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Foreword

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Annexes A to D form a normative part of this International Standard. Annex E is for information only.

Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard is one of a set of ITU-T Recommendations | International Standards produced to facilitate the interconnection of information processing systems. It is related to other ITU-T Recommendations and International Standards in the set as defined by the Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection (see ITU-T Rec. X.200 | ISO/IEC 7498-1). The Reference model subdivides the area of standardization for interconnection into a series of layers of specification, each of manageable size.

The goal of Opens Systems Interconnection is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside the interconnection standards, the interconnection of information processing systems:

- from different manufacturers;
- under different managements;
- of different levels of complexity; and
- of different technologies.

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the connection-mode protocol for the application service element for ASO-association control: the Association Control Service Element (ACSE). The protocol for ACSE connectionless mode service (A-UNIT-DATA) is specified in ITU-T Rec. X.237 *bis* | ISO/IEC 15955. The ACSE provides services for establishing and releasing associations. The ACSE protocol includes three optional functional units. One functional unit supports the exchange of information in support of authentication during association establishment. The second functional unit supports the negotiation of ASO-context during association establishment. The optional Higher Level Association functional unit provides for the facility to identify ASO-associations and transparently pass data to child ASOs and allows the ASO-context or the presentation context on an ASO-association to be modified during the lifetime of the association.

The fast-associate mechanism allows a session connection, including its embedded presentation connection and application association, to be established using a compressed form of the information that would otherwise be sent on the S-CONNECT exchange. The compressed form, called the upper layer context identifier, is a reference to an upper-layer context specification, which is a definition of the fields of the application, ACSE, presentation, and session protocols that would be sent on the full-form connect messages. The upper-layer context identifier may be parameterized to include values for variable fields allowed by the full form protocols for the upper layers.

Within the ACSE protocol, the addition is the definition of the construction of the User summary parameter of the P-CONNECT primitives from the semantics of the AARQ fields and the User summary parameter of the corresponding A-ASSOCIATE primitive.

This Recommendation | International Standard maintains compatibility with earlier editions of ACSE. This Recommendation | International Standard does not support X.410 mode nor Session Version 1.

This Recommendation | International Standard includes an annex that describes the protocol machine of ACSE in terms of a state table. This protocol machine is referred to as the Association Control Protocol Machine (ACPM).

The protocol defined in this Recommendation | International Standard is also governed by the use of the Presentation service (see ITU-T Rec. X.216 | ISO/IEC 8822).

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OPEN SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION – CONNECTION-MODE PROTOCOL FOR THE APPLICATION SERVICE OBJECT ASSOCIATION CONTROL SERVICE ELEMENT

1 Scope

The ACSE supports two modes of communication: connection-mode and connectionless-mode. The ACSE service definition (see ITU-T Rec. X.217 *bis* | ISO/IEC 15953) includes both modes of communication. This Recommendation | International Standard only includes the connection mode of communication. This Recommendation | International Standard for the connectionless mode of communication is contained in ITU-T Rec. X.237 *bis* | ISO/IEC 15955.

This Recommendation | International Standard defines procedures that are applicable to instances of communication between systems which wish to interconnect in an open systems interconnection environment in a connection mode. This Recommendation | International Standard includes the Kernel functional unit that is used to establish and release ASO-associations. The Authentication functional unit provides additional facilities for exchanging information in support of authentication during association establishment without adding new services. The ACSE authentication facilities can be used to support a limited class of authentication methods. The ASO-context negotiation functional unit provides the additional facility for the recipient to select the ASO-context from a list offered by the initiator during association establishment. The optional Higher Level Association functional unit provides for the facility to identify ASO-associations and transparently pass data to child ASOs and allows the ASO-context or the presentation context on an ASO-association to be modified during the lifetime of the association.

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies:

a) procedures for the transfer of information for ASO-association control and the authentication of ASOs and application-entities; and

b) the abstract syntax for the representation of the ACSE APDUs.

The ACSE procedures are defined in terms of:

a) the interactions among peer ACSE protocol machines through the use of Presentation services or supporting ACSE services; and

b) the interaction between an ACSE protocol machine and its service-user.

This Recommendation | International Standard also specifies conformance requirements for systems implementing these procedures. It does not contain tests which can be used to demonstrate conformance.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At this time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

– ITU-T Recommendation X.200 (1994) | ISO/IEC 7498-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*.

– ITU-T Recommendation X.207 (1993) | ISO/IEC 9545:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Application layer structure.*

- ITU-T Recommendation X.210 (1993) | ISO/IEC 10731:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: Conventions for the definition of OSI services.*
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- ITU-T Recommendation X.225 (1995) | ISO/IEC 8327-1:1996, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Connection-oriented session protocol: Protocol specification.*
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- ITU-T Recommendation X.501 (1993) | ISO/IEC 9594-2:1995, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Models.*
- ITU-T Recommendation X.650 (1996) | ISO/IEC 7498-3:1997, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: Naming and addressing.*
- CCITT Recommendation X.660 (1992) | ISO/IEC 9834-1:1993, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Procedures for the operation of OSI Registration Authorities: General procedures.*
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2.2 Paired Recommendations | International Standards equivalent in technical content

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  ISO/IEC 8825:1990, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Specification of Basic Encoding Rules for Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)*.
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