TR IEC/TR 61850-1:2025 IEC/TR 61850-1:2013, IDT (ICS 33.200)

TECHNICAL REFERENCE

Communication networks and systems for power utility automation

- Part 1: Introduction and overview





TR IEC/TR 61850-1:2025

IEC/TR 61850-1:2013, IDT (ICS 33.200)

TECHNICAL REFERENCE

Communication networks and systems for power utility automation

- Part 1: Introduction and overview

Published by Enterprise Singapore



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED Copyright © 2025 Enterprise Singapore Copyright © 2013 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilised in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from Enterprise Singapore, representing the IEC National Committee of Singapore, or the IEC. If you have any questions about the copyrights of Enterprise Singapore or the IEC or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact Enterprise Singapore at: standards@enterprisesg.gov.sg for further information.

ISBN 978-981-5277-89-0

TR IEC/TR 61850-1:2025

National Foreword

This Technical Reference (TR) was prepared by the Working Group on Smart Grids set up by the Technical Committee on Power System and Utilisation under the purview of the Electrical and Electronic Standards Committee.

This TR is an identical adoption of IEC/TR 61850-1:2013, "Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 1: Introduction and overview" published by the International Electrotechnical Commission.

In Singapore, the standard transmission network voltage levels are 400 kV, 230 kV and 66 kV. For distribution, the standard network voltages are 22 kV, 6.6 kV, 400 V and 230 V.

This TR is a provisional standard made available for application over a period of three years. The aim is to use the experience gained to update the TR so that it can be adopted as a Singapore Standard. Users of the TR are invited to provide feedback on its technical content, clarity and ease of use. Feedback can be submitted using the form provided in the TR. At the end of the three years, the TR will be reviewed, taking into account any feedback or other considerations, to further its development into a Singapore Standard if found suitable.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this TR may be the subject of patent rights. Enterprise Singapore shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all of such patent rights.

NOTE

- 1. Singapore Standards (SSs) and Technical References (TRs) are reviewed periodically to keep abreast of technical changes, technological developments and industry practices. The changes are documented through the issue of either amendments or revisions. Where SSs are deemed to be stable, i.e. no foreseeable changes in them, they will be classified as "mature standards". Mature standards will not be subject to further review, unless there are requests to review such standards.
- 2. An SS or TR is voluntary in nature except when it is made mandatory by a regulatory authority. It can also be cited in contracts making its application a business necessity. Users are advised to assess and determine whether the SS or TR is suitable for their intended use or purpose. If required, they should refer to the relevant professionals or experts for advice on the use of the document. Enterprise Singapore and the Singapore Standards Council shall not be liable for any damages whether directly or indirectly suffered by anyone or any organisation as a result of the use of any SS or TR. Although care has been taken to draft this standard, users are also advised to ensure that they apply the information after due diligence.
- 3. Compliance with a SS or TR does not exempt users from any legal obligations.



IEC/TR 61850-1

Edition 2.0 2013-03

TECHNICAL REPORT

RAPPORT TECHNIQUE

Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 1: Introduction and overview

Réseaux et systèmes de communication pour l'automatisation des systèmes électriques – Partie 1: Introduction et présentation





THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED Copyright © 2013 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication,

If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de la CEI ou du Comité national de la CEI du pays du demandeur. Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de la CEI ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de la CEI de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office	Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
3, rue de Varembé	Fax: +41 22 919 03 00
CH-1211 Geneva 20	info@iec.ch
Switzerland	www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

Useful links:

IEC publications search - www.iec.ch/searchpub

The advanced search enables you to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...).

It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available on-line and also once a month by email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 30 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) on-line.

Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: csc@iec.ch.

A propos de la CEI

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (CEI) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

A propos des publications CEI

Le contenu technique des publications de la CEI est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

Liens utiles:

Recherche de publications CEI - www.iec.ch/searchpub

La recherche avancée vous permet de trouver des publications CEI en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...).

Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

Just Published CEI - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications de la CEI. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et aussi une fois par mois par email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne au monde de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient plus de 30 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans les langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (VEI) en ligne.

Service Clients - webstore.iec.ch/csc

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: csc@iec.ch.



