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Foreword

ClimateTalk is a universal language for innovative, cost-effective solutions that optimize performance, efficiency, and home comfort. The ClimateTalk Open Standards define a set of messages and commands to enable interoperability, enhanced user interface, and machine-to-machine control independent of the physical layer connecting the devices.

This document maps each CT-CIM service to a Message Type Number and defines the CT-485 packet format for that Message Type. Corresponding to OSI Layer 6, the CT-485 API reference defines the packet format for CT-485-specific messages used for ClimateTalk applications implemented over CT-485.

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1 General

1.1 Scope

ClimateTalk is an open standard that defines a set of messages and commands to enable interoperability, enhanced user interface, and machine-to-machine control independent of the physical layer connecting the devices.

The messages and commands defined by the ClimateTalk Information Model (CIM) are the presentation and application layers as defined by the OSI Model[1]. ClimateTalk applications are fully defined at Layer 7 of the OSI model by a combination of a Device Specific Application Profile, the Generic Application Specification, and the Command Reference.

ClimateTalk messages can be carried over any physical medium following the OSI model. The ClimateTalk Presentation Layer defines how messages are executed over the various physical mediums in use.

CT-485 and CT-LWP are wired serial physical and network layers designed to support the formation of ClimateTalk networks and transport ClimateTalk messages, but other OSI-based protocols—including wireless transports—can be used, as well.

CT-485 is a physical, data link, and networking set of specifications that define one of the physical media over which ClimateTalk messages are sent. CT-485 is a variant of EIA/TIA-485 standards with provisions against incorrect wiring and grounding requirements that meet the needs of residential systems.

The scope of this document is twofold:

1. It maps each CT-CIM service to a Message Type Number and defines the CT-485 packet format for that Message Type.
2. It details the packet format for CT-485–specific messages used to maintain and provide a communicating world to CT-CIM applications.

[1] http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=20269