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Dedicated short range communication
(DSRC) — DSRC application layer**

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Foreword

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Introduction

The communication requirements of many ITS applications can be fulfilled by DSRC. The DSRC International Standards enable compliant communication systems to serve multiple ITS applications in parallel.

The small service areas and severe real-time constraints require a specific protocol architecture leading to the reduced protocol stack shown in Figure A, built up by the “application layer”, the “data link layer” and the “physical layer”. Such architecture is very common for real-time environments.

This International Standard gives the architecture and services offered by the DSRC application layer.

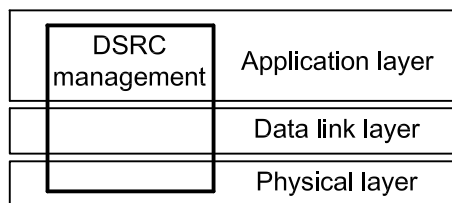


Figure 1 — DSRC protocol stack

This International Standard contains, besides the normative main body, three normative annexes: “Data structures”, “Naming and registration”, “Declaration of application layer features supported”; plus two informative annexes: “Example of coding” and “Lower layer services”.

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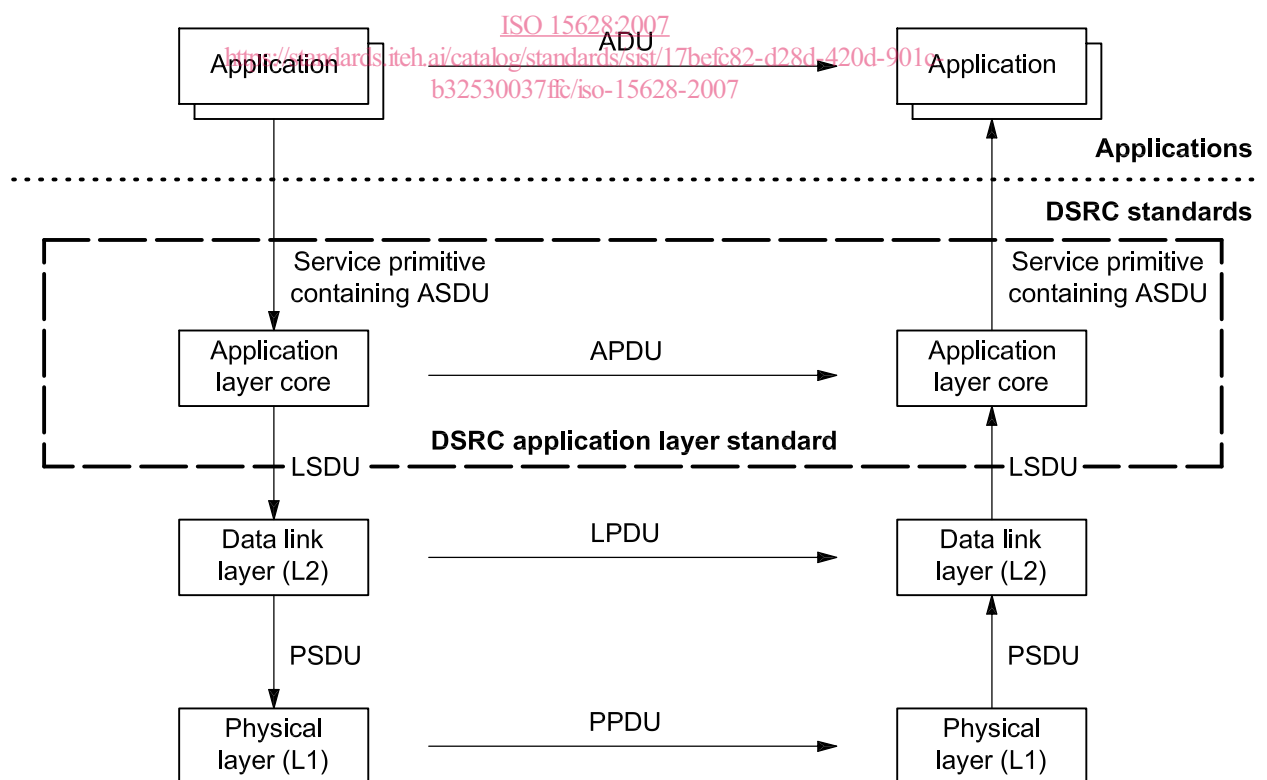
1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the application layer core which provides communication tools for applications based on DSRC. These tools consist of kernels that can be used by application processes via service primitives. The application processes, including application data and application-specific functions, are outside the scope of this International Standard.

