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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61158 is one of a series produced to facilitate the interconnection of automation system components. It is related to other standards in the set as defined by the “three-layer” fieldbus reference model described in IEC/TR 61158-1.

The application service is provided by the application protocol making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. This standard defines the application service characteristics that fieldbus applications and/or system management may exploit.

Throughout the set of fieldbus standards, the term “service” refers to the abstract capability provided by one layer of the OSI Basic Reference Model to the layer immediately above. Thus, the application layer service defined in this standard is a conceptual architectural service, independent of administrative and implementation divisions.

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1 Scope

1.1 Overview

The fieldbus application layer (FAL) provides user programs with a means to access the fieldbus communication environment. In this respect, the FAL can be viewed as a “window between corresponding application programs.”

This standard provides common elements for basic time-critical and non-time-critical messaging communications between application programs in an automation environment and material specific to Type 8 fieldbus. The term “time-critical” is used to represent the presence of a time-window, within which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the time window risks failure of the applications requesting the actions, with attendant risk to equipment, plant and possibly human life.

This standard defines in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the Type 8 fieldbus application layer in terms of

- a) an abstract model for defining application resources (objects) capable of being manipulated by users via the use of the FAL service,
- b) the primitive actions and events of the service;
- c) the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form which they take; and
- d) the interrelationship between these actions and events, and their valid sequences.

The purpose of this standard is to define the services provided to

- 1) the FAL user at the boundary between the user and the application layer of the fieldbus reference model, and
- 2) Systems Management at the boundary between the application layer and Systems Management of the fieldbus reference model.

This standard specifies the structure and services of the Type 8 fieldbus application layer, in conformance with the OSI Basic Reference Model (ISO/IEC 7498) and the OSI application layer structure (ISO/IEC 9545).

FAL services and protocols are provided by FAL application-entities (AE) contained within the application processes. The FAL AE is composed of a set of object-oriented application service elements (ASEs) and a layer management entity (LME) that manages the AE. The ASEs provide communication services that operate on a set of related application process object (APO) classes. One of the FAL ASEs is a management ASE that provides a common set of services for the management of the instances of FAL classes.

Although these services specify, from the perspective of applications, how request and responses are issued and delivered, they do not include a specification of what the requesting and responding applications are to do with them. That is, the behavioral aspects of the applications are not specified; only a definition of what requests and responses they can send/receive is specified. This permits greater flexibility to the FAL users in standardizing such object behavior. In addition to these services, some supporting services are also defined in this standard to provide access to the FAL to control certain aspects of its operation.

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this standard is to specify the characteristics of conceptual application layer services suitable for time-critical communications, and thus supplement the OSI Basic Reference Model in guiding the development of application layer protocols for time-critical communications.

A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously-existing industrial communications protocols. It is this latter objective which gives rise to the diversity of services standardized as the various Types of IEC 61158, and the corresponding protocols standardized in subparts of IEC 61158-6.

This specification may be used as the basis for formal application programming interfaces. Nevertheless, it is not a formal programming interface, and any such interface will need to address implementation issues not covered by this specification, including

- a) the sizes and octet ordering of various multi-octet service parameters, and
- b) the correlation of paired request and confirm, or indication and response, primitives.

1.3 Conformance

This standard does not specify individual implementations or products, nor does it constrain the implementations of application layer entities within industrial automation systems.

There is no conformance of equipment to this application layer service definition standard. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of conforming application layer protocols that fulfill the Type 8 application layer services as defined in this standard.

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IEC 60559, *Binary Floating-point Arithmetic for Microprocessor Systems*

ISO/IEC 646, *Information technology – ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

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ISO/IEC 8822, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Presentation service definition*

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ISO/IEC 9545, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Application Layer structure*

ISO/IEC 10731, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Conventions for the definition of OSI services*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations and conventions apply.

3.1 ISO/IEC 7498-1 terms

This standard is partly based on the concepts developed in ISO/IEC 7498-1, and makes use of the following terms defined therein:

- a) application entity
- b) application process
- c) application protocol data unit
- d) application process invocation
- e) application transaction
- f) real open system
- g) transfer syntax

3.2 ISO/IEC 8822 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 8822 apply:

- a) abstract syntax
- b) presentation context

3.3 ISO/IEC 9545 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 9545 apply:

- a) application-association
- b) application-context
- c) application context name
- d) application-entity-invocation
- e) application-entity-type
- f) application-process-invocation
- g) application-process-type
- h) application-service-element
- i) application control service element

3.4 ISO/IEC 8824 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 8824 apply:

- a) object identifier
- b) type

3.5 Fieldbus data-link layer terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, as defined in IEC 61158-3-8 and IEC 61158-4-8, apply.

