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Foreword

This document (EN 50600-2-4:2015) has been prepared by CLC/TC 215 "Electrotechnical aspects of telecommunication equipment".

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Introduction

The unrestricted access to internet-based information demanded by the information society has led to an exponential growth of both internet traffic and the volume of stored/retrieved data. Data centres are housing and supporting the information technology and network telecommunications equipment for data processing, data storage and data transport. They are required both by network operators (delivering those services to customer premises) and by enterprises within those customer premises.

Data centres need to provide modular, scalable and flexible facilities and infrastructures to easily accommodate the rapidly changing requirements of the market. In addition, energy consumption of data centres has become critical both from an environmental point of view (reduction of carbon footprint) and with respect to economical considerations (cost of energy) for the data centre operator.

The implementation of data centres varies in terms of:

- a) purpose (enterprise, co-location, co-hosting or network operator facilities);
- b) security level;
- c) physical size;
- d) accommodation (mobile, temporary and permanent constructions).

The needs of data centres also vary in terms of availability of service, the provision of security and the objectives for energy efficiency. These needs and objectives influence the design of data centres in terms of building construction, power distribution, environmental control and physical security. Effective management and operational information is required to monitor achievement of the defined needs and objectives.

This series of European Standards specifies requirements and recommendations to support the various parties involved in the design, planning, procurement, integration, installation, operation and maintenance of facilities and infrastructures within data centres. These parties include:

- 1) owners, facility managers, ICT managers, project managers, main contractors;
- 2) architects, building designers and builders, system and installation designers;
- 3) facility and infrastructure integrators, suppliers of equipment;
- 4) installers, maintainers.

At the time of publication of this European Standard, EN 50600 series will comprise the following standards:

EN 50600-1, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 1: General concepts*

EN 50600-2-1, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-1: Building construction*

EN 50600-2-2, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-2: Power distribution*

EN 50600-2-3, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-3: Environmental control*

EN 50600-2-4, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-4: Telecommunications cabling infrastructure*

EN 50600-2-5, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-5: Security systems*

EN 50600-3-1, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 3-1: Management and operational information*

The inter-relationship of the standards within the EN 50600 series is shown in Figure 1.

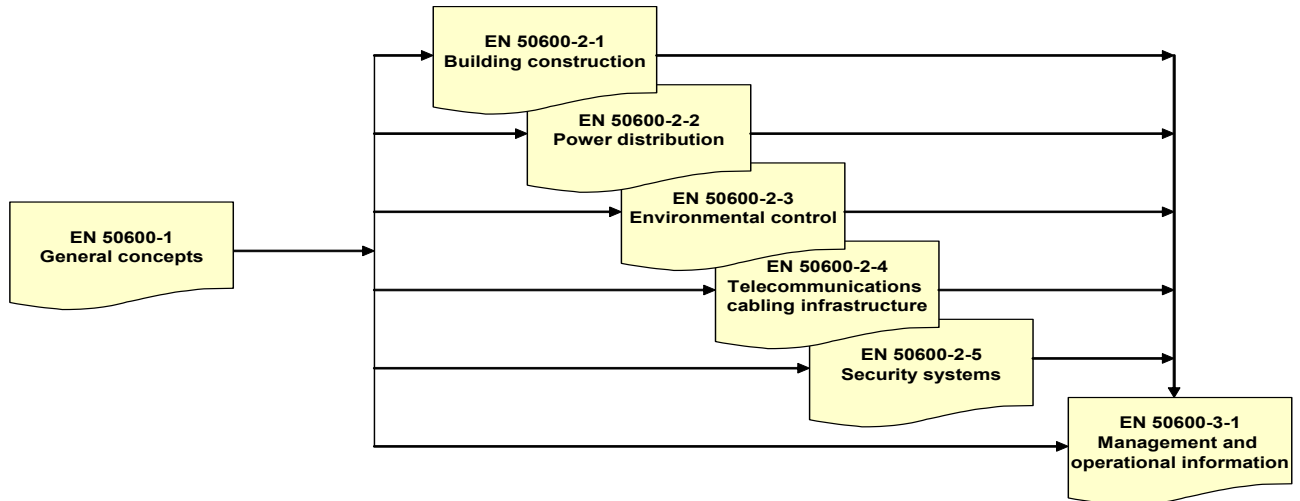


Figure 1 - Schematic relationship between the EN 50600 standards

EN 50600-2-X standards specify requirements and recommendations for particular facilities and infrastructures to support the relevant classification for “availability”, “security” and “energy efficiency enablement” selected from EN 50600-1.

