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Introduction

Since the early 2000s, various study, design and prototype efforts have been undertaken to explore the potential use of communications in the vehicular environment. The first of these to demonstrate at real scale was the Vehicle Infrastructure Initiative (VII), which demonstrated short range wireless-based probe data generation and traveller advisory message delivery. This suggested the viability of initial vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications.

Subsequent projects worked to more formally define the "glue" components necessary to enable widespread deployment. Several of these projects concluded that a publish-subscribe data distribution paradigm was a necessary component of any connected vehicle implementation of significant scale. These conclusions and much of the supporting work eventually found its way into ITS architectures. Much of this material is currently included in the Architecture Reference for Cooperative and Intelligent Transportation (ARC-IT)[6].

More recent pilot projects and deployments in both the United States and Europe have included publish-subscribe technologies, but no independent, objective analyses of the advantages and disadvantages of using specific protocols to facilitate data exchange within ITS are available. This document describes such an analysis.

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1 Scope

A variety of general-purpose data distribution technologies have emerged within the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) industry. These technologies generally provide services at the Open System Interconnect (OSI) session, presentation and application layers (i.e. layers 5-7). Within Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), these layers roughly correspond to the facilities layer of the ITS station (ITS-S) reference architecture, as defined within ISO 21217.

This document investigates the applicability of these data distribution technologies within the ITS environment.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 14812, *Intelligent Transport Systems — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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3.1
data distribution functionality
DDF
facilities layer (OSI layers 5, 6, and 7) functionality comprised of a set of data distribution services that enables distribution of data throughout a communication network controlled by a set of policies, regulations and rules

Note 1 to entry: Each distinct data distribution technology has its own unique data distribution functionality.

3.2
data distribution service
DDS
element of a set of services that implements a data distribution functionality in a communication network

EXAMPLE 1 Publish: the provision of data from one entity to another, where the receiving entity has previously registered to receive such data from the entity providing the data.

EXAMPLE 2 Subscribe: mechanism by which one entity registers for the reception of particular data from another entity.

EXAMPLE 3 Discovery: mechanism by which entities implementing DDF learn necessary particulars about how to communicate with one another (e.g. lower layer network address, ports, etc.).

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