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- a) update of normative and bibliographic references;
- b) use of more inclusive terminology ("master" and "slave" replaced, mainly in 7.3 and 7.7;
- c) new STIME, UTIME, NTIME, STRINGI and EPATH data types in 6.1.3;
- d) updates, addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for TCP/IP interface object in 7.5;
- e) addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for Ethernet Link object in 7.6;
- f) update of Get/Set\_Attributes\_All parameters for the Connection Configuration object in 7.8;
- g) addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for DLR object in 7.9;
- h) extensions and clarifications of Port object in 7.11;
- i) addition of diagnostics connection points and new service for PRP/HSR Protocol object in 7.12;
- j) addition of LLDP Management and LLDP Data Table objects in 7.1, 7.14 and 7.15;
- k) addition of LLDP protocol support in Clause 12;
- l) addition of a combined module/network indicator in A.2.4.5;
- m) removal of all references to CPF and CPs (material moved to profile documents);
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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61158 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.

The data-link protocol provides the data-link service by making use of the services available from the physical layer. The primary aim of this document is to provide a set of rules for communication expressed in terms of the procedures to be carried out by peer data-link entities (DLEs) at the time of communication. These rules for communication are intended to provide a sound basis for development in order to serve a variety of purposes:

- a) as a guide for implementers and designers;
- b) for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;
- c) as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;
- d) as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

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## Part 4-2: Data-link layer protocol specification – Type 2 elements

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1 General

The data-link layer provides basic time-critical messaging communications between devices in an automation environment.

This part of IEC 61158 specifies a main protocol with the following characteristics.

- This protocol provides communication opportunities to all participating data-link entities, sequentially and in a cyclic synchronous manner. Foreground scheduled access is available for time-critical activities together with background unscheduled access for less critical activities.
- Deterministic and synchronized transfers can be provided at cyclic intervals up to 1 ms and device separations of 25 km. This performance is adjustable dynamically and on-line by re-configuring the parameters of the local link whilst normal operation continues. By similar means, DL connections and new devices can be added or removed during normal operation.
- This protocol provides means to maintain clock synchronization across an extended link with a precision better than 10  $\mu$ s.
- This protocol optimizes each access opportunity by concatenating multiple DLSDUs and associated DLPCI into a single DLPDU, thereby improving data transfer efficiency for data-link entities that actively source multiple streams of data.
- The maximum system size is an unlimited number of links of 99 nodes, each with 255 DLSAP-addresses. Each link has a maximum of  $2^{24}$  related peer and publisher DLCEPs.

This document specifies additional lower layers protocols or implementations of additional lower layers protocols for use in combination with ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3.

This document specifies a set of corresponding objects providing a consistent management interface to the lower layers.

#### 1.2 Specifications

This document specifies

- a) procedures for the timely transfer of data and control information from one data-link user entity to a peer user entity, and among the data-link entities forming the distributed data-link service provider;
- b) the structure of the fieldbus DLPDUs used for the transfer of data and control information by the protocol of this document, and their representation as physical interface data units.

#### 1.3 Procedures

The procedures are defined in terms of

- a) the interactions between peer DL-entities (DLEs) through the exchange of fieldbus DLPDUs;
- b) the interactions between a DL-service (DLS) provider and a DLS-user in the same system through the exchange of DLS primitives;

- c) the interactions between a DLS-provider and a Ph-service provider in the same system through the exchange of Ph-service primitives.

#### 1.4 Applicability

These procedures are applicable to instances of communication between systems which support time-critical communications services within the data-link layer of the OSI or fieldbus reference models, and which require the ability to interconnect in an open systems interconnection environment.

Profiles provide a simple multi-attribute means of summarizing capabilities of an implementation, and thus its applicability to various time-critical communications needs.

#### 1.5 Conformance

This document also specifies conformance requirements for systems implementing these procedures. This document does not contain tests to demonstrate compliance with such requirements.

## 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.

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