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- a) part 5 and 6 have been introduced, which contain the certification profiles responsible for the test cases;
- b) resolved issues and added clarifications to the specification, most of which are related to newly in OCPP 2.1 introduced features like; DER control, V2X, ISO 15118-20, based on lessons learned from the market;
- c) all OCPP 2.0.1 errata also have been incorporated into OCPP 2.1, due to the versions being backwards-compatible.

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Part 0 - Introduction

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Version History

Version	Date	Description
2.1 Edition 2	2025-12-03	OCPP 2.1 Edition 2. All errata from OCPP 2.1 Part 0 until and including Errata 2025-11 have been merged into this version of the specification.
2.1 Edition 1	2025-01-23	OCPP 2.1 Edition 1

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Chapter 1. Introduction

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are becoming the new standard for mobility all over the world. This development is only possible with a good coverage of Charging Stations. To advance the roll out of charging infrastructure, open communication standards play a key role: to enable switching from charging network without necessarily replacing all the Charging Stations, to encourage innovation and cost effectiveness and to allow many and diverse players participate in this new industry.

Additionally, the EV charging infrastructure is part of the Smart Grid, a larger and still evolving ecosystem of actors, devices and protocols. In this Smart Grid ecosystem, open communication standards are key enablers for bidirectional power flows, real time information exchange, demand control and eMobility services.

The Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP) is the industry-supported de facto standard for communication between a Charging Station and a Charging Station Management System (CSMS) and is designed to accommodate any type of charging technique. OCPP is an open standard with no cost or licensing barriers for adoption.

1.1. OCPP version 2.1

This specification defines version 2.1 of OCPP.

Version 2.1 is an extension of OCPP 2.0.1. OCPP 2.1 has its own JSON schemas, but the schemas are OCPP 2.0.1 schemas that have been extended with optional fields that are used by OCPP 2.1 functionality. With the minor exceptions mentioned below, all application logic developed for OCPP 2.0.1 will continue to work in OCPP 2.1 without any changes. The new features of OCPP 2.1, of course, require new application logic.

Use case A02 & A03

The application logic in a CSMS for OCPP 2.0.1 for use cases A02 & A03 requires a small change in order to work in OCPP 2.1.

The SignCertificateRequest message has been extended with a *requestId* field, such that the resulting CertificateSignedRequest message can be accurately mapped to the request that initiated it. Use of *requestId* is optional for Charging Station, but when present, CSMS will have to use it in the subsequent CertificateSignedRequest message.

Note, that the updated application logic remains valid to use in OCPP 2.0.1.

Use case N02

The application logic in a Charging Station for OCPP 2.0.1 for use case N02 requires a small change in order to work for OCPP 2.1.

The message NotifyMonitoringReportRequest has been extended with a required field in VariableMonitoringType: *eventNotificationType*. Charging Station has to provide this field. It provides essential information to CSMS about the type of monitor (HardWiredMonitor, PreconfiguredMonitor, CustomMonitor) that was missing in OCPP 2.0.1. Existing OCPP 2.0.1 logic in a CSMS that is not aware of this new field, will continue to work.

1.2. Terms and abbreviations

This section contains the terminology and abbreviations that are used throughout this document.

1.2.1. Terms

Term	Meaning
Charging Station	The Charging Station is the physical system where an EV can be charged. A Charging Station has one or more EVSEs.
Charging Station Management System (CSMS)	Charging Station Management System: manages Charging Stations and has the information for authorizing Users for using its Charging Stations.
Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)	EVSE is considered as an independently operated and managed part of the Charging Station that can deliver energy to one EV at a time.
Energy Management System (EMS)	In this document this is defined as a device that manages the local loads (consumption and production) based on local and/or contractual constraints and/or contractual incentives. It has additional inputs, such as sensors and controls from e.g. PV, battery storage.

