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Preface

This Technical Report was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-050, Power System Control and Communication, to supersede AS 61850.1:2005, *Communication networks and systems in substations, Part 1: Introduction and overview*.

The objective of this document is to define the communication between intelligent electronic devices in such a system, and the related system requirements.

This document also provides an introduction and overview of the AS IEC 61850 standard series.

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2003. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- Extended application scope of the IEC 61850 standard
 - for the power quality domain;
 - for statistical and historical data;
 - for distributed generation monitoring and automation purpose;
 - for feeder automation purpose;
 - for substation to substation communication;
 - for monitoring functions according to IEC 62271.
- Smart grid considerations.
- Extensions (and provisions for extensions) of the documentation system relating to IEC 61850, especially with part 7-5xx (Application guides) and part 90-xx (Technical report and guidelines).

The text of this technical report is based on the following documents:

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57/1233/DTR	57/1304/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical report can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61850 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation* (all parts may have not been published yet).

- Part 1: Introduction and overview
- Part 2: Glossary
- Part 3: General requirements
- Part 4: System and project management
- Part 5: Communication requirements for functions and device models
- Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs
- Part 7-1: Basic communication structure – Principles and models
- Part 7-2: Basic communication structure – Abstract communication service interface ([ACSI](#))
- Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes
- Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data classes
- Part 7-410: Hydroelectric power plants – Communication for monitoring and control
- Part 7-420: Basic communication structure – Distributed energy resources logical nodes
- Part 7-5: IEC 61850 – Modelling concepts¹
- Part 7-500: Use of logical nodes to model functions of a substation automation system¹
- Part 7-510: Use of logical nodes to model functions of a hydro power plant
- Part 7-520: Use of logical nodes to model functions of distributed energy resources¹
- Part 8-1: Specific communication service mapping ([SCSM](#)) – Mappings to MMS (ISO 9506-1 and ISO 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3
- Part 80-1: Guideline to exchange information from a [CDC](#) based data model using IEC 60870-5-101/104
- Part 9-2: Specific communication service mapping ([SCSM](#)) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3
- Part 90-1: Use of IEC 61850 for the communication between substations
- Part 90-2: Using IEC 61850 for the communication between substations and control centres¹
- Part 90-3: Using IEC 61850 for condition monitoring¹

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- Part 90-4: Network Engineering Guidelines - Technical report¹
- Part 90-5: Using IEC 61850 to transmit synchrophasor information according to IEEE C37.118
- Part 10: Conformance testing

In addition to the above parts IEC technical committee 88 has published the IEC 61850 basic communication structure for Wind Turbines as IEC 61400-25, *Wind turbines – Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants*.

IEC 61850-1 is an introduction and overview of the IEC 61850 standard series. It describes the philosophy, work approach and contents of the other parts.

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Part 1: Introduction and overview

1 Scope

This technical report is applicable to *power utility automation systems* ([PUAS](#)). It defines the communication between intelligent electronic devices (IEDs) in such a system, and the related system requirements.

This part gives an introduction and overview of the IEC 61850 standard series. It refers to and might include text and figures coming from other parts of the IEC 61850 standard series.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60870-5-103, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-103: Transmission Protocols - Companion standard for the informative interface of protection equipment*

IEC 60870-5-104, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-104: Transmission protocols – Network access for IEC 60870-5-101 using standard transport profiles*

IEC 61400-25 (all parts), *Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants*

IEC 61850-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61850-3, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 3: General requirements*

IEC 61850-4, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 4: System and project management*

IEC 61850-5, *Communication networks and systems in substations – 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, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

IEC 61850-7-410, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-410: Hydroelectric power plants – Communication for monitoring and control*

IEC 61850-7-420, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-420: Basic communication structure – Distributed energy resources logical nodes*