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Foreword

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— *Part 10101: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Nomenclature*

— *Part 10201: Domain information model*

— *Part 10404: Device specialization — Pulse oximeter*

— *Part 10407: Device specialization — Blood pressure monitor*

— *Part 10408: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Device specialization — Thermometer*

— *Part 10415: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Device specialization — Weighing scale*

— *Part 10417: Device specialization — Glucose meter*

— *Part 10471: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Device specialization — Independant living activity hub*

— *Part 20101: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Application profiles — Base standard*

— *Part 20601: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Application profile — Optimized exchange protocol*

— *Part 30200: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Transport profile — Cable connected*

— *Part 30300: (Point-of-care medical device communication) Transport profile — Infrared wireless*

Introduction

ISO/IEEE 11073 standards enable communication between medical devices and external computer systems. This document uses the optimized framework created in IEEE Std 11073-20601[a] and describes a specific, interoperable communication approach for independent living activity hubs. These standards align with, and draw upon, the existing clinically focused standards to provide support for communication of data from clinical or personal health devices.

[a] For information on references, see Clause 2.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

Within the context of the ISO/IEEE 11073 family of standards for device communication, this standard establishes a normative definition of the communication between independent living activity hubs and managers (e.g., cell phones, personal computers, personal health appliances, and set top boxes) in a manner that enables plug-and-play interoperability. It leverages appropriate portions of existing standards including ISO/IEEE 11073 terminology and information models. It specifies the use of specific term codes, formats, and behaviors in telehealth environments restricting ambiguity in base frameworks in favor of interoperability. This standard defines a common core of communication functionality for independent living activity hubs. In this context, independent living activity hubs are defined as devices that communicate with simple situation monitors (binary sensors), normalize information received from the simple environmental monitors, and provide this normalized information to one or more managers. This information can be examined (for example) to determine when a person's activities/behaviors have deviated significantly from what is normal for them such that relevant parties can be notified. Independent living activity hubs will normalize information from the following simple situation monitors (binary sensors) for the initial release of the proposed standard: fall sensor, motion sensor, door sensor, bed/chair occupancy sensor, light switch sensor, smoke sensor, (ambient) temperature threshold sensor, personal emergency response system (PERS), and enuresis sensor (bed-wetting).

1.2 Purpose

This standard addresses a need for an openly defined, independent standard for controlling information exchange to and from personal health devices and managers (e.g., cell phones, personal computers, personal health appliances, and set top boxes). Interoperability is the key to growing the potential market for these devices and to enabling people to be better informed participants in the management of their health.

1.3 Context

See IEEE Std 11073-20601™ for an overview of the environment within which this standard is written.

This document, IEEE Std 11073-10471, defines the device specialization for the independent living activity hub, being a specific agent type, and it provides a description of the device concepts, its capabilities, and its implementation according to this standard.

This standard is based on IEEE Std 11073-20601, which in turn draws information from both ISO/IEEE 11073-10201:2004 [B3][1] and ISO/IEEE 11073-20101:2004 [B4]. The medical device encoding rules (MDERs) used within this standard are fully described in IEEE Std 11073-20601.

This standard reproduces relevant portions of the nomenclature found in ISO/IEEE 11073-10101:2004 [B2] and adds new nomenclature codes for the purposes of this standard. Between this standard and IEEE Std 11073-20601 all required nomenclature codes for implementation are documented.

NOTE— In this standard, IEEE Std 11073-104zz is used to refer to the collection of device specialization standards that utilize IEEE Std 11073-20601, where zz can be any number from 01 to 99, inclusive.[2]

2. Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document (i.e., they must be understood and used, so that each referenced document is cited in text and its relationship to this document is explained). For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments or corrigenda) applies.

IEEE Std 11073-20601™-2008, Health informatics—Personal health device communication—Part 20601: Application profile—Optimized Exchange Protocol.[3,4]

See Annex A for all informative material referenced by this standard.

3. Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions apply. *The Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards* [B1] should be referenced for terms not defined in this clause.

[1]The numbers in brackets correspond to those of the bibliography in Annex A.
[2]Notes in text, tables, and figures are given for information only and do not contain requirements needed to implement the standard.
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3.1 Definitions

3.1 agent: A node that collects and transmits personal health data to an associated manager.

3.2 class: In object-oriented modeling, it describes the attributes, methods, and events that objects instantiated from the class utilize.

3.3 compute engine: *See:* **manager.**

3.4 device: A term used to refer to a physical apparatus implementing either an agent or a manager role.

3.5 handle: An unsigned 16-bit number that is locally unique and identifies one of the object instances within an agent.

3.6 manager: A node receiving data from one or more agent systems. Some examples of managers include a cellular phone, health appliance, set top box, or a computer system.

3.7 obj-handle: *See*: **handle.**

3.8 object: In object-oriented modeling, a particular instantiation of a class. The instantiation realizes attributes, methods, and events from the class.

3.9 personal health device: A device used in personal health applications.

