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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62351 defines network and system management (NSM) data object models that are specific to power system operations. These NSM data objects will be used to monitor the health of networks and systems, to detect possible security intrusions, and to manage the performance and reliability of the information infrastructure. The goal is to define a set of abstract objects that will allow the remote monitoring of the health and condition of IEDs (Intelligent Electronic Devices), RTUs (Remote Terminal Units), DERs (Distributed Energy Resources) systems and other systems that are important to power system operations.

Power systems operations are increasingly reliant on information infrastructures, including communication networks, IEDs, and self-defining communication protocols. Therefore, management of the information infrastructure has become crucial to providing the necessary high levels of security and reliability in power system operations.

The telecommunication infrastructure that is in use for the transport of telecontrol and automation protocols is already subject to health and condition monitoring control, using the concepts developed in the IETF Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) standards for network management. However, power system specific devices (like teleprotection, telecontrol, substation automation, synchrophasors, inverters and protections) need instead a specific solution for monitoring their health.

The NSM objects provide monitoring data for IEC protocols used for power systems (IEC 61850, IEC 60870-5-104) and device specific environmental and security status. As a derivative of IEC 60870-5-104, IEEE 1815 DNP3 is also included in the list of monitored protocols. The NSM data objects use the naming conventions developed for IEC 61850, expanded to address NSM issues. For the sake of generality these data objects, and the data types of which they are comprised, are defined as abstract models of data objects.

In addition to the abstract model, in order to allow the integration of the monitoring of power system devices within the NSM environment in this part of IEC 62351, a mapping of objects to the SNMP protocol of Management Information Base (MIBs) is provided.

The objects that are already covered by existing MIBs are not defined here but are expected to be compliant with existing MIB standards. For example protocols including EST, SCEP, RADIUS, LDAP, GDOI are not in scope.

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 62351-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

Unified Modelling Language

UML

general-purpose modeling language with a semantic specification, a graphical notation, an interchange format, and a repository query interface, designed for use in object-oriented software applications, including those based on technologies recommended by the Object Management Group (OMG)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19501:2005, Introduction]

3.2

Structure of Management Information

SMLv2

adapted subset of OSI's Abstract Syntax Notation One, ASN.1 used to write Management Information Base (MIB) modules (RFC 2578), which defines fundamental data types, an object model, and the rules for writing and revising MIB modules

[SOURCE: Summary of IETF RFC 3410, 7.1]

3.3

Transport Security Model

Security Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol for use with secure Transport Models in the Transport Subsystem

[SOURCE: Summary of IETF RFC 5590, 3.2.1]

3.4**Datagram Transport Layer Security**

protocol that provides communications privacy for datagram protocols, which allows client/server applications to communicate in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, or message forgery

Note 1 to entry: The DTLS protocol is based on the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol and provides equivalent security guarantees.

[SOURCE: Summary of IETF RFC 6347, Abstract]

3.5**Protocol Data Unit**

PDU

data object exchanged by protocol machines (entities) within a given layer, which consists of both Protocol Control Information (PCI) and user data

Note 1 to entry: This is OSI terminology for "packet".

[SOURCE: IETF RFC 1208, *A glossary of networking terms*]

3.6**Protocol Control Information**

protocol information added by an OSI entity to the service data unit passed down from the layer above, all together forming a Protocol Data Unit (PDU)

[SOURCE: IETF RFC 1208, *A glossary of networking terms*]

3.7**Network Time Security**

mechanism for using Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD) to provide cryptographic security for the client-server mode of the Network Time Protocol (NTP)

[SOURCE: IETF RFC 8915, Abstract]

3.8**Global Navigation Satellite System**

GNSS

system comprised of several networks of satellites that transmit radio signals containing time and distance data that can be picked up by a receiver, allowing the user to identify the location of its receiver anywhere around the globe

[SOURCE: ISO 15638-15:2014, 4.23]

3.9**Global Positioning System**

GPS

instantiation of GNSS (4.23) controlled by the US Department of Defense

[SOURCE: ISO 15638-15:2014, 4.24]

3.10**Intermediate System**

OSI system which performs network layer forwarding, analogous to an IP router

[SOURCE: RFC 1392, Internet Users' Glossary]