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- moving former Clauses 1 to 4 (introduction, definitions, general aspects) and the Annexes (taxonomy, availability calculation) to IEC 62439-1, which serves now as a base for the other documents,
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## INTRODUCTION

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In the fault-free state of the network, the protocols of the IEC 62439 series provide ISO/IEC 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) compatible, reliable data communication, and preserve determinism of real-time data communication. In cases of fault, removal, and insertion of a component, they provide deterministic recovery times.

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### 1 Scope

The IEC 62439 series is applicable to high-availability automation networks based on the ISO/IEC 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) (Ethernet) technology.

This part of the IEC 62439 series specifies a recovery protocol based on a ring topology, designed to react deterministically on a single failure of an inter-switch link or switch in the network. Each switch has equal management role in the network. Double rings are supported.

### 2 Normative references

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IEEE 802.1D:2004, *IEEE standard for local Local and metropolitan area networks Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges*

IEEE 802.1Q, *IEEE standards for local and metropolitan area network. Virtual bridged local area networks*

### 3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations, acronyms, and conventions

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-191, as well as in IEC 62439-1, apply, in addition to the following.

### 3.1.1

#### **active ring port**

ring port which is connected in the ring network and works in Blocking or Forwarding state

### 3.1.2

#### **cycle**

shortest time interval after which the communication traffic pattern repeats itself

### 3.1.3

#### **standby ring port**

ring port which is connected in the ring network and works in the Disabled state

### 3.1.4

#### **time offset**

time difference from a specially designated time

## 3.2 Abbreviations and acronyms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations and acronyms given in IEC 62439-1, apply.

## 3.3 Conventions

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## 4 Overview

### 4.1 Principles

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The Distributed Redundancy Protocol (DRP) defines a high availability network solution based on ISO/IEC 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) and the functions of ISO/IEC/TR 8802-1 (IEEE 802.1) for communication link redundancy.

DRP provides a framework for describing the operational behaviour of the switches in a ring topology to detect a single network failure (such as an inter-switch link failure or a ring switch failure) and recover from it within a deterministic recovery time.

A DRP network has a ring topology with multiple switch nodes, each of which may be a switch or a switching end node. Each node requires an integrated switch with at least two ports (ring ports) connected to the ring, and which is able to detect and recover from failures in accordance with the DRP protocol.

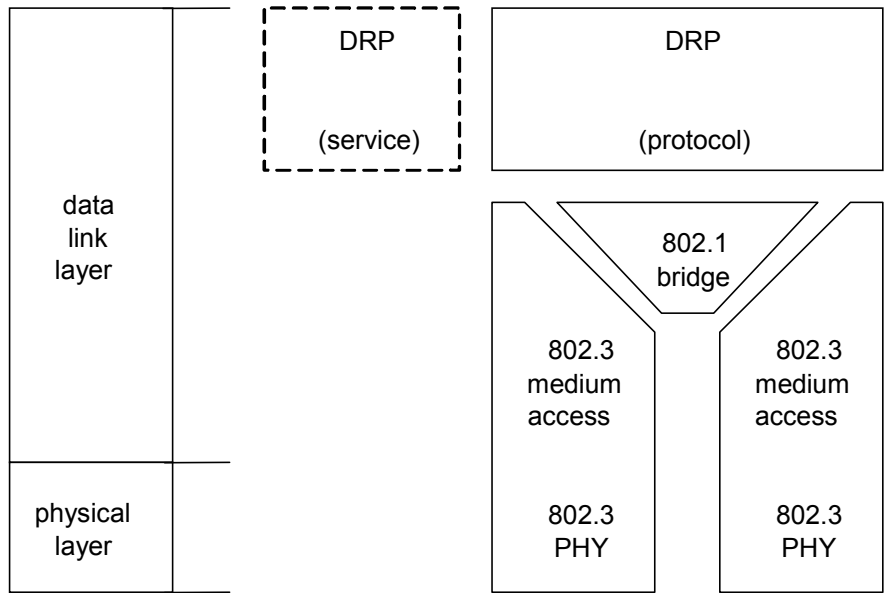
Each node has equal management role in a DRP ring network. It means that each node observes and controls the ring topology by multicasting a ring test frame RingCheck and an inter-switch link test frame LinkCheck cyclically, and reacts on network faults. The LinkCheck test frame provides the mechanism to detect the failure of a switch node.

