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INTRODUCTION

This document 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 61158-1.

The application service is provided by the application protocol making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. This document defines the application service characteristics that fieldbus applications and/or system management may exploit.

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 application layer service defined in this document is a conceptual architectural service, independent of administrative and implementation divisions.

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1 Scope

1.1 Overview

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 part of IEC 61158 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 26 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.

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This International Standard defines in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the different Types of fieldbus Application Layer in terms of

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a) an abstract model for defining application resources (objects) capable of being manipulated by users via the use of the FAL service;

b) the primitive actions and events of the service;

c) the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form which they take; and

d) the interrelationship between these actions and events, and their valid sequences.

The purpose of this document is to define the services provided to

a) the FAL user at the boundary between the user and the Application Layer of the Fieldbus Reference Model, and

b) Systems Management at the boundary between the Application Layer and Systems Management of the Fieldbus Reference Model.

This document specifies the structure and services of the IEC Fieldbus Application Layer, in conformance with the OSI Basic Reference Model (see ISO/IEC 7498-1) and the OSI Application Layer Structure (see ISO/IEC 9545).

FAL services and protocols are provided by FAL application-entities (AE) contained within the application processes. The FAL AE is composed of a set of object-oriented Application Service Elements (ASEs) and a Layer Management Entity (LME) that manages the AE. The ASEs provide communication services that operate on a set of related application process object (APO) classes. One of the FAL ASEs is a management ASE that provides a common set of services for the management of the instances of FAL classes.

Although these services specify, from the perspective of applications, how request and responses are issued and delivered, they do not include a specification of what the requesting and responding applications are to do with them. That is, the behavioral aspects of the applications are not specified; only a definition of what requests and responses they can

send/receive is specified. This permits greater flexibility to the FAL users in standardizing such object behavior. In addition to these services, some supporting services are also defined in this document to provide access to the FAL to control certain aspects of its operation.

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this document is to specify the characteristics of conceptual application layer services suitable for time-critical communications, and thus supplement the OSI Basic Reference Model in guiding the development of application layer protocols for time-critical communications.

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 services standardized as the various Types of IEC 61158, and the corresponding protocols standardized in subparts of IEC 61158-6.

This specification may be used as the basis for formal Application Programming-Interfaces. Nevertheless, it is not a formal programming interface, and any such interface will need to address implementation issues not covered by this specification, including

a) the sizes and octet ordering of various multi-octet service parameters, and

b) the correlation of paired request and confirm, or indication and response, primitives.

1.3 Conformance

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This document does not specify individual implementations or products, nor does it constrain the implementations of application layer entities within industrial automation systems.

There is no conformance of equipment to this application layer service definition standard. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of conforming application layer protocols that fulfill any given Type of application layer services as defined in this document.

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3 Terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviations and conventions

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3.1 Terms and definitions from other ISO/IEC standards

3.1.1 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 7498-1

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 7498-1 apply.

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

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3.1.2 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 8822

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a) abstract syntax
b) presentation context

3.1.3 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 9545

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 9545 apply.

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

3.1.4 Terms and definitions from ISO/IEC 8824-1

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 8824-1 apply.

a) object identifier
b) type
c) value

d) simple type
e) structured type
f) tag
g) Boolean type
h) true
i) false
j) integer type
k) bitstring type
l) octetstring type

3.2 Fieldbus application layer Type 26-specific definitions

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

3.2.1
application
function or data structure for which data is consumed or produced

3.2.2
application objects
multiple object classes that manage and provide a run time exchange of messages across the network and within the network device

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3.2.3
application process object
component of an application process that is identifiable and accessible through an FAL application relationship

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Note 1 to entry: 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 objects can 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.

3.2.4
application process object class
class of application process objects defined in terms of the set of their network-accessible attributes and services

3.2.5
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 1 to entry: This relationship is activated either by the exchange of application-protocol-data-units or as a result of preconfiguration activities.

3.2.6
application relationship ASE
ASE used for establishing and terminating application relationship

3.2.7
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 1 to entry: Each application process involved in the application relationship maintains its own application relationship endpoint.

3.2.8
attribute
description of an externally visible characteristic or feature of an object

Note 1 to entry: 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 behavior of an object. Attributes are divided into class attributes and instance attributes.

3.2.9
behavior
indication of how an object responds to particular events

3.2.10
channel
single physical or logical link of an input or output application object of a server to the process

3.2.11
class
set of objects, all of which represent the same kind of system component

Note 1 to entry: A class is a generalization of an object; a template for defining variables and methods. All objects in a class are identical in form and behavior, but usually contain different data in their attributes.

3.2.12
class attributes
attribute that is shared by all objects within the same class

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3.2.13
client
<object view> object which uses the services of another (server) object to perform a task

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3.2.14
client
<communication view> initiator of a message to which a server reacts

3.2.15
common-memory
virtual memory accessible with logically unique address used for the cyclic-data transmission

Note 1 to entry: It is composed of the memory-area-1 and -2 of the memory size 512 words and 8 192 words respectively and is shared with the Type 26 nodes in a Type 26 fieldbus network.

3.2.16
connection
logical binding between application objects that are within the same or different devices

Note 1 to entry: Connections can be either point-to-point or multipoint.

3.2.17
consumer
node or sink that is receiving data from a producer

3.2.18
control commands
action invocations transferred from client to server to clear outputs, freeze inputs and/or synchronize outputs

3.2.19
cyclic
repetitive in a regular manner