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INTRODUCTION

Programmable electronics are now being integrated within switchgear and controlgear. For example, soft-starters, electronic overload relays, circuit-breakers with electronic trip units, proximity switches with built in micro-controllers and some accessories such as extension modules and control panels are using programmable electronics with embedded software called firmware. This embedded software often supports the main functions (see 3.3) provided by the equipment such as overcurrent protection and other important functions, e.g. alarm detection from monitoring devices.

The integration of embedded software within switchgear and controlgear should not degrade the integrity of their main functions compared to purely electromechanical equipment. Therefore, a minimum set of standard requirements for embedded software is provided by this document.

This document takes into account the existing best practices for developing embedded software within safety functions for automation given by IEC 61508-3. Functional safety approach is mainly used in machinery, automotive, automation and process automation where safety functions are implemented with multiple components which should match a consistent level of integrity when combined. In other sectors, such as electric distribution and power control systems, key functions such as over-current release, residual current release, load monitoring, etc. should follow installation rules and coordination rules which are systematically safety and reliability related. Therefore, this document can be seen as providing the principles of the good practice given by IEC 61508-3.

This document is also intended to provide an up-to-date method with regards to the supplement SE of UL 489.

The intention of this document is to provide guidance about:

- risk assessment aspects in relation to embedded software;
- embedded software evaluation method;
- software architecture;
- basic coding rules;
- measures to control software errors;
- software verification and its relationship with the validation of the equipment or system.

In this document, the term “software” is used as a generalized term for embedded software.