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# Space data and information transfer systems — CCSDS file delivery protocol

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines a CCSDS file delivery protocol (CFDP) and associated service for application in the space environment. It is intended for use over the current and envisaged packet delivery services used in the space environment, including

- CCSDS conventional packet telecommand;
- CCSDS conventional packet telemetry;
- CCSDS advanced orbiting systems (AOS) path service.

It may also operate over a wide variety of ground network services, including those specified by the CCSDS for cross-support purposes. The protocol operates in the space-to-ground, ground-to-space, and space-to-space directions of transfer. It may be initiated by the file sending or receiving entity. In the interests of interoperability, protocol elements are included for generalized forms of standard file manipulation operations based on assumptions of a common model for a 'filestore', or medium used to store files. It is recognized, however, that the precise nature and capabilities of filestore management systems are operating-system dependent and, for that reason, the protocol assumes a virtual filestore and associated services that an implementation must map to the capabilities of the actual filestore used.

The scope and field of application are furthermore detailed in subclauses 1.2 and 1.3 of the enclosed CCSDS publication.

## 2 Requirements

Requirements are the technical recommendations made in the following publication (reproduced on the following pages), which is adopted as an International Standard:

CCSDS 727.0-B-3, June 2005, *CCSDS file delivery protocol (CFDP)*.

For the purposes of international standardization, the modifications outlined below shall apply to the specific clauses and paragraphs of publication CCSDS 727.0-B-3.

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- [1] Document CCSDS 732.0-B-1, September 2003, is equivalent to ISO 22666:2005.
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## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR CCSDS FILE DELIVERY PROTOCOL (CFDP)

**FOREWORD**

Until relatively recently the typical storage medium for spacecraft has been the tape recorder, a complex device offering limited data storage and data access. The use of this type of storage has typically been limited to the recording and subsequent dump to the ground of telemetry data. Manipulation from the ground has required significant human intervention and used ad hoc, privately developed protocols.

The introduction of solid state mass memory providing gigabytes of storage with random access opens up a whole new ethos of spacecraft operation where much of the routine traffic to and from the spacecraft will be in the form of files. Furthermore, because of the random access nature of the onboard storage medium, it becomes possible to repeat transmission of data lost on the link and thus guarantee delivery of critical information.

To exploit the potential advantages of onboard mass memory, protocol support is required to provide a standard means to move data to and from the onboard storage medium in the form of files.

While the onboard storage medium has rapidly evolved, the essential constraints of space missions remain:

- limited systems resources in terms of computational power and memory capacities;
- environmental restrictions including noisy, bandwidth limited, asymmetrical, and interrupted communications links, some with very long propagation delay;
- varying user needs including a requirement for early access to transferred data regardless of its quality.

In view of these constraints, it is clear that there is a need for a file delivery service capable of transferring files to and from mass memory located in the space segment. Such a capability must not only operate under the constraints associated with space data communication, but it must also be applicable to the diverse range of mission configurations ranging from single low earth orbiting spacecraft to complex networks of relays, orbiters, and landers.

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