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## INTRODUCTION

Year after year the IEC 61850 data models are extended both in depth with hundreds of new data items, and in width with tens of new parts.

In order to foster an active tool market with good quality, and at the end to improve IEC 61850 interoperability, a machine-processable file, describing data model related parts of the standard as input, is needed. This is the purpose of the new language Name Space Definition (NSD) defined by this part of IEC 61850.

This will avoid the need for any engineering tool related to the IEC 61850 data models to get the content of the standard manually entered, with a high risk of mistakes. This will also help to easily spread any corrections to the data model, as requested to reach interoperability. Tool vendors will be able to integrate NSD in their tools to distribute the standard data models directly to end users.

The description of namespace concept and relation between each kind of namespace is defined by IEC 61850-7-1 and process for creation of a namespace (domain, product, ...) is defined by IEC 61850-1-2.



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## 1 Scope

### 1.1 General

This part of IEC 61850, which is a Technical Specification, specifies a way to model the code components of IEC 61850 data model (e.g., the tables describing logical nodes, common data classes, structured data attributes, and enumerations) in an XML format that can be imported and interpreted by tools. The following main use cases are supported:

- Generation of SCL data type templates for system specification or ICD files.
- Validation of SCL data type templates.
- Definition of private extensions by following the rules of the standard.
- Adapting rapidly the whole engineering chain as soon as a new version of IEC 61850 data model (an addendum, a corrigenda or a Tissue) affects the content of the standard.
- Provide tool-neutral textual help to users of tools on the data model contents.
- Supporting multi-language publication, i.e., enabling the expression of the data model in different languages, through a machine processable format.

The purpose of this ~~proposal~~ document is limited to the publication of the XML format which should support the data model part of any IEC 61850-related standard. The publication of code components themselves will be part of the related IEC 61850 part, and IEC 61850-1-2 will indicate the requirements to produce NSD files for other purpose than core datamodel.

### 1.2 ~~Namespace name and version~~ Published versions

~~The new namespace name and version section is mandatory for any IEC 61850 namespace (as defined by IEC 61850-7-1:2011).~~

~~The parameters which identify this new release of the NSD namespace `xmlns:nsd="http://www.iec.ch/61850/2016/NSD"` are:~~

- ~~• Namespace Version: 2017~~
- ~~• Namespace Revision: A~~
- ~~• Namespace Release: 1~~
- ~~• Namespace release date: 2017/08/28~~

<del>Edition</del>	<del>Publication date</del>	<del>Webstore</del>	<del>Namespace</del>
<del>Edition 1.0</del>	<del>2017-??</del>	<del>IEC 61850-7-7:2017</del>	<del>IEC 61850-7-7:2017A</del>

~~The namespace version relates to the edition of the standard: here namespace version 2017 refers to the first edition of this document.~~

~~Then, the revision relates to amendments if any: as for the current version of this document, revision A corresponds to the original edition, without amendment. For the first amendment, the revision will be B, etc.~~

~~Finally, namespace release indicates an update of the related code component (if any) without publication of a new version or revision of the current document. This could be used for internal release of the code component during development of a new version of the document, or to provide fixes of interoperability tissues without need to enter into a full document update process.~~

~~The namespace release date is used for information purpose, to indicate when the namespace has been created.~~

This technical specification defines one namespace:

- A NameSpace Definition (NSD)

Table 1 provides an overview of the references between the published versions of this standard and the related namespace name.

**Table 1 – Reference between published versions of the standard and related namespace name**

Edition	Publication date	Webstore	Namespace
Edition 1.0	2018-03	IEC 61850-7-7:2018	IEC 61850-7-7:2017A
Edition 1.1	2023-01	IEC 61850-7-7:2022	IEC 61850-7-7:2017B5

## 1.4 Namespace name and version

Table 2 shows all the attributes of the XML schema namespace.

**Table 2 – Attributes of xsd namespace**

Attribute	Content
<b>Namespace nameplate</b>	
Namespace Identifier (xmlns)	<a href="http://www.iec.ch/61850/2016/NSD">http://www.iec.ch/61850/2016/NSD</a>
XSD version header attribute	2017B5
Version	2017
Revision	B
Release	5
CodeComponentName	NSD

## 1.3 Code Component distribution

### 1.3.1 General

~~The Code Components included in this document are also available as electronic machine readable files at:-~~  
~~[http://www.iec.ch/public/TC57/supportdocuments/IEC\\_61850-7-7.2017.NSD.2017A.full.zip](http://www.iec.ch/public/TC57/supportdocuments/IEC_61850-7-7.2017.NSD.2017A.full.zip)~~

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~~The latest version/release of the document will be found by selecting the file IEC\_61850-7-7.2017.NSD.{VersionStateInfo}.full.zip with the filed VersionStateInfo of the highest value.~~

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~~The IECManifest contains different sections giving information on:~~

- ~~— The copyright notice~~
- ~~— The identification of the code component~~
- ~~— The publication related to the code component~~
- ~~— The list of the electronic files which compose the code component~~
- ~~— An optional list of history files to track changes during the evolution process of the code component~~

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    <Publication name="IEC-61850-7-7.2017_ed1.0" comment="Machine-processable format of IEC-61850-related data models for tools"/>
    <File name="NSD.xsd" category="normative" content="full" comment="Schema describing the namespace files"/>
    <File name="IECCopyright.xsd" category="normative" content="full" comment="Schema included in NSD to integrate management of IEC Copyright notice"/>
    <File name="NSD.Doc.HTML.zip" category="normative" content="full" comment="Zip archive containing the HTML documentation of the NSD. Contains the 'NSD.html' file and all related pictures"/>
    <HistoryFile name="History.NSD.v1.0.txt" startingDate="2015-10-12" endingDate="2017-01-25"
startingVersion="NSD.XSD.v0.3" endingVersion="NSD.XSD.v1.0"/>
    <HistoryFile name="History.NSD.v1.1.txt" startingDate="2017-01-25" endingDate="2017-06-23"
startingVersion="NSD.XSD.v1.0" endingVersion="NSD.XSD.v1.1"/>
    <HistoryFile name="History.NSD.2017A.txt" startingDate="2017-06-23" endingDate="2017-08-09"
startingVersion="NSD.XSD.v1.1" endingVersion="NSD.XSD.2017A"/>
  </CodeComponent>
</IECManifest>
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### 1.3.2 XML schema namespace code component

The NSD code component namespace is an XML schema file. It will be available in a full version.

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[https://assets.iec.ch/public/tc57/IEC\\_61850-7-7.2017.NSD.2017B4.full.zip](https://assets.iec.ch/public/tc57/IEC_61850-7-7.2017.NSD.2017B4.full.zip)

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## 2 Normative references

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IEC TS 61850-1-2, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 1-2: Guidelines on extending IEC 61850*

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

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 61850-7-1:2011, *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, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

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*

ISO 639-1:2002, *Codes for the representation of names of languages – Part 1: Alpha-2 code*

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