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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) update of normative and bibliographic references;
- b) new STIME, UTIME and NTIME data types in 5.3.1.5;
- c) updated list of managements objects in 6.1.3;
- d) new attributes and services for the ASE general formal model in 6.2.1.2.1, 6.2.1.3 and 6.5;
- e) clarifications, new attributes and services for the Identity ASE in 6.2.1.2.2;
- f) clarifications, new attributes and other extensions for the Assembly ASE in 6.2.1.2.3;
- g) new attributes and services for the Message Router ASE in 6.2.1.2.4;
- h) addition of missing class attributes for the Acknowledge Handler ASE in 6.2.1.2.5;
- i) clarifications, new attributes and services for the Time Sync ASE in 6.2.1.2.6;
- j) addition of missing class attributes for the Parameter ASE in 6.2.1.2.7;
- k) clarifications of service parameters, status codes and procedures in 6.2.1.3;
- l) addition of a new service for the Message Router ASE in 6.2.1.3;
- m) clarifications and new services for the Connection Manager ASE in 6.2.2;
- n) clarifications and new services for the Connection ASE in 6.2.3;
- o) removal of obsoleted transport options and related services in 6.3.3;
- p) removal of all references to CPF and CPs (material moved to profile documents);
- q) miscellaneous editorial corrections.

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at [www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/publications](http://www.iec.ch/publications).

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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 application service is provided by the application protocol making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. This document defines the application service characteristics that fieldbus applications and/or system management can exploit.

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 application 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 General

The fieldbus application layer (FAL) provides user programs with a means to access the fieldbus communication environment. In this respect, the FAL can be viewed as a "window between corresponding application programs."

This part of IEC 61158 provides common elements for basic time-critical and non-time-critical messaging communications between application programs in an automation environment and material specific to Type 2 fieldbus. The term "time-critical" is used to represent the presence of a time-window, within which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the time window risks failure of the applications requesting the actions, with attendant risk to equipment, plant and possibly human life.

This document defines in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the Type 2 fieldbus application layer in terms of:

- an abstract model for defining application resources (objects) capable of being manipulated by users via the use of the FAL service;
- the primitive actions and events of the service;
- the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form which they take; and
- the interrelationship between these actions and events, and their valid sequences.

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

- the FAL user at the boundary between the user and the application layer of the fieldbus reference model; and
- Systems Management at the boundary between the application layer and Systems Management of the fieldbus reference model.

This document specifies the structure and services of the Type 2 fieldbus application layer, in conformance with the OSI Basic Reference Model (ISO/IEC 7498-1) and the OSI application layer structure (ISO/IEC 9545).

FAL services and protocols are provided by FAL application-entities (AE) contained within the application processes. The FAL AE is composed of a set of object-oriented application service elements (ASEs) and a layer management entity (LME) that manages the AE. The ASEs provide communication services that operate on a set of related application process object (APO) classes. One of the FAL ASEs is a management ASE that provides a common set of services for the management of the instances of FAL classes.

Although these services specify, from the perspective of applications, how request and responses are issued and delivered, they do not include a specification of what the requesting and responding applications are to do with them. That is, the behavioral aspects of the applications are not specified; only a definition of what requests and responses they can send/receive is specified. This permits greater flexibility to the FAL users in standardizing such object behavior. In addition to these services, some supporting services are also defined in this document to provide access to the FAL to control certain aspects of its operation.

## 1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this document is to specify the characteristics of conceptual application layer services suitable for time-critical communications, and thus supplement the OSI Basic Reference Model in guiding the development of application layer protocols for time-critical communications.

A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously-existing industrial communications protocols. It is this latter objective which gives rise to the diversity of services standardized as the various Types of IEC 61158, and the corresponding protocols standardized in subparts of IEC 61158-6.

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

- a) the sizes and octet ordering of various multi-octet service parameters, and
- b) the correlation of paired request and confirm, or indication and response, primitives.

## 1.3 Conformance

This document does not specify individual implementations or products, nor does it constrain the implementations of application layer entities within industrial automation systems.

There is no conformance of equipment to this application layer service definition standard. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of conforming application layer protocols that fulfill the Type 2 application layer services as 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 the IEC 61784-1 series and the IEC 61784-2 series are maintained simultaneously. Cross -references to these documents within the text therefore refer to the editions as dated in this list of normative references.

IEC 61131-3:2003<sup>1</sup>, *Programmable controllers – Part 3: Programming languages*

IEC 61158-1:2023, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 1: Overview and guidance for the IEC 61158 and IEC 61784 series*

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IEC 61158-4-2:2023, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 4-2: Data-link layer protocol specification – Type 2 elements*

IEC 61158-6-2:2023, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 6-2: Application layer protocol specification – Type 2 elements*

IEC 61588:2021, *Precision clock synchronization protocol for networked measurement and control systems*

IEC 61784-3-2, *Industrial communication networks – Profiles – Part 3-2: Functional safety fieldbuses – Additional specifications for CPF 2*

IEC 62439-3:2016, *Industrial communication networks – High availability automation networks – Part 3: Parallel Redundancy Protocol (PRP) and High-availability Seamless Redundancy (HSR)*

ISO/IEC 646, *Information technology – ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

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

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

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 9545, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Application Layer structure*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology – Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

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

ISO/IEC 60559, *Information technology – Microprocessor Systems – Floating-Point arithmetic*

ISO 639-2, *Codes for the representation of names of languages – Part 2: Alpha-3 code*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time – Representations for information interchange – Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO 8859-1<sup>2</sup>:1987, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO 8859-2<sup>3</sup>:1987, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 2: Latin alphabet No. 2*

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ISO 8859-3<sup>4</sup>:1988, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 3: Latin alphabet No. 3*

ISO 8859-4<sup>5</sup>:1988, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 4: Latin alphabet No. 4*

ISO 8859-5<sup>6</sup>:1988, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 5: Latin/Cyrillic alphabet*

ISO 8859-6<sup>7</sup>:1987, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 6: Latin/Arabic alphabet*

ISO 8859-7<sup>8</sup>:1987, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 7: Latin/Greek alphabet*

ISO 8859-8<sup>9</sup>:1988, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 8: Latin/Hebrew alphabet*

ISO 8859-9<sup>10</sup>:1989, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 9: Latin alphabet No. 5*

ISO 11898-1:2015, *Road vehicles – Controller area network (CAN) – Part 1: Data link layer and physical signalling*

IETF RFC 1759, R. Smith, F. Wright, T. Hastings, S. Zilles, J. Gyllenskog, *Printer MIB*, March 1995, available at <https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc1759> [viewed 2022-02-18]

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