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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 8886:1992), which has been technically revised.

Introduction

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

This Recommendation | International Standard defines the services provided by the Data Link Layer to the Network Layer at the boundary between the Data Link and Network Layers of the OSI Reference Model. It provides for the designers of network protocols a definition of the Data Link Service existing to support the network protocol and for the designers of Data Link Protocols a definition of the services to be made available through the action of the Data Link Protocol over the underlying service. The relationship is illustrated in Figure Intro. 1.

Throughout the set of OSI Recommendations | International Standards, the term “service” refers to the abstract capability provided by one layer of the OSI Reference Model to the layer immediately above. Thus, the Data Link Service defined in this Recommendation | International Standard is a conceptual architectural service, independent of administrative divisions.

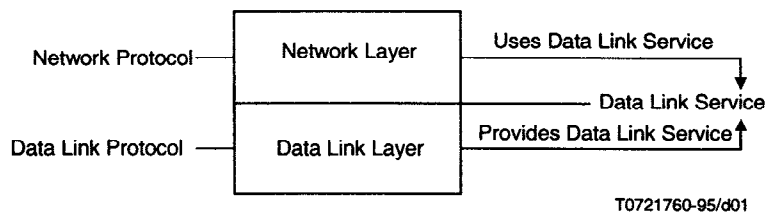


Figure Intro. 1 – Relationship of this Recommendation | International Standard to other OSI Recommendations | International Standards

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD**ITU-T RECOMMENDATION****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OPEN SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION –
DATA LINK SERVICE DEFINITION****1 Scope**

This Recommendation | International Standard defines the OSI Data Link Service in terms of:

- a) the primitive actions and events of the service;
- b) the parameters associated with each primitive action and event, and the form that they take; and
- c) the interrelationship between, and the valid sequences of these actions and events.

The principal objective of this Recommendation | International Standard is to specify the characteristics of a conceptual Data Link Service and thus, supplement the OSI Reference Model in guiding the development of Data Link Protocols.

This Recommendation | International Standard does not specify individual implementation or products, nor does it constrain the implementation of Data Link entities and interfaces within an information processing system.

There is no conformance of equipment to this Data Link Service Definition Recommendation | International Standard. Instead, conformance is achieved through implementation of conforming Data Link Protocols that fulfil the Data Link Service defined in this Recommendation | International Standard.

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 the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and International 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 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.210 (1993) | ISO/IEC 10731:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: Conventions for the definition of OSI services*.