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# Space data and information transfer systems — Spacecraft onboard interface services — Time access service

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines services and service interfaces provided by the Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services (SOIS) time access service. It specifies only the service and not the methods of providing the service, although use of the SOIS subnetwork services is assumed.

This International Standard conforms to the principles set out in the SOIS Green Book (CCSDS 850.0-G-1; see Reference A6) and it is intended to be applied together with it.

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## FOREWORD

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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 services to be provided in support of onboard applications.

The purpose of this document is to define services and service interfaces provided by the SOIS Time Access Service. Its scope is to specify the service only and not to specify methods of providing the service, although use of the SOIS subnetwork services is assumed.

This document conforms to the principles set out in the SOIS Green Book (reference [A6]) and it is intended to be applied together with it.

### 1.2 APPLICABILITY

This document applies to any mission or equipment claiming to provide a SOIS-compatible Time Access Service.

### 1.3 RATIONALE

SOIS provides service interface specifications in order to promote interoperability and development reuse via peer-to-peer and vertical standardisation.

### 1.4 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This document has five major sections:

- this section, containing administrative information, definitions, and references;
- section 2, describing general concepts and assumptions, including security issues;
- section 3, containing the Time Access Service specification;
- section 4, containing the Management Information Base (MIB) for this service;
- section 5, comprising a Service Conformance Statement Proforma.

In addition, four informative annexes are provided:

- annex A, containing a list of informative references;
- annex B, describing how local time registers may be implemented and how the master onboard time value is usually distributed in current spacecraft;
- annex C, describing aspects of the POSIX API time functions which might be useful to implementers of the Time Access Service;
- annex D, describing how an implementation of the service may be characterised.

## 1.5 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

### 1.5.1 BIT NUMBERING CONVENTION AND NOMENCLATURE

In this document, the following convention is used to identify each bit in an  $N$ -bit field. The first bit in the field to be transmitted (i.e., the most left justified when drawing a figure) is defined to be 'Bit 0'; the following bit is defined to be 'Bit 1' and so on up to 'Bit  $N-1$ '. When the field is used to express a binary value (such as a counter), the Most Significant Bit (MSB) shall be the first transmitted bit of the field, i.e., 'Bit 0' (see figure 1-1).



Figure 1-1: Bit Numbering Convention

In accordance with modern data communications practice, spacecraft data fields are often grouped into eight-bit 'words' widely known as bytes. Throughout this Recommended Practice, such an eight-bit word is called an 'octet'.

The numbering for octets within a data structure starts with zero. By CCSDS convention, any 'spare' bits shall be permanently set to '0'.

### 1.5.2 DEFINITIONS

#### 1.5.2.1 General

For the purpose of this document the following definitions apply.

#### 1.5.2.2 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 [A4]). 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 [A4]:

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

**protocol data unit (PDU):** unit of data specified in a protocol and consisting of Protocol Control Information (PCI) and possibly user data.



**service:** capability of a layer (service provider) together with the layers beneath it, which is provided to the service users.

**Time Access Service Access Point (TASAP):** the point at which Time Access Service is provided by a Time Access Service entity to a Time Access Service user entity.

**TASAP address:** a Time Access Service address that is used to identify a single TASAP.

### 1.5.2.3 Terms defined in this Recommended Practice

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

**accuracy:** closeness of the agreement between the times reported by a local time source and the master onboard time source of the spacecraft.

**application:** component of the onboard software that makes use of the Time Access Service.

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

**error bound:** indication of the theoretical error range of a particular time value.

#### NOTES

1 This is dependent upon the mechanisms of the time source used to obtain the time value. It may be related to the precision and resolution of the time value but also any associated synchronisation mechanisms.

2 Larger values for the error bound indicate less accuracy in the returned time value.

**precision:** smallest significant time increment that can be reported by a time source.

NOTE – For example, a time source that reports time as *minutes:seconds:milliseconds* has a precision of 1ms. The precision of a time source is normally less than the resolution of that time source.

**resolution:** smallest significant time increment that can be measured by a time source.

NOTE – For example, a time source driven by a 1MHz oscillator has a resolution of 1µs.

**time correlation:** process of maintaining coherence between the master time source and each local time source, such that all time sources provide the same time value within some bounded uncertainty.

NOTE – This maximizes the accuracy of each time source with respect to the master onboard time source.



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