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Foreword

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Introduction

ISO 17987 (all parts) specifies the use cases, the communication protocol and physical layer requirements of an in-vehicle communication network called Local Interconnect Network (LIN).

The LIN protocol as proposed is an automotive focused low speed Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART) based network. Some of the key characteristics of the LIN protocol are signal-based communication, schedule table-based frame transfer, master/slave communication with error detection, node configuration and diagnostic service communication.

The LIN protocol is for low cost automotive control applications, for example, door module and air condition systems. It serves as a communication infrastructure for low-speed control applications in vehicles by providing:

— signal-based communication to exchange information between applications in different nodes;

— bit rate support from 1 kbit/s to 20 kbit/s;

— deterministic schedule table-based frame communication;

— network management that wakes up and puts the LIN cluster into sleep mode in a controlled manner;

— status management that provides error handling and error signalling;

— transport layer that allows large amount of data to be transmitted (such as diagnostic services);

— specification of how to handle diagnostic services;

— electrical physical layer specifications;

— node description language describing properties of slave nodes;

— network description file describing behaviour of communication;

— application programmer's interface;

ISO 17987 (all parts) is based on the open systems interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model as specified in ISO/IEC 7498-1 which structures communication systems into seven layers.

The OSI model structures data communication into seven layers called (top down) *application layer* (layer 7), *presentation layer, session layer, transport layer, network layer, data link layer* and *physical layer* (layer 1). A subset of these layers is used in ISO 17987 (all parts).

ISO 17987 (all parts) distinguishes between the services provided by a layer to the layer above it and the protocol used by the layer to send a message between the peer entities of that layer. The reason for this distinction is to make the services, especially the application layer services and the transport layer services, reusable also for other types of networks than LIN. In this way, the protocol is hidden from the service user and it is possible to change the protocol if special system requirements demand it.

ISO 17987 (all parts) provides all documents and references required to support the implementation of the requirements related to.

— ISO 17987-1: This part provides an overview of the ISO 17987 (all parts) and structure along with the use case definitions and a common set of resources (definitions, references) for use by all subsequent parts.

— ISO 17987-2: This part specifies the requirements related to the transport protocol and the network layer requirements to transport the PDU of a message between LIN nodes.

— ISO 17987-3: This part specifies the requirements for implementations of the LIN protocol on the logical level of abstraction. Hardware-related properties are hidden in the defined constraints.

— ISO 17987-4: This part specifies the requirements for implementations of active hardware components which are necessary to interconnect the protocol implementation.

— ISO/TR 17987-5: This part specifies the LIN application programmers interface (API) and the node configuration and identification services. The node configuration and identification services are specified in the API and define how a slave node is configured and how a slave node uses the identification service.

— ISO 17987-6: This part specifies tests to check the conformance of the LIN protocol implementation according to ISO 17987-2 and ISO 17987-3. This comprises tests for the data link layer, the network layer and the transport layer.

— ISO 17987-7: This part specifies tests to check the conformance of the LIN electrical physical layer implementation (logical level of abstraction) according to ISO 17987-4.

The LIN API is a network software layer that hides the details of a LIN network configuration (e.g. how signals are mapped into certain frames) for a user making an application program for an arbitrary ECU. The user is provided an API, which is focused on the signals transported on the LIN network. A tool takes care of the step from network configuration to program code. This provides the user with configuration flexibility. The LIN API is only one possible API existing today beside others like defined for LIN master nodes in the AUTOSAR standard. Therefore, the LIN API is published as a Technical Report and all definitions given here are informative only.

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Part 5:
Application programmers interface (API)

1 Scope

This document has been established in order to define the LIN application programmers interface (API).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17987-2 and ISO 17987-3 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.2 Symbols

|| logical OR binary operation

3.3 Abbreviated terms

API   application programmers interface

ms   millisecond

OSI   open systems interconnection

PDU   protocol data unit

RX   Rx pin of the transceiver

UART   universal asynchronous receiver transmitter

4 API definitions

4.1 LIN cluster generation

The LIN Description file (LDF; see ISO 17987-2) is parsed by a tool and generates a configuration for the LIN device driver. The node capability language specification (NCF) is normally not used in this