This International Standard is named “application layer”, although it does not cover all functionality of OSI Layer 7 and it includes functionality from lower layers.

It uses services provided by DSRC data link layer, and covers functionality of intermediate layers of the “OSI Basic Reference Model” (ISO/IEC 7498-1).

Figure 2 illustrates the global data flow between the parts of the DSRC stack (physical, data link and application layers) and the application.



NOTE For definitions of the terms used in Figure 2, see ISO/IEC 7498-1.

Figure 2 — Architecture and data flow of the DSRC stack

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The following subjects are covered by this International Standard:

- application layer structure and framework;
- services to enable data transfer and remote operations;
- application multiplexing procedure;
- fragmentation procedure;
- concatenation and chaining procedures;
- common encoding rules to translate data from abstract syntax ASN.1 (ISO/IEC 8824-1) into transfer syntax (ISO/IEC 8825-2:2002) and vice versa;
- communication initialisation and release procedures;
- broadcast service support;
- DSRC management support including communication profile handling; and
- extensibility for different lower layer services and application interfaces.

It is outside the scope of this International Standard to define a security policy. Some transport mechanisms for security-related data are provided.

NOTE No implementation of the “broadcast pool” functionality has become known. “Broadcast pool” functionality is therefore considered untested.

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2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

ISO/IEC 8824-1, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*

ISO/IEC 8825-2:2002, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER)*

ISO 14816, *Road transport and traffic telematics — Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — Numbering and data structure*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 application

user of the services offered by the DSRC communication stack

3.2**attribute**

value, which may have a structure, consisting of a set or sequence of data elements

NOTE The value of an “attribute” can be observed or modified by sending a request to GET (read) or SET (write) the value.

3.3**attribute identifier**

identifier which unambiguously distinguishes an attribute from all other attributes within the same element

3.4**beacon service table**

data structure transmitted by the RSU indicating available services

3.5**broadcast pool**

data structure broadcast from the RSU to the OBUs

3.6**chaining**

function performed by the transfer kernel to link the execution of service primitives

3.7**concatenation**

function performed by the transfer kernel to map multiple T-APDU fragments into one data link layer service data unit

NOTE The inverse function is called separation or deconcatenation.

3.8**element**

coherent set of data and functionality

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NOTE Application elements are created by the applications and are addressed using element identifiers.

3.9**element identifier**

identifier which unambiguously distinguishes an element from all other elements residing in the same OBU

3.10**fragmentation**

function performed by the transfer kernel to map one ASDU on multiple LSDUs

NOTE 1 In ISO/IEC 7498-1, fragmentation is called segmentation.

NOTE 2 The inverse function is called defragmentation or, in ISO/IEC 7498-1, disassembling.

3.11**head of the line**

queuing discipline (also referred to as strict or fixed priority queuing), where a number of queues are served in priority order

NOTE A lower priority queue is served if all higher priority queues are empty, each queue is served in “first come, first served” order, and each user goes to the head of the line of the users of lower priorities but behind all users of equal or higher priority.

**3.12
management**

provides and distributes values for the communication parameters for controlling the DSRC communication stack

**3.13
multiplexing**

function within the transfer kernel allowing simultaneous support for more than one application in a single OBU

**3.14
operation**

abstract representation of behaviour invoked in an entity

**3.15
profile**

information about capabilities and settings in the different DSRC layers

**3.16
single-T-APDU fragment**

T-APDU that contains a complete PDU

**3.17
T-APDU fragment**

fragment header followed by part or all of the encoding of a value of the ASN.1 type T-APDUs

**3.18
time**

number of seconds passed since 1st January 1970, 00:00 (UTC)

**3.19
vehicle service table**

data structure transmitted by the OBU indicating available services

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4 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

**4.1
ADU**

application data unit

**4.2
AID**

application identifier

**4.3
APDU**

application protocol data unit

**4.4
ARIB**

Association of Radio Industries and Businesses

**4.5
ASDU**

application service data unit

4.6**ASN.1**

abstract syntax notation one (ISO/IEC 8824-1)

