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- miscellaneous editorial corrections.

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- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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INTRODUCTION

This document is one of a series produced to facilitate the interconnection of automation system components. It is related to other standards in the set as defined by the “three-layer” fieldbus reference model described in IEC 61158-1.

Throughout the set of fieldbus standards, the term “service” refers to the abstract capability provided by one layer of the OSI Basic Reference Model to the layer immediately above. Thus, the data-link layer service defined in this document is a conceptual architectural service, independent of administrative and implementation divisions.

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1 Scope

1.1 Overview

This part of IEC 61158 provides the common elements for basic time-critical messaging communications between devices in an automation environment. The term “time-critical” in this context means the prioritized full-duplex collision-free time-deterministic communication, of which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the required time risks the failure of the applications requesting the actions, with attendant risk to equipment, plant, and possibly human life.

This International Standard defines in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the Type 21 data-link layer in terms of:

a) the primitive actions and events of the service;

b) the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form that they take; and

c) the interrelationships between these actions and events, and their valid sequences.

The purpose of this document is to define the services provided to:

- The Type 21 application layer at the boundary between the application and DLLs of the fieldbus reference model;
- Systems management at the boundary between the DLL and the systems management of the fieldbus reference model.

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this document is to specify the characteristics of conceptual DLL services suitable for time-critical communications, and to supplement the OSI Basic Reference Model in guiding the development of data link protocols for time-critical communications. A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously existing industrial communications protocols.

This document may be used as the basis for formal data link programming interfaces. Nevertheless, it is not a formal programming interface, and any such interface will need to address implementation issues not covered by this document, including:

a) The sizes and octet ordering of various multi-octet service parameters;

b) The correlation of paired primitives for request and confirm, or indication and response.

1.3 Conformance

This document does not specify individual implementations or products, nor do they constrain the implementations of data-link entities within industrial automation systems.

There is no conformance of equipment to this data-link layer service definition document. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of the corresponding data-link protocol that fulfils the Type 21 DLL services defined in this document.

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.

NOTE All parts of the IEC 61158 series, as well as IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2 are maintained simultaneously. Cross-references to these documents within the text therefore refer to the editions as dated in this list of normative references.

ISO/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

ISO/IEC 7498-3, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: Naming and addressing*

ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 3: Standard for Ethernet*

ISO/IEC 10731, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Conventions for the definition of OSI services*