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- errors and typos have been corrected,
- substitution model has been moved to IEC 61850-7-3,
- service tracking for control blocks have been added,
- the view concept will be according to the new work on role bases access (RBA),
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INTRODUCTION

This document is part of a set of definitions which details a layered utility communication architecture. This architecture has been chosen to provide abstract definitions of classes and services such that the definitions are independent of specific protocol stacks, implementations, and operating systems.

The IEC 61850 series is intended to provide interoperability between a variety of devices. Communication between these devices is achieved by the definition of a hierarchical class model (for example, logical device, logical node, data, data set, report control, or log) and services provided by these classes (for example, get, set, report, define, delete) in IEC 61850-7-x.

This part of IEC 61850 defines the abstract communication service interface (ACSI) for use in the utility application domain that requires real-time cooperation of intelligent electronic devices. The ACSI has been defined so as to be independent of the underlying communication systems. Specific communication service mappings¹⁾ (SCSM) are specified in IEC 61850-8-x and IEC 61850-9-x.

This part of IEC 61850 defines the abstract communication service interface in terms of

- a hierarchical class model of all information that can be accessed via a communication network,
- services that operate on these classes, and
- parameters associated with each service.

The ACSI description technique abstracts away from all the different approaches to implement the cooperation of the various devices.

NOTE 1 Abstraction in ACSI has two meanings. First, only those aspects of a real device (for example, a breaker) or a real function that are visible and accessible over a communication network are modelled. This abstraction leads to the hierarchical class models and their behaviour defined in IEC 61850-7-2, IEC 61850-7-3, and IEC 61850-7-4. Second, the ACSI abstracts from the aspect of concrete definitions on how the devices exchange information; only a conceptual cooperation is defined. The concrete information exchange is defined in the SCSMs.

NOTE 2 This part of IEC 61850 does not provide comprehensive tutorial material. It is recommended that IEC 61850-5 and IEC 61850-7-1 be read first in conjunction with IEC 61850-7-2 and IEC 61850-7-3.

NOTE 3 Examples use names of classes (for example XCBR for a class of a logical node) defined in IEC 61850-7-4 and IEC 61850-7-3. The normative names are defined in IEC 61850-7-4 and IEC 61850-7-3 only.

¹⁾ The ACSI is independent of the specific mapping. Mappings to standard application layers or middle ware technologies are possible.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850 applies to the ACSI communication for utility automation. The ACSI provides the following abstract communication service interfaces.

- a) Abstract interface describing communications between a client and a remote server for
 - real-time data access and retrieval,
 - device control,
 - event reporting and logging,
 - setting group control,
 - self-description of devices (device data dictionary),
 - data typing and discovery of data types, and
 - file transfer.
- b) Abstract interface for fast and reliable system-wide event distribution between an application in one device and many remote applications in different devices (publisher/subscriber) and for transmission of sampled measured values (publisher/subscriber).

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IEC 61850-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 2: Glossary*

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