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## Part 1: Introduction

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- *Part 1: Introduction*
- *Part 2: Taxonomy and lexicon*
- *Part 3: Application models*

## INTRODUCTION

The widespread development of many national standard and proprietary networks within and to the home has necessitated a standard for interoperability among home system applications. This standard will ensure that applications on the same or dissimilar networks co-exist within premises and are required to interoperate, they will do so in a safe, reliable, predictable and consistent manner. This part defines the components of interoperability for the purpose of providing a framework within which subsequent parts of the standard will be drafted. This part applies to components within networks, between networks and located within dissimilar networks. It also applies to devices located at the junction of dissimilar networks.

In the field of home and building automation, products from multiple manufacturers may need to interoperate. Where widely varying devices need to interoperate, it is desirable that they do so seamlessly to present a single, uniform network and hence to deliver a variety of applications. Examples of such applications are lighting control, environmental control, audio/video equipment control and home security.

With reference to Figure 1, where there are two (or more) dissimilar networks within the same premises, they must conform to this standard if, when linked by some physical means, they are expected to behave as if both networks were logically the same network.

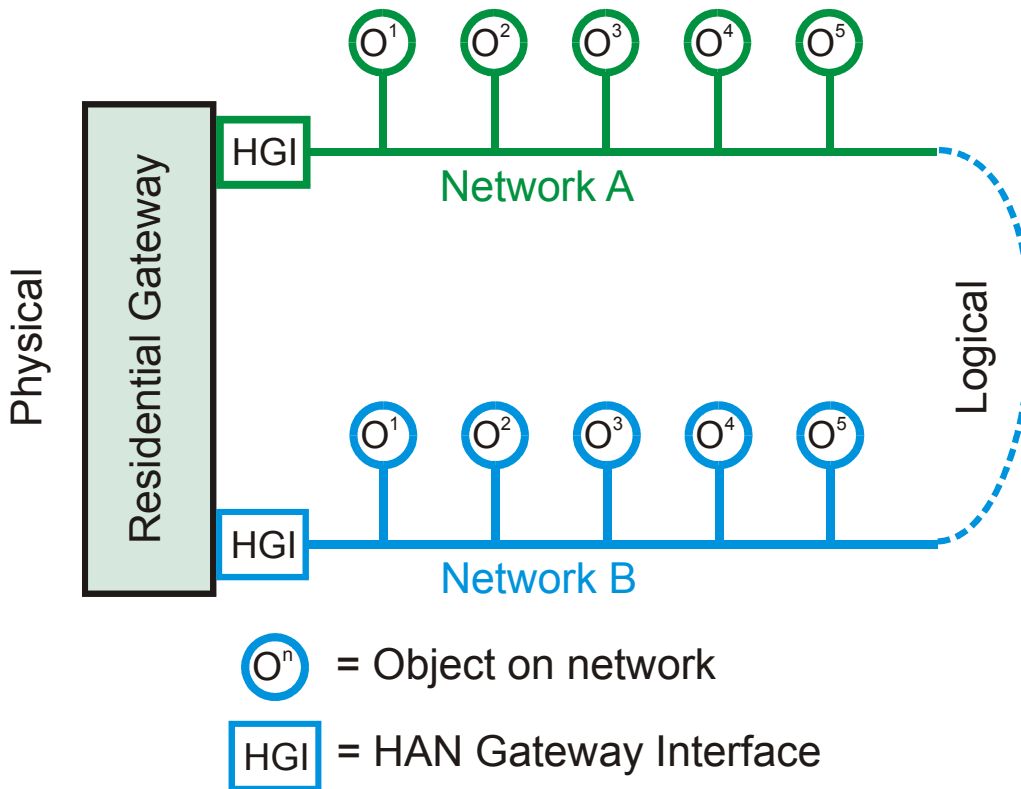


Figure 1 – Two interoperating networks

This document comprises the following sections.

- A conformance section (clause 4) with which all interoperating networks and intermediary equipment on the home electronic system comply.
- A requirements section (clause 5) that defines the normative functional safety requirements of product interoperability of HES products and networks, where these are not covered by existing functional safety standards.
- A requirements section (clause 6) that defines the management of product interoperability among HES products and networks.
- A requirements section (clause 7) that defines the normative operational requirements of product interoperability among HES products and networks.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – HOME ELECTRONIC SYSTEM – GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCT INTEROPERABILITY –

## Part 1: Introduction

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 18012 specifies requirements for product interoperability in the area of home and building automation systems. It specifies layers six and seven of the OSI reference model (see ISO/IEC 7498-1) with sufficient detail needed to design interoperable home electronic system products, while layers one to five are only specified to the point needed to check whether devices will be able to interoperate with one another.

ISO/IEC 18012-1 is applicable to

- stand-alone local/home networks, connected devices and applications,
- mixed local/home networks, connected devices and applications,
- automatically configured devices,
- installer configured devices,
- installer configured groups/clusters of devices.

ISO/IEC 18012-1 specifies interoperability for system set-up, operation and management applied to devices connected to a single home control system or to different home control systems. Although a single uniform home control system would simplify operations, this standard recognises that multiple different networks may co-exist in the same house. This standard specifies requirements to assure that devices from multiple manufacturers work together to provide a specific application. Also, a specific device could be used for multiple applications.

ISO/IEC 18012-1 specifies interoperability requirements with respect to

- safety,
- addressing,
- applications,
- transport of information,
- set-up of devices/elements within home networks – static and/or dynamic binding between objects,
- management.

This document does not specify how two home control systems share a common resource or how to ensure that two home control systems used within the same premises do not interfere with each other. However, this document requires that two home control systems may share a common resource, and that they do not interfere with one another.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7498-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

ISO/IEC TR3 14762, *Information technology – Home Control Systems – Guidelines for Functional Safety*