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INTRODUCTION

The scope of IEC 62361-2 is to create a common list of SCADA quality codes for reference by other standards to avoid embedding quality code lists in other standards.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62361 documents the quality codes used by existing IEC standards related to supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) in the field of power systems management. Meter reading quality coding is not considered to be in the scope of this version of the document. It determines and documents mapping between these standards. Eventual loss of quality information that might occur in mapping is documented. A cohesive and common list of quality codes with semantics is defined. The identified standards to be dealt with in this document are: IEC 60870-5, IEC 60870-6 TASE.2, IEC 61850, IEC 61970, DAIS DA, OPC DA and OPC UA.

Data covered by this part of IEC 62361 is measurements provided by the following links, applications or interfaces:

- RTU, 61850 or OPC DA links to SCADA
- Validation added by state estimation
- TASE.2 (ICCP) or TASE.1 (ELCOM) links between control centers
- Servers, e.g. SCADA, that provide OPC or DAIS-DA data

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60870-5 (all parts), *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols*

IEC 60870-6 (all parts), *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 6: Telecontrol protocols compatible with ISO standards and ITU-T recommendations*

IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

IEC 61850-3, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 3: General requirements*

IEC 61850-7-2:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*

IEC 61850-7-3, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes*

IEC 61970 (all parts), *Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API)*

IEC 61970-301, *Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 301: Common information model (CIM) base*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

DAIS Data Access formal/05-06-01; www.omg.com

OPC Data Access version 2.03; www.opcfoundation.org.

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3 Terms and definitions

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4 Overview of applicable IEC standards

