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| Definition: | The International Standard for country codes, Part one. |
| Classification structure: | The purpose of ISO 3166 is to establish codes for the representation of names of countries, territories or areas of geographical interest, and their subdivisions.  Part 1: Country codes  First published in 1974, it has since then become one of the world's most widely used standard solution for coding country names. It contains a two-letter code which is recommended as the general purpose code, a three-letter code which has better mnemonic properties and a numeric-3 code which can be useful if script independence of the codes is important. |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | There are three related documents which, taken together, make up ISO 3166; Part 1: Country codes, Part 2: Country subdivision code and Part 3: Code for formerly used names of countries.  ISO 3166-1 is by far the most important of the three standards and the only standard in scope for this classification scheme. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Reference documents: | Maintenance Agency for International Standards Organisation (ISO) 3166 Country Codes 2006. International Standard for Country Codes. Geneva: ISO. Viewed 11 July 2011,  [http://www.iso.org/iso/ english\_country\_names\_and\_code\_elements](http://www.iso.org/iso/english_country_names_and_code_elements) |
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