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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document is one of a family of documents specifying the Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services (SOIS)-compliant service to be provided in support of applications.

This document defines the SOIS Device Virtualisation Service (DVS). The definition encompasses specification of the service interface exposed to onboard software (user applications and libraries) as well as the conceptual mapping of the DVS primitives to the protocols implementing such services.

The SOIS DVS is for use by onboard software to provide a standard interface between onboard software applications and flight hardware such as sensors and actuators.

1.2 APPLICABILITY

This document applies to any mission or equipment claiming to provide a CCSDS SOIS-compatible DVS.

1.3 RATIONALE

SOIS provide service interface specifications in order to promote commonality of functionality amongst systems implementing well-defined services. These interfaces do not dictate implementation of interfaces or protocols supporting the services.

1.4 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This document has four major sections:

- this section, containing administrative information, definitions, and references;
- section 2, containing general concepts and assumptions;
- section 3, containing the Device Virtualisation Service, in terms of the service provided, services expected from underlying layers, and the service interface;
- section 4, containing the Management Information Base (MIB) for this service.

In addition, one normative and three informative annexes are provided:

- annex A, comprising a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement Proforma;
- annex B, discussing security considerations relating to the specifications of this document;
- annex C, containing a list of acronyms;
- annex D, containing a list of informative references.

1.5 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.5.1 DEFINITIONS

1.5.1.1 General

For the purpose of this document the following definitions apply.

1.5.1.2 Definitions from the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model

This document is defined using the style established by the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model (reference [D2]). This model provides a common framework for the development of standards in the field of systems interconnection.

The following terms used in this Recommended Practice are adapted from definitions given in reference [D2]:

layer: Subdivision of the architecture, constituted by subsystems of the same rank.

service: Capability of a layer, and the layers beneath it (service providers), provided to the service users at the boundary between the service providers and the service users.

1.5.2 TERMS DEFINED IN THIS RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

For the purposes of this Recommended Practice, the following definitions also apply.

application: Any component of the onboard software that makes use of the Device Virtualisation Service. This includes flight software applications and higher-layer services.

NOTE – Such components include flight software applications and higher-layer services.

device: Real hardware component of the spacecraft or a single register within such a component.

NOTE – Examples of such components are sensors and actuators.

timestamp: Time associated with a value.

NOTES

- 1 The format of a timestamp is implementation-specific.
- 2 The timestamp may indicate the time the value was generated by the device, emitted by the device or acquired by the service. This is implementation-specific.

value: Formatted atomic unit of data that is acquired from or used as a command to a device.

value identifier: Abstract identification of a value.

NOTE – The format of a value identifier is implementation-specific.

Virtual Device Identifier: Abstract identification of a device.

NOTE – The format of a Virtual Device Identifier is implementation-specific.

1.6 NOMENCLATURE

1.6.1 NORMATIVE TEXT

The following conventions apply for the normative specifications in this Recommended Practice:

- a) the words ‘shall’ and ‘must’ imply a binding and verifiable specification;
- b) the word ‘should’ implies an optional, but desirable, specification;
- c) the word ‘may’ implies an optional specification;
- d) the words ‘is’, ‘are’, and ‘will’ imply statements of fact.

NOTE – These conventions do not imply constraints on diction in text that is clearly informative in nature.

1.6.2 INFORMATIVE TEXT

In the normative sections of this document, informative text is set off from the normative specifications either in notes or under one of the following subsection headings:

- Overview;
- Background;
- Rationale;
- Discussion.

1.7 REFERENCES

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- [1] *Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services—Device Access Service*. Issue 1. Recommendation for Space Data System Practices (Magenta Book), CCSDS 871.0-M-1. Washington, D.C.: CCSDS, March 2013.

NOTE – Informative references are contained in annex D.

2 OVERVIEW

2.1 CONTEXT

The SOIS Device Virtualisation Service is defined within the context of the overall SOIS architecture (reference [D3]) as one of the Command and Data Acquisition services of the Application Support Layer, as illustrated in figure 2-1.