4.7**ASTM**

American Society of Testing and Material

4.8**B-Kernel**

broadcast kernel

4.9**BST**

beacon service table

4.10**CEN**

Comité européen de normalisation

4.11**DSRC**

dedicated short range communication

4.12**EID**

element identifier

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4.13**EVENT-RT**

event-report

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4.14**FCS**

frame check sequence

4.15**ID**

identifier

4.16**IEEE**

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

4.17**IID**

invoker identifier

4.18**I-Kernel**

initialisation kernel

4.19**LID**

logical link control identifier

4.20**LLC**

logical link control

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4.21

LPDU

LLC protocol data unit

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LSDU

LLC service data unit

4.23

L1

layer 1 of DSRC (physical layer)

4.24

L2

layer 2 of DSRC (data link layer)

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L7

application layer core of DSRC

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MAC

medium access control

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OBU

on-board unit

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NOTE This equipment usually resides on board a vehicle.

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PDU

protocol data unit

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PPDU

physical layer protocol data unit

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PSDU

physical layer service data unit

4.32

PER

packed encoding rules (ISO/IEC 8825-2:2002)

4.33

RSU

road-side unit

NOTE This is often referred to as beacon.

4.34

RTTT

road transport and traffic telematics

4.35
SDU
 service data unit

4.36
T-APDU
 transfer application protocol data unit

4.37
T-Kernel
 transfer kernel

4.38
VST
 vehicle service table

5 Structure of the application layer core

The “application layer core” shall consist of the T-Kernel and either the I-Kernel or the B-Kernel, or both.

Figure 3 shows the application layer kernels and the relationships to external entities. The T-Kernel provides the basic transportation facilities that can be used by the I-Kernel, by the B-Kernel and by the applications.

