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a) deletion of the former Type 6 fieldbus for lack of market relevance;

b) addition of new types of fieldbuses;

c) partition of part 5 of the third edition into multiple parts numbered -5-2, -5-3, …

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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 part of IEC 61158 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 18 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 part of IEC 61158 define in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the Type 18 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 part of IEC 61158 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 part of IEC 61158 specifies the structure and services of the Type 18 IEC 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 part of IEC 61158 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 part of IEC 61158 does not specify individual implementations or products, nor do they 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 18 application layer services as defined in this part of IEC 61158.

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 60559, *Binary floating-point arithmetic for microprocessor systems*

IEC/TR 61158-1 (Ed.2.0), *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 1: Overview and guidance for the IEC 61158 and IEC 61784 series*

ISO/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Part 1: The Basic Model*

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

ISO/IEC 8824, *Information Technology – Abstract Syntax notation One (ASN-1): Specification of basic notation*

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

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations, and conventions

3.1 Referenced terms and definitions

3.1.1 ISO/IEC 7498-1 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 7498-1 apply:

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

3.1.2 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

3.1.3 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

3.1.4 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

3.2 Additional terms and definitions for distributed automation

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

3.3
Register X
register containing bit-oriented cyclic data of type *input data* that is transmitted from a slave to
a master

3.4
Register Y
register containing bit-oriented cyclic data of type *output data* that is transmitted from a master to a slave

3.5
Register Wr
register containing word-oriented cyclic data of type *input data* that is transmitted from a slave to a master

3.6
Register Ww
register containing word-oriented cyclic data of type *output data* that is transmitted from a master to a slave

3.7 Abbreviations and symbols

RX   Register X

RY   Register Y

RWr   Register Wr

RWw Register Ww

3.8 Conventions

There are no conventions defined specific to Type 18 FAL.

4 Concepts

4.1 Common concepts

IEC/TR 61158, Clause 9 describes the concepts of the application layer service descriptions and the templates used in this document, except as specifically overridden in 4.2.

4.2 Type specific concepts

4.2.1 Overview

Described in this communication model specification are the Application Service Elements (ASE) and the Application Process (AP) object class models. The syntax and related encoding of attributes is described by the Type 18 Application layer protocol specification.

The Type 18 AL identifies two types of FAL user, master and slave. For each FAL user type there are two classes of Data Link Entity (DLE), Class 1 and Class 2, corresponding to the Polled and Packed class of the DLE, respectively. See appropriate definitions and specifications in the Type 18 Data link for more information about the Polled and Packed class of DLE. Therefore, there are 4 types of Application Relationship (AR) as shown in Table 1. AR classes and device types share the same naming conventions.

Table 1 – AR types

AR class	Symbol	FAL user type	DLE class
Master Class 1	M1	Master	Polled
Master Class 2	M2	Master	Packed
Slave Class 1	S1	Slave	Polled
Slave Class 2	S2	Slave	Packed

An Application Process (AP) object model consists of

- one Device Manager object,
- one Connection Manager object, and
- one or more Process Data objects.

The specific classes of objects included depend upon the type of device and are identified by prefixes that match the symbol of the related AR class (or device type).

4.2.2   Stations and slots

Each device and its corresponding FAL is identified by a number. This identifying number is named the Station number. The station number is the address used to identify the device and the AR End Point (AREP) associated with the transmission and reception of its process data.

Cyclic process data is further addressed by slot number. One slot is the granularity of the position dependent mapping of the cyclic data fields. A station may occupy more than one slot. The slots belonging to an AREP are identified by the range of slots beginning with the station number and with a length equal to the number of occupied slots as configured by the FAL user.

4.2.3   Transmission methods

The Type 18 AL implements a master/slave type architecture. Only a master is able to initiate transmissions. Slave devices respond to transmissions from the master. The access method employed is scanning. A scan cycle is one where the master device transmits data to, and receives data from, all the slaves connected to it. The particulars of the transmission methods are described by the Type 18 Application layer protocol specification.

4.2.4   Process data structures

Symbols (RX, RY, RWr, and RWw) are used throughout the Type 18 specifications to refer to types of cyclic data registers which are used to buffer process data for transmission and reception.

In addition to cyclic data, some AR types support acyclic message transmissions, sometimes named *transient data* transmissions by some industry users.

The type of data supported by an FAL is indicated by the level of process data support which is specified with the nomenclature described in Table 2.

Table 2 – Process data support level

Process data support level	Data type supported	Type 18 industry users Alias terminology
A	bit-orineted i/o data	Remote i/o station
B	A + word-oriented i.o data	Remote device station
C	B + acyclic messaging	Intelligent device station