing these statements to be executed, and combining the results of their execution.

NOTE 5 – Components outside the RDA-client environment may include further facilities for co-ordinating SQL operations involving more than one SQL-server.

Those constraints on SQL-client Services that must be enforced to ensure conforming behaviour of the SQL-environment when RDA components are present in that environment are defined in Annex C.

NOTE 6 – SQL-client Services are not further defined by this International Standard.

5.2.3 RDA-client Services

The RDA-client Services are the client component of the RDA Protocol and RDA Operations. RDA-client Services use the RDA Protocol defined in clause 6 to communicate RDA-server Services through a Transport Provider.

RDA-client Services:

- allocate Connection Idents, Request Idents and Statement Idents,
- establish and terminate Transport Connections,
- use Transport Facilities to send request messages to an RDA-server and receive response messages from that RDA-server,
- link response messages to the corresponding request messages and detect protocol errors.

RDA-client Services are defined as part of the definition of the RDA Protocol in clause 6 and RDA Operations in clause 7.

5.2.4 Transport Mapping

A Transport Mapping provides a mapping from the RDA Protocol to a Transport Provider, mapping the RDA Operations to a specific transport protocol and providing the facilities for communicating between the transport addresses of RDA-clients and RDA-servers.

Transport Mappings are defined in clause 10.

5.2.5 RDA-client

An RDA-client is RDA-client Services together with a Transport Mapping.

5.2.6 RDA Location Server

The RDA Location Server is an optional facility to assist in the distribution of data in a heterogeneous environment by providing a standard mechanism for identifying the location of SQL-servers. The RDA Location Server is defined in Annex D.

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5.3 The RDA-server environment

The RDA-server environment is described with reference to three functional components: a *Transport Mapping* which interfaces to the communications infrastructure, *RDA-server Services* which provide the server end of the RDA Operations and Protocol and *SQL-server*. How these three functional components interrelate is depicted in Figure 3.

NOTE 7 — An implementation containing a conforming RDA-server need not materialise three different components corresponding to these three functional components nor their intermediate interfaces.

Associated with each RDA-server environment there is an optional *RDA Support Server*.

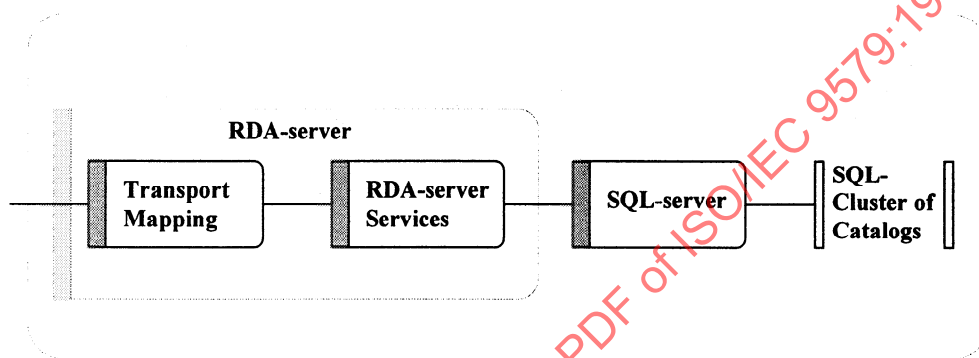


Figure 3 — Model of the RDA server environment

5.3.1 Transport Mapping

A Transport Mapping provides a mapping from a specific Transport Provider to the RDA Protocol. Transport Mappings are defined in clause 10.

5.3.2 RDA-server Services

The RDA-server Services are the server component of the RDA Protocol and RDA Operations. RDA-server Services are invoked by RDA-client Services by means of the RDA Protocol defined in clause 5.6 from precisely one instance of RDA-client Services through a Transport Provider.

RDA-server Services:

- check those aspects of an RDA Request that are not checked by an SQL-server or its interface,
- translate communication concepts to and from local concepts, and
- invoke SQL-server facilities.

RDA-server Services are defined as part of the definition of the RDA Protocol in clause 6 and RDA Operations in clause 7.

5.3.3 RDA-server

An RDA-server is RDA-server Services together with a Transport Mapping, and maps the Operations and Services defined by this International Standard to the SQL-binding offered by the SQL-server.

5.3.4 SQL-server

An SQL-server functional component is defined in ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL).

An SQL-server has associated with it a portion of SQL-data that is described by a set of Catalogs termed a "Cluster of Catalogs" by ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL).

5.3.5 RDA Support Server

The RDA Support Server is an optional facility to assist interoperability in a heterogeneous environment by providing a standard mechanism for identifying characteristics of SQL-servers retrieving historic operation information. The RDA Support Server is defined in Annex E.

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5.4 RDA concepts and the mapping of SQL/CLI concepts

5.4.1 Application Communication Areas

The communication between a Service User and an SQL-environment is facilitated by means of *Application Communication Areas*. These are Attributes, diagnostic areas and descriptor areas and are described in the following subclauses.

Although many functional components contribute to Application Communication Areas, this International Standard locates these areas in the RDA-client environment and designates the SQL-client Services as responsible for the direct maintenance of these areas in the RDA-client environment.

The RDA Protocol and RDA Operations provide facilities to ensure that the contents of the RDA-client environment communication areas and copies of these areas within RDA-server environments are synchronised to the extent required for conforming behaviour of the SQL-environment.

5.4.1.1 Attributes

ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) uses the concept of *environment attribute* to identify certain characteristics of an SQL-environment, *connection attribute* to identify certain characteristics of an SQL-connection and *statement attribute* to identify certain characteristics of an SQL-statement. RDA regards these characteristics collectively as *Attributes*.

The RDA-client environment and the RDA-server environment must have a consistent view of Attributes. An operation *RDAClientAttribute* is provided which can be used to synchronise the RDA-server environment copy of Attribute values with the corresponding values within an RDA-client environment. In addition, each response message includes a parameter that permits an RDA-client environment to synchronise its copy of the Attribute values with the corresponding values within an RDA-server environment.

5.4.1.2 Diagnostics areas

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) defines SQL diagnostics areas and ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) specialises the definition to CLI diagnostics areas.

Information for inclusion in diagnostics areas can be generated by the SQL-client Services, the RDA-client Services, the Transport Provider, the RDA-server Services or the SQL-server.

Each response message includes a parameter that communicates to the RDA-client environment diagnostics generated within the RDA-server environment.

5.4.1.3 Descriptor areas

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) defines SQL descriptor areas and ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) specialises the definition to CLI descriptor areas. Associated with each allocated SQL-statement there are four specific descriptor areas: Implementation Parameter Descriptor *IPD*, Implementation Row Descriptor *IRD*, Application Parameter Descriptor *APD* and Application Row Descriptor *ARD*.

Descriptor information is communicated with the results of a request to prepare an SQL-statement, with the request to execute an SQL-statement and with the results of a request for rows of results.

5.4 RDA concepts and the mapping of SQL/CLI concepts

5.4.2 SQL_TEXT

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) defines a character set SQL-TEXT whose character repertoire contains every character used in the SQL language and every character that is in any other character set supported by the SQL-implementation. To ensure heterogeneous interoperation, this International Standard requires the character repertoire of SQL_TEXT to be the Basic Multilingual Plane of ISO/IEC 10646.

5.4.3 SQL-session and SQL-connection

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) defines an SQL-connection associated with each SQL-session. An SQL-connection is supported by an RDA-client and an RDA-server pair. An RDA-client and an RDA-server can each support at most one SQL-connection at any time.

A Transport connection (as defined in 5.5.4) is established between the RDA-client and the RDA-server of an SQL-connection as required for communication. Each Transport Connection is therefore associated with at most one SQL-connection at any time.

The underlying Transport Connection of an SQL-connection may be terminated and re-established without disruption of the SQL-connection.

5.4.4 SQL User Name and Password

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) restricts access to SQL-data on the basis of Privileges assigned to Users.

ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) provides for Users to identify themselves by means of a User Name which may be authenticated by a Password. The SQL User Name and Password are used by this International Standard as a basis for authenticating the identity of the User.

NOTE 8 – The User Name does not necessarily identify the user uniquely but is sufficient for an SQL-server to allocate the user with appropriate access privileges.

5.4.5 Multi-site Transactions

ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) permits SQL-transactions to involve more than one SQL-server. Each SQL-connection is mapped to a separate RDA-client, RDA-server pair. A COMMIT or ROLLBACK request from a Service User is mapped onto a series of transaction co-ordination exchanges with each participating RDA-server unless the SQL-transaction is part of an Encompassing Transaction, in which case the request is handled outside the protocol defined by this International Standard.

5.4.6 SQL/CLI Handles

ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) uses the concept of a *handle* to uniquely identify an allocated resource. In an RDA environment the allocated resource has two sub-components, one in the RDA-client environment and one in the RDA-server environment. A handle is not required to have validity outside the compilation unit that allocated it. In an RDA environment, therefore, an allocated resource may have two handles associated with it: one with validity within the RDA-client environment to identify the RDA-client sub-components of the resource, another within the RDA-server environment to identify the RDA-server sub-components of the allocated resource.

5.4.7 Connection Ident

Each SQL-connection is assigned a Connection Ident by the RDA-client Services. This Connection Ident is a code that differs from the Connection Ident of any other allocated SQL-connection within the RDA-

client environment. A Connection Ident thus serves to establish a correspondence between a Connection Handle within an RDA-client environment and a Connection handle within an RDA-server environment.

5.4.8 Statement Ident

Each allocated SQL-statement is assigned a Statement Ident by the RDA-client Services. This Statement Ident is a code that differs from the Statement Ident of any other allocated SQL-statement within the SQL-session. A Statement Ident thus serves to establish a correspondence between a Statement Handle within an RDA-client environment and a Statement handle within an RDA-server environment.

5.4.9 Request Ident

Each request for an RDA Operation is assigned a Request Ident by the RDA-client Services. This Request Ident is a code that differs from the Request Ident of any other RDA Operation request originating from that RDA-client environment.

