



# Standard Terminology Relating to Terminology Management<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This is a list of terms with corresponding definitions commonly used in the field of terminology

## 2. Terminology

### 2.1 Terms and Definitions:

**abbreviation, n**—a shortened form of a single-element term created by the omission of some of its letters.

**canonical-form definition, n**—see **intensional definition**

**characteristic, n**—*in terminology*, any of the properties that constitute or distinguish a concept.

**compound term, n**—a term that contains more than one word in the natural spoken word order.

**definition, n**—statement that describes a concept and permits its differentiation from other concepts within a system of concepts. **ISO 1087**

**delimited term, n**—a term whose term entry includes a specified domain or area of application.

*DISCUSSION*—Terms and their definitions frequently are limited to a particular field of interest or to use by a particular organization and are specified by a phrase, such as *in plastics* or *in textiles*. The context or the definition itself may imply the applicable domain, and a delimiting phrase may not be needed. A term or its definition may be limited to the domain in which the term appears or may be specified for a particular range of users.

**differentia, n**—a characteristic that distinguishes one species of a genus from all other species of that genus.

**extensional definition, n**—a definition of a term formed by listing all of the entities that comprise the concept.

*DISCUSSION*—A class or group consisting of a small and limited number of members may be better defined in extension than by an intensional definition. An extensional definition is a complete listing and is not an appropriate form to merely list one or more examples.

**glossary, n**—a collection of specialized terms and their meanings.

**intensional definition, n**—a two-part definition of a term consisting of a class name for the concept, the genus, and one or two more characteristics that differentiate the concept from others in the same class.

**normative terminology, n**—a terminology that is standardized or authoritatively prescribed.

**operational definition, n**—a definition that describes the procedure or process by which an entity is made or calculated.

*DISCUSSION*—A definition of a mathematical quantity that presents or describes the equation by which it is calculated is a common type of operational definition; however, precise definitions of this type often do not describe concepts as clearly as intensional definitions.

**term, compound, n**—see **compound term**

**term, delimited, n**—see **delimited term**

**terminology, n**—a set of terms representing the concepts of a field. **E 1964**

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