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1 Scope

This part of ISO 16484 defines a standard method for verifying that an implementation of the BACnet protocol provides each capability claimed in its Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) in conformance with the BACnet standard. This part of ISO 16484 provides a comprehensive set of procedures for verifying the correct implementation of each capability claimed on a BACnet PICS, including

- a) support of each claimed BACnet service, either as an initiator, executor, or both,
- b) support of each claimed BACnet object-type, including both required properties and each claimed optional property,
- c) support of the BACnet network layer protocol,
- d) support of each claimed data link option, and
- e) support of all claimed special functionality.

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1. PURPOSE

To define a standard method for verifying that an implementation of the BACnet protocol provides each capability claimed in its Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) in conformance with the BACnet standard.

2. SCOPE

This standard provides a comprehensive set of procedures for verifying the correct implementation of each capability claimed on a BACnet PICS including:

- (a) support of each claimed BACnet service, either as an initiator, executor, or both,
- (b) support of each claimed BACnet object-type, including both required properties and each claimed optional property,
- (c) support of the BACnet network layer protocol,
- (d) support of each claimed data link option, and
- (e) support of all claimed special functionality.

3. DEFINITIONS

All definitions from ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2008 also apply to this addendum.

3.1 local network: the network to which a BACnet device is directly connected.

3.2 remote network: a network that is accessible from a BACnet device only by passing through one or more routers.

3.3 test database: a database of BACnet functionality and objects created by reading the contents of an EPICS.

3.4 Abbreviations and Acronyms Used in the Standard

BNF	Backus-Naur Form syntax
EPICS	electronic protocol implementation conformance statement
IUT	implementation under test
TCSL	testing and conformance scripting language
TD	testing device
TPI	text protocol information

4. ELECTRONIC PICS FILE FORMAT

An electronic protocol implementation conformance statement (EPICS) file contains a BACnet protocol implementation conformance statement expressed in a standardized text form. EPICS files are machine and human readable representations of the implementation of BACnet objects and services within a given device. EPICS files shall use the extension ".TPI" (text protocol information) and contain normal editable text lines consisting of text character codes ending in carriage return/linefeed pairs (X'0D', X'0A').

EPICS files are used by software testing tools to conduct and interpret the results of tests defined in this standard. An EPICS file shall accompany any device tested according to the procedures of this standard.

4.1 Character Encoding

BACnet provides for a variety of possible character encodings. The character encodings in BACnet fall into three groups: octet streams, double octet streams and quad octet streams. Octet streams represent characters as single octet values. In some cases, such as Microsoft DBCS and JIS C 6226, certain octet values signal that the second octet which follows should be viewed along with the leading octet as a single value, thus extending the range to greater than 256 possible characters. In contrast, double octet streams view pairs of octets as representing single characters. The ISO 10646 UCS-2 encoding is an example. The first or leading octet of the pair is the most significant part of the value. Quad octet streams, such as ISO 10646 UCS-4, treat tuples of four octets at a time as single characters with the first or leading octet being the most significant.

4. ELECTRONIC PICS FILE FORMAT

To accommodate the various encodings that may be used with BACnet device descriptions, EPICS files begin with a header that serves both to identify the file as an EPICS file, and to identify the particular encoding used. The header begins with the string "PICS #" where # is replaced by a numeral representing the character set as shown in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1. Character Set Codes

code	character set
0	ANSI X3.4
1	Microsoft DBCS
2	JIS C 6226
3	ISO 10646 (UCS-4)
4	ISO 10646 (UCS-2)
5	ISO 8859-1

An octet stream format can be recognized by examining the first eight octets of the EPICS file. Using ANSI X3.4 encoding as an example these eight octets will contain: X'50' X'49' X'43' X'53' X'20' X'30' X'0D' X'0A'. This represents the text "PICS 0" followed by carriage return and linefeed.

A double octet stream format can be recognized by examining the first 16 octets of the EPICS file. Using ISO 10646 UCS-2 encoding as an example these 16 octets will contain:

X'00' X'50' X'00' X'49' X'00' X'43' X'00' X'53'
X'00' X'20' X'00' X'34' X'00' X'0D' X'00' X'0A'

This represents the text "PICS 4" followed by carriage return and linefeed.

A quad octet stream format can be recognized by examining the first 32 octets of the EPICS file. Using ISO 10646 UCS-4 as an example these 32 octets will contain:

X'00' X'00' X'00' X'50' X'00' X'00' X'00' X'49'
X'00' X'00' X'00' X'43' X'00' X'00' X'00' X'53'
X'00' X'00' X'00' X'20' X'00' X'00' X'00' X'34'
X'00' X'00' X'00' X'0D' X'00' X'00' X'00' X'0A'

This represents the text "PICS 3" followed by carriage return and linefeed.

