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Part 1: "Overview";

Part 2: "Physical Layer (PHL)";

Part 3: "Medium Access Control (MAC) layer";

Part 4: "Data Link Control (DLC) layer";

Part 5: "Network (NWK) layer";

Part 6: "Identities and addressing";

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Part 8: "Speech and audio coding and transmission".

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1 Scope

The present document gives an introduction and overview of the complete Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT) Common Interface (CI).

The present document contains an abstract of the other parts of the DECT standard together with a general description of:

- the objectives of the present document;
- the DECT Common Interface;
- the protocol architecture of DECT.

The present document also provides an extensive vocabulary; in particular it contains the common definitions of all the technical terms used in different parts of the present document.

The present document includes New Generation DECT, a further development of the DECT standard introducing wideband speech, improved data services, new slot types and other technical enhancements.

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[1] Void.

[2] ETSI EN 300 175-2: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 2: Physical Layer (PHL)".

[3] ETSI EN 300 175-3: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 3: Medium Access Control (MAC) layer".

[4] ETSI EN 300 175-4: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 4: Data Link Control (DLC) layer".

[5] ETSI EN 300 175-5: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 5: Network (NWK) layer".

[6] ETSI EN 300 175-6: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 6: Identities and addressing".

[7] ETSI EN 300 175-7: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 7: Security features".

[8] ETSI EN 300 175-8: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 8: Speech and audio coding and transmission".

[9] ETSI EN 300 176 (all parts): "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Test specification".

[10] ITU-R Recommendation M.1457-6: "Detailed specifications of the radio interfaces of International Mobile Telecommunications-2000 (IMT-2000)".

[11] ETSI EN 301 649: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); DECT Packet Radio Service (DPRS)".

2.2 Informative references

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[i.1] ETSI EN 300 403-1: "Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN); Digital Subscriber Signalling System No. one (DSS1) protocol; Signalling network layer for circuit-mode basic call control; Part 1: Protocol specification [ITU-T Recommendation Q.931 (1993), modified]".

[i.2] ITU-R Recommendation SM.1046-2: "Definition of spectrum use and efficiency of a radio system".

[i.3] ITU-R Recommendation M.816-1: "Framework for services supported on International Mobile Telecommunications-2000 (IMT-2000)".

[i.4] ETSI TR 101 178: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); A High Level Guide to the DECT Standardization".

[i.5] ETSI ETR 043: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Services and facilities requirements specification".

[i.6] ETSI TR 102 185: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Data Services Profile (DSP); Profile overview".

[i.7] ETSI ETR 310: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Traffic capacity and spectrum requirements for multi-system and multi-service DECT applications co-existing in a common frequency band".

[i.8] ETSI TS 102 265: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); DECT access to IP networks".

[i.9] ITU-T Recommendation P.311: "Transmission characteristics for wideband (150-7000 Hz) digital handset telephones".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

Access Rights Class (ARC): type of access to a DECT network, such as public, residential or private

Access Rights Details (ARD): unique number within one ARC

Access Rights Identity (ARI): globally unique identity that shows the access rights related to a service provider

NOTE: PARI = Primary ARI;
SARI = Secondary ARI;
TARI = Tertiary ARI.

algorithm: mathematical process or function that transforms an input into an output

algorithm identifier: designator to show which algorithm is in use, so that the correct one may be chosen

antenna diversity: diversity implies that the Radio Fixed Part (RFP) for each bearer independently can select different antenna properties such as gain, polarization, coverage patterns and other features that may effect the practical coverage

NOTE: A typical example is space diversity, provided by two vertically polarized antennas separated by 10 cm to 20 cm.

asymmetric algorithm: See public key algorithm.

attach: process whereby a Portable Part (PP) within the coverage area of a Fixed Part (FP) to which it has access rights, notifies the FP that it is operative

authentication: corroboration that an entity is the one that is claimed

authentication of Fixed radio Termination (FT): process whereby the identity of an FT is verified to a DECT PT

authentication of Portable radio Termination (PT): process whereby a DECT PT is positively verified to be a legitimate user of a particular FP

authentication (of a subscriber): process whereby a DECT subscriber is positively verified to be a legitimate user of a particular FP

authentication of user: process whereby a DECT user is positively verified to be a legitimate user of a particular FP

bearer: See Medium Access Control (MAC) bearer or bearer service.

bearer handover: internal handover process provided by the MAC layer, whereby one MAC connection can modify its underlying bearers while maintaining the service provided to the Data Link Control (DLC) layer

bearer service: type of telecommunication service that provides a defined capability for the transmission of signals between user-network interfaces

broadcast: simplex point-to-multipoint mode of transmission

C-plane: control plane of the DECT protocol stacks, which contains all of the internal DECT protocol control, but may also include some external user information

call: all of the Network (NWK) layer processes involved in one NWK layer peer-to-peer association

cell: domain served by a single antenna(e) system (including a leaky feeder) of one FP