1.2.2. Abbreviations

Term	Meaning
CSO	Charging Station Operator
CSMS	Charging Station Management System
EMS	Energy Management System.
EV	Electric Vehicle
EVSE	Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
RFID	Radio-Frequency Identification

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1.3. References

Table 1. References

Reference	Description
[IEC61851-1]	IEC 61851-1 2017: EV conductive charging system - Part 1: General requirements. https://webstore.iec.ch/publication/33644
[IEC62559-2:2015]	Definition of the templates for use cases, actor list and requirements list. https://webstore.iec.ch/publication/22349
[ISO15118-1]	ISO 15118-1 specifies terms and definitions, general requirements and use cases as the basis for the other parts of ISO 15118. It provides a general overview and a common understanding of aspects influencing the charge process, payment and load leveling. https://webstore.iec.ch/publication/9272
[OCPP1.5]	http://www.openchargealliance.org/downloads/
[OCPP1.6]	http://www.openchargealliance.org/downloads/

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Chapter 2. New functionality in OCPP 2.1

OCPP 2.1 introduces new functionality compared to OCPP 2.0.1.

The application logic for OCPP 2.0.1 remains valid, but will have to be extended to support the new features of OCPP 2.1.

Most important new features of OCPP 2.1 include support for ISO 15118-20 and extensive support for bidirectional power transfer (V2X), and control of Charging Stations and EVs as Distributed Energy Resources (DER). New use cases have been added that describe ad hoc payment, and Charging Stations can now do local cost calculation based on tariff information from CSMS.

Below is a list of sections of Part 2 of the specification that have new or updated functionality.

A Security

A02/A03 A *requestId* has been added to *SignCertificateRequest*. Added support for ISO 15118-20 certificates.

A05 Downgrading from security profile 3 to 2 is no longer prohibited.

B Provisioning

B09 *SetNetworkProfileRequest* has been extended with *basicAuthPassword* and *identity*.

B13 New use case to support resuming transaction after a reset.

C Authorization

Length of *IdToken* has been extended to 255 characters.

IdToken type is now a predefined list instead of enumeration to allow for easier extension.

C07/C08 ISO 15118 authorization use cases updated with ISO 15118-20 flows.

C10 Explicit requirement added about expiration in authorization cache.

C17 New use case for authorization with prepaid card.

C18-C23 New use cases for ad hoc payment with integrated payment terminal.

C24 New use case for ad hoc payment via stand-alone payment terminal.

C25 New use case for ad hoc payment via dynamic QR code.

E Transactions

E16 New use case for transactions with cost, energy, time, SoC limit.

E17 New use case for resuming a transaction after forced reboot.

F Remote Control

F06 Added *CustomTrigger* to *TriggerMessageRequest*.

F07 New use case for remote start of transaction with limits.

G Availability

Availability notification using *NotifyEventRequest* for component *Connector* is now the preferred method, instead of *StatusNotification*.

I Tariff and Cost

Introducing local cost calculation

I07-I11 New use cases to set default/user tariffs on charging station.

I12 New use case to report calculated cost during and at end of transaction.

J Metervalues

New metervalue location: Upstream.

New measurands for bidirectional charging.

K Smart Charging

New charging profile purposes *PriorityCharging* and *LocalGeneration*.

Added *operationMode* to *ChargingSchedulePeriodType* to facilitate bidirectional charging scenarios.

K01 Added dynamic charging profiles for frequent and unscheduled updates of limits.

K23-K27 New use cases for topologies with energy management systems.

K18-K20 New use cases to support ISO 15118-20.

K21-K22 New use cases for priority charging to allow user to overrule charging profile.

M Certificate Management

M01 Updated use case for ISO 15118-20.

N Diagnostics

N01 Added support for data collector log on charging station.

N02 Added monitoring types TargetDelta and TargetDeltaRelative.

N07 Added *severity* to NotifyEventRequest.

N11-14 New use cases for optimized frequent periodic variable monitoring via an event stream. This utilizes the new unconfirmed message type: SEND.

N15 Use case to set a frequent periodic monitoring via event stream.

O Display Message

O01 Added multi-language support.

Q Bidirectional Power Transfer

New section that describes control of bidirectional charging via charging profiles.

Q01-Q04 V2X control with centrally controlled charging profiles.

Q05-Q06 V2X control with externally controlled charging profiles.

Q07-Q08 Central can local frequency control.

Q09 Local load-balancing with V2X.

Q10-Q12 Idle state, offline and resuming after offline.

R DER Control

New section that describes grid control when EV and charging station are considered to be a Distributed Energy Resource (DER).

U01 DER control in EVSE.

U02 DER control in EV.

U03 Hybrid DER control in both EVSE and EV.

U04 Configure DER controls in charging station.

U05 Charging station reporting a DER event.

