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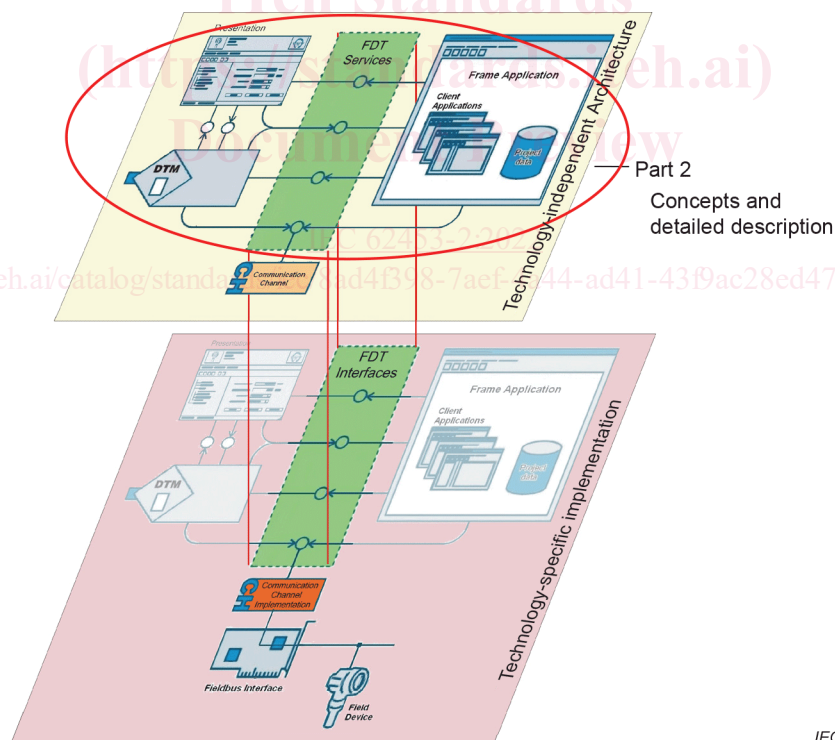
This part of IEC 62453 is an interface specification for developers of FDT<sup>1</sup> (Field Device Tool) components for function control and data access within a client/server architecture. The specification is a result of an analysis and design process to develop standard interfaces to facilitate the development of servers and clients by multiple vendors that need to interoperate seamlessly.

With the integration of fieldbuses into control systems, there are a few other tasks which need to be performed. In addition to fieldbus- and device-specific tools, there is a need to integrate these tools into higher-level system-wide planning or engineering tools. In particular, for use in extensive and heterogeneous control systems, typically in the area of the process industry, the unambiguous definition of engineering interfaces that are easy to use for all those involved is of great importance.

A device-specific software component created according to this document is called Device Type Manager (DTM). It integrates all device-specific data, functions and business rules into the system via the FDT services defined herein.

The FDT/DTM approach is open for all kind of fieldbuses and enables integration variety of devices into heterogeneous systems.

Figure 1 shows how this document is aligned in the structure of the IEC 62453 series.



**Figure 1 – Part 2 of the IEC 62453 series**

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