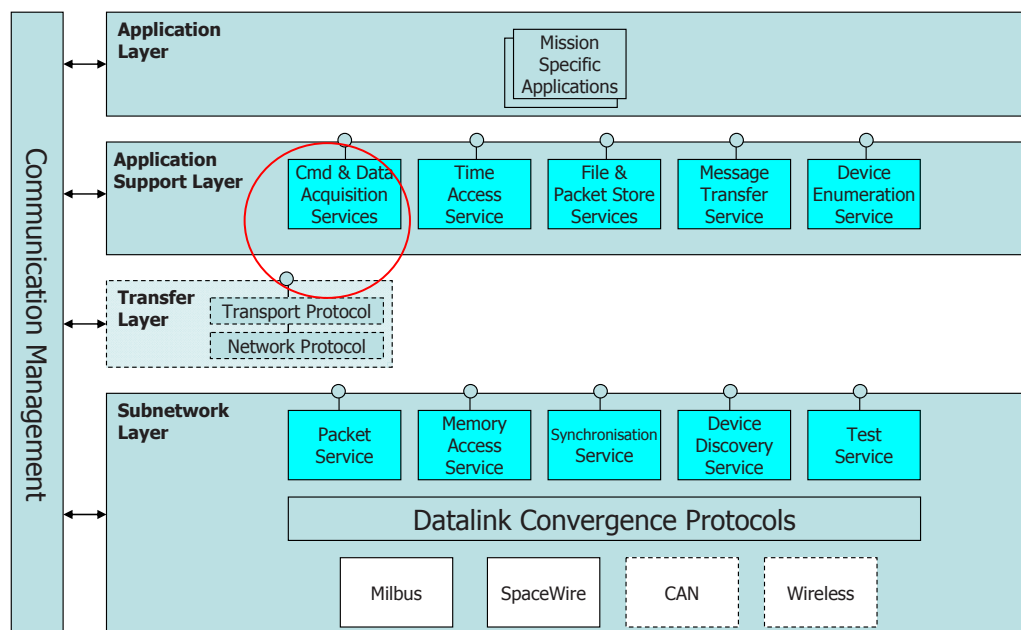


Figure 2-1: Command and Data Acquisition Services Context

The relationship between the DVS and the other Command and Data Acquisition services is illustrated in figure 2-2.

The DVS provides applications with functional interfaces to devices, abstracted from the protocols used for accessing the devices and the data encodings used in those protocols. This is in contrast to the Device Access Service (DAS) that provides applications with raw interfaces to devices, only abstracted from the subnetwork protocols used for exchanging data with the devices.

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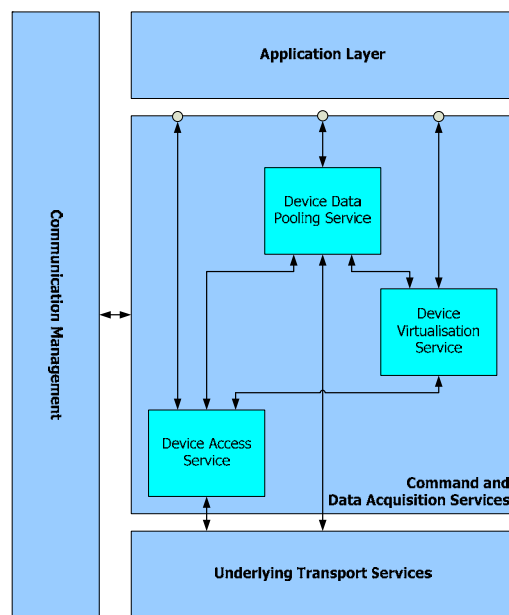


Figure 2-2: Relationship between Command and Data Acquisition Services

2.2 DEVICE TYPES AND FUNCTIONAL INTERFACES

2.2.1 GENERAL

In the DVS, physical devices are characterised by the *functional interfaces* they provide to applications, each of which has a defined set of value identifiers which may be used to command or acquire data from the device. Data value types may be simple, such as integer value, or they may be complex, structured types. In this way, each functional interface effectively defines a virtual image which may be used to access a device. Different physical devices are known as *device types*; for each device type the service will provide one or more functional interfaces. In this way, a device type is abstracted into a generic, virtual image.

2.2.2 VALUE TYPES

Each value in a functional interface has associated syntactic, e.g., data type, and semantic, e.g., measurement unit and instance, information. This information is necessary to allow the application/application developer to format commands and interpret acquired data. Whilst this information is part of a device's functional interface, it is implicit in the abstract service interface specified in this Recommended Practice and associated through the value identifier.

An implementation may resolve the syntactic information into explicit programming language data types, e.g., in ANSI C use of a 32-bit unsigned integer for the value, with APIs for each data type or run-time polymorphism/type casts.

An implementation may also resolve the semantic information into explicit programming language data types, e.g., in ANSI C two separately named type definitions, both of a 32-bit

unsigned integer, but representing different values. Further, the semantic information can be resolved into a set of named values for a value with a discrete set of data values, e.g., ANSI C constants.

