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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.

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 data-link layer service defined in this standard is a conceptual architectural service, independent of administrative and implementation divisions.

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INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS – FIELDBUS SPECIFICATIONS –

Part 3-21: Data-link layer service definition – Type 21 elements

1 Scope

1.1 Overview

This part of IEC 61158 provides the common elements for basic time-critical messaging communications between devices in an automation environment. The term “time-critical” in this context means the prioritized full-duplex collision-free time-deterministic communication, of which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the required time risks the 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 21 data-link layer in terms of:

- a) the primitive actions and events of the service;
- b) the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form that they take; and
- c) the interrelationships between these actions and events, and their valid sequences.

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

- The Type 21 application layer at the boundary between the application and DLLs of the fieldbus reference model;
- Systems management at the boundary between the DLL and the systems management of the fieldbus reference model.

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this standard is to specify the characteristics of conceptual DLL services suitable for time-critical communications, and to supplement the OSI Basic Reference Model in guiding the development of data link protocols for time-critical communications. A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously existing industrial communications protocols.

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

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

1.3 Conformance

This standard does not specify individual implementations or products, nor do they constrain the implementations of data-link entities within industrial automation systems.

There is no conformance of equipment to this data-link layer service definition standard. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of the corresponding data-link protocol that fulfils the Type 21 DLL services defined in this standard.

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 61158-2:2010¹, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 2: Physical layer specification and service definition*

IEC 61158-4-21:2010¹, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 4-21: Data-link layer protocol specification – Type 21 elements*

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

ISO/IEC 7498-3, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: Naming and addressing*

ISO/IEC 8802-3:2000, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications*

ISO/IEC 10731:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Conventions for the definition of OSI services*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations, and conventions

3.1 Reference model terms and definitions

This standard is based in part on the concepts developed in ISO/IEC 7498-1 and ISO/IEC 7498-3, and makes use of the following terms defined therein.

3.1.1 DL-address	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.2 DL-address-mapping	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.3 called-DL-address	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.4 calling-DL-address	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.5 centralized multi-end-point-connection	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.6 DL-connection	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.7 DL-connection-end-point	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.8 DL-connection-end-point-identifier	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.9 DL-connection-mode transmission	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.10 DL-connectionless-mode transmission	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]

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3.1.11 correspondent (N)-entities	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
correspondent DL-entities (N=2)	
correspondent Ph-entities (N=1)	
3.1.12 DL-duplex-transmission	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.13 (N)-entity	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-entity (N=2)	
Ph-entity (N=1)	
3.1.14 DL-facility	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.15 flow control	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.16 (N)-layer	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-layer (N=2)	
Ph-layer (N=1)	
3.1.17 layer-management	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.18 DL-local-view	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.19 DL-name	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.20 naming-(addressing)-domain	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.21 peer-entities	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.22 primitive name	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.23 DL-protocol	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.24 DL-protocol-connection-identifier	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.25 DL-protocol-data-unit	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.26 DL-relay	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.27 Reset	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.28 responding-DL-address	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.29 Routing	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.30 Segmenting	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.31 (N)-service	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-service (N=2)	
Ph-service (N=1)	
3.1.32 (N)-service-access-point	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-service-access-point (N=2)	
Ph-service-access-point (N=1)	
3.1.33 DL-service-access-point-address	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
3.1.34 DL-service-connection-identifier	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.35 DL-service-data-unit	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.36 DL-simplex-transmission	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.37 DL-subsystem	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.38 systems-management	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
3.1.39 DLS-user-data	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]

3.2 Service convention terms and definitions

This standard also makes use of the following terms defined in ISO/IEC 10731 as they apply to the data-link layer.

3.2.1 acceptor

3.2.2 asymmetrical service

3.2.3 confirm (primitive); requestor.deliver (primitive)

3.2.4 deliver (primitive)

3.2.5 DL-confirmed-facility

3.2.6 DL-facility

3.2.7 DL-local-view

3.2.8 DL-mandatory-facility

3.2.9 DL-non-confirmed-facility

3.2.10 DL-protocol-machine

3.2.11 DL-provider-initiated-facility

3.2.12 DL-provider-optional-facility

3.2.13 DL-service-primitive; primitive

3.2.14 DL-service-provider

3.2.15 DL-service-user

3.2.16 DLS-user-optional-facility

3.2.17 indication (primitive); acceptor.deliver (primitive)

3.2.18 multi-peer

3.2.19 request (primitive); requestor.submit (primitive)

3.2.20 requestor

3.2.21 response (primitive); acceptor.submit (primitive)

3.2.22 submit (primitive)

3.2.23 symmetrical service

3.3 Data link service terms and definitions

3.3.1

DL-segment, link, local link

single data link (DL) subnetwork in which any of the connected data link entities (DLEs) may communicate directly, without any intervening data link relaying, whenever all of those DLEs that are participating in an instance of communication are simultaneously attentive to the DL-subnetwork during the period(s) of attempted communication

3.3.2

Data link service access point (DLSAP)

distinctive point at which DL-services are provided by a single DLE to a single higher-layer entity

NOTE This definition, derived from ISO/IEC 7498-1, is repeated here to facilitate understanding of the critical distinction between DLSAPs and their DL-addresses.