

## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 18026:2009), of which it constitutes a major revision.

ISO/IEC 18026 Edition 3 introduces new capabilities and extends and improves existing Edition 2 capabilities. The new and/or enhanced technical content includes:

- 1) Comprehensive and improved treatment of geodesics
- 2) Similarity transformation templates (STT)
- 3) Revisions to *Profiles* and *Conformance* clauses, as well as informative Annex I.6 to cover positional error measurement cases
- 4) Improved accuracy domains in the Default Profile
- 5) Incorporation of a new clause *Orientation – change of basis and rotation*
- 6) Revision to *Coordinate Systems*, *Spatial Reference Frames*, and *Operations* clauses
- 7) Other improvements throughout the standard, including editorial and self-consistency improvements, incorporation of new figures, and correction of defects.

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