Such syntactic and semantic information on a value can be catalogued in paper or electronic form, e.g., an Interface Control Document or an Electronic Data Sheet, and be made available at design- and development-time to the application developer. It is possible that this can also be made available at runtime for generic, data-driven applications.

2.2.3 DEVICE ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURE

The DVS is responsible for translating the required behaviour at the functional interface to that provided by the underlying service, which is likely to be specific to the device type. The underlying service is expected to offer one or more interfaces which provide direct access to the device functions in a manner specific to the device type. As indicated in figure 2-2, it is expected that the DVS will use the Device Access Service (DAS) (reference [1]) as its underlying service. The sequence of underlying service operations necessary to provide the behaviour expected of a particular generic interface is referred to as the Device Abstraction Control Procedure (DACP).

The DACP may consist of multiple commands and data acquisitions using DAS to provide individual functions of the functional interface. Conversely, should the functional interface of a device be directly supported by the device, the DACP can be null. As an intermediate, the DACP may simply provide conversions between device-specific value encodings and standardised engineering units, e.g., SI.

2.2.4 STANDARDISATION AND EXTENSIBILITY

The DVS is designed to be extensible through the use of generic (i.e., standard) and device-specific (i.e., non-standard) device functional interfaces:

- A new generic device functional interface may be defined for a class of devices, e.g., star trackers or reaction wheels, which may then be provided by a virtual device.
- A new device-specific device functional interface may be defined, especially for a given device type, which may then be provided by a virtual device. This technique can permit a virtual device to expose features specific to a device type in a more generic way (e.g., using standard engineering units), e.g., converting the current measured through a thermistor to the calibrated temperature in degrees Celsius.
- A generic or device-specific device functional interface may be extended through the addition of value identifiers to generate a more specialised interface which is still compatible with the interface being extended, e.g., a particular star tracker that supports the generic functional interface but has additional device-specific functions.

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- Finally, a virtual device may provide multiple device functional interfaces, permitting groups of generic or device-specific device functional interfaces to be combined, e.g., a particular star tracker may also support a camera function so that it supports both the star tracker and the camera generic functional interfaces.

Together, this provides a *flexible* and *extensible framework* for accessing the functions of device classes and types. This is analogous to class and interface hierarchies and inheritance from the object-oriented design paradigm of software engineering.

Generic functional interface standardisation is outside the scope of this Recommended Practice. A library of generic functional interfaces will be maintained outside this document, supported by a Common Dictionary of Terms, i.e., standardised syntactic and semantic value information.

2.3 PURPOSE AND OPERATION OF THE DEVICE VIRTUALISATION SERVICE

The DVS provides a consistent, standard interface to onboard software; the interfaces are described by sets of primitives and related parameters.

From the application software perspective, use of the DVS will result in onboard software that is more portable, easier to develop, and more tolerant to changes in the spacecraft hardware configuration.

From the spacecraft platform implementers' perspective, use of the DVS will make it easier to control the access to shared hardware resources.

The DVS is operated using service requests and service indications passed between the service user and the service provider.

3 SERVICE DEFINITION

3.1 PROVIDED SERVICE

3.1.1 GENERAL

3.1.1.1 The DVS shall enable a user entity to access (i.e., commanding of and acquiring data from) a device on demand, regardless of its location, using a virtual logical identifier to identify the device and a logical identifier to identify the value.

3.1.1.2 The service shall map information associated with the request onto the parameters of the underlying service access point.

NOTE – E.g., the necessary parameters for the DAS, as specified in reference [1].

3.1.2 DATA ACQUISITION

3.1.2.1 For data acquisition, the service shall take the appropriate action to acquire the value from the specified device and return it to the application.

3.1.2.2 The format of the value acquired from the device shall be preserved regardless of any encapsulation.

NOTE – In order to transfer this value from a remotely located device, the value may be encapsulated within another data structure, e.g., to be transferred across an underlying bus.

3.1.3 COMMANDING (OPTIONAL)

3.1.3.1 For commanding, the value to be sent to the specified device is provided as a parameter by the application, and the service shall preserve the format of this data so that it is received by the device exactly as it is provided.

NOTE – In order to transfer this value to a remotely located device, the value may be encapsulated within another data structure, e.g., to be transferred across an underlying bus.

3.1.3.2 In the cases where a command operation on a device elicits a response from the device, the response value shall be returned to the application.

