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1   Scope

This International Standard specifies extensions to the API needed for support of the Return Channel Frames (RCF) service defined in *Space Link Extension—Return Channel Frames Service Specification,* CCSDS 911.2-B-1.

This International Standard defines extensions to the SLE API in terms of:

  a)   the RCF-specific functionality provided by API components;

  b)   the RCF-specific interfaces provided by API components; and

  c)   the externally visible behavior associated with the RCF interfaces exported by the components.

It does not specify:

  a)   individual implementations or products;

  b)   the internal design of the components; and

  c)   the technology used for communications.

This International Standard defines only interfaces and behavior that must be provided by implementations supporting the Return Channel Frames service in addition to the specification in *Space Link Extension— Application Program Interface for Transfer Services—Core Specification,* CCSDS 914.0-M-1.

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FOREWORD

This document is a technical **Recommended Practice** for use in developing ground systems for space missions and has been prepared by the **Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems** (CCSDS). The Application Program Interface described herein is intended for missions that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The Recommended Practice *Space Link Extension—Application Program Interface for Transfer Services—Core Specification* (reference [3]) specifies a C++ API for CCSDS Space Link Extension Transfer Services. The API is intended for use by application programs implementing SLE transfer services.

Reference [3] defines the architecture of the API and the functionality on a generic level, which is independent of specific SLE services and communication technologies. It is thus necessary to add service type-specific specifications in supplemental Recommended Practices. The purpose of this document is to specify extensions to the API needed for support of the Return Channel Frames (RCF) service defined in reference [2].

1.2 SCOPE

This Recommended Practice defines extensions to the SLE API in terms of:

  a) the RCF-specific functionality provided by API components;

  b) the RCF-specific interfaces provided by API components; and

  c) the externally visible behavior associated with the RCF interfaces exported by the components.

It does not specify:

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This Recommended Practice defines only interfaces and behavior that must be provided by implementations supporting the Return Channel Frames service in addition to the specification in reference [3].

1.3 APPLICABILITY

The RCF Application Program Interface specified in this document supports two versions of the RCF service, namely:

  a) version 1 as specified by reference [C2]; and

  b) version 2 as specified by reference [2].

Support for version 1 of these services is included for backward compatibility purposes for a limited time and may not be continued in future versions of this specification. Support for

version 1 of the RCF service implies that SLE API implementations of this specification are able to interoperate with peer SLE systems that comply with the specification of the Transport Mapping Layer (TML) in 'Specification of a SLE API Proxy for TCP/IP and ASN.1', ESOC, SLES-SW-API-0002-TOS-GCI, Issue 1.1, February 2001.

Any version-dependent provisions within this Recommended Practice are marked as follows:

a) [V1:] for provisions specific to version 1; and

b) [V2:] for provisions specific to version 2.

1.4   RATIONALE

This Recommended Practice specifies the mapping of the RCF service specification to specific functions and parameters of the SLE API. It also specifies the distribution of responsibility for specific functions between SLE API software and application software.

The goal of this Recommended Practice is to create a standard for interoperability between:

a) application software using the SLE API and SLE API software implementing the SLE API; and

b) service user and service provider applications communicating with each other using the SLE API on both sides.

This interoperability standard also allows exchangeability of different products implementing the SLE API, as long as they adhere to the interface specification of this Recommended Practice.

1.5   DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

1.5.1   ORGANIZATION

This document is organized as follows:

– section 1 provides purpose and scope of this specification, identifies conventions, and lists definitions and references used throughout the document;

– section 2 provides an overview of the RCF service and describes the API model extension including support for the RCF service;

– section 3 contains detailed specifications for the API components and for applications using the API;

– annex A provides a formal specification of the API interfaces and data types specific to the RCF service;

– annex B lists all acronyms used within this document;

– annex C lists informative references.