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Abstract: This standard is part of a family of standards for local area networks (LANs) and metropolitan area networks (MANs) that deals with the physical and data link layers as defined by the ISO Open Systems Interconnection Basic Reference Model. The functions, features, protocol, and services of the Logical Link Control (LLC) sublayer, which constitutes the top sublayer in the data link layer of the ISO/IEC 8802 LAN protocol, are described. The services required of, or by, the LLC sublayer at the logical interfaces with the network layer, the medium access control (MAC) sublayer, and the LLC sublayer management function are specified. The protocol data unit (PDU) structure for data communication systems is defined using bit-oriented procedures, as are three types of operation for data communication between service access points. In the first type of operation, PDUs are exchanged between LLCs without the need for the establishment of a data link connection. In the second type of operation, a data link connection is established between two LLCs prior to any exchange of information-bearing PDUs. In the third type of operation, PDUs are exchanged between LLCs without the need for the establishment of a data link connection, but stations are permitted to both send data and request the return of data simultaneously.
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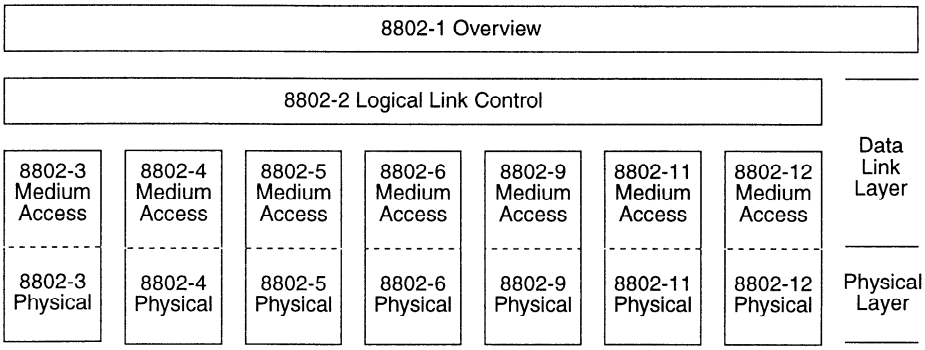

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The International Standards defining the access technologies are as follows:

a) ISO/IEC 8802-3, utilizing carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) as the access method.
b) ISO/IEC 8802-4, utilizing token passing bus as the access method.
c) ISO/IEC 8802-5, utilizing token passing ring as the access method.
d) ISO/IEC 8802-6, utilizing distributed queuing dual bus as the access method.
e) ISO/IEC 8802-9, a unified access method offering integrated services for backbone networks.
f) ISO/IEC DIS 8802-11, a wireless LAN utilizing carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (CSMA/CA) as the access method.
g) ISO/IEC DIS 8802-12, utilizing Demand Priority as the access method.

ISO/IEC TR 8802-1, *Overview of Local Area Network Standards*, provides an overview of the series of ISO/IEC 8802 standards.

ISO/IEC 8802-2, *Logical Link Control*, is used in conjunction with the medium access standards to provide the data link layer service to network layer protocols.

ISO/IEC 15802-1, *Medium Access Control (MAC) service definition*, specifies the characteristics of the common MAC Service provided by all IEEE 802 LAN MACs. The service is defined in terms of primitives that can be passed between peer service users, their parameters, their interrelationship and valid sequences, and the associated events of the service.

ISO/IEC 15802-2, *LAN/MAN Management*, defines an OSI management-compatible architecture, and services and protocol elements for use in a LAN/MAN environment for performing remote management.

ISO/IEC 10038, *Media Access Control (MAC) bridges*, specifies an architecture and protocol for the interconnection of IEEE 802 LANs below the level of the logical link control protocol (to be renumbered 15802-3).

ISO/IEC 15802-4, *System Load Protocol*, specifies a set of services and protocol for those aspects of management concerned with the loading of systems on IEEE 802 LANs.

ISO/IEC 15802-5, *Remote Media Access Control (MAC) bridging*, specifies extensions for the interconnection, using non-LAN communication technologies, of geographically separated IEEE 802 LANs below the level of the logical link control protocol.

