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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 protocol provides the application service by making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. The primary aim of this standard is to provide a set of rules for communication expressed in terms of the procedures to be carried out by peer application entities (AEs) at the time of communication. These rules for communication are intended to provide a sound basis for development in order to serve a variety of purposes:

- as a guide for implementors and designers;
- for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;
- as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;
- as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

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Part 6-8: Application layer protocol specification – Type 8 elements

1 Scope

1.1 General

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 specifies interactions between remote applications and defines the externally visible behavior provided by the Type 8 fieldbus application layer in terms of

- a) the formal abstract syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities;
- b) the transfer syntax defining encoding rules that are applied to the application layer protocol data units;
- c) the application context state machine defining the application service behavior visible between communicating application entities;
- d) the application relationship state machines defining the communication behavior visible between communicating application entities.

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

- 1) define the wire-representation of the service primitives defined in IEC 61158-5-8, and
- 2) define the externally visible behavior associated with their transfer.

This standard specifies the protocol 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).

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this standard is to specify the syntax and behavior of the application layer protocol that conveys the application layer services defined in IEC 61158-5-8.

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 protocols standardized in the IEC 61158-6 series.

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. Conformance is achieved through implementation of this application layer protocol specification.

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 61158-3-8, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 3-8: Data-link layer service definition – Type 8 elements*

IEC 61158-4-8, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 4-8: Data-link layer protocol specification – Type 8 elements*

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ISO/IEC 8825, *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*

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

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:

3.2 application entity

3.3 application process

**3.4
application protocol data unit**

**3.5
application service element**

**3.6
application entity invocation**

**3.7
application transaction**

**3.8
transfer syntax**

3.9 ISO/IEC 8822 terms

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

**3.10
abstract syntax**

3.11 ISO/IEC 9545 terms

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

**3.12
application-context**

**3.13
application-process-type**

**3.14
application-service-element**

**3.15
application control service element**

3.16 ISO/IEC 8824 terms

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

**3.17
any type**

**3.18
bitstring type**

**3.19
Boolean type**

**3.20
choice type**

**3.21
component type**

**3.22
false**

**3.23
integer type**

**3.24
module**

**3.25
null type**

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**3.26
object identifier**

**3.27
octetstring type**

**3.28
production**

**3.29
simple type**

**3.30
sequence of type**

**3.31
sequence type**

**3.32
structured type**

**3.33
tag**

**3.34
tagged type**

**3.35
true**

**3.36
type**

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**3.38
encoding (of a data value)**

**3.39
data value**

3.40 Terms and definitions from IEC 61158-5-8

**3.41
application relationship**

**3.42
client**

**3.43
error class**

**3.44
publisher**

**3.45
server**

**3.46
subscriber**

3.47 Other terms and definitions

The following terms and definitions are used in this standard.

3.48 called

service user or a service provider that receives an indication primitive or a request APDU

3.49 calling

service user or a service provider that initiates a request primitive or a request APDU

3.50 management information

network accessible information that supports the management of the Fieldbus environment

3.51 receiving

service user that receives a confirmed primitive or an unconfirmed primitive, or a service provider that receives a confirmed APDU or an unconfirmed APDU

3.52 resource

resource is a processing or information capability of a subsystem

3.53 sending

service user that sends a confirmed primitive or an unconfirmed primitive, or a service provider that sends a confirmed APDU or an unconfirmed APDU

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4 FAL syntax description

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4.1 FAL-AR PDU abstract syntax

4.1.1 Top level definition

The productions defined here shall be used with the Peripherals Encoding Rules (see 5.2) for APDU encoding.

```
APDU ::= CHOICE {
    [PRIVATE 0] ConfirmedSend-RequestPDU,
    [PRIVATE 1] ConfirmedSend-ResponsePDU,
    [PRIVATE 2] UnconfirmedSend-PDU,
    [PRIVATE 3] UnconfirmedAcknowledgedSend-CommandPDU,
    [PRIVATE 4] Establish-RequestPDU,
    [PRIVATE 5] Establish-ResponsePDU,
    [PRIVATE 6] Establish-ErrorPDU,
    [PRIVATE 7] Abort-PDU,
    [PRIVATE 8] DataSendAcknowledge-PDU
}
```

4.1.2 Confirmed send service

```
ConfirmedSend-RequestPDU ::= SEQUENCE {
    [APPLICATION 0] AddressAREP,
    InvokeID,
    ConfirmedServiceRequest
}

ConfirmedSend-ResponsePDU ::= SEQUENCE {
    [APPLICATION 1] AddressAREP,
    InvokeID,
    pduBody CHOICE {
        ConfirmedServiceResponse,
        ConfirmedServiceError
    }
}
```