3.2 EXPECTED SERVICES FROM UNDERLYING LAYERS

The service that the DVS expects from the underlying services is the DAS, as specified in reference [1], to obtain access to the physical device.

3.3 SERVICE PARAMETERS

3.3.1 GENERAL

The DVS shall use the parameters specified in 3.3.2 through 3.3.7.

3.3.2 TRANSACTION IDENTIFIER

3.3.2.1 The Transaction Identifier parameter shall be a value, assigned by the invoking user entity, which is subsequently used to associate indication primitives with the causal request primitives.

NOTE – The user entity is thus able to correlate all indications and confirmations with the originating service request.

3.3.2.2 Transaction Identifier shall be unique within the user application entity.

3.3.3 RESULT METADATA

The Result Metadata parameter shall be used to provide information generated by the DVS provider to the service invoking entity to provide information related to the successful or failed result of a device access operation.

NOTE – The parameter can also include other information indicating failure conditions, e.g., that the specified request could not be serviced within the managed timeout period or the DVS is not functioning correctly.

3.3.4 VIRTUAL DEVICE IDENTIFIER

The Virtual Device Identifier parameter shall be used to logically identify a device from which data is to be acquired or to which a command is to be sent.

3.3.5 VALUE IDENTIFIER

3.3.5.1 The Value Identifier parameter shall be used to logically identify a value to be acquired from the device or a command value to be sent to the device.

3.3.5.2 The set of valid Value Identifiers for a device shall be the union of the sets of Value Identifiers contained in all the interfaces provided by the device.

3.3.5.3 The Value Identifier shall identify the type of the corresponding value which may be a complex, structured type.

3.3.5.4 The Value Identifier shall identify the engineering units of the corresponding value (if applicable).

3.3.5.5 The Value Identifier shall identify the semantic meaning of the corresponding value.

3.3.6 VALUE

The Value parameter shall be used to state the value acquired from or previously asynchronously emitted by the device, or the command value that is to be sent to the device. The value shall be of the type identified by the corresponding Value Identifier, which may be a complex, structured type.

3.3.7 TIMESTAMP

3.3.7.1 The timestamp parameter shall be used to indicate a time associated with a value.

3.3.7.2 The timestamp may indicate the time the value was generated by the device, emitted by the device, or acquired by the service. This is implementation-specific.

3.4 DEVICE VIRTUALISATION SERVICE PRIMITIVES

3.4.1 GENERAL

3.4.1.1 The DVS interface shall implement the following primitives:

- a) ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request, as specified in 3.4.2.
- b) ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication, as specified in 3.4.3.

3.4.1.2 Optionally, the DVS interface may implement the following primitives:

- a) COMMAND_DEVICE.request, as specified in 3.4.4.
- b) COMMAND_DEVICE.indication, as specified in 3.4.5.

3.4.2 ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.REQUEST

3.4.2.1 Function

The ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request primitive shall be passed to the SOIS DVS provider to request that a data value be acquired from a device.

3.4.2.2 Semantics

The ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request primitive shall use the following semantics, with the meaning of the parameters specified in 3.3.

ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request (Transaction Identifier,
Virtual Device Identifier, Value Identifier)

3.4.2.3 When Generated

The **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request** primitive shall be passed to the SOIS DVS provider to request that a data value be acquired from a device.

3.4.2.4 Effect on Receipt

3.4.2.4.1 Receipt of the **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request** primitive shall cause the SOIS DVS provider to acquire a data value from a device.

3.4.2.4.2 Depending upon the nature of the device, the data value acquired shall be either a value directly acquired from the device or the value most recently asynchronously emitted by the device.

3.4.3 ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.INDICATION

3.4.3.1 Function

The **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall be used to pass the acquired data to the user entity.

3.4.3.2 Semantics

The **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall use the following semantics, with the meaning of the parameters specified in 3.3.

ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication (Transaction Identifier, Value, Result Metadata, Timestamp (optional))

3.4.3.3 When Generated

3.4.3.3.1 The **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall be issued by the service provider to the receiving user entity in response to an **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request**.

NOTE – This primitive:

- contains the value directly acquired from or, where an asynchronously emitted value is requested, the value previously emitted by the device, and
- provides metadata concerning whether the request was executed successfully or not.

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3.4.3.3.2 Optionally, the **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication** primitive may be issued by the service provider to the receiving user entity in response to an asynchronously emitted value received by the DVS.

3.4.3.4 Effect on Receipt

The response of the user entity to an **ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication** primitive is unspecified.