- a) DLCEP
- b) DLSAP
- c) link
- d) node

3.6 Fieldbus application layer specific definitions

3.6.1

access protection

limitation of the usage of an application object to one client

3.6.2

allocate

take a resource from a common area and assign that resource for the exclusive use of a specific entity

3.6.3

application

function or data structure for which data is consumed or produced

3.6.4

application layer interoperability

capability of application entities to perform coordinated and cooperative operations using the services of the FAL

3.6.5

application objects

multiple object classes that manage and provide a run time exchange of messages across the network and within the network device

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3.6.6

application process

part of a distributed application on a network, which is located on one device and unambiguously addressed

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3.6.7

application process identifier

distinguishes multiple application processes used in a device

3.6.8

application process object

component of an application process that is identifiable and accessible through an FAL application relationship

NOTE Application process object definitions are composed of a set of values for the attributes of their class (see the definition for Application Process Object Class Definition). Application process object definitions may be accessed remotely using the services of the FAL Object Management ASE. FAL Object Management services can be used to load or update object definitions, to read object definitions, and to dynamically create and delete application objects and their corresponding definitions.

3.6.9

application process object class

a class of application process objects defined in terms of the set of their network-accessible attributes and services

3.6.10

application relationship

cooperative association between two or more application-entity-invocations for the purpose of exchange of information and coordination of their joint operation. This relationship is activated either by the exchange of application-protocol-data-units or as a result of preconfiguration activities

3.6.11**application relationship application service element**

application-service-element that provides the exclusive means for establishing and terminating all application relationships

3.6.12**application relationship endpoint**

context and behavior of an application relationship as seen and maintained by one of the application processes involved in the application relationship

NOTE Each application process involved in the application relationship maintains its own application relationship endpoint.

3.6.13**attribute**

description of an externally visible characteristic or feature of an object

NOTE The attributes of an object contain information about variable portions of an object. Typically, they provide status information or govern the operation of an object. Attributes may also affect the behaviour of an object. Attributes are divided into class attributes and instance attributes.

3.6.14**behaviour**

indication of how an object responds to particular events

3.6.15**class**

a set of objects, all of which represent the same kind of system component

NOTE A class is a generalisation of an object; a template for defining variables and methods. All objects in a class are identical in form and behaviour, but usually contain different data in their attributes.

3.6.16**class attribute**

attribute that is shared by all objects within the same class

3.6.17**class code**

unique identifier assigned to each object class

3.6.18**class specific service**

service defined by a particular object class to perform a required function which is not performed by a common service

NOTE A class specific object is unique to the object class which defines it.

3.6.19**client**

- a) object which uses the services of another (server) object to perform a task
- b) initiator of a message to which a server reacts

3.6.20**control commands**

action invocations transferred from client to server to clear outputs, freeze inputs and/or synchronise outputs

3.6.21**conveyance path**

unidirectional flow of APDUs across an application relationship

3.6.22

cyclic

repetitive in a regular manner

3.6.23

data consistency

means for coherent transmission and access of the input- or output-data object between and within client and server

3.6.24

dedicated AR

AR used directly by the FAL User

NOTE On Dedicated ARs, only the FAL Header and the user data are transferred.

3.6.25

device

physical hardware connected to the link

NOTE A device may contain more than one node.

3.6.26

dynamic AR

AR that requires the use of the AR establishment procedures to place it into an established state

3.6.27

end node

producing or consuming node (standards.iteh.ai)

3.6.28

endpoint

one of the communicating entities involved in a connection

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3.6.29

engineering

abstract term that characterizes the client application or device responsible for configuring an automation system via interconnecting data items

3.6.30

error

discrepancy between a computed, observed or measured value or condition and the specified or theoretically correct value or condition

3.6.31

error class

general grouping for related error definitions and corresponding error codes

3.6.32

error code

identification of a specific type of error within an error class

3.6.33

event

an instance of a change of conditions

3.6.34

group

(a) collection of objects

(b) address that identifies more than one entity

**3.6.35
interface**

- a) shared boundary between two functional units, defined by functional characteristics, signal characteristics, or other characteristics as appropriate
- b) collection of FAL class attributes and services that represents a specific view on the FAL class

**3.6.36
invocation**

act of using a service or other resource of an application process

NOTE Each invocation represents a separate thread of control that may be described by its context. Once the service completes, or use of the resource is released, the invocation ceases to exist. For service invocations, a service that has been initiated but not yet completed is referred to as an outstanding service invocation.

**3.6.37
index**

address of an object within an application process

**3.6.38
instance**

the actual physical occurrence of an object within a class that identifies one of many objects within the same object class

NOTE The terms object, instance, and object instance are used to refer to a specific instance.

**3.6.39
instance attributes**

attribute that is unique to an object instance and not shared by the object class

**3.6.40
instantiated**

object that has been created in a device

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**3.6.41
manufacturer ID**

identification of each product manufacturer by a unique number

**3.6.42
management information**

network-accessible information that supports managing the operation of the fieldbus system, including the application layer

NOTE Managing includes functions such as controlling, monitoring, and diagnosing.

**3.6.43
member**

piece of an attribute that is structured as an element of an array

**3.6.44
method**

<object> a synonym for an operational service which is provided by the server ASE and invoked by a client

**3.6.45
network**

a set of nodes connected by some type of communication medium, including any intervening repeaters, bridges, routers and lower-layer gateways