In a DRP network, each switch node is synchronized using IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588) with either boundary clock or transparent clock according to the application.

NOTE Typically, boundary clock is used according to IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588). In larger-scale application, the transparent clock should be used for better time synchronization.

Optionally, DRP supports double ring topology redundancy. In this case, each switch node shall have at least two pairs of ring ports: one pair of active ring ports and one pair of standby ring ports.

The DRP defines a service entity and a protocol entity, as well as a set of management frames. The service entity specifies the externally visible services for application layer and systems management. The communication model for DRP is shown in Figure 1.



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Figure 1 – DRP communication model  
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#### 4.2 Ring ports

Each switch node shall have at least two ring ports connected to the ring network.

Some switch nodes in addition to the ring ports can have one or more non ring ports including leaf link ports. In such cases, the DRP frames (for example RingCheck, LinkCheck, LinkAlarm, LinkChange, DeviceAnnunciation and RingChange) shall not be forwarded to non-ring ports.

The ring ports which support DRP protocol shall have three states as follows:

- a) Disabled
  - All frames shall be dropped.
- b) Blocking
 

All frames shall be dropped except the following:

  - DRP frames, such as RingCheck frame, LinkCheck frame, LinkAlarm frame, LinkChange frame, DeviceAnnunciation frame, RingChange frame.
  - Frames specified in IEEE 802.1D (2004) Table 7-10 to pass ports in “Discarding” state (e.g. LLDP, IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588) PTP).
  - Frames only produced or consumed by the higher layer entities of this node and never forwarded.
- c) Forwarding:

All frames shall be passed through according to the forwarding behaviour of IEEE 802.1D.

#### 4.3 DRP switch node

The communication roles of all switch nodes are equal in the DRP ring. Each switch node may be a switch or a switching end node.

Each switch node has the equal right to periodically multicast ring fault detection frame RingCheck and inter-switch link fault detection frame LinkCheck in both directions of the ring at the scheduled time.

#### 4.4 Single ring topology redundancy

Each switch node shall have two ring ports connected to the ring network, which are called active ports (as shown in Figure 2).

In a DRP single ring network, only one active ring port operates in the Blocking state while all other ring ports operate in the Forwarding state. That is, only one switch node sets one of its active ring ports into the Blocking state, the other active ring port of this node is set into the Forwarding state. All other switch nodes set the two active ring ports into the Forwarding state.