3.4.4 COMMAND_DEVICE.REQUEST

3.4.4.1 Function

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.request** primitive shall be used to request the service to command a device.

3.4.4.2 Semantics

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.request** primitive shall use the following semantics, with the meaning of the parameters specified in 3.3.

COMMAND_DEVICE.request (Transaction Identifier, Virtual Device Identifier, Value Identifier, Value)

3.4.4.3 When Generated

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.request** primitive shall be passed to the SOIS DVS provider to request that a command value be sent to a device.

3.4.4.4 Effect on Receipt

Receipt of the **COMMAND_DEVICE.request** primitive shall cause the SOIS DVS provider to send a command value to the device.

3.4.5 COMMAND_DEVICE.INDICATION

3.4.5.1 Function

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall be used to pass the response to a command to a device to the user entity.

3.4.5.2 Semantics

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall use the following semantics, with the meaning of the parameters specified in 3.3.

COMMAND_DEVICE.indication (Transaction Identifier, Result Metadata)

3.4.5.3 When Generated

The **COMMAND_DEVICE.indication** primitive shall be issued by the service provider to the receiving user entity in response to a **COMMAND_DEVICE.request**.

3.4.5.4 Effect on Receipt

The response of the user entity to a **COMMAND_DEVICE.indication** primitive is unspecified.

3.4.5.5 Discussion

The Result Metadata parameter can also contain other information indicating failure conditions such as Device or Value Identifier resolution failure or an inability to write to the device. It may also contain ancillary information that is returned by the device in response to the command.

Not all devices will produce a response when a command value is sent to them. As specified in section 4, the Device and Value Identifier Resolution Table indicate to the service whether a specific device will generate a response or not. Where a device does not generate a response, a **COMMAND_DEVICE.indication** can indicate only that the command was successfully sent or that there was an error at the sending side; there can be no indication of whether the command was received by the device or successfully acted upon.

4 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BASE

4.1 OVERVIEW

There is currently no Management Information Base associated with this service. All management items are associated with the implementation providing the service. However, guidance is provided as to MIB contents in 4.3.

4.2 SPECIFICATIONS

Any implementation claiming to provide this service in a SOIS-compliant manner shall publish its Management Information Base as part of the protocol specification.

4.3 MIB GUIDANCE

The MIB of the protocol providing the DVS should consider the following aspects:

Device and Value Identifier Resolution Table, as specified in 4.4.

NOTE – These aspects are not in any way an indication of the complete contents of a MIB for an implementation providing the DVS but are offered as guidance as to those aspects of the MIB which may relate to DVS interface.

4.4 DEVICE AND VALUE IDENTIFIER RESOLUTION TABLE

4.4.1 The **Device and Value Identifier Resolution Table** shall contain a set of managed parameters that map logical device and value identifiers onto individual underlying services and their associated available addressing mechanisms.

4.4.2 The table specified in 4.4.1 should indicate to the service whether or not a specific device will generate a response.

4.4.3 Any entity managing the service should be able to:

- a) access the table specified in 4.4.1; and
- b) update it to reflect changes in the flight hardware configuration and relocation of devices.

NOTE – Whether the Device and Value Identifier Resolution Table can be updated dynamically during service operation is not specified here. This question is an implementation issue to be decided according to the needs of the particular mission for which the service implementation is being developed.

ANNEX A

DEVICE VIRTUALIZATION SERVICE PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION CONFORMANCE STATEMENT PROFORMA

(NORMATIVE)

A1 INTRODUCTION

This annex provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) Requirements List (RL) for implementation of the DVS, CCSDS 871.2-M-1, March 2014. The PICS for an implementation is generated by completing the RL in accordance with the instructions below. An implementation shall satisfy the mandatory conformance requirements of the base standards referenced in the RL.

The RL in this annex is blank. An implementation's complete RL is called a PICS. The PICS states which capabilities and options of the services have been implemented. The following can use the PICS:

- The service implementer, as a checklist to reduce the risk of failure to conform to the standard through oversight;
- The supplier and acquirer or potential acquirer of the implementation, as a detailed indication of the capabilities of the implementation, stated relative to the common basis for understanding provided by the standard PICS proforma;
- The user or potential user of the implementation, as a basis for initially checking the possibility of interoperability with another implementation;
- A service tester, as a basis for selecting appropriate tests against which to assess the claim for conformance of the implementation.