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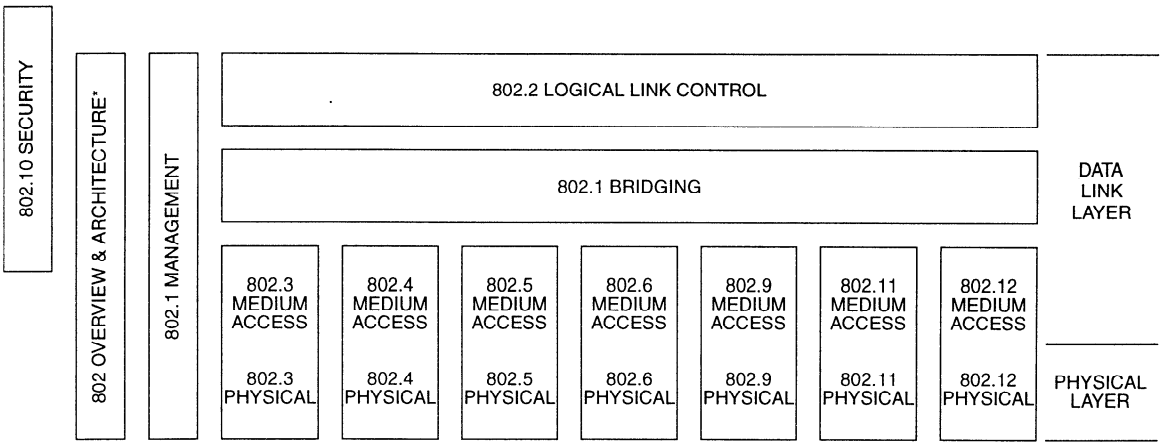

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The standards defining the technologies noted above are as follows:

- IEEE Std 802 — *Overview and Architecture.* This standard provides an overview to the family of IEEE 802 Standards.
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.1B and 802.1k [ISO/IEC 15802-2] — *LAN/MAN Management.* Defines an OSI management-compatible architecture, and services and protocol elements for use in a LAN/MAN environment for performing remote management.
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.1D [ISO/IEC 10038] — *Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges.* Specifies an architecture and protocol for the interconnection of IEEE 802 LANs below the MAC service boundary.
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.1E [ISO/IEC 15802-4] — *System Load Protocol.* Specifies a set of services and protocol for those aspects of management concerned with the loading of systems on IEEE 802 LANs.
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.1G [ISO/IEC 15802-5] — *Remote Media Access Control (MAC) Bridging.* Specifies extensions for the interconnection, using non-LAN communication technologies, of geographically separated IEEE 802 LANs below the level of the logical link control protocol.
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.2 [ISO/IEC 8802-2] — *Logical Link Control*
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.3 [ISO/IEC 8802-3] — *CSMA/CD Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications*

- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.4 [ISO/IEC 8802-4] — *Token Passing Bus Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications*
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.5 [ISO/IEC 8802-5] — *Token Ring Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications*
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- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.9 [ISO/IEC 8802-9] — *Integrated Services (IS) LAN Interface at the Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical (PHY) Layers*
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.10 — *Interoperable LAN/MAN Security*
- IEEE Std 802.11 [ISO/IEC DIS 8802-11] — *Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer Specifications*
- ANSI/IEEE Std 802.12 [ISO/IEC DIS 8802-12] — *Demand Priority Access Method, Physical Layer and Repeater Specifications*

In addition to the family of standards, the following is a recommended practice for a common Physical Layer technology:

- IEEE Std 802.7 — *IEEE Recommended Practice for Broadband Local Area Networks*

The following additional working group has authorized standards projects under development:

- IEEE 802.14 — *Standard Protocol for Cable-TV Based Broadband Communication Network*

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An additional standards series, identified by the number 1802, has been established to identify the conformance test methodology documents for the 802 family of standards. Thus the conformance test documents for 802.3 are numbered 1802.3.

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This edition of the standard incorporates three supplements: 802.2c-1997, *Conformance Requirements* (ISO/IEC Amendment 3); 802.2f-1997, *Managed Objects Definition for Logical Link Control (LLC)* (ISO/IEC Amendment 6) along with Technical Corrigendum 001; and 802.2h-1997, *Optional Toleration of Duplicate Information Transfer Format Protocol Data Units* (ISO/IEC Amendment 7). In the previous edition, the following supplements were incorporated: 802.2a-1993, *Standard for Flow Control Techniques for Bridged Local Area Networks* (ISO/IEC Amendment 1); 802.2b-1993, *Standard for Acknowledged Connectionless-Mode Service and Protocol* (Type 3 Operation) (ISO/IEC Amendment 2); 802.2d-1993, *Editorial Changes and Technical Corrections* (ISO/IEC Amendment 4); 802.2e-1993, *Bit Delivery Referencing* (ISO/IEC Defect Report 001); and 802.5p-1993, *Standard for Route Determination Entity* (ISO/IEC Amendment 5). The base standard with supplements incorporated into the 1994 edition was reaffirmed by IEEE on 16 September 1997.

This standard contains state-of-the-art material. The area covered by this standard is undergoing evolution. Revisions are possible within the next few years to clarify existing material, to correct possible errors, and to incorporate new related material. Information on the current revision state of this and other IEEE 802 standards may be obtained from

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