RDA-client Services use the Request Ident to identify the request messages for an RDA Operation to which a response message relates.

5.4.10 Encodings

RDA protocol elements and their constituent parts are encoded for transmission. Encodings are defined in clause 9. For each Transport Mapping there is one encoding, the *Default Encoding* which every conforming implementation supporting that Transport Mapping must provide.

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5.5 RDA Model of Transport

5.5.1 Transport Provider

A *Transport Provider* is a communications infrastructure that permits the RDA-client and RDA-server components in an SQL-environment to communicate using the operations and the protocol defined by this International Standard.

A Transport Provider is required to be reliable and always available to RDA. The format of RDA protocol elements includes a length field to assist mapping to streaming transport providers.

Mappings of the RDA Operations and the RDA Protocol to Transport Providers are defined in clause 10.

NOTE 9 – An SQL-client may invoke RDA Operations through more than one RDA-client and those RDA-clients need not all use the same Transport Provider.

NOTE 10 – Transport Providers are not defined by this International Standard.

5.5.2 Transport Address

Communication takes place between an RDA-client and an RDA-server each of which is identified within a Transport Provider by one or more *Transport Addresses*.

5.5.3 Destination SQL-server Name

An SQL-server associated with an RDA-server has a *Destination SQL-server Name* which is different from the Destination SQL-server Name of every other SQL-server associated with that RDA-server.

NOTE 11 – The Destination SQL-server Name of an SQL-server may be the <SQL-server name> by which it is identified to SQL-clients “local” to the server in a <connect statement> and may be the same as the Destination SQL-server Name of an SQL-server associated with some other RDA-server.

More than one SQL-server may be associated with an RDA-server and hence with a Transport Address within a Transport Provider. Also, one SQL-server may be associated with more than one RDA-server.

In an RDA-client environment an SQL-server name presented to an SQL-client is mapped by the SQL-client Services to a Transport Provider, a Transport Address and a Destination SQL-server Name.

NOTE 12 – The three values Transport Provider, Transport Address and Destination SQL-server Name when considered together by an SQL-client uniquely identify an SQL-server from among the SQL-servers that it is possible for that SQL-client to connect to using the available Transport Providers.

5.5.4 Transport Connection

A Transport Connection is a service provided by a Transport Provider for communicating encodings between an RDA-client and an RDA-server with the minimum of protocol overhead.

5.5.5 Transport Facilities

Each Transport Provider must have five Transport Facilities available at each associated RDA-client or RDA-server:

Transport Connect: a facility that requests the establishing of a Transport Connection.

Transport Disconnect: a facility that requests the termination of the Transport Connection. This facility shall not disrupt encodings that have already been sent through the Transport Connection.

Transport Fail: a facility that terminates the Transport Connection, possibly with loss of RDA Messages.

Transport Send: a facility that sends an encoding through a Transport Connection.

Transport Receive: a facility that receives an encoding through a Transport Connection.

NOTE 13 — Transport Facilities are not further defined by this International Standard.

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5.6 RDA Facilities for Transport Connections

The RDA Transport Connection facilities are:

RDA Suspend and Resume: a mechanism for terminating and re-establishing a Transport Connection without disrupting the associated SQL-connection.

RDA Encoding: a mechanism for encoding RDA protocol elements and their constituent parts for sending through a Transport Connection.

The following subclauses describe how features defined by this International Standard are used to provide the RDA Transport Connection facilities.

5.6.1 RDA Suspend and Resume Facility

The underlying Transport Connection of an SQL-connection may be terminated and re-established without disruption of the SQL-connection, as defined in 5.4.3. Attributes are provided to control this behaviour:

CLIENT RESUME PERMITTED: Indicates whether an RDA-server permits an RDA-client to terminate and re-establish Transport Connections within an SQL-connection.

SERVER RESUME SUPPORTED: Indicates whether an RDA-server may re-establish Transport Connections that have been terminated by an RDA-client within an SQL-connection.

RESUME MODE: Indicates the RDA Suspend and Resume facility requested by the client, this can be one of:

- none, the Transport Connection will not be terminated and re-established,
- client, the RDA-client may terminate and re-establish the Transport Connection,
- server, the RDA-client may terminate the Transport Connection and the RDA-server will re-establish it.

CLIENT DISCONNECT INTERVAL: When Client RDA Suspend and Resume is selected, the maximum length of time (in seconds) that an RDA-client may delay between terminating a Transport Connection and re-establishing it.

CLIENT CONNECT INTERVAL: When Client RDA Suspend and Resume is selected, the minimum length of time (in seconds) that an RDA-client must delay between sending an encoding through a Transport Connection and terminating it with the intention of re-establishing it later.

NOTE 14 – An implementation need not support the RDA suspend and resume facility

5.6.2 RDA Encoding Facility

An Attribute is provided to permit an RDA-client to identify what encodings other than the Default Encoding are recognised by an RDA-server:

ENCODINGS SUPPORTED: The sum of the codes identifying encodings that are supported by the RDA-server on this SQL-connection as defined in clause 9.

NOTE 15 – Encodings have codes which are (small) powers of 2.

5.7 RDA Facilities for Transaction Co-ordination

The RDA Transaction Co-ordination facility is:

RDA Transaction Co-ordination: a mechanism for ensuring that Service User operations leave the SQL-environment in a consistent state.

The following subclause describes how features defined by this International Standard are used to provide the RDA Transaction Co-ordination facility.

5.7.1 RDA Transaction Co-ordination Facility

An RDA Operation RDAEndTran is provided which may be used to communicate transaction co-ordination requests.

Three types of RDA Transaction Co-ordination are supported:

- *encompassing*, transaction co-ordination is the responsibility of some external transaction management component. A field, MessageContext, is provided in the RDAMessage protocol element for the use of the external transaction management component to communicate transaction context information. RDAEndTran is not used except as required by the external transaction management component.
- *one-phase*, when a Service User requests that a transaction be committed, the request is communicated to each SQL-server participating in the transaction independently. This level of support may not preserve the transaction semantics of ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) if the SQL-servers do not all commit the transaction. RDAEndTran is used to communicate COMMIT or ROLLBACK requests.
- *two-phase*, when a Service User requests that a transaction be committed, a multiphase commitment exchange is entered into with the SQL-servers participating in the transaction. This level of support preserves the transaction semantics of ISO/IEC 9075 (SQL) in multi-site transactions except possibly in the event of a breakdown during the final phase of the two-phase exchange in a server or in the communications. RDAEndTran is used to communicate PREPARE TO COMMIT, COMMIT or ROLLBACK requests.

Mechanisms to recover automatically from breakdowns in the final phase of a two-phase exchange are outside the scope of this International Standard.

Attributes are provided to permit an RDA-server to indicate what types of RDA Transaction Co-ordination it provides and a Service User to request an RDA Transaction Co-ordination Type:

ONE-PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED: Indicates whether the server supports One-phase RDA Transaction Co-ordination.

TWO-PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED: Indicates whether the server supports Two-phase RDA Transaction Co-ordination.

CO-ORDINATION REQUESTED: Indicates the type of RDA Transaction Co-ordination requested by the Service User.

5.8 RDA Facilities for Security

RDAConnect operation fields AuthenticationType and Authentication can be used to authenticate the name of the RDA Service User as identified by the UserName field.

One type of authentication, identified by the AuthenticationType, is supported:

- *password*, the User Name is authenticated using a password carried in the Authentication field.

The AuthenticationType may also be set to *none* to indicate that no support is provided for RDA User Authentication.

An Attribute is provided to permit an RDA-client to request a particular type of authentication:

AUTHENTICATION TYPE: a value defining the type of authentication requested by the RDA-client environment.

NOTE 16 – An Amendment to this International Standard is in preparation that provides more comprehensive authentication mechanisms.

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6 RDA Protocol

The RDA Protocol is defined in terms of:

- an exchange of protocol elements between an RDA-client environment and an RDA-server environment, as defined in 6.1,
- the encoding of the RDA protocol element, RDAMessage, as defined in 6.2,
- a set of operations that are invoked through the protocol, as identified in Table 3,
- the behaviour of the RDA-client and RDA-server when an RDA Operation is invoked, as defined in 6.3,
- the encoding of operation requests, operation results and component elements of these, as defined in clause 7,
- the encoding of the basic data types, as defined in clause 10 for each Transport Mapping.

6.1 The RDA Protocol Exchange

The RDA Protocol consists of:

- A protocol element sent by RDA-client Services from an RDA-client environment to an RDA-server environment carrying the encoding of a request for the execution of an RDA Operation by the RDA-server environment.
- A protocol element sent by RDA-server Services from an RDA-server environment to an RDA-client environment carrying a response resulting from the execution of an RDA Operation.

The RDA Protocol is a confirmed protocol. That is, the RDA-client expects to receive an appropriate protocol element in response to each protocol element it sends.

Protocol elements may be sent asynchronously. That is, RDA-client Services do not require that an RDA-client wait for a response to a protocol element before sending the next protocol element.

NOTE 17 – The logic of an application may require that an RDA Operation completes before the next RDA Operation is invoked.

NOTE 18 – An RDA-server environment may limit the number of RDA Operation invocations it can support concurrently.

Protocol elements may be concatenated. That is, a sender may collect several protocol elements and send them together.

NOTE 19 – The logic of an application may require that a response is received before the next operation request can be sent.

6.2 RDAMessage protocol element

Function

Carry an RDA message.

Encoding

```
RDAMessage ::= SEQUENCE
{
    MessageProtocol      RDAInteger,
    MessageVersion       RDAInteger,
    MessageEncoding      RDAInteger,
    MessageLength        RDAInteger,
    messageConnectionIdent RDAInteger,
    MessageRequestId     RDAInteger,
    MessageType          RDAInteger,
    MessageContext       RDAOctetString,
    MessageData          RDAOctetString,
    MessageAuthentication RDAOctetString
}
```

The RDAMessage protocol element is encoded according to the Base encoding defined in 9.1.