3.10 personal telehealth device: *See*: **personal health device.**

3.11 sensor: An apparatus that measures physical properties. These comprise the primary inputs to an independent living activity hub agent.

3.2 Acronyms and abbreviations

APDU	application protocol data unit
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
DIM	domain information model
EUI-64	extended unique identifier (64 bits)
ICS	implementation conformance statement
MDC	medical device communication
MDER	medical device encoding rules
MDS	medical device system
MOC	managed object class
PDU	protocol data unit
PERS	personal emergency response system
PHD	personal health device
RT-SA	real-time sample array
VMO	virtual medical object
VMS	virtual medical system

4. Introduction to ISO/IEEE 11073 personal health devices

4.1 General

This standard and the remainder of the series of ISO/IEEE 11073 personal health device (PHD) standards fit in the larger context of the ISO/IEEE 11073 series of standards. The full suite of standards enables agents to interconnect and interoperate with managers and with computerized health-care information systems. See IEEE Std 11073-20601 for a description of the guiding principles for this series of ISO/IEEE 11073 personal health device standards.

IEEE Std 11073-20601 supports the modeling and implementation of an extensive set of personal health devices. This standard defines aspects of the independent living activity hub device. It describes all aspects necessary to implement the application layer services and data exchange protocol between an ISO/IEEE 11073 PHD independent living activity hub agent and a manager. This standard defines a subset of the objects and functionality contained in IEEE Std 11073-20601 and extends and adds definitions where appropriate. All new definitions are given in Annex B in abstract syntax notation one (ASN.1) [B5]. Nomenclature codes referenced in this standard, which are not defined in IEEE Std 11073-20601, are normatively defined in Annex C.

4.2 Introduction to IEEE Std 11073-20601 modeling constructs

4.2.1 General

The ISO/IEEE 11073 series of standards, and in particular IEEE Std 11073-20601, is based on an object-oriented systems management paradigm. The overall system model is divided into three principal components: the domain information model (DIM), the service model, and the communication model. See IEEE Std 11073-20601 for a detailed description of the modeling constructs.

4.2.2 Domain information model

The DIM is a hierarchical model that describes an agent as a set of objects. These objects and their attributes represent the elements that control behavior and report on the status of the agent and data that an agent can communicate to a manager. Communication between the agent and the manager is defined by the application protocol in IEEE Std 11073-20601.

4.2.3 Service model

The service model defines the conceptual mechanisms for the data exchange services. Such services are mapped to messages that are exchanged between the agent and the manager. Protocol messages within the ISO/IEEE 11073 series of standards are defined in ASN.1. The messages defined in IEEE Std 11073-20601 can coexist with messages defined in other standard application profiles defined in the ISO/IEEE 11073 series of standards.

4.2.4 Communication model

In general, the communication model supports the topology of one or more agents communicating over logical point-to-point connections to a single manager. For each logical point-to-point connection, the dynamic system behavior is defined by a connection state machine as specified in IEEE Std 11073-20601.

4.2.5 Implementing the models

An agent implementing this standard shall implement all mandatory elements of the information, service, and communication models as well as all conditional elements where the condition is met. The agent should implement the recommended elements, and it may implement any combination of the optional elements. A manager implementing this standard shall utilize at least one of the mandatory, conditional, recommended, or optional elements. In this context, “utilize” means to use the element as part of the primary function of the manager device. For example, a manager whose primary function is to display data would need to display a piece of data in the element in order to utilize it.

5. Independent living activity hub device concepts and modalities

5.1 General

This clause presents the general concepts of independent living activity hub devices. In the context of personal health devices in this family of standards, an independent living activity hub is a device that aggregates activity data sensor events from multiple sensor data sources, all of which are used in the support of the independent living of one or more occupants. The occupants' environment may vary greatly and encompass a varying mixture of sensors; therefore, the activity data sensor events reported by any particular agent have a corresponding variance.

5.2 Concepts

While there are many data generating sensors, they have a number of properties in common that influence the design of this standard. Note that these are only generalities employed in the design and there may be instances where an activity data generating sensor exceeds these properties.

- Price: usually they are very inexpensive sensors.
- Power: typically they are very low power sensors.
- Communication: typically they use a very inexpensive communication technique and are quite often wireless.
- Frequency: typically they communicate very infrequently or only when an event occurs.
- Quantity: there may be a wide range of sensors and many instances of any one sensor type.

It is the responsibility of the independent living activity hub agent to manage all these sensors. Management of the sensors is likely to be within the proprietary purview of the agent both because there is no acceptable existing industry standard and the desire to integrate existing legacy solutions with the IEEE Std 11073-20601 framework. Therefore, this responsibility is outside the scope of this standard. Only the communication between the independent living activity hub agent and the manager are covered by this standard.

Additionally, due to the many different types of sensors that may be employed in any particular installation, there is a range of functionality that the corresponding independent living activity hub agent presents to the manager. On the one hand, a fully functional independent living activity hub agent could represent a significant number of sensors and have a complex conversation with the associated manager. On the other hand, a subset of this protocol could be employed by just one sensor such that it would appear to a manager as an independent living activity hub agent with a single sensor.