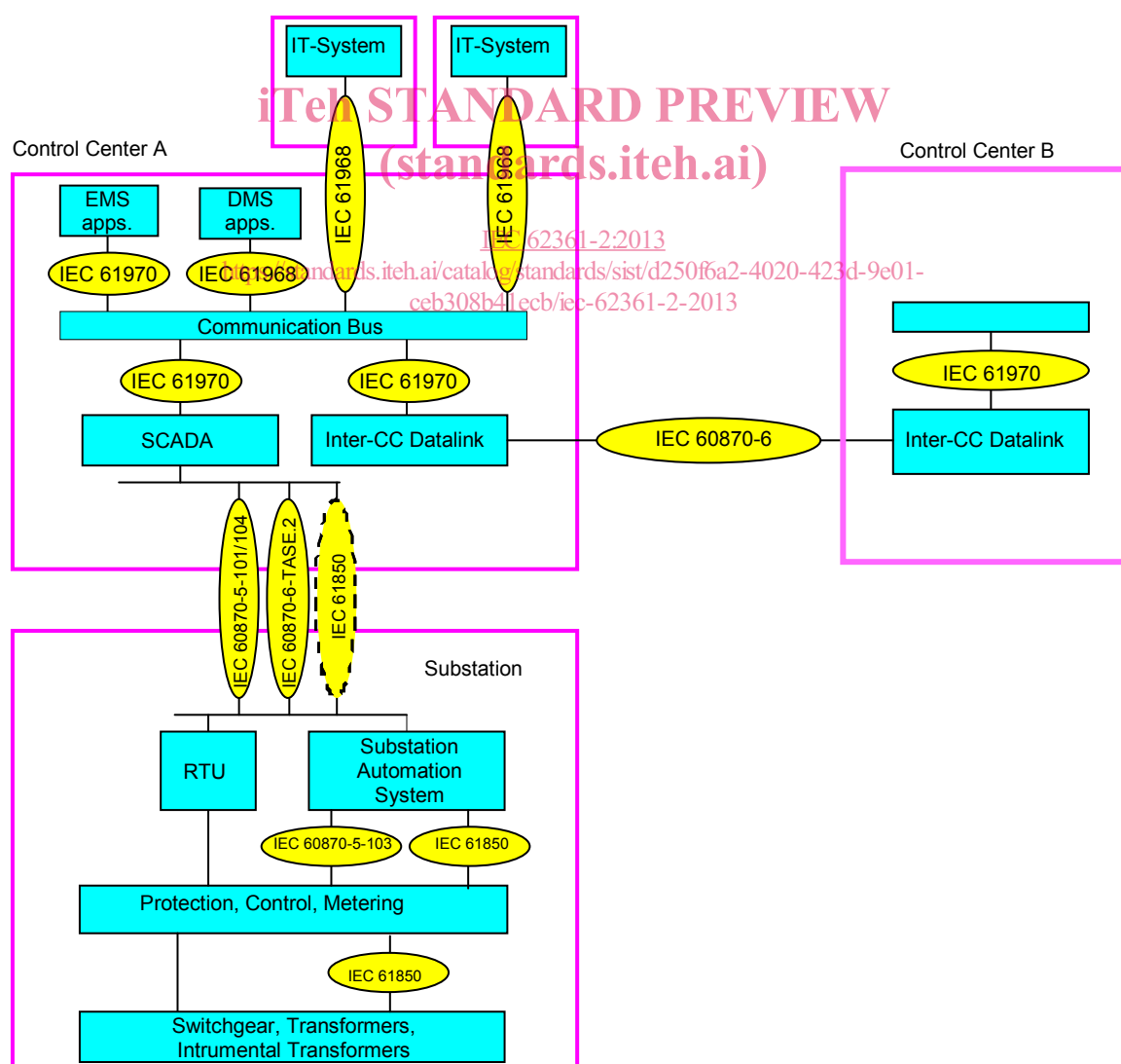


Figure 1 – Overview of IEC power systems information exchange standards

Figure 1 provides an overview of the IEC power systems information exchange standards. Refer to IEC/TR 62357-1 (*Power systems management and associated information exchange – Part 1: Reference architecture*) for further information.

When data is transmitted using a telecommunications protocol, the quality of the data must be preserved, and have a common meaning on both side of the transmission.

To facilitate harmonization and simplify maintenance of the standards, all IEC standards in the field of power systems management and associated information exchange should refer to this standard regarding quality codes. Specifications for quality codes should not be developed in the other standards. Upcoming revisions of this document can then work to harmonize quality codes across several standards.

5 Quality code flow diagram from substation to control center

IEC power systems information exchange standards for substation communication, control center communication and communication standards intended for exchange of information between applications at the control center level do have their own quality codes.

The quality codes flow through this chain of hierarchical systems from the IED to the control center. The quality codes need to be mapped between these standards. As different standards do not today support the same quality codes and semantics definitions for quality codes are not identical in the standards, mapping is difficult and loss of quality information can likely happen.

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Figure 2 provides an example of the quality code flow diagram from substation to remote control center.

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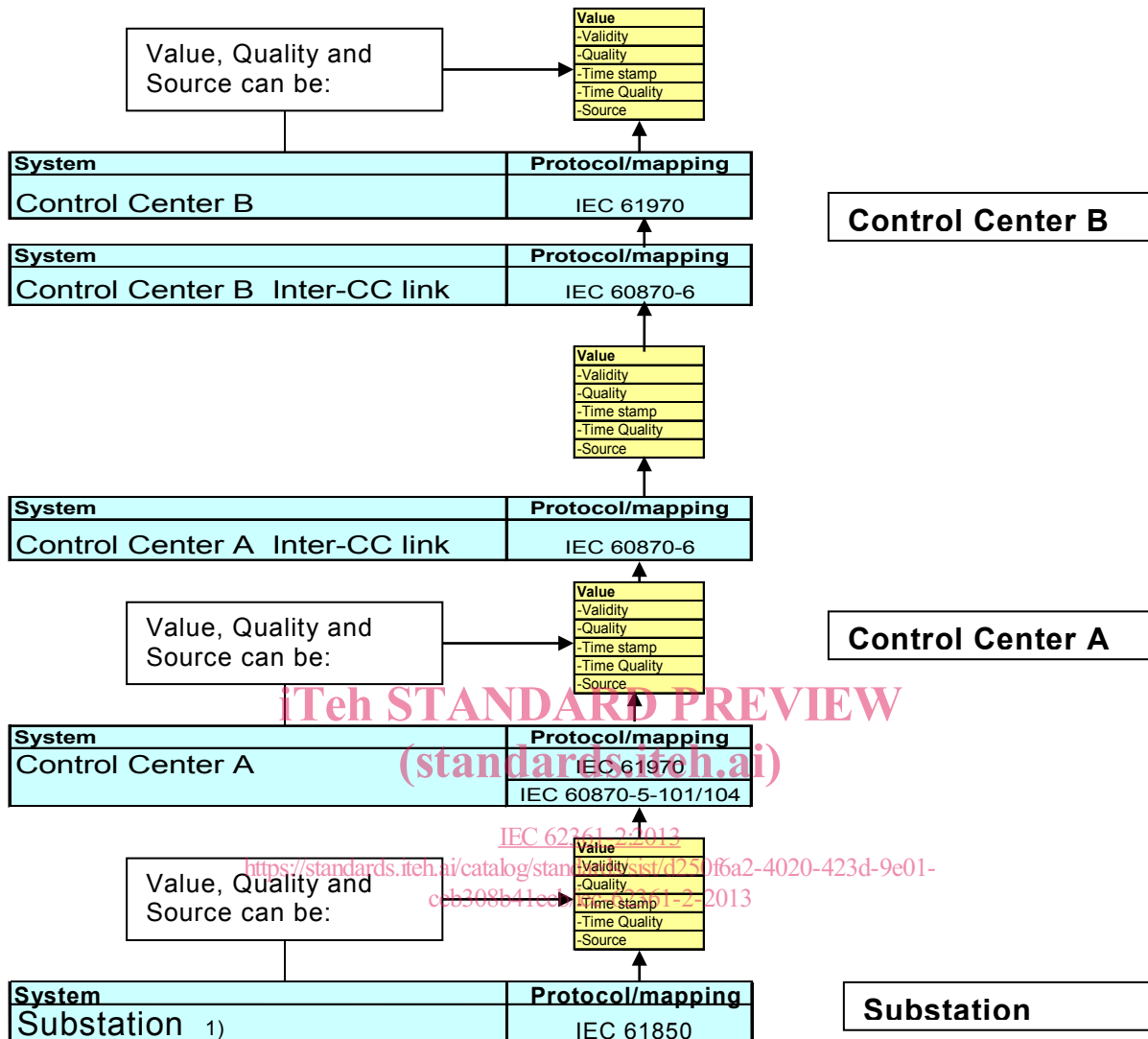