Central Control Fixed Part (CCFP): physical grouping that contains the central elements of a FP

centrex: implementation of a private telecommunication network exchange that is not located on the premises of the private network operator

Cipher Key (CK): value that is used to determine the transformation of plaintext to ciphertext in a cryptographic algorithm

Cipher Key (CK) generation: process for generating cryptographic keys

ciphertext: output of a cryptographic algorithm

channel: See physical channel.

cluster: logical grouping of one or more cells between which bearer handover is possible

confidentiality: rendering information secret as ciphertext unless the capability is possessed to recover the plaintext from ciphertext

connection: See MAC connection.

connection handover: internal handover process provided by the DLC layer, whereby one set of DLC entities (C-plane and U-plane) can re-route data from one MAC connection to a second new MAC connection, while maintaining the service provided to the NWK layer

ConnectionLess mode (C/L): transmission mode that transfers one packet (one self contained unit) of data from one source point to one (or more) destination points in a single phase

Connection Oriented mode (C/O): transmission mode that transfers data from one source point to one or more destination points using a protocol based on three phases:

- "Set-up";
- "Data transfer"; and
- "Release".

Cordless Radio Fixed Part (CRFP): Wireless Relay Station (WRS) that provides independent bearer control to a PT and FT for relayed connections

countermeasure: device, instrument or procedure used to counteract or defend against a threat

coverage area: area over which reliable communication can be established and maintained

cryptography: secret writing

Data Encryption Standard (DES): United States Federal data encryption standard

Data Link Control (DLC): layer 2b of the DECT protocol stack

decipherment: rendering of ciphertext into plaintext

DECT NetWork (DNW): network that uses the DECT air interface to interconnect a local network to one or more portable applications

DECT Standard Authentication Algorithm (DSAA): algorithm used for authentication in DECT

DECT Standard Cipher (DSC): algorithm used for data encryption in DECT

Derived Cipher Key (DCK): Cipher Key (CK) that is established as part of the procedure used to authenticate the PT

Default Cipher Key (DefCK): Derived Cipher Key (DCK) that is stored in both FP and PP to be used later by MAC to immediately encrypt with connection establishment

distributed communication: ability of a DECT terminal to provide means for or assist direct communication between any two terminals, members of a "closed" local DECT network

DLC broadband data link: link that can be associated with a logical MAC connection comprising a number of MAC (physical) connections

DLC broadcast: simplex "connectionless" mode of transmission from the DLC broadcast entity of one FT to the DLC broadcast entities in one or more PT

DLC data link (DLC link): association between two DLC layer entities

DLC frame: format used to structure all messages that are exchanged between DLC layer peer entities

double duplex bearer: use of two duplex bearers (see duplex bearer) which refer to the same MAC connection, sharing their simplex bearers (see simplex bearer) for the information flow

double-simplex bearer: use of two simplex bearers operating in the same direction on two physical channels

double slot: one 12^{th} of a TDMA frame which is used to support one high capacity physical channel

down-link: transmission in the direction FT to PT

duplex bearer: use of two simplex bearers operating in opposite directions on two physical channels

encipherment: rendering of plaintext into ciphertext

End System (ES): logical grouping that contains application processes and supports telecommunication services

extended MAC control messages: MAC messages of the B-field connection control set

external handover: process of switching a call in progress from one FP to another FP

Fast Encryption Algorithm (FEAL algorithm): particular encryption algorithm in the public domain

field: continuous region of data (i.e. adjacent bits) that jointly convey information

fixed geometry Portable Part (PP): PP in which the electro-acoustic transducers and their associated acoustic components are held in fixed relative positions and/or orientations during all on-line conditions and test conditions of the PP

Fixed Part (DECT Fixed Part) (FP): physical grouping that contains all of the elements in the DECT network between the local network and the DECT air interface

Fixed radio Termination (FT): logical group of functions that contains all of the DECT processes and procedures on the fixed side of the DECT air interface

flow control: mechanism that is used to regulate the flow of data between two peer entities

fragment: one of the Service Data Units (SDUs) that is produced by the process of fragmentation

fragmentation: process of dividing a Protocol Data Unit (PDU) into more than one SDU for delivery to a lower layer

frame: See TDMA frame or DLC frame.

full slot (slot): one 24^{th} of a TDMA frame which is used to support one physical channel

generic: generalized set or general purpose set, often in the sense of basic or ordinary

Generic Access Profile (GAP): standard in addition to the DECT CI that ensures interoperability between FPs and PPs from different manufacturers

geographically unique: two FPs with the same PARI, or respectively two RFPs with the same RFPI, cannot be reached or listened to at the same geographical position

Global NetWork (GNW): telecommunication network capable of offering a long distance telecommunication service

globally unique identity: identity is unique within DECT (without geographical or other restrictions)

guard space: nominal interval between the end of a radio transmission in a given slot and the start of a radio transmission in the next successive slot

half slot: one 48^{th} of a TDMA frame which is used to support one physical channel

handover: process of switching a call in progress from one physical channel to another physical channel

handset echo: echo, perceptible by the far-end user, resulting from the coupling between the receiving and sending directions of the handset, mostly due to acoustic coupling between transducers

Headset PP (HPP): headset PP is a wireless headset telephone using the DECT air interface

NOTE: A HPP usually has only one speaker and one microphone combined with a limited set of keys (e.g. call button, volume plus, and volume minus). Headsets provide the equivalent functionality of a PP with hands-free operation.