Protocol Parameters

MessageProtocol: a code identifying the RDA Protocol. Valid codes are defined in Table 1.

Table 1 – Codes used to identify the protocol

Protocol	Code
ISO/IEC 9579, Remote Database Access for SQL	959788857

NOTE 20 – The code 959788857 is the ASCII encoding for the four characters “9579”

MessageVersion: a code identifying the version of the RDA Protocol. Valid codes are defined in Table 2.

Table 2 – Codes used to identify the protocol version

Protocol	Version	Code
ISO/IEC 9579 Remote Database Access for SQL	ISO/IEC 9579:1998 Remote Database Access for SQL	3

MessageEncoding: a code identifying the encoding of the MessageData field. Valid codes are defined in clause 9.

MessageLength: the length in octets of the RDAMessage protocol element starting with the first octet following MessageLength.

NOTE 21 – Any octets following MessageAuthentication are ignored by this edition of this International Standard.

NOTE 22 – The protocol parameters MessageProtocol, MessageVersion, MessageEncoding and MessageLength will retain their semantics and encoding in future editions of this International Standard.

MessageRequestIdent: the Request Ident of this RDA message.

MessageType: a code identifying the type of this RDA message. Valid codes are defined in Table 3.

Table 3 – Codes used to identify an RDA message type

Message Type	Code
Request – RDAConnect	1001
Request – RDADisconnect	1002
Request – RDAEndTran	1003
Request – RDAClientAttribute	1004
Request – RDAStatementPrepare	1005
Request – RDAStatementDeallocate	1006
Request – RDAStatementExecute	1007
Request – RDAStatementExecDirect	1008
Request – RDAStatementFetchRows	1009
Request – RDAStatementCloseCursor	1010
Request – RDAStatementCancel	1011
Request – RDASetCursorName	1012
Request – RDAGetCursorName	1013
Request – RDAGetInfo	1014
Request – RDAGetTypeInfo	1015
Response	2001

MessageContext: an encoding of information required by the manager of an encompassing transaction, or the empty string if no encompassing transaction manager is in use.

MessageData: an encoding of an RDA request or response as defined in clause 7.

MessageAuthentication: an empty RDAOctetString.

NOTE 23 – This parameter will be used in Amendments to this International Standard and in future editions of this International Standard to carry information relating to the authentication of messages.

6.3 Invocation of RDA Operations

The execution of RDA Operations takes place in four phases:

- Invocation of the request in the RDA-client environment
- Evaluation of the request in the RDA-server environment
- Invocation of the response in the RDA-server environment
- Evaluation of the response in the RDA-client environment

These four phases are defined in subsequent subclauses by means of a sequence of rules for each phase and a further sequence common to all four, the *Transport Fail Indication* rules. These are evaluated when a Transport Connection fails or the sending or receiving of an encoding is not successful.

6.3.1 Invocation of the Request in the RDA-client environment

Within an RDA-client environment an RDA Operation is invoked through RDA-client Services. This invocation may be by means of the Application Programming Interface defined in Annex B.

When an RDA Operation *RO* is invoked on an allocated SQL-connection *SC* between an RDA-client *RC* and an RDA-server *RS* through the RDA-client Services *RCS* of *RC*:

- 1) If there is no established Transport Connection associated with *RC* then the Transport Connect facility is invoked to establish a Transport Connection.
- 2) If the Transport Connection has not been established, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 3) The parameters of *RO* are encoded into an RDAMessage protocol element *E* according to the specification in clause 9.
- 4) Valid values for MessageProtocol, MessageVersion, MessageEncoding are selected for *E* and encoded into *E*.
- 5) MessageLength is computed and encoded into *E*.
- 6) The MessageConnectionIdent is encoded into *E*.
- 7) A MessageRequestIdent is allocated for *RO* and encoded into *E*.
- 8) The MessageType is encoded into *E*.
- 9) The MessageAuthentication field is set to the empty string.
- 10) Let *T* be the established Transport Connection associated with *RC* and let *RS* be the RDA-server with which *T* is associated.
- 11) The Transport Send facility is invoked to send *E* to *RS* through *T*.
- 12) If the sending of *E* was not successful, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 13) Let *RM* be the value of RESUME MODE of *SC*.
- 14) If *RM* has value *none* then evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 15) Let *CCI* be the value of CLIENT CONNECT INTERVAL for *SC*.

16) Case:

- a) If *RM* has value client and the CLIENT RESUME PERMITTED attribute of *SC* has value true then:
 - i) Let *CDI* be the value of CLIENT DISCONNECT INTERVAL for *SC*.
 - ii) If a period of time greater than *CCI* seconds has elapsed since Transport Send was last invoked for *T* then the Transport Disconnect facility may be invoked for *T*.
 - iii) If RDA Operations have been invoked through *T* for which no response has yet been received and *T* is no longer established then the Transport Connect facility is invoked before *CDI* seconds have elapsed since the Transport Disconnect facility was invoked for *T* and evaluation of these rules continues from 16)a)ii).
- b) If *RM* has value server and the SERVER RESUME SUPPORTED attribute of *SC* has value true then the Transport Disconnect facility may be invoked for *T* when a period of time greater than *CCI* seconds has elapsed since *T* was established.

6.3.2 Evaluation of the Request in the RDA-server environment

On receipt of an encoding *E*:

- 1) Let the Transport Connection through which *E* is received be *T*.
- 2) If the Transport Receive facility indicates that the *T* has failed or *E* was not received correctly, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 3) *E* is regarded as the encoding of an RDA Message protocol element *M*.
- 4) If the value of MessageProtocol of *M* is not one of the codes in Table 1 then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 5) If the value of MessageVersion is not one of the codes in Table 2 then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – version not supported*.
- 6) If the value of MessageEncoding is not supported then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – encoding not supported*.
- 7) Let *MRT* be the value of MessageRequestType.
- 8) If *MRT* is not one of the codes in Table 3 designating a message type 'Request' then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid message type*.
- 9) Let *MRI* be the value of MessageRequestIdent.
- 10) If *MRI* is the same as the value of MessageRequestIdent of some other RDA Message protocol element received by this RDA-server for which this RDA-server has not yet sent an RDA Message response protocol element, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – duplicate request ident*.
- 11) Let *MCI* be the value of MessageConnectionIdent.
- 12) The RDA Server Evaluation Rules for the RDA Operation identified by *MRT* are evaluated within the SQL-session identified by *MCI* regarding the value of MessageData as an encoding of that RDA Operation.

NOTE 24 – This evaluation may involve the execution of SQL statements by the SQL-server

6.3.3 Invocation of the Response in the RDA-server environment

Within an RDA-server environment an RDA Response Operation is invoked through RDA-server Services.

When the evaluation of an RDA Operation *RO* associated with and SQL-connection *SC* has completed:

- 1) Let *RS* and *RC* be the RDA-server and the RDA-client associated with *SC*.
- 2) The results of the evaluation are encoded into an *RDAResponse* encoding element as defined in 7.2 using the same encoding as *RO*, or the default encoding if the encoding of *RO* is not supported.
- 3) The *RDAResponse* encoding element is included as *MessageData* into an *RDAMessage* protocol element *E* according to the specification in 6.2 using the same values of *MessageProtocol*, *MessageVersion*, *MessageEncoding*, *MessageConnectionIdent*, *MessageRequestIdent* and *MessageContext* as *RO*.
- 4) If there is no established Transport Connection associated with *RC*, then:
 - a) Let *RM* be the value of RESUME MODE of *SC*.
 - b) Case:
 - i) If *RM* has value client and the CLIENT RESUME PERMITTED attribute of *SC* has value true then:
 - (1) Let *CDI* be the value of CLIENT DISCONNECT INTERVAL for *SC*
 - (2) The evaluation of these rules is suspended until a Transport Connection becomes established between *RC* and *RS*. If a period of time exceeding *CDI* seconds elapses and no Transport Connection becomes established between *RC* and *RS* then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates
 - ii) If *RM* has value server and the SERVER RESUME SUPPORTED attribute of *SC* has value true then the Transport Connect facility is invoked to establish a connection between *RS* and *RC*.
 - iii) Otherwise, the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates
- 5) Let *T* be the established Transport Connection between *RS* and *RC*.
- 6) The encoding *E* is sent to *RC* using the Transport Send facility associated with *T* within *RS*.
- 7) If the sending of *E* was not successful, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.

6.3.4 Evaluation of the Response in the RDA-client environment

On receipt of an encoding *E*:

- 1) Let the Transport Connection through which *E* is received be *T*.
- 2) If the Transport Receive facility indicates that the *T* has failed or *E* was not received correctly, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 3) *E* is regarded as the encoding of an *RDAMessage* protocol element *M*.

- 4) If the value of MessageProtocol of M is not one of the codes in Table 1 then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 5) If any of the following conditions hold:
 - a) the value of MessageProtocol is not one of the codes in Table 1,
 - b) the value of MessageVersion is not one of the codes in Table 2,
 - c) the value of MessageEncoding is not valid as defined in 6.2,
 - d) the value of MessageConnectionIdent does not identify an SQL-connection,
 - e) the value of MessageRequestId does not designate the message type 'Response',then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 6) Let MRI be the value of MessageRequestId.
- 7) If MRI is not equal to the value of the RequestIdent of an RDAResponse protocol that has been sent by the RDA-client for which no response has previously been received, then the rules for Transport Fail Indication are evaluated and evaluation of these rules terminates.
- 8) The RDA-client Operation Rules for the RDAResponse encoding element in 7.2 are evaluated, regarding the value of MessageData as an encoding of RDAResponse.

6.3.5 Transport Fail Indication

In the event of a Transport Connection T experiencing a failure or the sending or receiving of an encoding through T is not being successful within an RDA-client RT or an RDA-server RT :

- 1) All encodings in the process of being sent by RT through T are discarded.
- 2) The Transport Fail facility is invoked for T .
- 3) All encodings in the process of being received by RT through T are discarded.
- 4) All encodings subsequently sent by RT through T are discarded.
- 5) If RT is an RDA-client then each RDAMessage sent through T which is discarded, or for which no response has yet been received, is deemed to have received in response the exception *RDA-specific condition – transport failure*.
- 6) If RT is an RDA-server then RDADisconnect is deemed to have been received.