Figure 2 – Example of quality code flow diagram from substation to remote control center

NOTE A number of systems with multiple Client-Server relationships can also exist within the substation

The primary purpose of the quality code is to provide information to applications and users of control systems if a value is good or not.

Most standards also have detailed quality codes that can help applications decide if questionable values can be used or provide information why a value is Invalid and cannot be used.

Some applications utilize the time stamp of values. Time quality codes must be provided to indicate if the time stamp can be used. For special applications also the time accuracy of the time stamp is relevant.

In addition to quality codes most standards have source quality that gives information about the origin of the value. Quality codes and value can also be set by local supervision functions or by operator input in systems in the acquisition chain.

Quality codes are important in the maintenance of control systems and are used to identify erroneous signals in the control systems. The quality codes should if possible indicate what type of failure has occurred.

Test activities in substations during commissioning and maintenance will generate values that are not “real”. The quality code test should indicated that these of values are not for operational use.

6 List of quality codes by existing standards

6.1 Comparison of quality codes in existing standards

Table 1 provides an overview of quality codes in existing standards.

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Table 1 – Overview of quality codes in existing standards

Quality information	IEC and OMG SCADA related protocols:					
	IEC 61850	IEC 60870-5-101/104	IEC 60870-6 TASE.2	DAIS DA	OPC DA	
Data/Information related quality						
Good	Validity-good	-	Validity-valid	Good	Good	
Invalid	Validity-invalid	Invalid/Counter reading invalid	Validity-notvalid	Bad	Bad	
	Overflow	-	-	-	-	
	OutOfRange	-	-	-	-	
	BadReference	-	-	-	-	
	Oscillatory	-	-	-	-	
	Failure	-	-	-	Device failure	Device failure
		-	-	-	Configuration error	Configuration error
		-	-	-	Not connected	Not connected
		-	-	-	Sensor failure	Sensor failure
		-	-	-	Comm failure	Comm failure
-	-	-	Last known value	Last known value		
-	-	-	Out of service	Out of service		
Questionable	Validity-questionable	Not topical/Counter not adjusted	Validity-suspect	Uncertain	Uncertain	
	OutOfRange	-	-	Engineering units exceeded	Engineering units exceeded	
	BadReference	-	-	Sensor not accurate	Sensor not accurate	
	Oscillatory	-	-	Quality oscillatory	-	
	OldData	-	-	Last usable value	Last usable value	
	Inconsistent	-	-	Sub-normal	Sub-normal	
	Inaccurate	-	-	Sensor not accurate	Sensor not accurate	
-	-	-	-	-		
Data source related information						
Process	Source-process (4)	-	Source-telemetered	Source process	-	
Substituted	Source-substituted	Substituted	Source-entered	Primary substituted	Local override (5)	
Calculated	-	-	Source-calculated	-	-	
Estimated	-	-	Source-estimated	Source-corrected	-	
	-	-	-	Source inherited substituted	-	
Defaulted	-	-	-	Remote defaulted	-	
Additional data quality information						
Test	Test	Test	-	TEST_MASK	-	
OperatorBlocked	OperatorBlocked	Blocked (1)	Validity-held	OPERATOR_BLOCKED_MASK	-	
Timestamp related quality						
Invalid time	ClockFailure	Invalid time	Time stamp quality	TS_ACC_BAD_TIME	-	
Clock not synchronized	ClockNot synchronized	-	-	-	-	
TimeAccuracy	TimeAccuracy	-	-	TS_ACC_10_MSEC TS_ACC_100_MSEC TS_ACC_SECOND	-	

NOTE 1 Blocking and deblocking may be initiated e.g. by a local lock or a local automatic function.

NOTE 2 A correlation function has detected that the value is not consistent with other data. Typically set by a network state estimator.