Hybrid Part (HyP): DECT terminal that provides FT as well as PT capabilities

impersonation: where one identity claims the part of another identity

incoming call: call received at a PP

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN): digital telecommunications infrastructure to the Consultative Committee on International Telegraphy and Telephony (CCITT) standards

intercell handover: switching of a call in progress from one cell to another cell

internal call: call between 2 users that does not make use of the local network resources

internal handover: handover processes that are completely internal to one FT

International Portable User Identity (IPUI): identity that uniquely defines one user within the domain defined by his access rights related to this IPUI

interoperability: capability of FPs and PPs, that enable a PP to obtain access to teleservices in more than one location area and/or from more than one operator (more than one service provider)

interoperator roaming: roaming between FP coverage areas of different operators (different service providers)

InterWorking Unit (IWU): unit that is used to interconnect subnetworks

intracell handover: switching of a call in progress from one physical channel of one cell to another physical channel of the same cell

intraoperator roaming: roaming between different FP coverage areas of the same operator (same service provider)

isochronous: essential characteristic of a time-scale or a signal such that the time intervals between consecutive significant instants either have the same duration or durations that are integral multiples of the shortest duration

key management: way in which cryptographic keys are generated, distributed and used

Key Stream Generator (KSG): cryptographic algorithm which produces a stream of binary digits which can be used for encipherment and decipherment

link: See DLC data link.

Local Area Network (LAN): electronic systems which are interconnected and in physical proximity to each other

Local Network (LNW): telecommunication network capable of offering local telecommunication services

locally unique identity: identity is unique within one FP or location area, depending on application

location area: domain in which a PP may receive (and/or make) calls as a result of a single location registration

location registration: process whereby the position of a DECT portable termination is determined to the level of one location area, and this position is updated in one or more databases

logical channel: generic term for any distinct data path

logical connection: association between two instances of the MAC MBC that can be used by higher layers to exchange U-plane or C-plane data

Lower Layer Management Entity (LLME): management entity that spans a number of lower layers, and is used to describe all control activities which do not follow the rules of layering

Lower Tester (LT): logical grouping that contains the test equipment, a functionally equivalent DECT PT, a functionally equivalent DECT FT and a test controller

MAC bearer (bearer): service element that is provided by each Cell Site Function (CSF)

MAC connection (connection): association between one source MAC Multi-Bearer Control (MBC) entity and one destination MAC MBC entity

masquerading: where one identity plays the part of, or acts as, another identity

Medium Access Control (MAC): layer 2a of the DECT protocol stack

minimal MMS-message attributes: message meta-information used in the request-to-send, etc.

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mobility class 1: local area applications, for which terminals are pre-registered off-air with one or more specific fixed parts, and establishment of service and user parameters is therefore implicit, according to a profile-defined list

mobility class 2: private and public roaming applications for which terminals may move between FPs within a given domain and for which association of service parameters is explicit at the time of service request

multiframe: repeating sequence of 16 successive TDMA frames, that allows low rate or sporadic information to be multiplexed (e.g. basic system information or paging)

Multimedia Messaging Service: generic set of commands, information elements and functionality for file/messaging service

mutual authentication: where two entities corroborate the identity of each other

network (telecommunication network): all the means of providing telecommunication services between a number of locations where the services are accessed via equipment attached to the network

network echo: echo, perceptible by the DECT user, resulting from reflections in the network. It is mostly due to hybrid impairments at both ends of the communication

New Generation DECT: further development of the DECT standard introducing wideband speech, improved data services, new slot types and other technical enhancements

node: point at which switching occurs

operator (DECT operator): individual or entity who or which is responsible for operation of one or more DECT FPs

outgoing call: call originating from a PP

paging: process of broadcasting a message from a DECT FP to one or more DECT PPs

paging area: domain in which the PP will be paged as a part of incoming call establishment

PARK Length Indicator (PLI): associates a group of FP ARIs to the PARK, by indicating how many of the first ARC + ARD bits are relevant

Personal Identity Number (PIN): short sequence of numbers (usually 4 to 8 digits) which may be used in an authentication process to prove identity

phase: one discrete part of a procedure, where the start and end of the part can be clearly identified (e.g. by the arrival or dispatch of a primitive)

Physical (PHY): layer 1 of the DECT protocol stack

physical channel (channel): simplex channel that is created by transmitting in one particular slot on one particular RF channel in successive TDMA frames

plaintext: information or data which is intelligible to everyone

Portable Access Rights Key (PARK): this states the access rights for a PP

Portable Application (PA): logical grouping that contains all the elements that lie beyond the DECT network boundary on the portable side