7 RDA Operations

7.1 RDA request operations

7.1.1 RDAConnect Operation

Function

Establish an SQL-connection

Encoding

```
RDAConnect ::= SEQUENCE
{
    destinationServerName  RDACharsString,
    userName               RDACharsString,
    authenticationType     RDAInteger,
    authentication         RDAOctetString
}
```

Encoding Parameters

DestinationServerName: the SQL-server name of the SQL-server with which an SQL-connection is to be established.

UserName: the SQL-user name of the SQL-session that this SQL-connection will support.

AuthenticationType: the value of the AUTHENTICATION TYPE Connection Attribute for the SQL-connection.

Authentication: a value used to authenticate the SQL-user name. The interpretation of this value depends upon the value of AuthenticationType as follows:

- none, the value of Authentication is ignored,
- password, Authentication carries a password encoded as an RDACharsString.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation and *RC* the RDA-client requesting the operation.
- 2) If a connection handle is already associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) A Connection Handle which identifies an allocated SQL-connection that does not have an associated established SQL-connection and is not associated with an RDA-server is found.

NOTE 25 – It is implementation dependent whether the General Rules of SQLAllocEnv, SQLAllocConnect, SQLAllocHandle are evaluated or whether the Connection Handle is found by other means. This permits re-use of environment handles and connection handles.

- 4) If no such Connection Handle can be found, the exception is raised *RDA-specific condition – no connection handle available*.
- 5) Let *C* be the Connection Handle so found, *SN* be the value of DestinationServerName, *UN* be the value of UserName, *AT* the value of AuthenticationType and *AU* be the value of Authentication.
- 6) *C* is associated with *RS*.
- 7) If *AT* is not acceptable according to the security policy, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – authentication failure*.
- 8) If *AT* is *password* and the security policy indicates that password checks are to be carried out by the RDA-server rather than the SQL-server and the password check fails, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – authentication failure*.
- 9) The General Rules of SQLConnect are evaluated with ConnectionHandle set to *C*, SQL-server name set to *SN*, UserName set to *UN* and Authentication set to *AU*.

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7.1.2 RDADisconnect Operation

Function

Terminate an established SQL-connection

Encoding

```
RDADisconnect ::= SEQUENCE
{
}
```

Encoding Parameters

none

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *C* be the Connection Handle associated with *RS*.
- 4) The association between *RS* and *C* is discontinued.
- 5) The General Rules of SQLDisconnect are evaluated with ConnectionHandle set to *C*.

NOTE 26 – It is implementation dependent whether the General Rules of any of SQLFreeConnect, SQLFreeEnv and SQLFreeHandle are evaluated.

7.1.3 RDAEndTran Operation

Function

Terminate an SQL-transaction or prepare an SQL-transaction for termination

Encoding

```

RDAEndTran ::= SEQUENCE
{
    completionType RDAInteger
}

```

Encoding Parameters

CompletionType: the type of completion requested by the RDA-client environment. The values of CompletionType are those defined in Table 14 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) together with the entry in Table 4.

Table 4 – Extension to Table 14 of ISO/IEC 9075-3

Termination Type	Code
PREPARE TO COMMIT	3

NOTE 27 – The way in which an SQL-client maps SQLEndTran onto RDAEndTran is defined in C.2.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *C* be the Connection Handle associated with *RS* and let *CT* be the value of CompletionType.
- 4) Case:
 - a) If *CT* is COMMIT or ROLLBACK the General Rules of SQLEndTran are evaluated with HandleType set to the code for CONNECTION HANDLE, Handle set to *C* and CompletionType set to *CT*.
 - b) If *CT* is PREPARE TO COMMIT

Case:

 - i) If the Connection Attribute TWO-PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED has value *false*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – feature not supported – multiple server transactions*.

- ii) If a subsequent evaluation of the General Rules of SQLEndTran with HandleType set to the code for CONNECTION HANDLE, Handle set to *C* and CompletionType set to COMMIT would raise an exception, then the exception is raised *RDA-specific condition – transaction cannot commit*.

NOTE 28 – Determining this case may involve the server in attempting to prepare the transaction for commitment.

NOTE 29 – If a subsequent evaluation of the General Rules of SQLEndTran with HandleType set to the code for CONNECTION HANDLE, Handle set to *C* and CompletionType set to COMMIT would not raise an exception, then evaluation of these rules terminates.

- c) Otherwise, the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid transaction operation code*.

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7.1.4 RDAClientAttribute Operation

Function

Synchronise RDA-server environment Attributes with RDA-client environment Attributes.

Encoding

```

RDAClientAttribute      ::= SEQUENCE
{ clientAttributes      RDAAttributeList
}

```

Encoding Parameters

ClientAttributes: a list of Attributes and their values.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *CH* be the Connection Handle associated with *RS* and let *EH* the Environment Handle with which *CH* is associated.
- 4) For each Attribute *A* in ClientAttributes:
 - a) Let *AT* be the value of AttributeType of *A*, *AC* be the value of AttributeCode, *AV* the value of AttributeValue and *SI* the value of StatementIdent.
 - b) If *AC* is not the code for a permitted Attribute of type *AT* as defined in the AttributeCode Encoding parameter definition of RDAAttribute in 7.3 then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – attribute not permitted*.
 - c) Case:
 - i) If *AT* is the code for Environment Attribute, then the General Rules of SetEnvAttr are evaluated with EnvironmentHandle set to *EH*, Attribute set to *AC* and Value set to *AV*.
 - ii) If *AT* is the code for Connection Attribute, then then the General Rules of SetConnectAttr are evaluated with ConnectionHandle set to *CH*, Attribute set to *AC* and Value set to *AV*.
 - iii) If *AT* is the code for Statement Attribute, then:
 - (1) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
 - (2) Let the Statement Handle associated with *SI* be *SH*.
 - (3) the General Rules of SetStmntAttr are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*, Attribute set to *AC* and Value set to *AV*.

- iv) Otherwise, the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid attribute type*

7.1.5 RDAStatementPrepare Operation

Function

Prepare an SQL statement.

Encoding

```
RDAStatementPrepare ::= SEQUENCE
{
    statementIdent      RDAInteger,
    statementText       RDACharString
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify this statement to subsequent RDAStatement operations. StatementIdent may not have the value NO STATEMENT as defined in Table 9.

StatementText: the text of the statement to be prepared.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *CH* be the Connection Handle associated with *RS*, let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent and let *ST* be the value of StatementText.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then:
 - a) The General Rules of SQLAllocStmt are evaluated with ConnectionHandle set to *CH*.
 - b) The resulting Statement Handle is associated with *SI*.
- 5) Let *SH* be the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLPrepare are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH* and StatementText set to *ST*.

7.1.6 RDAStatementDeallocate Operation

Function

Deallocate an SQL-statement.

Encoding

```
RDAStatementDeallocate      ::= SEQUENCE
{ statementIdent            RDAInteger
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the statement to be deallocated.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLFreeStmt are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH* and Option set to the code for FREE HANDLE.

7.1.7 RDAStatementExecute Operation

Function

Execute a prepared statement.

Encoding

```
RDAStatementExecute ::= SEQUENCE
{
    statementIdent      RDAInteger,
    parameterDescriptor RDAItemDescriptorList,
    parameterData       RDARowList
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the statement to be executed.

ParameterDescriptor: fields from the Application Parameter Descriptor for this statement. This describes the values of each RDARow in ParameterData.

ParameterData: sets of data from the Application Parameter Descriptor for this statement.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* be the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) For each RDARow item *ROW* in ParameterData:
 - a) Let *ND* be the number of RDAItemDescriptors in ParameterDescriptor and let *NV* be the number of RDAValues in *ROW*.
 - b) Let *DH* be the descriptor handle of the current Application Parameter Descriptor of *SH*.
 - c) If *ND* and *NV* are both 0, then the General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to 0, FieldIdentifier set to COUNT and Value set to 0.
 - d) If *ND* is greater than 0, then:
 - i) If *ND* does not equal *NV* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – number of values does not match number of item descriptors*.

- ii) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to 0, FieldIdentifier set to COUNT and Value set to ND.
- iii) For each RDAItemDescriptor, *ID*, in ParameterDescriptor:
 - (1) Let *RN* be the ordinal position of *ID* in ParameterDescriptor.
 - (2) For each RDADescriptorEntry *DE* in *ID*:
 - (a) Let *DC* be the value of DescriptorCode of *DE* and *DV* be the DescriptorValue of *DE*.
 - (b) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to *DC* and Value set to *DE*.
- e) If *ND* is 0 and *NV* is greater than 0, then
 - i) Let *NAPD* be the setting of Value resulting from the evaluation of the General Rules for SQLGetDescField with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to 0 and FieldIdentifier set to COUNT.
 - ii) If *NV* is not equal to *NAPD* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – number of values does not match number of item descriptors*.
- f) If *NV* is greater than 0, then:
 - i) For each RDAValue, *IV*, in ParameterData:
 - (1) Let *RN* be the ordinal position of *IV* in ParameterData.
 - (2) Let *T* be the encoding choice of *IV*, *L* be the encoding length of *IV*, *CL* be the character length of *IV* and *V* be the encoding value of *IV*.
 - (3) Case:
 - (a) If *T* is NullValue then the General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to INDICATOR_POINTER and Value set to -1.
 - (b) If *T* is CharacterValue or BitValue then:
 - (i) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to INDICATOR_POINTER and Value set to 0.
 - (ii) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to OCTET_LENGTH and Value set to *L*.
 - (iii) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to LENGTH and Value set to *CL*.
 - (iv) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to OCTET_LENGTH_POINTER and Value set to *L*.
 - (v) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to LENGTH_POINTER and Value set to *CL*.

- (vi) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to DATA_POINTER and Value set to *V*.
- (c) If *T* is IntegerValue or RealValue then:
 - (i) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to INDICATOR_POINTER and Value set to 0.
 - (ii) The General Rules of SQLSetDescField are evaluated with DescriptorHandle set to *DH*, RecordNumber set to *RN*, FieldIdentifier set to DATA_POINTER and Value set to *V*.
- g) The General Rules of SQLExecute are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*.

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7.1.8 RDAStatementExecDirect Operation

Function

Execute a statement directly.

Encoding

<pre> RDAStatementExecDirect { statementIdent statementText parameterDescriptor parameterData } </pre>	<pre> ::= SEQUENCE RDAInteger, RDACHarString, RDAItemDescriptorList, RDARowList </pre>
--	--

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify this statement to subsequent RDAStatement operations. StatementIdent may not have the value NO STATEMENT as defined in Table 9.

StatementText: the text of the statement to be executed.

ParameterDescriptor: fields from the Application Parameter Descriptor for this statement. This describes the values in each RDARow of ParameterData.

ParameterData: sets of data from the Application Parameter Descriptor for this statement.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) The RDA-server Evaluation Rules for RDAStatementPrepare in 7.1.5 are evaluated.
- 2) The RDA-server Evaluation Rules for RDAStatementExecute in 7.1.7 are evaluated starting with the rule numbered "6)".

7.1.9 RDAStatementFetchRows Operation

Function

Retrieve rows from a cursor.

Encoding

