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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 61968 standard, taken as a whole, defines interfaces for the major elements of an interface architecture for Distribution Management Systems (DMS). IEC 61968-1, *Interface architecture and general recommendations*, identifies and establishes requirements for standard interfaces based on an Interface Reference Model (IRM). IEC 61968-3 to 9 of this standard define interfaces relevant to each of the major business functions described by the Interface Reference Model.

As used in IEC 61968, a DMS consists of various distributed application components for the utility to manage electrical distribution networks. These capabilities include monitoring and control of equipment for power delivery, management processes to ensure system reliability, voltage management, demand-side management, outage management, work management, automated mapping and facilities management.

This set of standards is limited to the definition of interfaces and is implementation independent. They provide for interoperability among different computer systems, platforms, and languages. Methods and technologies used to implement functionality conforming to these interfaces are considered outside of the scope of these standards; only the interface itself is specified in these standards.

The purpose of this part of IEC 61968 is to define a standard for the integration of Maintenance and Construction Systems (MC), which would include Work Management Systems, with other systems and business functions within the scope of IEC 61968. The scope of this standard is the exchange of information between Maintenance and Construction Systems and other systems within the utility enterprise. The specific details of communication protocols those systems employ are outside the scope of this standard. Instead, this standard will recognize and model the general capabilities that can be potentially provided by maintenance and construction systems including planned, unplanned and conditional maintenance. In this way, this standard will not be impacted by the specification, development and/or deployment of next generation maintenance systems, either through the use of standards or proprietary means.

The IEC 61968 series of standards is intended to facilitate *inter-application integration* as opposed to *intra-application integration*. Intra-application integration is aimed at programs in the same application system, usually communicating with each other using middleware that is embedded in their underlying runtime environment, and tends to be optimised for close, real-time, synchronous connections and interactive request/reply or conversation communication models. IEC 61968, by contrast, is intended to support the inter-application integration of a utility enterprise that needs to connect disparate applications that are already built or new (legacy or purchased applications), each supported by dissimilar runtime environments. Therefore, these interface standards are relevant to loosely coupled applications with more heterogeneity in languages, operating systems, protocols and management tools. This series of standards is intended to support applications that need to exchange data every few seconds, minutes, or hours rather than waiting for a nightly batch run. This series of standards, which are intended to be implemented with middleware services that exchange messages among applications, will complement, not replace, utility data warehouses, database gateways, and operational stores.

As used in IEC 61968, a Distribution Management System (DMS) consists of various distributed application components for the utility to manage electrical distribution networks. These capabilities include monitoring and control of equipment for power delivery, management processes to ensure system reliability, voltage management, demand-side management, outage management, work management, automated mapping and facilities management. Standard interfaces are defined for each class of applications identified in the Interface Reference Model (IRM), which is described in IEC 61968-1, *Interface architecture and general recommendations*.

This part of IEC 61968 contains the clauses listed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Document overview for IEC 61968-6

Clause	Title	Purpose
1	Scope	The scope and purpose of the document are described.
2	Normative references	Documents that contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard.
3	Reference and information models	Description of general approach to work management system, reference model, use cases, interface reference model, maintenance and construction functions and components, message type terms and static information model.
4	Maintenance and construction message types	Message types related to the exchange of information for documents related to maintenance and construction.
Annex A	Message type verbs	Description of the verbs that are used for the message types.
Annex B	XML schemas for message payloads	To provide xsd information for use by developers to create IEC 61968-9 messages.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61968 specifies the information content of a set of message types that can be used to support business functions related to Maintenance and Construction. Typical uses of the message types defined in this part of IEC 61968 include planned maintenance, unplanned maintenance, conditional maintenance, work management, new service requests, etc. Message types defined in other parts of IEC 61968 may also be relevant to these use cases.

The mapping of these messages to specific technologies such as XML will be described at a later date.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*

IEC 61968-1, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 1: Interface architecture and general recommendations*

IEC TS 61968-2, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61968-4, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 4: Interfaces for records and asset management*

IEC 61968-9:2013, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 9: Interfaces for meter reading and control*

IEC 61968-11, *Application integration at electric utilities – System interfaces for distribution management – Part 11: Common information model (CIM) extensions for distribution*

IEC 61970-301, *Energy management system application program interface (EMS-API) – Part 301: Common information model (CIM)* base

IEC TR 62051, *Electricity metering – Glossary of terms*

IEC 62055-31, *Electricity metering – Payment systems – Part 31: Particular requirements – Static payment meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)*