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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850, which is a technical specification, is intended for any users but primarily for standardization bodies that are considering using IEC 61850 as a base standard within the scope of their work and are willing to extend it as allowed by the IEC 61850 standards. This document identifies the required steps and high-level requirements in achieving such extensions of IEC 61850 and provides guidelines for the individual steps.

Within that scope, this document addresses the following cases:

- The management of product-level standards for products that have an interface based on IEC 61850
- The management of domain-level standards based on IEC 61850
- The management of transitional standards based on IEC 61850
- The management of private namespaces based on IEC 61850
- The development of standards offering the mapping of IEC 61850 data model at CDC level
- The development and management of IEC 61850 profiles for domains (underlying the role of IEC TR 62361-103 and IEC TR 61850-7-6)

This document includes both technical and process aspects:

On the technical side, this document:

- Highlights the main basic requirements (mostly referring to the appropriate parts of the series which host the requirements or recommendations)
- Lists all possible flexibilities offered by the standards
- Defines which flexibilities are allowed/possible per type of extension cases

On the process side, the document covers:

- The initial analysis of how the existing IEC 61850 object models and/or communication services may be applied and what allowed extensions may be required for utilizing them in new or specific domains (including private ones). The results of that step are expected to be documented
- The extension of the IEC 61850 object models for new domains. The typical associated work is to identify existing logical nodes which can be reused "as is", to determine if existing logical nodes can be extended, or to define new logical nodes
- The purpose and process to use transitional namespaces, which are expected to be merged eventually into an existing standard namespace
- The management of standard namespaces
- The development of private namespaces



## 2 Normative References

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 61400-25 (all parts), *Wind energy generation systems – Part 25-1: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Overall description of principles and models*

IEC 61850-8 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

IEC TR 61850-1, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 1: Introduction and overview*

IEC TS 61850-2, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61850-5, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 5: Communication requirements for functions and device models*

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

IEC 61850-7-1, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-1: Basic communication structure – Principles and models*

IEC 61850-7-2, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*

IEC 61850-7-3, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes*

IEC 61850-7-4:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

IEC TR 61850-7-6, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-6: Guideline for definition of Basic Application Profiles (BAPs) using IEC 61850*

IEC TS 61850-7-7, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-7: Machine-processable format of IEC 61850-related data models for tools*

IEC 61850-8-1, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – 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 TS 61850-80-1, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 80-1: Guideline to exchanging information from a CDC-based data model using IEC 60870-5-101 or IEC 60870-5-104*

IEC TS 61850-80-4, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 80-4: Translation from the COSEM object model (IEC 62056) to the IEC 61850 data model*

IEC 61850-9 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

IEC 62271-3:2015, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Digital interfaces based on IEC 61850*

IEC 61869-9, *Instrument transformers – Part 9: Digital interface for instrument transformers*

IEC TR 62361-103, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Interoperability in the long term – Part 103: Standard profiling*

IEC 62351 (all parts), *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security*

IEEE 1815.1, *Standard for Exchanging Information between networks Implementing IEC 61850 and IEEE Std 1815™ (Distributed Network Protocol – DNP3)*

"Guidelines for code components" document accessible at:  
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### 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1

##### **code component**

part of a standard document which has to be copied/modified from the IEC publication by any potential users of the standards.

Note 1 to entry: Code Components are components included in IEC standards that are intended to be directly processed by a computer and also includes any text found between the markers <CODE BEGINS> and <CODE ENDS>, or otherwise clearly labelled in this standard as a Code Component.

#### 3.2

##### **namespace**

domain in which any name and its related information is univocal

#### 3.3

##### **IEC 61850 basic namespace**

data model namespace hosted in the IEC 61850 core standard (namely related to IEC 61850-7-2, IEC 61850-7-3, IEC 61850-7-4 parts)

Note 1 to entry: Refer to IEC 61850-7-1, "Namespace".

Note 2 to entry: The 61850-7-4 namespace content may be revised in future in order to discriminate the elements which are generic from the ones which are substation specific.

#### 3.4

##### **IEC 61850 domain namespace**

data model namespace which extends IEC 61850 with the purpose of better supporting an application domain

Note 1 to entry: Refer to IEC 61850-7-1, "Namespace".