IEC/TR 61850-1

Edition 2.0 2013-03

TECHNICAL REPORT

RAPPORT TECHNIQUE

Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 1: Introduction and overview

Réseaux et systèmes de communication pour l'automatisation des systèmes électriques – Partie 1: Introduction et présentation

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

COMMISSION ELECTROTECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

ICS 33.200

ISBN 978-2-83220-686-7

Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor. Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.

 Registered trademark of the International Electrotechnical Commission Marque déposée de la Commission Electrotechnique Internationale

CONTENTS

FO	FOREWORD4				
INT	INTRODUCTION6				
1	Scop	e	7		
2	Normative references				
3	Terms, definitions and abbreviations				
	3.1	Terms and definitions	9		
	3.2	Abbreviated terms	11		
4	Obje	ctives	12		
5	Appr	bach of the IEC 61850 standard	13		
	5.1	Scope of application	13		
	5.2	IEC 61850 within the IEC Power Utility control system reference architecture	14		
	5.3	IEC 61850 within Smart Grid reference architecture	15		
	5.4	Standardization approach	15		
	5.5 5.6	How to cope with fast innovation of communication technology	. 10		
	5.0 5.7	Requirements for a physical communication system	20		
6	Cont	ent of the IFC 61850 series	20		
Ū	6 1	IEC 61850 general requirements (parts 1 to 5)	20		
	6.2	Three pillars of interoperability and conformance testing (Part 6 and above)	20		
	6.3	Understanding the structure of the IEC 61850 documentation	22		
	6.4	IEC 61850 data modelling	24		
		6.4.1 Main principle (explained in IEC 61850-7-1)	24		
		6.4.2 Standard name space introduction	25		
		6.4.3 Name space extension	26		
	6.5	IEC 61850 communication services	26		
	6.6	IEC 61850 SCL language	28		
	6.7	IEC 61850 data and communication security	29		
	6.8 6.0	IEC 61850 conformance testing.	29		
	0.9 6 10	JEC 61850 maintenance	30 30		
	6 11	Quality assurance process			
7	IEC 6	61850 system life cycle	31		
	7.1	Reason for inclusion	31		
	7.2	Engineering-tools and parameters	31		
	7.3	Main tools and configuration data flows	32		
	7.4	Quality and life-cycle management	32		
	7.5	General requirements	32		
Fig	ure 1	- Scope of application of IEC 61850	14		
Fig	ure 2	 Power utility control system reference architecture (IEC 62357) 	15		
Fig	ure 3	- IEC 61850 specifying approach	16		
Fig	Figure 4 – Interface model within substation and between substations				
Figure 5 – Relationship between functions, logical nodes, and physical nodes					
(ex	(examples)19				
Fig	Figure 6 – Links between IEC 61850 parts				

Figure 7 – IEC 61850 Data modelling	.24
Figure 8 – Basic reference model	. 28
Figure 9 – Exchange of system parameters	.31

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY AUTOMATION –

Part 1: Introduction and overview

FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

The main task of IEC technical committees is to prepare International Standards. However, a technical committee may propose the publication of a technical report when it has collected data of a different kind from that which is normally published as an International Standard, for example "state of the art".

IEC 61850-1, which is a technical report, has been prepared by IEC technical committee 57: Power systems management and associated information exchange.

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;

TR 61850-1 © IEC:2013

- 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:

Enquiry draft	Report on voting
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.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61850 series, published under the general title *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

IMPORTANT – The 'colour inside' logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.

- 6 -

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
- 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.

¹ Under consideration.

TR 61850-1 © IEC:2013

COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY AUTOMATION –

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

IEC 61850-7-510, Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-510: Basic communication structure – Hydroelectric power plants – Modelling concepts and guidelines

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 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 61850-9-2, Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 9-2: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3

IEC/TR 61850-90-1, Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 90-1: Use of IEC 61850 for the communication between substations

IEC 61850-10, Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 10: Conformance testing

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

IEC/TR 62357-1, Power systems management and associated information exchange – Part 1: Reference architecture

IEC 81346-1, Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 1: Basic rules

ISO 9001:2008, Quality management systems – Requirements

IEEE C37.2, *IEEE* standard electrical power system device function numbers, acronyms and contact designations

IEEE 100:2000, The authoritative dictionary of IEEE standards terms seventh edition

IEEE-SA TR 1550, Utility Communications Architecture (UCA) Version 2.0 – Part 4: UCA Generic Object Models for Substation and Feeder Equipment (GOMSFE)

RFC 2246, The TLS Protocol, Version 1.0