5.3 Collected data

5.3.1 General

This clause provides an overview of the kinds of sensors and activity data that could be collected. This is not to imply that all independent living activity hub agents would necessarily report values for all of these sensors. Furthermore, this standard is not concerned with the form of the data nor the communication between any actual sensor and the independent living activity hub; rather only the activity data sensor events derived as a result of that data are considered part of this standard. See Clause 6 for the normative definition of this derived data.

5.3.2 Fall sensor

This sensor is used to notify the monitoring system that a fall sensor event has taken place. This could take the form of a sensor of the type that detects a person's fall and automatically generates the event.

5.3.3 PERS sensor

This sensor is used to notify the monitoring system that a personal emergency sensor event has taken place. This would typically take the form of a button that the person presses to indicate some sort of perceived emergency ("panic button").

5.3.4 Environmental sensors

These sensors generate a sensor event whenever they sense an environmental aspect that is beyond a preset threshold. Examples include smoke sensors, carbon monoxide sensors, water sensors, and natural gas/LP gas sensors.

5.3.5 Motion sensor

This sensor generates a sensor event whenever it has sensed movement within its range above a preset level. This type of sensor is typically employed in two manners: general motion and intruder detection.

In the case of general motion, the detection of the motion causes an immediate generation of a sensor event and subsequent action. This may be used for tracking the activity level of the occupant to discern whether behavior patterns have altered.

In the case of intruder detection, the motion sensor event could be used to trigger intruder detection actions.

Optionally, in the case of the primary entrances to the building, for example, the subsequent action to the sensor event may be delayed for some period before taken. This is to allow for an authorized person to enter the premises and to disable the sensor event before the action is taken (e.g., in the case where a triggered sensor event will generate an intruder alert). Should the proper disabling not take place within the expected delay time period, the normal subsequent action would take place. There may also be a sensor event for the case when the motion sensor detects someone attempting to tamper with its function.

5.3.6 Property exit sensor

This sensor generates a sensor event whenever it has sensed the exit of an occupant from the premises. This is commonly employed when there is an occupant with some cognitive issues who would encounter difficulties in an unfamiliar environment. There may also be a sensor event for the case where the premises' exit is left open.

5.3.7 Enuresis sensor

This sensor generates a sensor event when it detects occurrences of involuntary urination or bed-wetting. This sensor could be utilized in a range of settings such as a bed, chair, or any similar structure.

5.3.8 Contact closure sensor

This sensor issues a sensor event whenever a contact is opened or closed. This sensor reports the state of the contact after a transition, either from closed to open or from open to closed. Only a single sensor event is sent for each transition. Examples of where this sensor would be deployed are passageway doors, cupboard doors, drawers, windows, and pressure mats.

5.3.9 Usage sensor

This sensor issues a sensor event to denote the start of use (into a bed/chair, for example) or the end of use (out of a bed/chair, for example). It also issues a sensor event for an anticipated usage not occurring by an expected preset time (expected use start violation) as well as a sensor event for the usage continuing beyond an expected preset time (expected use stop violation). Additionally, there would be a sensor event generated if during an expected usage time, the usage is discontinued for longer than a preset period of time (intermittent absence violation). An example would be that during a normal sleep period, a person got out of the bed and did not return in an expected period of time.

5.3.10 Switch use sensor

This sensor issues a sensor event for a switch changing states either to the used state (ON) or to the unused state (OFF). Examples of this are light switches, fan switches, and other similar switches that control electrical apparatus.

5.3.11 Simple medication dispenser

The dispenser is a container that contains doses of one or more medications. The medications are to be taken in predetermined doses at predetermined times. A sensor event is generated for a presented dosage being taken from the dispenser (dosage taken) and/or for a dose not being taken after a predetermined amount of time (dosage missed).

NOTE—The sensor description presented here is of a conceptual model to aid in understanding. Be aware that the same derived sensor events could be generated through many other means (such as a user interaction with some screen interface). This standard is only concerned with the generated sensor events.

5.3.12 Temperature sensor

This sensor monitors the temperature in an environment. It issues sensor events based on the sensor value being outside of a preset temperature limit. The sensor events could be that the ambient temperature has risen above a certain level (high threshold) or dropped below a certain level (low threshold), or that the rate-of-change is faster than a predetermined expected rate (rate-of-change). This can be used for detecting conditions such as the temperature of a dwelling being dangerously high/low or that stove elements have been left on after cooking has been completed.

6. Independent living activity hub domain information model

6.1 Overview

This clause describes the domain information model of the independent living activity hub.

6.2 Class extensions

In this standard, no class extensions are defined with respect to IEEE Std 11073-20601.

6.3 Object instance diagram

The object instance diagram of the independent living activity hub domain information model, defined for the purposes of this standard, is shown in Figure 1.

The generic DIM of the independent living activity hub that is presented in Figure 1 defines all possible data objects. However, it would be expected that most independent living activity hubs would implement