EN 50600-3-X documents specify requirements and recommendations for data centre operations, processes and management.

This European Standard addresses the specific requirements for the telecommunications cabling infrastructure in data centres used for the purpose of IT networking and building services (in accordance with the requirements of EN 50600-1).

This European Standard is intended for use by and collaboration between architects, building designers and builders, system and installation designers.

This series of European Standards does not address the selection of information technology and network telecommunications equipment, software and associated configuration issues.

1 Scope

This European Standard addresses the wide range of telecommunications cabling infrastructures within data centres based upon the criteria and classifications for “availability” within EN 50600-1.

This European Standard specifies requirements and recommendations for the following:

- a) information technology and network telecommunications cabling (e.g. SAN and LAN);
- b) general information technology cabling to support the operation of the data centre;
- c) telecommunications cabling to monitor and control, as appropriate, power distribution, environmental control and physical security of the data centre;
- d) other building automation cabling;
- e) pathways, spaces and enclosures for the telecommunications cabling infrastructures.

Safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements are outside the scope of this European Standard and are covered by other standards and regulations. However, information given in this European Standard may be of assistance in meeting these standards and regulations.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50173-1, *Information technology - Generic cabling systems - Part 1: General requirements*

EN 50173-2, *Information technology - Generic cabling systems - Part 2: Office premises*

EN 50173-5, *Information technology - Generic cabling systems - Part 5: Data centres*

EN 50173-6, *Information technology - Generic cabling systems – Part 6: Distributed building services*

EN 50174-1, *Information technology - Cabling installation - Part 1: Installation specification and quality assurance*

EN 50174-2, *Information technology - Cabling installation - Part 2 Installation planning and practices inside buildings*

EN 50600-1:2012, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 1: General concepts*

EN 50600-2-1, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-1: Building construction*

EN 50600-2-3, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-3: Environmental control*

EN 50600-3-1¹⁾, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 3-1: Management and operational information*

1) Submitted to formal vote.

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50600-1 and the following apply.

3.1.1

application-specific cabling

structured cabling with a configuration and performance which is considered to provide a specific benefit for a single, or limited number of applications, as compared to generic cabling

3.1.2

central patching location

passive cross-connect to connect different functional elements of a data centre

Note 1 to entry: A central patching location can be located in the main distribution area and/or the intermediate distribution area and is therefore a special configuration of an MD and/or an ID.

3.1.3

cross-connect

method of connecting a patch panel port to another patch panel port by the use of a patch cord or jumper

3.1.4

data centre information technology equipment

equipment in the computer room space of a data centre that transports and/or stores and/or processes information

3.1.5

fixed cabling

cabling subsystem between closures which has either a peer-to-peer or hierarchical structure and which enables the installation of cross-connects or interconnects at those closures

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3.1.6

generic cabling

structured telecommunications cabling system, capable of supporting a wide range of applications

Note 1 to entry: Application-specific hardware is not a part of generic cabling.

Note 2 to entry: Generic cabling can be installed without prior knowledge of the required applications.

[SOURCE: EN 50173-1:2011, 3.1.40 – modified: changed the editorial presentation of NOTES]

3.1.7

interconnect

method of connecting a patch panel port to an equipment port by the use of equipment cords

3.1.8

office network information technology equipment

equipment in data centre spaces that transports and/or stores and/or processes information

3.1.9

point-to-point connection

direct connection of two pieces of IT equipment using a dedicated cable rather than a generic cabling system

3.1.10

structured cabling

telecommunications cabling comprising fixed cables between points of distribution at which equipment or other fixed cables may be connected

3.1.11**telecommunications provider**

either an access provider or a service provider

Note 1 to entry: The term access provider is defined in EN 50174-2:2009/A2:2014, 3.1.1.

Note 2 to entry: The term service provider is defined in EN 50174-2:2009/A2:2014, 3.1.30.

3.1.12**zone patching location**

passive cross-connect to connect different function elements of a data centre zone. A zone patching location can be located in the zone distribution area and is therefore a special configuration of a ZD.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations given in EN 50600-1 and the following abbreviations apply.

BEF Building Entrance Facility

BD Building Distributor

C Connection

CD Campus Distributor

CP Consolidation Point

CPL Central Patching Location

ENI External Network Interface

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EO Equipment Outlet

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EoR End of Row

EQP Transmission Equipment

FD Floor Distributor

ID Intermediate Distributor

LDP Local Distribution Point

MD Main Distributor

MoR Middle of Row

SCP Service Concentration Point

SD Service Distributor

SO Service Outlet

TE Terminal Equipment

TO Telecommunications Outlet