S Battery Swapping

New section that describes how to control a battery swap station.

S01 Battery Swap Local Autorization

S02 Battery Swap Remote Start

S03 Battery Swap In/Out

S04 Battery Swap Charging

Chapter 3. OCPP 2.1 Documentation Structure

3.1. Overview of Specification Parts

For readability and implementation purposes, OCPP 2.1 is divided in seven parts.

Table 2. Parts

Part 0	Introduction (this document)
Part 1	Architecture & Topology
Part 2	Specification: Use Cases and Requirements, Messages, Data Types and Referenced Components and Variables Appendices: Security Events, Standardized Units of Measure, Components and Variables
Part 3	Schemas
Part 4	Implementation Guide JSON
Part 5	Certification Profiles
Part 6	Test Cases

The OCPP 2.1 specification is written using a structure, based on [\[IEC62559-2:2015\]](#): "Use case methodology - Part 2: Definition of the template for use cases, actor list and requirements list".

Part 2, the specification, is divided into 'Functional Blocks'. These Functional Blocks contain use cases and requirements. Messages, Data Types and Referenced Components and Variables are described at the end of the document. The Appendices can be found in the separate document: Part 2 - Appendices.

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3.2. Functional Blocks

OCPP 2.1 consists of the following Functional Blocks.

Table 3. Functional Blocks

Clause	Functional Block Title	Description
A.	Security	This Functional Block describes a security specification for the OCPP protocol.
B.	Provisioning	This Functional Block describes all the functionalities that help a CSO provision their Charging Stations, allowing them to be registered and accepted on their network and retrieving basic configuration information from these Charging Stations.
C.	Authorization	This Functional Block describes all the authorization related functionality: AuthorizeRequest message handling/behavior and Authorization Cache functionality.
D.	Local Authorization List Management	This Functional Block describes functionality for managing the Local Authorization List.
E.	Transactions	This Functional Block describes the basic OCPP Transaction related functionality for transactions that are started/stopped on the Charging Station.
F.	Remote Control	This Functional Block describes three types of use cases for remote control management from the CSMS: Remote Transaction Control, Unlocking a Connector and Remote Trigger.
G.	Availability	This functional Block describes the functionality of sending status notification messages.
H.	Reservation	This Functional Block describes the reservation functionality of a Charging Station.
I.	Tariff and Cost	This Functional Block provides tariff and cost information to an EV Driver, when a Charging Station is capable of showing this on a display. Before a driver starts charging tariff information needs to be given, detailed prices for all the components that make up the tariff plan applicable to this driver at this Charging Station. During charging the EV Driver needs to be shown the running total cost, updated at a regular, fitting interval. When the EV Driver stops charging the total cost of this transaction needs to be shown.
J.	Metering	This Functional Block describes the functionality for sending meter values, on a periodic sampling and/or clock-aligned timing basis.
K.	Smart Charging	This Functional Block describes all the functionality that enables the CSO (or indirectly a third party) to influence the charging current/power of a charging session, or set limits to the amount of power/current a Charging Station can offer to an EV.
L.	Firmware Management	This Functional Block describes the functionality that enables a CSO to update the firmware of a Charging Station.
M.	Certificate Management	This Functional Block provides the installation and update of certificates.
N.	Diagnostics	This Functional Block describes the functionality that enables a CSO to request and track the upload of a diagnostics file from a Charging Station, and to manage the monitoring of Charging Station data.
O.	Display Message	With the DisplayMessage feature OCPP enables a CSO to display a message on a Charging Station, that is not part of the firmware of the Charging Station. The CSO gets control over these messages: the CSO can set, retrieve (get), replace and clear messages.
P.	Data Transfer	This Functional Block describes the functionality that enables a party to add custom commands to OCPP, enabling custom extension to OCPP.
Q.	Bidirectional Power Transfer	This Functional block extends Smart Charging with bidirectional power transfer (V2X).
R.	DER Control	This Functional Block describes how charging stations and EVs can be controlled as Distributed Energy Resources. It provides functions to configure grid code parameters on a charging station via CSMS. It is designed to support DER settings from IEC 61850 and IEEE 2030.5 on the grid side, and ISO 15118-20 Amendment 1 on the EV side.
S.	Battery Swapping	This Functional block describes how to deal with battery swap stations in OCPP and adds the BatterySwap message.