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This edition of IEC 61158-6 includes the following significant changes from the previous edition:

a) deletion of the former Type 6 fieldbus for lack of market relevance;
b) addition of new types of fieldbuses;
c) partition of part 6 of the third edition into multiple parts numbered -6-2, -6-3, …

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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The list of all the parts of the IEC 61158 series, under the general title *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications*, can be found on the IEC web site.

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 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.

This standard is concerned, in particular, with the communication and interworking of sensors, effectors and other automation devices. By using this standard together with other standards positioned within the OSI or fieldbus reference models, otherwise incompatible systems may work together in any combination.

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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 20 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 behavior provided by the Type 20 of the fieldbus Application Layer in terms of

a) the abstract syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities,
b) the transfer syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities,
c) the application context state machine defining the application service behavior visible between communicating application entities; and
d) the application relationship state machines defining the communication behavior visible between communicating application entities; and.

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

1) the wire-representation of the service primitives defined in IEC 61158-5-20, and
2) the externally visible behavior associated with their transfer.

This standard specify the protocol of the Type 20 IEC 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 61158-5-20.

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 IEC 61158-6.

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 61158-5-20, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 5-20: Application layer service definition – Type 20 elements*

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

ISO/IEC 8824, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Specification of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

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

3 Terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations and conventions

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

3.1 Terms and definitions from other ISO/IEC standards

3.1.1 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 7498-1

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

3.1.2 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 9545

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

3.1.3 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 8824

a) object identifier
b) type
c) value
d) simple type
e) structured type
f) component type
g) tag
i) true
j) false
k) integer type
m) octet string type
n) null type
o) sequence type
p) sequence of type
q) choice type
r) tagged type
s) any type
t) module
u) production

3.1.4 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 8825

a) encoding (of a data value)
b) data value
c) identifier octets (the singular form is used in this standard)
d) length octet(s) (both singular and plural forms are used in this standard)
e) contents octets

3.2 IEC/TR 61158-1 terms

The following IEC/TR 61158-1 terms apply.

3.2.1 application

function or data structure for which data is consumed or produced

3.2.2 application layer interoperability

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

3.2.3 application object

object class that manages and provides the run time exchange of messages across the network and within the network device

NOTE: Multiple types of application object classes may be defined

3.2.4 application process

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

3.2.5 application process identifier

identifier that distinguishes among multiple application processes used in a device

3.2.6 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

3.2.7 application process object class

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

3.2.8 application relationship

cooperative association between two or more application-entity-invocations for the purpose of exchange of information and coordination of their joint operation

NOTE This relationship is activated either by the exchange of application-protocol-data-units or as a result of pre-configuration activities

3.2.9 application relationship application service element

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

3.2.10 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.

3.2.11 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.

3.2.12 behaviour

indication of how the object responds to particular events. Its description includes the relationship between attribute values and services

3.2.13 class

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

NOTE A class is a generalisation of the 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.

3.2.14 class attributes

attribute that is shared by all objects within the same class

3.2.15 class code

unique identifier assigned to each object class

3.2.16 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.

3.2.17 client

(a) an object which uses the services of another (server) object to perform a task

(b) an initiator of a message to which a server reacts, such as the role of an AR endpoint in which it issues confirmed service request APDUs to a single AR endpoint acting as a server

3.2.18 conveyance path

unidirectional flow of APDUs across an application relationship

3.2.19 cyclic

term used to describe events which repeat in a regular and repetitive manner

3.2.20 dedicated AR

AR used directly by the FAL User. On Dedicated ARs, only the FAL Header and the user data are transferred

3.2.21 device

a physical hardware connection to the link. A device may contain more than one node