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Introduction

This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 1888.3-2013, IEEE Standard for Ubiquitous Green Community Control Network: Security.

This standard describes the enhanced security management function for the protocol defined in IEEE Std 1888™, IEEE Standard for Ubiquitous Green Community Control Network Protocol, specifies security requirements, defines system security architecture, gives a standardized description of authentication and authorization, along with security procedures and protocols. This standard can help avoid unintended data disclosure to the public and unauthorized access to resources, while providing enhanced integrity and confidentiality of transmitted data in the ubiquitous green community control network.

The purpose of this standard is to define a security management function in the ubiquitous green community control network that provides an interoperable, high-quality, and secure applications operation platform. As an open system, a ubiquitous green community control network assumes multi-domain operation and public access from other system components. In this context, security considerations are needed for operation of the IEEE 1888 protocol.

This specification defines the architecture and framework that provides security for IEEE 1888 systems. As an interactive monitoring and control system based on sensor-actuator networks, IEEE 1888 systems without security suffer from some potential security threats. For example, unintended users or systems may capture sensor readings and control HVAC or lights easily, or information exchanged and data stored may be overwritten by unauthorized users or components. This standard specifies a security framework to protect the message exchange path of both the data plane and the control plane of an IEEE 1888 system from such security threats, providing mutual authentication, access control, message integrity, data confidentiality, and so on.

The IEEE 1888 protocol is bound to simple object access protocol (SOAP) and normally takes hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) for the transportation of its SOAP messages. To meet the security requirements and protect from security threats, HTTP over TLS (HTTPS) shall be adopted. This is because HTTPS has been widely used and can satisfy the security requirements with small implementation cost.

This document distinguishes system reliability issues from security issues. For example, service tolerance against heavy requests from clients and communication tolerance against temporal physical link failure are out of the scope of this document.

This document is organized as follows:

- Clause 4 specifies security requirements and design principles.
- Clause 5 describes security system architecture.
- Clause 6 defines security protocols, including communication sequence, software interface, and identifier (ID) system.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This specification provides security service enhancements for the protocol defined in IEEE Std 1888™[1], IEEE Standard for Ubiquitous Green Community Control Network Protocol. This standard describes security requirements for the ubiquitous green community control network and specifies the system security architecture along with security procedures and protocols.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to define a security management function in the ubiquitous green community control network that provides an interoperable, high-quality, and secure applications operation platform. Use of this standard helps avoid unintended data disclosure to the public and unauthorized access to resources, while providing enhanced integrity and confidentiality of transmitted data in the ubiquitous green community control network.

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