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Part 6: Security for IEC 61850

1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 62351 specifies messages, procedures, and algorithms for securing the operation of all protocols based on or derived from the standard IEC 61850. This specification applies to at least those protocols listed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Scope of application to standards

Number	Name
IEC 61850-8-1	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 8-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO/IEC 9506-1 and ISO/IEC 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3
IEC 61850-9-2	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-2: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3
IEC 61850-6	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs

1.2 Object

The initial audience for this specification is intended to be the members of the working groups developing or making use of the protocols listed in Table 1. For the measures described in this specification to take effect, they must be accepted and referenced by the specifications for the protocols themselves. This document is written to enable that process.

The subsequent audience for this specification is intended to be the developers of products that implement these protocols.

Portions of this specification may also be of use to managers and executives in order to understand the purpose and requirements of the work.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems in substations*

IEC 61850-6, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs*

IEC 61850-8-1, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 8-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO 9506-1 and ISO 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 61850-9-1, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over serial unidirectional multidrop point to point link*

IEC 61850-9-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-2: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 62351-1, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 1: Communication network and system security – Introduction to security issues*

IEC 62351-2, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 2: Glossary of terms*

IEC 62351-4, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 4: Profiles including MMS*

ISO 9506 (all parts), *Industrial automation systems – Manufacturing Message Specification*

ISO/IEC 8802-3, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications*

ISO/IEC 13239, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – High-level data link control (HDLC) procedures*

IEEE Std. 802.1Q-2003, *Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks*

RFC 2030, *Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) Version 4 for IPv4, IPv6 and OSI*

RFC 2313, *PKCS #1: RSA Encryption Version 1.5*

RFC 3447, *Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1*

RFC 4634, *US Secure Hash Algorithms (SHA and HMAC-SHA)*

3   Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions contained in IEC 62351-2 apply.

4   Security issues addressed by this specification

4.1   Operational issues affecting choice of security options

For applications using GOOSE and IEC 61850-9-2 and requiring 4 ms response times, multicast configurations and low CPU overhead, encryption is not recommended. Instead, the communication path selection process (e.g. the fact that GOOSE and SMV are supposed to be restricted to a logical substation LAN) shall be used to provide confidentiality for information exchanges. However, this specification does define a mechanism for allowing confidentiality for applications where the 4 ms delivery criterion is not a concern.

NOTE   The actual performance characteristics of an implementation claiming conformance to this technical specification is outside the scope of this specification.

With the exception of confidentiality, this specification sets forth a mechanism that allows co-existence of secure and non-secure PDUs.

4.2 Security threats countered

See IEC 62351-1 for a discussion of security threats and attack methods.

If encryption is not employed, then the specific threats countered in this part include:

- unauthorized modification of information through message level authentication of the messages.

If encryption is employed, then the specific threats countered in this part include:

- unauthorized access to information through message level authentication and encryption of the messages;
- unauthorized modification (tampering) or theft of information through message level authentication and encryption the messages.

4.3 Attack methods countered

The following security attack methods are intended to be countered through the appropriate implementation of the specification/recommendations found within this document:

- man-in-the-middle: this threat will be countered through the use of a Message Authentication Code mechanism specified within this document;
- tamper detection/message integrity: These threats will be countered through the algorithm used to create the authentication mechanism as specified within this document;
- replay: this threat will be countered through the use of specialized processing state machines specified within IEC 62351-4 and this document.

5 Correlation of IEC 61850 parts and IEC 62351 parts

5.1 IEC 61850 security for profiles using ISO 9506 (MMS)

5.1.1 General

IEC 61850 implementations claiming conformance to this specification and declaring support for the IEC 61850-8-1 profile utilizing TCP/IP and ISO 9506 (MMS) shall implement Clauses 5 and 6 of IEC 62351-4. In addition to the IEC 62351-4 specification, extensions to IEC 61850-6 (the Substation Configuration Language) shall be supported as prescribed in 7.2.3.

IEC 61850-8-1 specifies the use of MMS within a substation. However, the scope of this specification provides security specifications for use within the substation and external to the substation (e.g. Control Centre to Substation).

5.1.2 Control centre to substation

The IEC 62351-4 standard shall be used without any other additions.

5.1.3 Substation communications

The following cipher suite shall be supported in addition to those specified in IEC 62351-4.

TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_SHA

NOTE This additional cipher suite is suggested in order to allow less CPU utilization when the communication environment is within a substation.

5.2   IEC 61850 security for profiles using VLAN IDs

For the IEC 61850 profiles specified that make use of VLAN IDs (e.g. IEC 61850-8-1 GOOSE, IEC 61850-9-1, and IEC 61850-9-2) profile security shall be provided as specified in Clause 7.

6   IEC 61850 security for SNTP

RFC 2030, including mandatory use of the authentication algorithms, shall be used.

7   IEC 61850 security for profiles using VLAN technologies

7.1   Overview of VLAN usage and IEC 61850 (informative)

This specification extends the normal IEC 61850 GOOSE and SMV PDUs. The outline of a PDU for GSE Management and GOOSE is given in Annex C of IEC 61850-8-1.

7.2   Extended PDU

7.2.1   General format of extended PDU
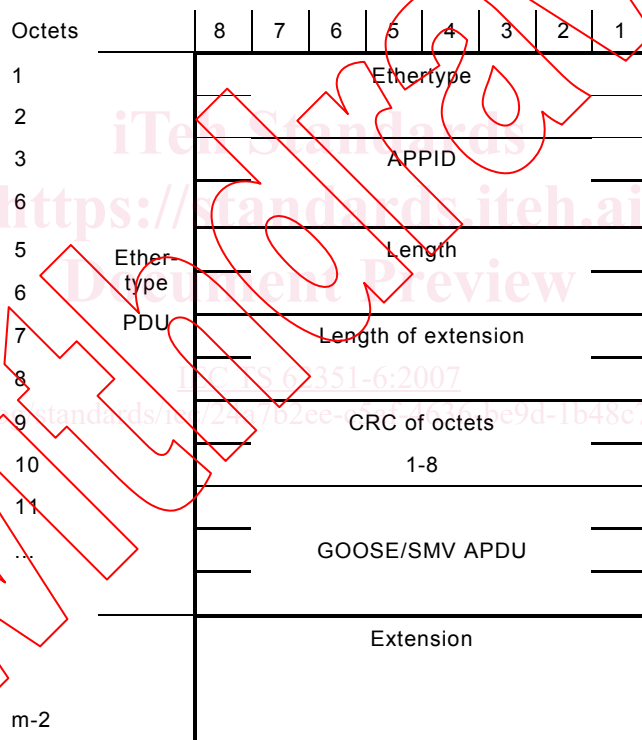
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Figure 1 – General format of extended PDU

Figure 1 depicts the fact that the Reserved1 and Reserved2 fields are to be used for implementations claiming conformance to this specification in regards to GOOSE and SMV. This specification specifies that the:

- **Reserved1 field** shall be used to specify the number of octets conveyed by the extension octets. This value shall be contained in the first octet of the Reserved1 field. The valid range of values is zero(0) through 255. A value of zero(0) shall indicate that no extension octets are present.

    The second octet of the Reserved1 field shall be reserved for future use;