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## INTRODUCTION

The exchange of product data between companies, business systems, engineering tools, data systems within companies and, in the future, control systems (electrical, measuring and control technology) can run smoothly only when both the information to be exchanged and the use of this information have been clearly defined.

Prior to this standard, requirements on process control devices and systems were specified by customers in various ways when suppliers or manufacturers were asked to quote for suitable equipment. The suppliers in their turn described the devices according to their own documentation schemes, often using different terms, structures and media (paper, databases, CDs, e-catalogues, etc.). The situation was similar in the planning and development process, with device information frequently being duplicated in a number of different information technology (IT) systems.

Any method that is capable of recording all existing information only once during the planning and ordering process and making it available for further processing, gives all parties involved an opportunity to concentrate on the essentials. A precondition for this is the standardization of both the descriptions of the objects and the exchange of information.

The IEC 61987 series proposes a method for standardization which will help both suppliers and users of process control equipment to optimize workflows both within their own companies and in their exchanges with other companies. Depending on their role in the process, engineering firms can be considered here to be either users or suppliers.

The method specifies process control equipment by means of blocks of properties. These blocks are compiled into lists of properties (LOPs), each of which describes a specific equipment (device) type. The IEC 61987 series covers both properties that can be used in an inquiry or a proposal and detailed properties required for integration of the equipment in computer systems for other tasks.

IEC 61987-10 defines structure elements for constructing lists of properties for electrical and process control equipment in order to facilitate automatic data exchange between any two computer systems in any possible workflow, for example engineering, maintenance or purchasing workflow and to allow both the customers and the suppliers of the equipment to optimize their processes and workflows. IEC 61987-10 also provides the data model for assembling the LOPs.

IEC 61987-11 while specifying a generic structure for measuring equipment provides several important detail descriptions, such as the handling of composite devices, that are also required for LOPs describing automated industrial valves.

IEC 61987-31 specifies the generic structure for operating (OLOPs) and device lists of properties (DLOPs) for infrastructure devices. Infrastructure devices are devices installed, for example, in network equipment and control rooms. It lays down the framework for further parts of IEC 61987-3x series in which complete LOPs for infrastructure devices of different construction and functional principle will be specified. The generic structure can also serve as a basis for the specification of LOPs for other industrial-process control device types.

Annex A contains a characterisation of infrastructure devices. This is a tree of relationships between different device types. Starting at the root "equipment for industrial-process automation", it introduces the infrastructure devices. This characterisation is used in the Process Automation Domain of the IEC Common Data Dictionary (CDD).

# INDUSTRIAL-PROCESS MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL – DATA STRUCTURES AND ELEMENTS IN PROCESS EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES –

## Part 31: Lists of Properties (LOPs) of infrastructure devices for electronic data exchange – Generic structures

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61987 provides

- a characterization for the integration of infrastructure devices in the Common Data Dictionary (CDD);
- generic structures in conformance with IEC 61987-10 for Operating Lists of Properties (OLOPs) and Device Lists of Properties (DLOPs) of infrastructure devices.

The generic structures for the OLOP and DLOP contain the most important blocks for infrastructure devices. Blocks pertaining to a specific equipment type will be described in the corresponding part of the IEC 61987 series. Similarly, equipment properties are not part of this part of IEC 61987. For instance, the OLOP and DLOP for I/O-modules are to be found in IEC 61987-32.

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IEC 61987-10, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 10: List of Properties (LOPs) for Industrial-Process Measurement and Control for Electronic Data Exchange – Fundamentals*

IEC 61987-11, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 11: List of Properties (LOP) of measuring equipment for electronic data exchange – Generic structures*