4.2 Structure of EPICS Files

EPICS files consist of text lines ending in carriage return/linefeed pairs (X'0D', X'0A') encoded as octet, double octet or quad octet streams as defined in 4.1. In the rest of this standard, the term "character" will be used to mean one symbol encoded as one, two, or four octets based on the character encoding used in the EPICS file header. For example, the character space may be encoded as X'20' or X'0020' or X'00000020'. In this standard all characters will be shown in their single octet form.

The special symbol ↵ is used in this Clause to signify the presence of a carriage return/linefeed pair (X'0D0A'). Except within character strings, the character codes tab (X'09'), space (X'20'), carriage return (X'0D') and linefeed (X'0A') shall be considered to be white space. Any sequence of 1 or more white space characters shall be equivalent to a single white space character. Except within a character string, a sequence of two dashes (X'2D') shall signify the beginning of a comment which shall end with the next carriage return/linefeed pair, i.e., the end of the line upon which the -- appears. Comments shall be considered to be white space, and may thus be inserted freely.

EPICS files shall have, as their first line following the header, the literal text:

BACnet Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement ↵

This text serves as a signature identifying the EPICS file format.

Lines that define the sections of the EPICS (see 4.5) and the particular implementation data for a given device follow the signature line.

The EPICS file ends with a line containing the following literal text:

End of BACnet Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement ↵

4.3 Character Strings

The occurrence of a double quote (X'22'), single quote (X'27') or accent grave (X'60') shall signify character strings. For double quotes, the end of the string shall be signified by the next occurrence of a double quote, or the end of the line. For single quote or accent grave, the end of the string shall be signified by the next occurrence of a single quote (X'27'), or the end of the line. Thus strings which need to include a single quote or accent grave as a literal character in the string shall use the double quote quoting method, while strings which need to include double quote shall use the single quote or accent grave quoting method.

4.4 Notational Rules for Parameter Values

Within each section, parameters may need to be expressed in one of several forms. The following rules govern the format for parameters:

- (a) key words are case insensitive so that X'41' through X'5A' are equivalent to X'61' through X'7A';
- (b) null values are shown by the string "NULL";
- (c) Boolean values are shown by the strings "T" or "TRUE" if the value is true, or "F" or "FALSE" if the value is false;
- (d) integer values are shown as strings of digits, possibly with a leading minus (-): 12345 or -111;
- (e) real values are shown with a decimal point, which may not be the first or last character: 1.23, 0.02, 1.0 but not .02;
- (f) octet strings are shown as pairs of hex digits enclosed in either single quotes (X'2D') or accent graves (X'60'), and preceded by the letter "X": X'001122';
- (g) character strings are represented as one or more characters enclosed in double, single or accent grave quotes as defined in 4.3: 'text' or 'text' or "text";
- (h) bitstrings are shown as a list, enclosed by curly brackets ({} or X'7B' and X'7D'), of true and false values: {T,T,F} or {TRUE, TRUE, FALSE}. When the actual value of a bit does not matter, a question mark is used: {T,T,?};
- (i) enumerated values are represented as named, rather than numeric, values. Enumeration names are case insensitive so that X'41' through X'5A' are equivalent to X'61' through X'7A'. The underscore (X'5F) and dash (X'2D') are considered equivalent in enumeration names. Proprietary values are shown as a named text with no whitespace and ending in a non-negative decimal numeric. Each must start with the word "proprietary": Object_Type, proprietary-object-type-653;
- (j) dates are represented enclosed in parenthesis: (Monday, 24-January-1998). Any "wild card" or unspecified field is shown by an asterisk (X'2A'): (Monday, *-January-1998). The omission of day of week implies that the day is unspecified: (24-January-1998);
- (k) times are represented as hours, minutes, seconds, hundredths in the format hh:mm:ss.xx: 2:05:44.00, 16:54:59.99. Any "wild card" field is shown by an asterisk (X'2A'): 16:54:*. *;
- (l) object identifiers are shown enclosed by parentheses, with commas separating the object type and the instance number: (analog-input, 56). Proprietary object types replace the object type enumeration with the word "proprietary" followed by the numeric value of the object type: (proprietary 700,1);
- (m) constructed data items are represented enclosed by curly brackets ({ } or X'7B' and X'7D'), with elements separated by commas. If an element is itself a constructed value, then that element shall be enclosed in curly brackets.

4.4.1 Complex Parameter Values

Some parameter values, notably property values for constructed or CHOICE types of encoded values, need to use a more complex notation to represent their values. This notation is tied to the ASN.1 encoding for those property values and may appear obscure out of context. These additional rules govern the presentation of those types of parameter values:

- (a) values which are a CHOICE of application-tagged values are represented by the value of the chosen item encoded as described in 4.4;
- (b) values which are a CHOICE of context-tagged values are represented by the context tag number enclosed in square brackets, followed by the representation of the value of the chosen item;