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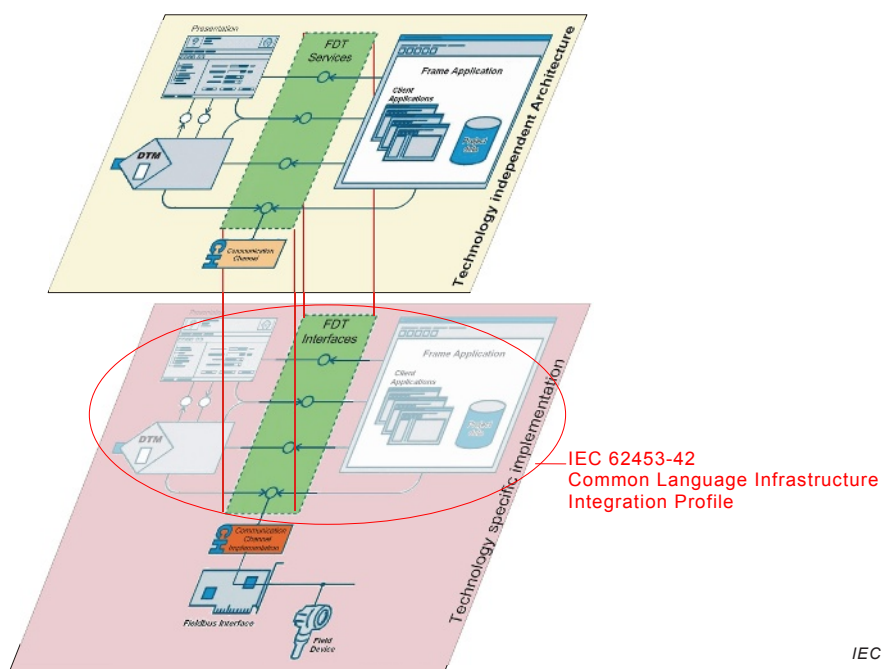
## INTRODUCTION

This Part of IEC 62543, which is a technical report, is an interface specification for developers of FDT (Field Device Tool) components for function control and data access within a client/server architecture. The specification is a result of an analysis and design process to develop standard interfaces to facilitate the development of servers and clients by multiple vendors that need to interoperate seamlessly.

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, the unambiguous definition of engineering interfaces that are easy to use for all those involved is of great importance.

A device-specific software component, called DTM (Device Type Manager), is supplied by the field device manufacturer with its device. The DTM is integrated into engineering tools via the FDT interfaces defined in this specification. The approach to integration, in general, is open for all kind of fieldbusses and thus meets the requirements for integrating different kinds of devices into heterogeneous control systems.

Figure 1 shows how IEC TR 62453-42 is related to the IEC 62453 series.



**Figure 1 – Relation of IEC 62453-42 to the IEC 62453 series**

The document structure is:

- Clause 3 explains the used terms, definitions and conventions
- Clause 4 introduces the general concepts of IEC 62453-42
- Clause 5 describes the technical concepts used to implement IEC 62453-42 and how FDT concepts are mapped to .NET Framework
- Clause 6 provides an overview of the FDT Objects, their interfaces and behavior
- Clause 7 presents an overview of the IEC 62453-42 datatypes
- Clause 8 shows the interaction of FDT Objects at runtime
- Clause 9 explains rules related to installation and deployment of DTMs

- Clause 10 explains how FDT life cycle concepts are implemented
- Clause 11 shows examples for Frame Application architectures

## FIELD DEVICE TOOL (FDT) INTERFACE SPECIFICATION –

### Part 42: Object model integration profile – Common Language Infrastructure

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62453, which is a technical report, defines how the common FDT principles are implemented based on the .NET technology, including the object behavior and object interaction via .NET interfaces.

This document specifies FDT version 2.0.

## 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 62453-1:—<sup>1</sup>, *Field Device Tool (FDT) interface specification – Part 1: Overview and guidance*

IEC 62453-2:—<sup>1</sup>, *Field Device Tool (FDT) interface specification – Part 2: Concepts and detailed description*

## 3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and conventions

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62453-1, IEC 62453-2 as well as the following apply.

#### 3.1.1 action

execution of a function which may involve several calls to interface methods of different FDT Objects

#### 3.1.2 asynchronous methods

methods that trigger execution of asynchronous operations

Note 1 to entry: See also 5.6.7.

#### 3.1.3 asynchronous operation

operation that is performed while the FDT object (client) that has requested the operation does not wait for the result, but the client is notified when the operation is finished

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<sup>1</sup> To be published concurrently with this technical report.