```
RDAStatementFetchRows      ::= SEQUENCE
{
    statementIdent           RDAInteger,
    fetchOrientation         RDAInteger,
    fetchOffset              RDAInteger,
    fetchCount               RDAInteger
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the statement from whose cursor rows are to be retrieved.

FetchOrientation: a code indicating how the cursor is to be positioned prior to rows being retrieved. The value of this parameter is one of the codes in Table 21 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

FetchOffset: a number used to qualify FetchOrientation.

FetchCount: the number of rows requested.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) Let *FC* be the value of FetchCount.
- 7) If *FC* is less than 1 then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid fetch count*.
- 8) Let *FOR* be the value of FetchOrientation and *FOF* be the value of FetchOffset.
- 9) The General Rules of SQLFetchScroll are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*, FetchOrientation set to *FOR* and FetchOffset set to *FOF*.
- 10) Let *FOR2* have the value NEXT unless *FOR* has the value LAST or the value PRIOR.

- 11) If *FC* is greater than 1, then the General Rules of SQLFetchScroll are evaluated (*FC* - 1) times with StatementHandle set to *SH*, FetchOrientation set to *FOR2* and FetchOffset set to 1

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7.1.10 RDAStatementCloseCursor Operation

Function

Close a Cursor.

Encoding

```
RDAStatementCloseCursor      ::= SEQUENCE
{ statementIdent              RDAInteger
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the statement whose cursor is to be closed.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* be the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLCloseCursor are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*.

7.1.11 RDAStatementCancel Operation

Function

Attempt to cancel the execution of an SQL/CLI routine.

Encoding

<pre> RDAStatementCancel { statementIdent } </pre>	<pre> ::= SEQUENCE RDAInteger </pre>
--	--

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the statement upon which the SQL/CLI routine whose execution is to be cancelled is operating.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* be the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLCancel are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*.

NOTE 30 – The RDAStatementCancel operation may be invoked from a different execution thread to the operation that is being cancelled.

7.1.12 RDASetCursorName Operation

Function

Set a cursor name.

Encoding

```
RDASetCursorName ::= SEQUENCE
{
    statementIdent  RDAInteger,
    cursorName      RDCharString
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the SQL-statement whose cursor name is to be returned.

CursorName: the name to which the cursor name will be set.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence.*
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence.*
- 5) Let *SH* the Statement Handle associated with *SI* and *CN* the value of CursorName.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLSetCursorName are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH* and CursorName set to *CN*.

7.1.13 RDAGetCursorName Operation

Function

Get a cursor name.

Encoding

```
RDAGetCursorName          ::= SEQUENCE
{ statementIdent           RDAInteger
}
```

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the SQL-statement whose cursor name is to be returned.

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 5) Let *SH* the Statement Handle associated with *SI*.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLGetCursorName are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*.

7.1.14 RDAGetInfo Operation

Function

Get information about the SQL implementation.

Encoding

```
RDAGetInfo          ::= SEQUENCE
{                   RDAInteger
    InfoType
}
```

Encoding Parameters

InfoType:: a code specifying the information requested as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
- 3) Let *IT* the value of InfoType.
- 4) The General Rules of SQLGetInfo are evaluated with InfoType set to *IT*.

7.1.15 RDAGetTypeInfo Operation

Function

Get information about supported data types.

Encoding

<pre> RDAGetTypeInfo { statementIdent dataType } </pre>	<pre> ::= SEQUENCE RDAInteger, RDAInteger </pre>
---	--

Encoding Parameters

StatementIdent: a Statement Ident used to identify the SQL-statement that will return the requested information.

DataType: a code specifying the information requested as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

RDA-server Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *RS* be the RDA-server evaluating the operation.
- 2) If there is no Connection Handle associated with *RS*, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence.*
- 3) Let *SI* be the value of StatementIdent.
- 4) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence.*
- 5) Let *SH* the Statement Handle associated with *SI*, and *DT* the value of DataType.
- 6) The General Rules of SQLGetTypeInfo are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH* and DataType set to *DT*.

7.2 RDA response encoding element

Function

Encode the results of an RDA Operation.

Encoding

```
RDAResponse ::= SEQUENCE
{
    diagnostics          RDADiagnostic,
    serverAttributes     RDAAttributeList,
    parameterDescriptor  RDAItemDescriptorList,
    rowDescriptor        RDAItemDescriptorList,
    rows                 RDARowList
}
```

Encoding Parameters

Diagnostics: a Diagnostic Area generated as a result of executing the sequence of RDA-server Rules appropriate for the RDAResponse for which this RDAResponse protocol element is a response.

ServerAttributes: a list of Attribute values known to the RDA-server environment. This list includes as a minimum:

- 1) If this is the first response communicated through this SQL-connection, then those attributes whose value has been set to differ from the default values as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) other than at the request of the RDA-client.
- 2) Otherwise, those attributes that have been set by the RDA-server environment (other than at the request of the RDA-client) since the last response from this RDA-server to the RDA-client through this SQL-connection.

ParameterDescriptor: the Implementation Parameter Descriptor resulting from the successful preparation of a statement for execution.

RowDescriptor: the Implementation Row Descriptor resulting from the successful preparation of a statement for execution or the Application Row Descriptor resulting from the successful retrieval of rows.

Rows: data from the Application Row Descriptor resulting from the successful retrieval of rows.

RDA-client Evaluation Rules

- 1) Let *CI* be the Connection Ident of the operation.
- 2) Let *CH* be the Connection Handle in the RDA-client environment that is associated with *CI*.
- 3) Let *EH* be the Environment Handle that is associated with *CH*.

- 4) The RDA-client environment copy of the Diagnostic area associated with *CH* is emptied.
- 5) For each Attribute *A* in ServerAttributes:
 - a) Let *AT* be the value of AttributeType of *A*, *AC* be the value of AttributeCode of *A*, *AV* be the value of AttributeValue of *A* and *SI* the value of StatementIdent of *A*.
 - b) Case:
 - i) If *AT* is the code for Environment Attribute, then the RDA-client Environment copy of the Environment Attribute *AC* for the SQL-environment is set to *AV*.
 - ii) If *AT* is the code for Connection Attribute, then the Connection Attribute *AC* for ConnectionHandle *CH* is set to *AV*.
 - iii) If *AT* is the code for Statement Attribute, then:
 - (1) If there is no Statement Handle associated with *SI* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid operation sequence*.
 - (2) Let the Statement Handle associated with *SI* be *SH*.
 - (3) the General Rules of SetStmtAttr are evaluated with StatementHandle set to *SH*, Attribute set to *AC* and Value set to *AV*.
 - iv) Otherwise, the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – invalid attribute type*.
- 6) For each of the parameters DynamicFunction, DynamicFunctionCode, More, ReturnCode and RowCount in Diagnostics, *P*, the corresponding field in the RDA-client environment copy of the Diagnostic Area is set to the encoded value of *P*.
- 7) Let the encoded count of StatusRecord be *N*.
 - a) the RDA-client environment copy of the Diagnostic Area is set to have *N* status records.
 - b) The NUMBER field of the RDA-client environment copy of the Diagnostic Area is set to *N*.
- 8) For each RDADiagnosticStatus, *S*, in StatusRecord:
 - a) Let *RN* be the ordinal position of *S* in StatusRecord.
 - b) Let *RD* be the *RN*th status record of the RDA-client environment copy of the Diagnostic Area.
 - c) For each parameter *PS* in *S*, the corresponding field of *RD* is set to the encoded value of *PS*.
 - d) The MESSAGE_LENGTH field of *RD* is set to the encoded character length of MessageText of *S*.
 - e) The MESSAGE_OCTET_LENGTH field of *RD* is set to the encoded length of MessageText of *S*.
- 9) Let *NP* be the encoded count of ParameterDescriptorList.
- 10) If *NP* is greater than 0, then
 - a) If *RQ* did not specify a Statement Ident, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – unexpected parameter descriptor*.
 - b) Let *SH* be the statement handle associated with the Statement Ident specified in *RQ*.
 - c) Let *IPD* be the Implementation Parameter Descriptor of *SH*.
 - d) *IPD* is emptied.

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- e) *IPD* is set to have *NP* item descriptors.
- f) The value of COUNT for *IPD* is set to *NP*
- g) For each RDAItemDescriptor *PI* of ParameterDescriptorList
 - i) Let *NPI* be the ordinal position of *PI* in ParameterDescriptorList
 - ii) For each RDADescriptorEntry, *PE*, of *PI* that has a Descriptor Code listed in **Error!**
Reference source not found. the corresponding field the *NPI*th item descriptor of *IPD* is set to the encoded value of the DescriptorValue of *PE*.
- h) The field UNNAMED of *IPD* is set to true if the NAME field of *IPD* has zero length.