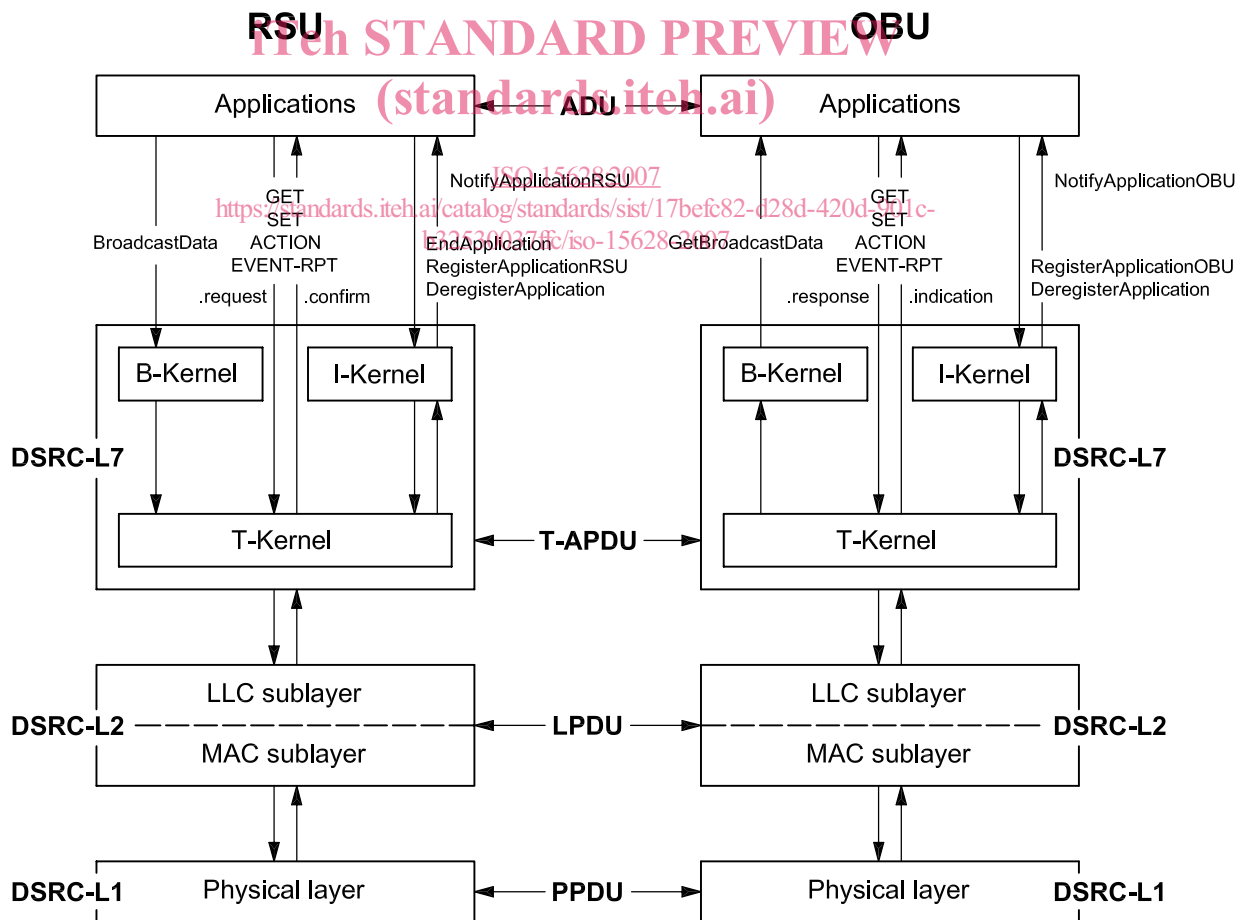


Figure 3 — Context and structure of the application layer core

6 T-Kernel

6.1 General

The T-Kernel shall transfer information between two peer kernels or applications, and shall abstract from the realization of this transfer.

The T-Kernel shall offer its services by means of service primitives defined in 6.2.2.

The T-Kernel shall transfer the information by means of T-APDUs defined in Annex A.

The T-Kernel shall realize the transfer by means of a protocol with the behaviour defined in 6.3.

The T-Kernel shall use the services of the logical link control sub-layer of the DSRC data link layer, which is defined in Clause 9 and Annex E.

NOTE The behaviour defined in 6.3 does not guarantee that the service elements with the same priorities will be delivered to a receiving application in the same order as they were delivered to the T-Kernel on the sending side.

6.2 Services

6.2.1 General

The T-Kernel shall provide the following services:

- GET: The invocation of the “GET” service by an application shall result in the retrieval (reading) of information (i.e. attributes) from a peer application. The service shall only be requested in a confirmed mode, and a reply is expected.
- SET: The invocation of the “SET” service by an application shall result in the modification (writing) of information (i.e. attributes) by a peer application. The service may be requested in confirmed or non-confirmed mode. In confirmed mode, a reply is expected.
- ACTION: The invocation of the “ACTION” service by an application shall result in the performance of an action by a peer application. An action is further qualified by the value of the “ActionType” (see ISO 14906 for examples). The service may be requested in confirmed or non-confirmed mode. In confirmed mode, a reply is expected.
- EVENT-REPORT: The invocation of the “EVENT-REPORT” service by an application or by the I-Kernel shall result in the notification of an event to a peer application or I-Kernel. The service may be requested in confirmed or non-confirmed mode. In confirmed mode, a reply is expected.
- INITIALISATION: The invocation of the “INITIALISATION” service by the I-Kernel shall result in an attempt to initialise the communication between an RSU and each OBU that has not yet established communication with that RSU. The “INITIALISATION” service shall only be used by the I-Kernel.

6.2.2 Service primitives

The T-Kernel shall provide the services given in 6.2.1 by the following service primitives:

- GET.request;
- GET.indication;
- GET.response;
- GET.confirm;

- SET.request;
- SET.indication;
- SET.response;
- SET.confirm;
- ACTION.request;
- ACTION.indication;
- ACTION.response;
- ACTION.confirm;
- EVENT-REPORT.request;
- EVENT-REPORT.indication;
- EVENT-REPORT.response;
- EVENT-REPORT.confirm;
- INITIALISATION.request;
- INITIALISATION.indication;
- INITIALISATION.response;
- INITIALISATION.confirm.

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The INITIALISATION.request and INITIALISATION.confirm primitives shall only be used on the RSU side, the INITIALISATION.indication and INITIALISATION.response primitives shall only be used on OBU side.

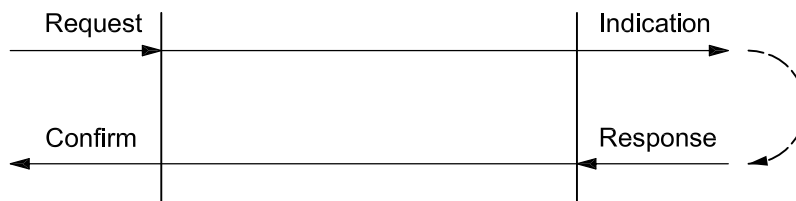


Figure 4 — Services used in confirmed mode



Figure 5 — Services used in non-confirmed mode