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Part 6: Security for IEC 61850

1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 62351 specifies messages, procedures, and algorithms for securing the operation of all protocols based on or derived from the standard IEC 61850. This specification applies to at least those protocols listed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Scope of application to standards

Number	Name
IEC 61850-8-1	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 8-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO/IEC 9506-1 and ISO/IEC 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3
IEC 61850-9-2	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-2: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3
IEC 61850-6	Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs

1.2 Object

The initial audience for this specification is intended to be the members of the working groups developing or making use of the protocols listed in Table 1. For the measures described in this specification to take effect, they must be accepted and referenced by the specifications for the protocols themselves. This document is written to enable that process.

The subsequent audience for this specification is intended to be the developers of products that implement these protocols.

Portions of this specification may also be of use to managers and executives in order to understand the purpose and requirements of the work.

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.

IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems in substations*

IEC 61850-6, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs*

IEC 61850-8-1, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 8-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO 9506-1 and ISO 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 61850-9-1, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-1: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over serial unidirectional multidrop point to point link*

IEC 61850-9-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 9-2: Specific Communication Service Mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 62351-1, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 1: Communication network and system security – Introduction to security issues*

IEC 62351-2, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 2: Glossary of terms*

IEC 62351-4, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 4: Profiles including MMS*

ISO 9506 (all parts), *Industrial automation systems – Manufacturing Message Specification*

ISO/IEC 8802-3, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications*

ISO/IEC 13239, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – High-level data link control (HDLC) procedures*

IEEE Std. 802.1Q-2003, *Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks*

RFC 2030, *Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) Version 4 for IPv4, IPv6 and OSI*

RFC 2313, *PKCS #1: RSA Encryption Version 1.5*

RFC 3447, *Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1*

RFC 4634, *US Secure Hash Algorithms (SHA and HMAC-SHA)*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions contained in IEC 62351-2 apply.

4 Security issues addressed by this specification

4.1 Operational issues affecting choice of security options

For applications using GOOSE and IEC 61850-9-2 and requiring 4 ms response times, multicast configurations and low CPU overhead, encryption is not recommended. Instead, the communication path selection process (e.g. the fact that GOOSE and SMV are supposed to be restricted to a logical substation LAN) shall be used to provide confidentiality for information exchanges. However, this specification does define a mechanism for allowing confidentiality for applications where the 4 ms delivery criterion is not a concern.

NOTE The actual performance characteristics of an implementation claiming conformance to this technical specification is outside the scope of this specification.