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The data-link protocol provides the data-link service by making use of the services available from the physical 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 data-link entities (DLEs) 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:

a) as a guide for implementors and designers;

b) for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;

c) as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;

d) as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

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1 Scope

1.1 General

The data-link layer provides basic time-critical messaging communications between devices in an automation environment.

This protocol provides communication opportunities to all participating data-link entities

a) in a synchronously-starting cyclic manner, according to a pre-established schedule, and

b) in a cyclic or acyclic asynchronous manner, as requested each cycle by each of those data-link entities.

Thus this protocol can be characterized as one which provides cyclic and acyclic access asynchronously but with a synchronous restart of each cycle.

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1.2 Specifications

This part of IEC 61158 specifies

a) procedures for the timely transfer of data and control information from one data-link user entity to a peer user entity, and among the data-link entities forming the distributed data-link service provider;

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b) procedures for giving communications opportunities to all participating DL-entities, sequentially and in a cyclic manner for deterministic and synchronized transfer at cyclic intervals up to one millisecond;

c) procedures for giving communication opportunities available for time-critical data transmission together with non-time-critical data transmission without prejudice to the time-critical data transmission;

d) procedures for giving cyclic and acyclic communication opportunities for time-critical data transmission with prioritized access;

e) procedures for giving communication opportunities based on standard ISO/ IEC 8802-3 medium access control, with provisions for nodes to be added or removed during normal operation;

f) the structure of the fieldbus DLPDUs used for the transfer of data and control information by the protocol of this standard, and their representation as physical interface data units.

1.3 Procedures

The procedures are defined in terms of

a) the interactions between peer DL-entities (DLEs) through the exchange of fieldbus DLPDUs;

b) the interactions between a DL-service (DLS) provider and a DLS-user in the same system through the exchange of DLS primitives;

c) the interactions between a DLS-provider and a Ph-service provider in the same system through the exchange of Ph-service primitives.

1.4 Applicability

These procedures are applicable to instances of communication between systems which support time-critical communications services within the data-link layer of the OSI or fieldbus reference models, and which require the ability to interconnect in an open systems interconnection environment.

Profiles provide a simple multi-attribute means of summarizing an implementation's capabilities, and thus its applicability to various time-critical communications needs.

1.5 Conformance

This part of IEC 61158 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 fulfills the Type 18 data-link layer services defined in this standard.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations and conventions

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

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 additional terms:

3.1.1
DLE station identifier
network address assigned to a DLE

3.1.2
DLE station slot
unit (granularity of one) of position dependent mapping (for cyclic data field) of which a DLE may occupy one or more, delineated by the range beginning at the DLE station identifier with a length equal to the configured number of occupied slots

3.1.3
Master DLE
DLE that performs the functions of network master

3.1.4
Master-packed DLE
master DLE that uses the packed response access protocol

3.1.5
Master-polled DLE
master DLE that uses the polled response access protocol

3.1.6
Packed response
transmission of data managed by the process of a master broadcasting a trigger message whereupon each slave waits a time period unique to its DLE station identifier then transmits its response resulting in a time-sliced packing of all slave responses triggered by a single master request

3.1.7
Polled response
transmission of data managed by the process of a master individually interrogating each slave in a request/response paradigm

3.1.8
Slave DLE
DLE that performs the functions of network slave

3.1.9
Slave-packed DLE
slave DLE that uses the packed response access protocol

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3.1.10
Slave-polled DLE
slave DLE that uses the polled response access protocol

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3.2 Type 18: Symbols

RX	DLS-user visible register containing bit-oriented cyclic data of type input data that is transmitted from a slave DLE to a master DLE
RY	DLS-user visible register containing bit-oriented cyclic data of type output data that is transmitted from a master DLE to a slave DLE
RWr	DLS-user visible register containing word-oriented cyclic data of type input data that is transmitted from a slave DLE to a master DLE
RWw	DLS-user visible register containing word-oriented cyclic data of type input data that is transmitted from a master DLE to a slave DLE

3.3 Type 18: Additional conventions

3.3.1 DLE support level

There are three levels of data transmission support for a DLE.

- Level A – supports only bit-oriented cyclic data transmission
- Level B – includes level A as well as word-oriented cyclic data transmission
- Level C – includes level B as well as acyclic data transmission

4 DL-protocol overview

4.1 Introduction

There are four classes of Type 18 DLE:

a) Master-polled DLE