NOTE 31 – When *NP* is equal to zero the previously sent *IPD* (if any) is retained.

11) Let *NR* be the encoded count of RowDescriptorList.

12) If *NR* is greater than 0, then

- a) If *RQ* did not specify a Statement Ident, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – unexpected row descriptor.*
- b) Let *SH* be the statement handle associated with the Statement Ident specified in *RQ*.
- c) Let *IRD* be the Implementation Row Descriptor of *SH*.
- d) *IRD* is emptied.
- e) *IRD* is set to have *NR* item descriptors.
- f) The value of COUNT for *IRD* is set to *NR*.
- g) For each RDAItemDescriptor *RI* of RowDescriptorList
 - i) Let *NRI* be the ordinal position of *RI* in RowDescriptorList
 - ii) For each RDADescriptorEntry, *RE*, of *RI* that has a Descriptor Code listed in **Error!**
Reference source not found. the corresponding field the *NRI*th item descriptor of *IRD* is set to the encoded value of the DescriptorValue of *RE*.
- h) The field UNNAMED of *IRD* is set to true if the NAME field of *IRD* has zero length.

NOTE 32 – When *NR* is equal to zero the previously sent *IRD* (if any) is retained.

13) Let *N* be the encoded count of Rows.

14) If *N* is greater than 0 then

- a) If *RQ* did not specify a Statement Ident, then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – unexpected rows.*
- b) Let *SH* be the statement handle associated with the Statement Ident specified in *RQ*.
- c) Let *IRD* be the Implementation Row Descriptor of *SH*.
- d) Let *R* be the first RDARow in Rows.
- e) If the encoded count of *R* differs from the value of COUNT for *IRD* then the exception is raised: *RDA-specific condition – mismatch between descriptor and row.*
- f) For each RDAValue, *C* in Values of *R*
 - i) Let *N* be the ordinal position of *C* in *R*.

- ii) Let D be the N th item descriptor of IRD .
- iii) Case:
 - (1) If $RDAValue$ is $NullValue$, then $INDICATOR_POINTER$ of D is set to point to the value -1 .
 - (2) Otherwise,
 - (a) $INDICATOR_POINTER$ of D is set to point to the value 0
 - (b) $DATA_POINTER$ of D is set to point to a value equal to the encoded value of C
 - (c) If the encoded type of C is $RDAOctetString$, then $OCTET_LENGTH$ of D is set to point to a value equal to the encoded length of C
 - (d) If the encoded type of C is $RDACharString$, the $LENGTH$ of D is set to point to a value equal to the encoded character length of C

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7.3 Encoding components

7.3.1 RDAAttribute encoding element

Function

Encode an Attribute value

Encoding

```

RDAAttribute ::= SEQUENCE
{
    attributeType      RDAInteger,
    attributeCode      RDAInteger,
    attributeValue     RDAInteger,
    statementIdent     RDAInteger
}
    
```

Encoding Parameters

AttributeType: used to identify whether the attribute is an Environment Attribute, a Connection Attribute or a Statement Attribute. The value of AttributeType is defined in Table 5.

Table 5 – Codes used for attribute types

Attribute Type	Code
ENVIRONMENT ATTRIBUTE	1
CONNECTION ATTRIBUTE	2
STATEMENT ATTRIBUTE	3

AttributeCode: used to designate a particular attribute of the Environment, Connection or Statement as indicated by AttributeType. The values of AttributeCode are those defined in Tables 15 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI), Table 16 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) augmented by the entry in Table 6 and Table 17 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) with the exception that AttributeCode may not be the code for one of the prohibited attributes listed in Table 7.

Table 6 – Codes used for RDA defined Connection Attributes

Attribute	Code	May be set
ENCODINGS SUPPORTED	-111	No
ONE-PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED	-112	No
TWO-PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED	-113	No
CO-ORDINATION REQUESTED	-114	Yes

CLIENT RESUME PERMITTED	-115	No
SERVER RESUME SUPPORTED	-116	No
RESUME MODE	-117	Yes
CLIENT DISCONNECT INTERVAL	-118	Yes
CLIENT CONNECT INTERVAL	-119	No
AUTHENTICATION TYPE	-120	Yes

Table 7 – Prohibited attributes

Attribute Type	Attribute
Statement attribute	APD HANDLE
Statement attribute	ARD HANDLE
Statement attribute	IPD HANDLE
Statement attribute	IRD HANDLE

AttributeValue: the current value of the attribute designated by AttributeType and AttributeCode. The values of AttributeValue are those defined in Table 19 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) augmented by the entry in Table 8.

Table 8 – Extension to Table 19 of ISO/IEC 9075-3

Attribute	Data type	Values
ENCODINGS SUPPORTED	INTEGER	see 5.6.2
ONE PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED	INTEGER	0 (<i>false</i>); 1 (<i>true</i>)
TWO PHASE CO-ORDINATION SUPPORTED	INTEGER	0 (<i>false</i>); 1 (<i>true</i>)
CO-ORDINATION REQUESTED	INTEGER	0 (<i>encompassing</i>); 1 (<i>one-phase</i>); 2 (<i>two-phase</i>)
RESUME MODE	INTEGER	0 (<i>none</i>); 1 (<i>client</i>); 2 (<i>server</i>)
CLIENT RESUME PERMITTED	INTEGER	0 (<i>false</i>); 1 (<i>true</i>)
SERVER RESUME PERMITTED	INTEGER	0 (<i>false</i>); 1 (<i>true</i>)
CLIENT DISCONNECT INTERVAL	INTEGER	
CLIENT CONNECT INTERVAL	INTEGER	
CURSOR NAME	CHARACTER(255)	
AUTHENTICATION TYPE	INTEGER	0 (<i>none</i>); 1 (<i>password</i>);

StatementIdent: If the Attribute Type has the value STATEMENT ATTRIBUTE then the value of StatementIdent identifies the SQL-statement that this Attribute relates to. Otherwise, this parameter has the value NO STATEMENT as defined in Table 9.

Table 9 – Values of Statement Ident

Statement Ident	Value
NO STATEMENT	0

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7.3.2 RDADiagnostic and RDADiagnosticStatus encoding elements

Function

Encode the Diagnostic Area.

Encoding

```

RDADiagnostic          ::= SEQUENCE
{
    dynamicFunction      RDACHarString,
    dynamicFunctionCode  RDAInteger,
    more                 RDAInteger,
    returnCode           RDAInteger,
    rowCount             RDAInteger,
    statusRecords        RDADiagnosticRecordList
}

RDADiagnosticRecord    ::= SEQUENCE
{
    diagnosticRecords    RDADiagnosticStatusList
}

RDADiagnosticStatus    ::= SEQUENCE
{
    diagnosticCode       RDAInteger,
    diagnosticValue      RDAValue
}

```

Encoding Parameters

StatusRecords: a list of diagnostic status records.

Other operation parameters in RDADiagnostic correspond to the fields with the same name in the CLI diagnostics area are defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI). The matching of names for this purpose ignores capitalisation, and underscores.

DiagnosticRecords: a list of diagnostic status fields.

DiagnosticCode: a code used to designate a particular field of a diagnostic status record. The values of DescriptorCode are those defined in Table 12 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) excluding MESSAGE_LENGTH and MESSAGE_OCTET_LENGTH.

DiagnosticValue: the value of the descriptor field identified by DiagnosticCode with type defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

NOTE 33 – The value of MESSAGE_LENGTH and MESSAGE_OCTET_LENGTH can be deduced from the encoding.

7.3.3 RDAItemDescriptor encoding element

Function

Encode an Item Descriptor

Encoding

```
RDAItemDescriptor ::= SEQUENCE
{ descriptorEntries      RDADescriptorEntryList
}

RDADescriptorEntry ::= SEQUENCE
{ descriptorCode         RDAInteger,
  descriptorValue        RDAValue
}
```

Encoding Parameters

DescriptorEntries: a list of descriptor entries.

DescriptorCode: a code used to designate a particular field of a descriptor. The values of DescriptorCode are those defined in Table 20 of ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

The entries LENGTH, NULLABLE and TYPE shall always be present.

If an RDADescriptorEntry with DescriptorCode designating TYPE is present with DescriptorValue *V* in an RDAItemDescriptor *D*, then the RDADescriptorEntries identified in Table 10 shall also be present in *D*, according to *V*.

Table 10 – RDADescriptorEntries required for SQL Data Types

SQL Data Type identified by <i>V</i>	RDADescriptorEntries required
CHARACTER (<i>L</i>)	CHARACTER_SET_CATALOG CHARACTER_SET_SCHEMA CHARACTER_SET_NAME
CHARACTERVARYING (<i>L</i>)	CHARACTER_SET_CATALOG CHARACTER_SET_SCHEMA CHARACTER_SET_NAME
BIT (<i>L</i>)	
BITVARYING (<i>L</i>)	
SMALLINT	
INTEGER	
DECIMAL (<i>P</i> , <i>S</i>)	PRECISION SCALE

NUMERIC (<i>P</i> , <i>S</i>)	PRECISION SCALE
REAL	
DOUBLEPRECISION	
FLOAT (<i>P</i>)	PRECISION
<datetime type>	DATETIME_INTERVAL_CODE PRECISION
<interval type>	DATETIME_INTERVAL_CODE DATETIME_INTERVAL_PRECISION PRECISION

NOTE 34 – The value of the CLI item descriptor area parameter UNNAMED can be derived from the encoded character length of the NAME field.

NOTE 35 – The value of the CLI item descriptor area parameters ALLOC_TYPE, DATA_POINTER and INDICATOR_POINTER are local to the RDA-client environment and are never communicated.

NOTE 36 – The value of the CLI item descriptor area parameter OCTET_LENGTH, and the values pointed at by DATA_POINTER and INDICATOR_POINTER can be derived from the encoding of an RDAValue.

