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#### **Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics**

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- Builtins and their profiles removed and relocated into IEC 61804-5.
- The following extensions are integrated in the EDDL specification to meet FDI requirements:
  - New constructs BLOB, PLUGIN.
  - Component construct for communication server requirements (additional attributes).

- Extension of the class attribute.
- New attributes PRIVATE, VISIBILITY, WRITE\_MODE
- The following changes will be integrated in the EDDL based on EDDL harmonization:
  - Removed some unused features.
  - Harmonized some profile features.

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## INTRODUCTION

The EDDL fills the gap between the conceptual function block specification of IEC 61804-2 and a product implementation. It allows the manufacturers to use the same description method for devices based on different technologies and platforms. Figure 1 shows these aspects.

IEC 61804 has the general title "Function blocks (FB) for process control and Electronic Device Description Language (EDDL)" and consists of the following parts:

Part 2: Specification of FB concept

Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics

Part 4: EDD interpretation

Part 5: EDDL Built-in library

Part 6: Meeting the requirements for integrating fieldbus devices in engineering tools for field devices

This part of IEC 61804 has integrated some parts of IEC TS 61804-1:2003, which was withdrawn in January 2013.

The EDDL may also be used for the description of product properties in other domains such as industrial automation. Industrial automation may include devices such as generic digital and analog input/output modules, motion controllers, human-machine interfaces, sensors, closed-loop controllers, encoders, hydraulic valves, and programmable controllers.

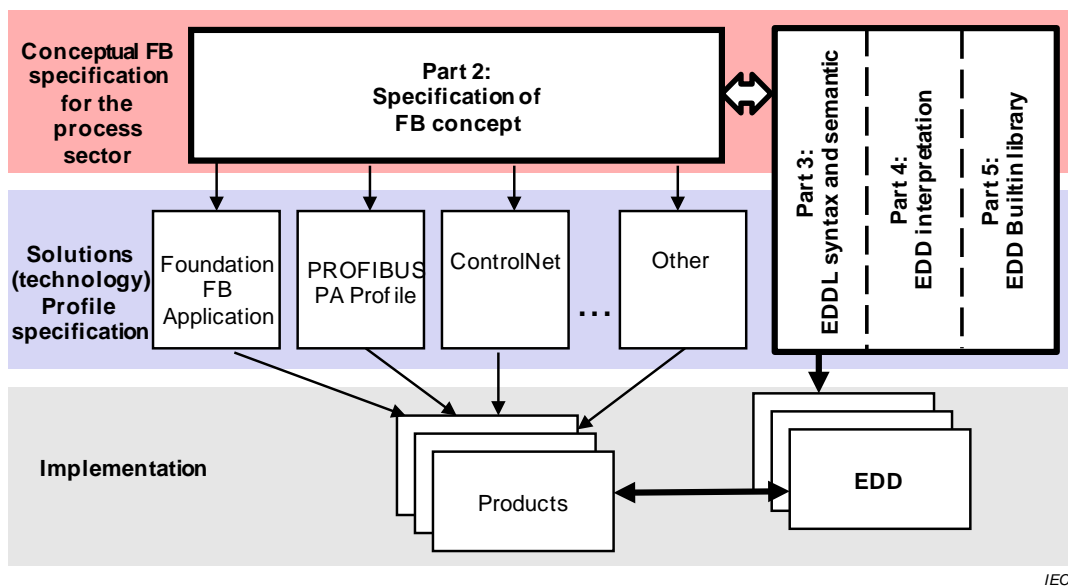


Figure 1 – Position of IEC 61804 in relation to other standards and products

# FUNCTION BLOCKS (FB) FOR PROCESS CONTROL AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE (EDDL) –

## Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61804 specifies the Electronic Device Description Language (EDDL) technology, which enables the integration of real product details using the tools of the engineering life cycle.

This part of IEC 61804 specifies EDDL as a generic language for describing the properties of automation system components. EDDL is capable of describing

- device parameters and their dependencies;
- device functions, for example, simulation mode, calibration;
- graphical representations, for example, menus;
- interactions with control devices;
- graphical representations:
  - enhanced user interface,
  - graphing system;
- persistent data store.

EDDL is used to create Electronic Device Description (EDD) for example concrete devices, common usable profiles or libraries. This EDD is used with appropriate tools to generate an interpretative code to support parameter handling, operation, and monitoring of automation system components such as remote I/Os, controllers, sensors, and programmable controllers. Tool implementation is outside the scope of this standard.

This part of IEC 61804 specifies the semantic and lexical structure in a syntax-independent manner. A specific syntax is defined in Annex A, but it is possible to use the semantic model also with different syntaxes.

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IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

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