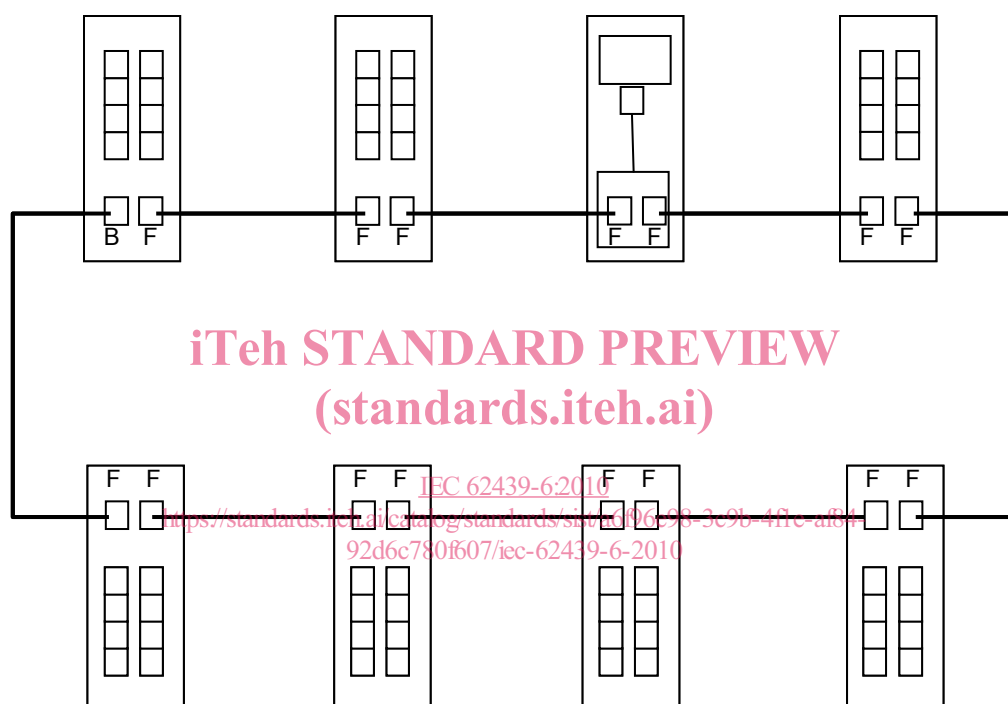
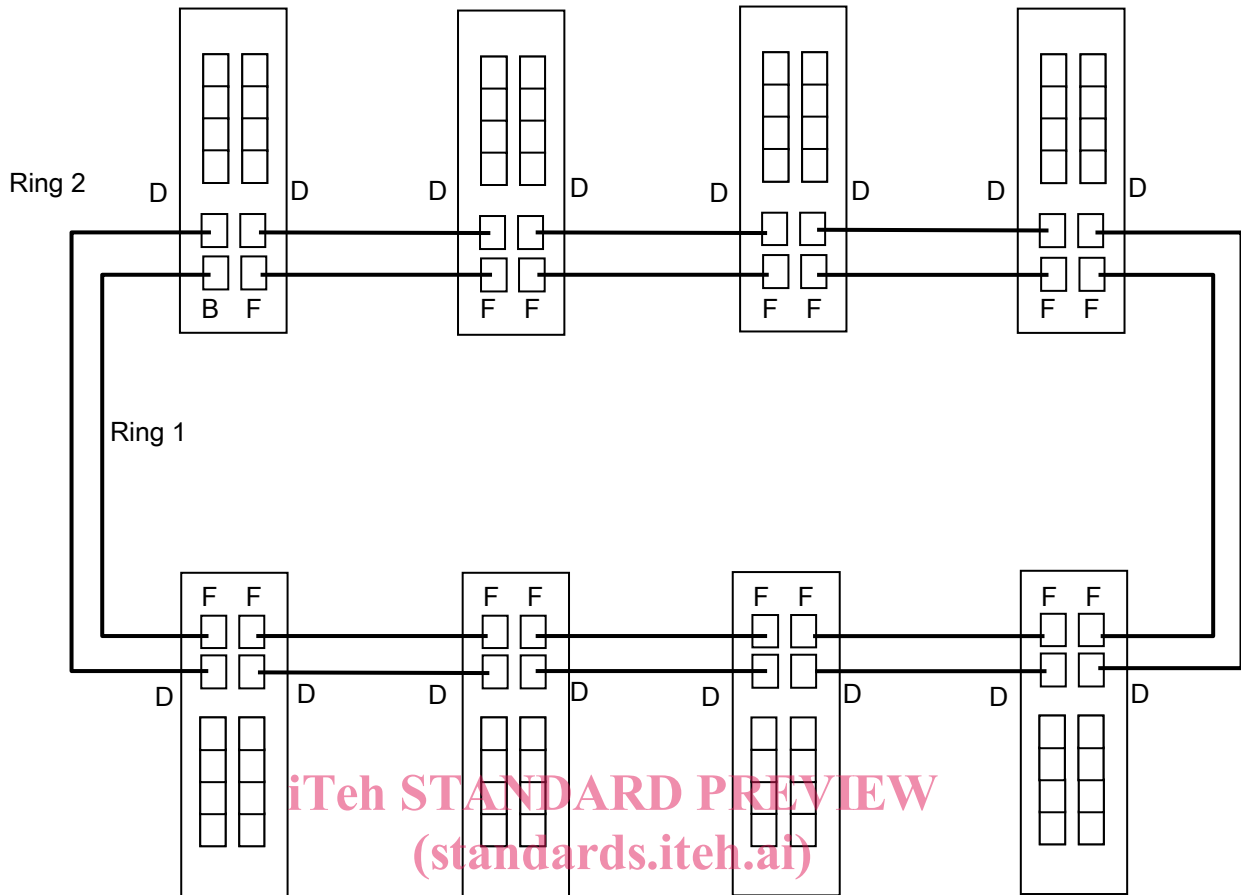