DescriptorValue: the value of the descriptor field identified by DescriptorCode encoded according to the encoding type defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

7.3.4 RDARow and RDAValue encoding elements

Function

Encode a row of values

Encoding

```

RDARow ::= SEQUENCE
{
    values
}

RDAValue ::= CHOICE
{
    nullValue
    character
    characterVarying
    bit
    bitVarying
    smallint
    integer
    decimal
    numeric
    real
    doublePrecision
    float
    datetime
    interval
}

```

Encoding Parameters

Values: a list of RDAValues that encode the values of the fields of the row.

NOTE 37 – The encoding of RDARow does not explicitly encode information about the number of values encoded or the data types of the values. This information is provided implicitly in the encoding and by an associated RDAItemDescriptorList.

NullValue: an encoding that indicates the null value.

Datetime: an encoding of a value of type <datetime>.

Interval: an encoding of type <interval>

The other parameters correspond to implementation data types with the same name as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI). The matching of names for this purpose ignores capitalisation and spaces.

8 Exceptions

The RDA Protocol rules and RDA Operation rules include rules that when evaluated may result in the raising of an exception.

8.1 Exception codes for RDA-specific Conditions

The SQL conditions that may be raised as a result of the invocation of an RDA Operation are listed in Table 11 together with the corresponding status codes.

Table 11 – SQLSTATE class and subclass values for RDA-specific conditions

Condition	Class	Subcondition	Subclass
RDA-specific condition	HZ	attribute not permitted	301
		authentication failure	302
		duplicate request ident	303
		encoding not supported	304
		feature not supported – multiple server transactions	305
		invalid attribute type	306
		invalid fetch count	307
		invalid message type	308
		invalid operation sequence	309
		invalid transaction operation code	310
		mismatch between descriptor and row	311
		no connection handle available	312
		number of values does not match number of item descriptors	313
		transaction cannot commit	314
		transaction state unknown	315
		transport failure	316
		unexpected parameter descriptor	317
		unexpected row descriptor	318
		unexpected rows	319
		version not supported	320
		TCP/IP error	321
		TLS alert	322

8.2 Exception Behaviour

If an RDA generated exception *E* is raised by the RDA-server Operation Rules when evaluating operation *RO* an RDAResponse *R* is constructed with parameters set to the values defined in Table 12 and *R* is regarded as the result of the evaluation of *RO*.

If an RDA generated exception *E* is raised in the RDA-client when evaluating an operation *RO* an RDAResponse *R* is deemed to have been received with parameters as set out in Table 12 and *R* is regarded as the result of the evaluation of *RO*.

NOTE 38 – This may result in a single recursion of the RDAResponse Evaluation rules.

Table 12 – RDAResponse Parameter settings for RDA generated conditions

Parameter	Value
ServerAttributes	An empty list
DynamicFunction	The null string
DynamicFunctionCode	0
More	0
ReturnCode	-1
RowCount	0
CatalogName	The null string
ClassOrigin	'ISO 9075'
ColumnName	The null string
ConditionNumber	1
ConstraintCatalog	The null string
ConstraintName	The null string
ConstraintSchema	The null string
CursorName	The null string
MessageText	the text of the condition and subcondition from Table 11
NativeCode	0
SchemaName	The null string
ServerName	The null string
SQLState	the SQLState for the condition and subcondition from Table 11
SubclassOrigin	'ISO 9579'
TableName	The null string
ParameterDescriptor	An empty list
RowDescriptor	An empty list
Rows	An empty list

9 Encodings

The encodings that may be supported by implementations of this International Standard are identified in Table 13. The Definition Subclause for an Encoding defines the encoding of those types used by this International Standard but not otherwise defined.

Table 13 – Codes used to identify TCP/IP encoding

Encoding	Definition Subclause	Encoding Code
The Base encoding	9.1	0
The ASN.1 PER encoding	9.2	1

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9.1 The Base Encoding

If a sequence of octets S encodes an integer then the bits of S taken in a sequence starting with the most significant bit of the first octet of S and ending with the least significant bit of the last octet of S (or the first octet if S has only one octet) are regarded as the bits of the 2's complement binary representation of an integer taken in a sequence starting with the most significant bit. If S is empty, it encodes the integer zero.

RDANull: No octets

RDCharacter: A sequence of two octets encoding an integer whose value represents a character C of the Basic Multilingual Plane of ISO/IEC 10646 encoded according to UCS-2 as defined in ISO/IEC 10646. The value of the encoding is C .

RDAInteger: An octet encoding an integer L followed by a sequence S of L octets encoding an integer I . The value of the encoding is I . L may not be less than zero or greater than eight.

RDAReal: A sequence of eight octets encoding a real number as specified for 64 bit floating point numbers in IEEE 754-1985.

RDAOctetString: A sequence of four octets encoding an integer L followed by a sequence S of L octets. The value of the encoding is the octet string S . L may not be less than zero.

RDCharString: A sequence of four octets encoding an integer L followed by a sequence of L encodings of **RDCharacter**, CS . The value of the encoding is CS . L may not be less than zero.

RDABitString: A sequence of four octets encoding an integer L followed by a sequence S of LO octets where LO is the smallest integer greater than or equal to L divided by eight. The value of the encoding is the first L bits of S starting with the least significant bit of the first octet of S and ending with the most significant bit of the last octet of S (or the first octet if S has only one octet). L may not be less than zero.

CHOICE OF $\{T_0, \dots, T_n\}$: A sequence of one octet encoding an integer C followed by an encoding of the C th item between the braces, the first item numbered zero. C may not be less than zero.

SEQUENCE OF T : A sequence of four octets encoding an integer L followed by a sequence S of L encodings of type T . L may not be less than zero.

SEQUENCE $\{T_0, \dots, T_n\}$: The encodings of the items between the braces in sequence.

9.2 The ASN.1 PER Encoding

The encoding shall be according to the ASN.1 encoding rules defined in ISO/IEC 8825-2. The encoding shall use Canonical, Aligned, Packed Encoding Rules (PER).

Where ISO/IEC 8825-2 allows both primitive and constructed encoding, primitive encoding shall be used.

Basic types are encoded by the ASN.1 types:

RDANull	::=	NULL
RDAInteger	::=	INTEGER
RDAReal	::=	REAL
RDABitString	::=	BIT STRING
RDAOctetString	::=	OCTET STRING
RDCharString	::=	BMPString

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10 Transport Mappings

A Transport Mapping interprets a Transport Address and makes Transport Facilities provided by a Transport Provider available to RDA.

A Transport Connection may be shared between execution threads. In a multi-threading environment it is the responsibility of the Transport Mapping to ensure that the transmission of one RDA message on a Transport Connection does not interfere with the transmission of another RDA message on the same Transport Connection.

The Transport Mappings defined by this International Standard are identified in Table 14.

Table 14 — Transport Mappings

Transport Mapping	Definition subclause
TCP/IP	10.1
TLS	10.2

NOTE 39 — Future editions of this International Standard and amendments to this edition of this International Standard may define Transport Mappings for other Transport Providers

10.1 Mapping to TCP/IP

TCP/IP is a communication protocol defined by RFC 971 and RFC 793 together. It provides a reliable stream-oriented transport service, which may be used by RDA-clients and RDA-servers for the purpose of RDA communication. Mapping of RDA data transfer requirements to TCP/IP provided facilities are defined in the following clauses.

10.1.1 Transport Address

A Transport Address is represented by a string consisting of a <domain> as defined in RFC 819.

10.1.2 Mapping of Transport Connect

A TCP/IP connection is established as defined in RFC 793 for the OPEN call between the source *S* and the destination *D*. The local socket is set to the IP address corresponding to the Transport Address of *S*, and the foreign socket to the IP address corresponding to the Transport Address of *D*. The port number for an RDA-client is allocated by the RDA-client to be a TCP/IP port number otherwise unused by the client. The port number of all RDA-servers using this Transport Mapping is 630.

10.1.3 Mapping of Transport Disconnect

The Transport Connection is terminated as defined in RFC 793 for the CLOSE call.

10.1.4 Mapping of Transport Fail

The Transport Connection is terminated as defined in RFC 793 for the ABORT call.

10.1.5 Mapping of Transport Send

The possibly concatenated encoding of RDA protocol elements is sent as defined for a buffer in RFC 793 for the SEND call with the PUSH control bit set.

10.1.6 Mapping of Transport Receive

Bytes are read consecutively as defined in RFC 793 for the RECEIVE call until the end of an RDA protocol element is reached.

NOTE 40 — This does not prohibit protocol element concatenation.

10.1.7 Mapping of Transport Errors

If a Transport Connect Request, Transport Disconnect Request, Transport Fail Request, Transport Send or Transport Receive facility fails, then the exceptions are raised: *RDA-specific condition: transport failure* and *RDA-specific condition – TCP/IP error* with the error level and error description placed in the NativeCode and MessageText fields of a status record of the Diagnostic Area

10.1.8 Default Encoding

The Default Encoding for this Transport Mapping is the Base encoding defined in 9.1

10.2 Mapping to TLS

Transport Layer Security (TLS) is a security protocol defined by RFC 2246.

This mapping is the same as that defined in 10.1 except as described below.

10.2.1 Mapping of Transport Connect

It is recommended that the port number of an RDA-server using this Transport Mapping is 630.

NOTE 41 – This port number is the same as that used by the TCP/IP mapping. Facilities will be provided in future editions of this International Standard to permit determination of whether the TCP/IP or the TLS mapping is used. The port number assigned to this mapping may change at that time.

10.2.2 Mapping of encodings

RDA protocol elements (possibly concatenated) are carried as plain-text fragments in the Transport Layer Security record protocol as defined in RFC 2246.

10.2.3 Mapping of Transport Errors

If an Alert message is received then the exceptions are raised: *RDA-specific condition – transport failure* and *RDA-specific condition: TLS Alert* with the AlertLevel and AlertDescription placed in the NativeCode and MessageText fields of a status record of the Diagnostic Area.

