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With the integration of fieldbuses into control systems, there are a few other tasks which need to be performed. In addition to fieldbus- and device-specific tools, there is a need to integrate these tools into higher-level system-wide planning or engineering tools. In particular, for use in extensive and heterogeneous control systems, typically in the area of the process industry, the unambiguous definition of engineering interfaces that are easy to use for all those involved is of great importance.

A device-specific software component created according to this document is called Device Type Manager (DTM). It integrates all device-specific data, functions and business rules into the system via the FDT services defined herein.

The FDT/DTM approach is open for all kind of fieldbuses and enables integration variety of devices into heterogeneous systems.

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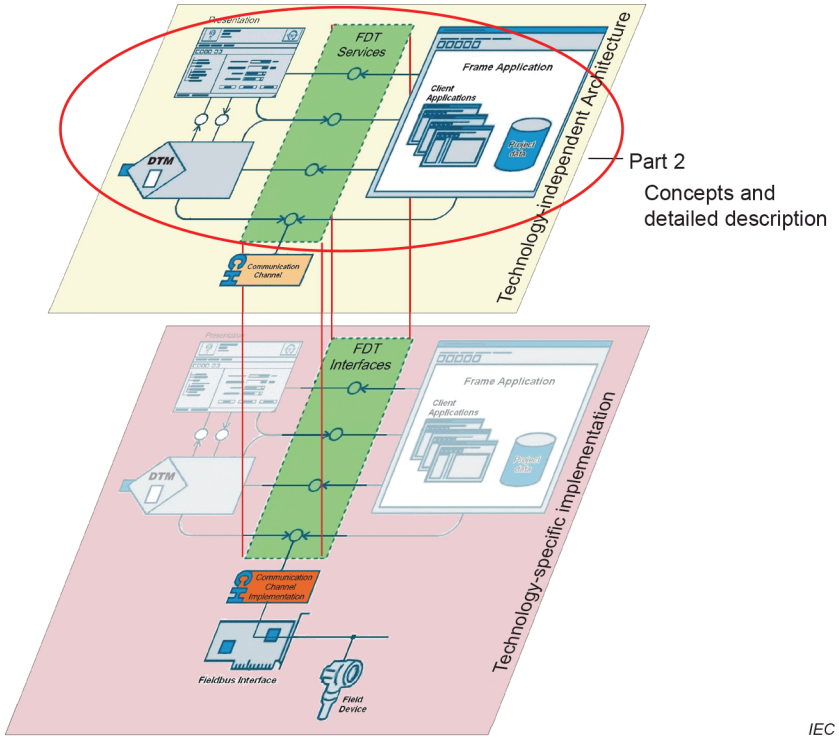

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Part 2: Concepts and detailed description

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62453 explains the common principles of the field device tool concept. These principles can be used in various industrial applications such as engineering systems, configuration programs and monitoring and diagnostic applications.

This document specifies the general objects, general object behavior and general object interactions that provide the base of FDT.

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