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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 implementors and designers;
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#### **1 Scope**

##### **1.1 General**

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

This protocol provides communication opportunities to all participating data-link entities

- a) in a synchronously-starting cyclic manner, and
- b) in a cyclic or acyclic asynchronous manner, as requested each cycle by each of those data-link entities.

Thus this protocol can be characterized as one which provides cyclic and acyclic access asynchronously but with a synchronous restart of each cycle.

##### **1.2 Specifications**

This document specifies

- a) procedures for the transfer of data and control information from one data-link user entity to one or more user entity;
- b) the structure of the 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 DL-entities (DLEs) through the exchange of 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 the MAC services of ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3.

##### **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 reference model, and which require the ability to interconnect in an open systems interconnection environment.

Profiles provide a simple multi-attribute means of summarizing an implementation's capabilities, 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 part of this document does not contain tests to demonstrate compliance with such requirements.