A2 NOTATION

The following are used in the RL to indicate the status of features:

Status Symbols

M mandatory

O optional

Support Column Symbols

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The support of every item as claimed by the implementer is stated by entering the appropriate answer (Y, N or N/A) in the Support column:

Y	Yes, supported by the implementation
N	No, not supported by the implementation
N/A	Not applicable

A3 REFERENCED BASE STANDARDS

The base standards references in the RL are:

- Device Virtualisation Service – this document.

A4 GENERATION INFORMATION

A4.1 IDENTIFICATION OF PICS

Ref	Question	Response
1	Date of Statement (DD/MM/YYYY)	
2	PICS serial number	
3	System Conformance statement cross-reference	

A4.2 IDENTIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION UNDER TEST (IUT)

Ref	Question	Response
1	Implementation name	
2	Implementation version	
3	Special configuration	
4	Other information	

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A4.3 IDENTIFICATION

Ref	Question	Response
1	Supplier	
2	Contact Point for Queries	
3	Implementation name(s) and Versions	
4	Other information necessary for full identification, e.g., name(s) and version(s) for machines and/or operating systems: System Name(s)	

A4.4 SERVICE SUMMARY

Ref	Question	Response
1	Service Version	
2	Addenda implemented	
3	Amendments implemented	
4	Have any exceptions been required? NOTE – A YES answer means that the implementation does not conform to the service. Non-supported mandatory capabilities are to be identified in the PICS, with an explanation of why the implementation is non-conforming.	Yes _____ No _____

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A4.5 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RL

An implementer shows the extent of compliance to the protocol by completing the RL; that is, compliance to all mandatory requirements and the options that are not supported are shown. The resulting completed RL is called a PICS. In the Support column, each response shall be selected either from the indicated set of responses or it shall comprise one or more parameter values as requested. If a conditional requirement is inappropriate, N/A shall be used. If a mandatory requirement is not satisfied, exception information must be supplied by entering a reference X_i , where i is a unique identifier, to an accompanying rationale for the non-compliance.

A5 GENERAL/MAJOR CAPABILITIES

Service Feature	Reference (Red Book)	Status	Support
ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.request	3.4.2	M	
ACQUIRE_FROM_DEVICE.indication	3.4.3	M	
COMMAND_DEVICE.request	3.4.4	O	
COMMAND_DEVICE.indication	3.4.5	O	
Timestamp parameter	3.3.7	O	

A6 UNDERLYING LAYERS PROVIDING SERVICES TO IMPLEMENTATION

This subsection provides identification of the underlying layers providing services to the implementation.

Service Feature	Reference	Status	Support
Device Access Service	3.2	M	

ANNEX B

SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

(INFORMATIVE)

B1 SECURITY BACKGROUND

The SOIS services are intended for use with protocols that operate solely within the confines of an onboard subnet. It is therefore assumed that SOIS services operate in an isolated environment which is protected from external threats. Any external communication is assumed to be protected by services associated with the relevant space-link protocols. The specification of such security services is out of scope of this document.

B2 SECURITY CONCERNS

At the time of writing there are no identified security concerns. If confidentiality of data is required within a spacecraft it is assumed it is applied at the Application Layer. For more information regarding the choice of service and where it can be implemented, see reference [D4].

B3 POTENTIAL THREATS AND ATTACK SCENARIOS

Potential threats and attack scenarios typically derive from external communication and are therefore not the direct concern of the SOIS services, which make the assumption that the services operate within a safe and secure environment. It is assumed that all applications executing within the spacecraft have been thoroughly tested and cleared for use by the mission implementer. Confidentiality of applications can be provided by Application Layer mechanisms or by specific implementation methods such as time and space partitioning. Such methods are outside the scope of SOIS.

B4 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT APPLYING SECURITY

The security services are out of scope of this document and are expected to be applied at layers above or below those specified in this document. If confidentiality is not implemented, science data or other parameters transmitted within the spacecraft might be visible to other applications resident within the spacecraft resulting in disclosure of sensitive or private information.

B5 RELIABILITY

While it is assumed that the underlying mechanisms used to implement the devices operate correctly, the DVS make no assumptions as to their reliability.

ANNEX C

ACRONYMS

(INFORMATIVE)

CCSDS	Consultative Committee for Space Data Standards
DAS	Device Access Service
DVS	Device Virtualisation Service
DACP	Device Abstraction Control Procedure
ID	Identifier
MIB	Management Information Base
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
SAP	Service Access Point
SOIS	Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services

ANNEX D

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(INFORMATIVE)

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