Figure 2 – Single ring topology redundancy

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#### 4.5 Double ring topology redundancy

As shown in Figure 3, each switch node shall have at least two pairs of ring ports connected to the ring network. One pair of ring ports is active (for example the ports in Ring1) while the other pair of ring ports is standby (for example the ports in Ring2).



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**Figure 3 – Double ring topology redundancy**

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In a DRP double ring network, only one switch node sets one of its active ring ports into Blocking state, the other active ring port into the Forwarding state and the two standby ring ports into the Disabled state.

#### 4.6 Configuration

##### 4.6.1 Overview

Before the switch node is connected in a DRP network, it shall be configured using configuration software using the DRP Write service. The configuration shall include manufacturer configuration, communication configuration, and application configuration.

##### 4.6.2 Manufacturer configuration

Manufacturer configuration includes the preset of DeviceID, ManufacturerName, DRPVersion, SoftwareVersion, HardwareVersion, Device MAC Address.

Manufacturer configuration information shall be downloaded in a DRP device only when it is manufactured, and it may be uploaded using the Read service.

##### 4.6.3 Communication configuration

Communication configuration includes the preset of states of standby ring ports, Cycle, Ring Check SendTimeOffset, Ring Check Time Limit, Link Check SendTimeOffset, Link Check Time Limit, SynchronizationClockType, DRPSequenceID, DRPDeviceNumber.

For a single ring network, each switch node shall initialize one active ring port in the Blocking state, and the other ring port in the Forwarding state as described in 4.7.

For a double ring network, the two standby ring ports shall be set to the Disabled state.

Communication configuration information shall be written into a switch node using a Write service. It can be read from a switch node using the Read service.

#### 4.6.4 Application configuration

Application configuration includes the preset of DRP Domain ID, PD-Tag, VLAN ID, Ring1 Port1 ID, Ring1 Port2 ID, Ring2 Port1 ID, Ring2 Port2 ID, SynchronizationClockType.

Application configuration information shall be downloaded into the switch node using Write service. It can be uploaded using Read service.

#### 4.7 Start up

When powered on, each switch node shall initialize one active ring port in the Blocking state and the other ring port in the Forwarding state. Each switch node shall be synchronized using IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588) protocol (see 6.6 and 9.3 in IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588)).

If a switch node has not received any RingCheck frame in Ring Check Time Limit, and this switch node is directly connected to the grandmaster clock outside of the ring as defined in IEC 61588 (IEEE 1588), the switch node shall set the value of DRPDeviceNumber and the value of DRPSequenceID to 0x01, and send the RingCheck frame immediately.

When the value of Cycle is 0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF, the switch node shall not transmit any DRP frames. Otherwise, it shall send the DeviceAnnunciation and the LinkCheck frames according to the communication configuration.

When the DRP system reaches steady state, only the switch node with the smallest DRPSequenceID will keep one ring port in the Blocking state.

## 5 DRP communications

### 5.1 Overview

In a DRP redundant network, the communication time is divided into several Cycles, marked as Cycle as shown in Figure 4. Where  $t_{\text{RingCheck}}$  is the time offset for sending the RingCheck frame while  $t_{\text{LinkCheck}}$  is the time offset for sending the LinkCheck frame.