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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.

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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## Part 4-21: Data-link layer protocol specification – Type 21 elements

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 General

The DLL provides basic time-critical data communications between devices in an automated environment. Type 21 provides priority-based cyclic and acyclic data communication using an internal collision-free, full-duplex dual-port Ethernet switch technology. For wide application in various automation applications, Type 21 does not restrict the cyclic/acyclic scheduling policy in the DLL.

#### 1.2 Specifications

This standard describes:

- 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;
- b) procedures for giving communication opportunities based on standard ISO/IEC 8802-3 MAC, with provisions for nodes to be added or removed during normal operation;
- c) structure of the fieldbus data link protocol data units (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 data link entities (DLEs) through the exchange of fieldbus DLPDUs;
- b) the interactions between a data link 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 physical layer 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 that support time-critical communications services in the data link layer of the OSI or fieldbus reference models, and that 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-deterministic communications needs.

## 1.5 Conformance

This standard also specifies conformance requirements for systems implementing these procedures. This standard does not contain tests to demonstrate compliance with such requirements.

## 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 61158-3-21:2010<sup>1</sup>, *Industrial Communication Networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 3-21: Data-link layer service definition – 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 and abbreviations

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 terms defined therein.

<b>3.1.1 called-DL-address</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.2 calling-DL-address</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.3 centralized multi-end-point-connection</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.4 correspondent (N)-entities</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>correspondent DL-entities (N=2)</b>	
<b>correspondent Ph-entities (N=1)</b>	
<b>3.1.5 demultiplexing</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.6 DL-address</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.7 DL-address-mapping</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]

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<b>3.1.8 DL-connection</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.9 DL-connection-end-point</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.10 DL-connection-end-point-identifier</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.11 DL-connection-mode transmission</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.12 DL-connectionless-mode transmission</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.13 DL-data-sink</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.14 DL-data-source</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.15 DL-duplex-transmission</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.16 DL-facility</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.17 DL-local-view</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.18 DL-name</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.19 DL-protocol</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.20 DL-protocol-connection-identifier</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.21 DL-protocol-control-information</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.22 DL-protocol-data-unit</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.23 DL-protocol-version-identifier</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.24 DL-relay</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.25 DL-service-connection-identifier</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.26 DL-service-data-unit</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.27 DL-simplex-transmission</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.28 DL-subsystem</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.29 DL-user-data</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.30 flow control</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.31 layer-management</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
<b>3.1.32 multiplexing</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.33 naming-(addressing)-authority</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.34 naming-(addressing)-domain</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.35 naming-(addressing)-subdomain</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-3]
<b>3.1.36 (N)-entity</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-entity	
Ph-entity	
<b>3.1.37 (N)-interface-data-unit</b>	[ISO/IEC 7498-1]
DL-service-data-unit (N=2)	
Ph-interface-data-unit (N=1)	