11 Conformance

An implementation shall claim conformance either as an RDA-client or as an RDA-server. A system may contain a number of RDA-clients and a number of RDA-servers.

11.1 RDA-client Conformance

An implementation that claims conformance to this International Standard as an RDA-client shall exhibit external behaviour consistent with having implemented the RDA Operations and RDA Protocol defined in clauses 6 and 7 inasmuch as they relate to an RDA-client, at least one Transport Mapping as defined in clause 10 and the Default Encoding for each Transport Mapping implemented.

An implementation may claim conformance to the RDA-client Application Programming Interface in which case it shall provide a routine interface as defined in Annex B.

An implementation may claim conformance to the RDA Location Server in which case it shall provide the SQL-server defined in Annex D.

Where an implementation claims conformance to this International Standard and also provides an interface as defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) then the implementation shall exhibit a behaviour consistent with the mapping defined in Annex C.

11.2 RDA-server Conformance

An implementation that claims conformance to this International Standard as an RDA-server shall exhibit external behaviour consistent with having implemented the RDA Operations and RDA Protocol defined in clauses 6 and 7 inasmuch as they relate to an RDA-server, at least one Transport Mapping as defined in clause 10 and the Default Encoding for each Transport Mapping implemented.

An implementation may claim conformance to the RDA-server Application Programming Interface in which case it shall provide a routine interface as defined in Annex B.

An implementation may claim conformance to the RDA Support Server in which case it shall provide the SQL-server defined in Annex E.

11.3 Claims of Conformance

Claims of conformance to this International Standard shall be accompanied by a completed proforma for the information listed in Annex A.

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Annex A Conformance Proforma

(normative)

A copy of the proforma in this annex is to be completed for each RDA-client implementation and each RDA-server implementation that claims to conform to this International Standard.

All items in A.1 to A.4 shall be completed and either the items in A.5 or A.6 according to the entry in item A.4.2.

A.1. Identification

A.1.1 Conformance statement for: ISO/IEC 9579:199x, Information Technology — Remote Database Access for SQL (RDA/SQL).

A.1.2 Date of Statement:

A.2. Supplier Details

A.2.1 Organisation:

A.2.2 Contact Name(s):

A.2.3 Address:

A.2.4 Telephone:

A.2.5 Fax:

A.2.6 Email:

A.2.7 Other contact information:

A.3. Implementation Details

A.3.1	Implementation Name:
A.3.2	Version:
A.3.3	Hardware name:
A.3.4	Hardware version:
A.3.5	Operating system name:
A.3.6	Operating system version:
A.3.7	Special configuration requirements:
A.3.8	Other implementation information:

A.4. RDA Support

A.4.1	Does the implementation support the RDA Operations and RDA Protocol (check one): yes ☐ , no ☐	
A.4.2	Is this conformance statement for (check one):	RDA-client ☐ , RDA-server ☐
A.4.3	Does the implementation also support Edition 2 (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.4.4	Specify a list of amendments implemented (or none):	
A.4.5	Specify a list of technical corrigenda implemented (or none):	
A.4.6	Which Transport Mappings are provided (check all that apply):	TCP/IP ☐ , TLS ☐
A.4.7	Which RDA encodings are supported (check all that apply): Base encoding ☐ , ASN.1 PER encoding ☐	

A.5. Optional facilities for RDA-clients only

A.5.1	Does the implementation provide RDA/API (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.2	If so, which languages (check all that apply) Ada ☐ , C ☐ , COBOL ☐ , FORTRAN ☐ , MUMPS ☐ , Pascal ☐ , PL/I ☐	
A.5.3	Does the implementation provide asynchronous operation (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.4	Does the implementation provide message concatenation (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.5	Does the implementation provide the RDA Location Server (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.6	Does the implementation provide the client resume connection mode (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.7	Does the implementation support the server resume connection mode (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.5.8	Which RDA Service User Authentication types are provided (check all that apply): None ☐ , Password ☐	

A.6. Optional facilities for RDA-servers only

A.6.1	Does the implementation provide RDA/API (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.2	If so, which languages (check all that apply) Ada ☐ , C ☐ , COBOL ☐ , FORTRAN ☐ , MUMPS ☐ , Pascal ☐ , PL/I ☐	
A.6.3	Does the implementation provide asynchronous operation (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.4	Does the implementation provide message concatenation (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.5	Does the implementation provide the RDA Support Server (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.6	Does the implementation support the client resume connection mode (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.7	Does the implementation provide the server resume connection mode (check one):	yes ☐ , no ☐
A.6.8	Which RDA Transaction Co-ordination types are provided (check all that apply): One-phase ☐ , Two-phase ☐	
A.6.9	Which RDA Service User Authentication types are provided (check all that apply): None ☐ , Password ☐	

Annex B RDA Programming Interface

(normative)

This Annex defines an optional RDA Programming Interface, RDA/API.

NOTE 42 – An RDA Programming Interface is not required for conformance to this International Standard. However, if an implementation provides an RDA Programming Interface it must conform to the specification in this Annex.

For those RDA implementations that present an RDA Programming Interface corresponding to RDA/API the Conformance Proforma in the Annex A offers the opportunity to declare such provision.

RDA/API functions provide:

- a means of initiating a Transport Connection,
- a means of identifying a Transport Connection and associating subsequent RDA Operation invocations with it,
- a means of invoking an RDA Operation and retrieving the results of that invocation.

B.1. Notation for defining RDA/API functions

The notation for defining RDA/API functions is that defined in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI) for defining CLI functions. In addition:

- An RDA/API Parameter *P* of type CHARACTER(*L*) which is an input RDA/API Parameter has an INTEGER or SMALLINT input RDA/API Parameter associated with it whose name is the same as the name of *P* with the addition of the letter “L” at the end which designates the number of characters of the parameter which are significant.
- An RDA/API Parameter *P* of type CHARACTER(*L*) which is an output RDA/API Parameter has an INTEGER or SMALLINT input RDA/API Parameter associated with it whose name is the same as the name of *P* with the addition of the letters “BL” at the end which designates the number of characters of the parameter which are available for RDA/API to write into, and an INTEGER or SMALLINT output RDA/API Parameter associated with it whose name is the same as the name of *P* with the addition of the letter “L” at the end which designates the number of characters of the RDA/API Parameter which are significant when the operation has completed.
- The encoding of a CHARACTER(*L*) parameter is the same as the encoding of the corresponding RDA/API Parameter.

B.2. Mapping RDA/API to a programming language

Mapping an RDA/API function to a programming language is analogous to the mapping defined for SQL/CLI in ISO/IEC 9075-3 (SQL/CLI).

The character set and encoding used in character string parameters is as for the definition of RDACharacter in 9.1.

B.3. Transport Handles

A Transport Handle identifies an SQL-connection. It is allocated by a successfully completed call to the RDAConnect function and is used as an input parameter to other calls which invoke operations on that SQL-connection. A Transport Handle is released by a call to the RDADisconnect function.

NOTE 43 – This parameter is not included in any protocol defined by this International Standard.

B.4. Transport Mapping Codes

The TransportMapping parameter of the RDAConnect function selects the Transport Mapping. The TransportMapping parameter is a code defined in Table 15.

NOTE 44 – This parameter is not included in any protocol defined by this International Standard.

Table 15 – Transport Mapping Codes

Transport Mapping	Definition subclause	Transport Mapping Code
TCP/IP	10.1	1
TLS	10.2	2

B.5. Transport Connection Management

Transport Connections are established and terminated as required according to the RDA Protocol rules set out in 6.3.

B.6. RDA/API functions

For each RDA Operation defined in clause 7 there is an RDA/API function with the same name. Each such function has parameters, defined in B.8:

- to identify a Transport Connection,
- to provide the encoding parameters of the corresponding RDA Operation,
- to return the protocol parameters of the RDAResponse protocol element.

B.7. RDA/API function invocation

When an RDA/API function F is invoked:

- 1) Let TH be the value of the parameter TransportHandle.
- 2) If TH does not identify an allocated Transport Handle, then the function terminates returning invalid handle.
- 3) The RDA Operation corresponding to F is invoked with Encoding Parameters set to the corresponding Function Parameters, using a Transport Connection associated with TH .
- 4) When the RDA Operation has completed the Function Parameters corresponding to RDAResponse Protocol Parameters are set from the corresponding Encoding Parameters.
- 5) The function terminates returning the value of ReturnCode of the RDADiagnostic Encoding Parameter.

B.8. RDA/API function parameters

```

RDAConnect (
    TransportHandle      OUT    INTEGER,
    TransportMapping     IN     SMALLINT,
    DestinationAddress   IN     CHARACTER(L1),
    DestinationAddressL  IN     SMALLINT,
    DestinationServerName IN    CHARACTER(L2),
    DestinationServerNameL IN    SMALLINT,
    UserName             IN     CHARACTER(L3),
    UserNameL            IN     SMALLINT,
    AuthenticationType   IN     SMALLINT,
    Authentication       IN     CHARACTER(L4),
    AuthenticationL      IN     SMALLINT,
    MessageContext       IN     CHARACTER(L5),
    MessageContextL      IN     SMALLINT,
    ServerAttributes     OUT    CHARACTER(L6),
    ServerAttributesBL   IN     SMALLINT,
    ServerAttributesL    OUT    SMALLINT,
    Diagnostics          OUT    CHARACTER(L7),
    DiagnosticsBL        IN     SMALLINT,
    DiagnosticsL         OUT    SMALLINT)
    RETURNS SMALLINT

RDADisconnect (
    TransportHandle      IN     INTEGER,
    MessageContext       IN     CHARACTER(L8),
    MessageContextL      IN     SMALLINT,
    ServerAttributes     OUT    CHARACTER(L9),
    ServerAttributesBL   IN     SMALLINT,
    ServerAttributesL    OUT    SMALLINT,
    Diagnostics          OUT    CHARACTER(L10),
    DiagnosticsBL        IN     SMALLINT,
    DiagnosticsL         OUT    SMALLINT)
    RETURNS SMALLINT

```