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FOREWORD

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NOTE

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Summary

This Recommendation | International Standard describes the protocol implementation conformance statement for the OSI connection-mode presentation protocol (see ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1). The PICS presents, in tabular form, the mandatory and optional elements of the TP protocol. The PICS is utilized to represent the choices and features of a particular implementation of the OSI presentation protocol.

Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard is one of a set of Recommendations | International Standards produced to facilitate the interconnection of information processing systems. It is related to other Recommendations and International Standards in the set as defined by the Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection (see ITU-T Rec. X.200 | ISO/IEC 7498-1). The Reference Model subdivides the area of standardization for interconnection into a series of layers of specification, each of manageable size.

The goal of Open Systems Interconnection is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside the interconnection standards, the interconnection of information processing systems:

- from different manufacturers;
- under different managements;
- of different levels of complexity; and
- of different technologies.

ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1 specifies the connection-oriented presentation protocol. It specifies a common encoding and a number of functional units of presentation protocol procedures to be used to meet the needs of presentation-service-users.

To evaluate the conformance of a particular implementation, it is necessary to have a description of the capabilities and options which have been implemented. Such a description is called a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS).

This Recommendation | International Standard includes the PICS proforma for the connection-oriented presentation protocol as defined in ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1.

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ITU-T RECOMMENDATION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OPEN SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION – CONNECTION-ORIENTED PRESENTATION PROTOCOL: PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION CONFORMANCE STATEMENT (PICS) PROFORMA

1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma for the connection-oriented presentation protocol specified in ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1. This PICS proforma is in compliance with the relevant requirements, and in accordance with the relevant guidance, given in ITU-T Rec. X.296 | ISO/IEC 9646-7. Detail of the use of this proforma is provided in this Recommendation | International Standard.

The supplier of an implementation which is claimed to conform to ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1 is required to complete a copy of the PICS proforma provided in Annex A, and is required to provide the information necessary to identify both the supplier and the implementation.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and the parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- ITU-T Recommendation X.200 (1994) | ISO/IEC 7498-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.215 (1995) | ISO/IEC 8326:1996, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Session service definition*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.226 (1994) | ISO/IEC 8823-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Connection-oriented presentation protocol: Protocol specification*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.680 (1994) | ISO/IEC 8824-1:1995, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.690 (1994) | ISO/IEC 8825-1:1995, *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*.

2.2 Paired Recommendations | International Standards equivalent in technical content

- ITU-T Recommendation X.290 (1995), *OSI conformance testing methodology and framework for protocol Recommendations for ITU-T applications – General concepts*.
ISO/IEC 9646-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Conformance testing methodology and framework – Part 1: General concepts*.

- ITU-T Recommendation X.296 (1995), *OSI conformance testing methodology and framework for protocol Recommendations for ITU-T applications – Implementation conformance statements*.
ISO/IEC 9646-7:1995, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Conformance testing methodology and framework – Part 7: Implementation Conformance Statements*.
- CCITT Recommendation X.650 (1992), *Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) – Reference Model for naming and addressing*.
ISO 7498-3:1989, *Information processing systems – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Part 3: Naming and addressing*.

2.3 Additional references

- CCITT Recommendation X.410 (1984), *Message handling systems: Remote operations and reliable transfer server*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 Terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1

3.2 Terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.290 | ISO/IEC 9646-1

- a) Implementation conformance statement proforma;
- b) Implementation conformance statement;
- c) Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS);
- d) PICS proforma.

3.3 Additional terms

- a) Requestor: the PPM that initiates a particular action;
- b) Acceptor: the PPM that accepts a particular action.

4 Abbreviations

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
ICS	Implementation Conformance Statement
PCI	Protocol Control Information
PDV	Presentation Data Value
PICS	Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement
PPDU	Presentation Protocol Data Unit

5 Conformance

A conforming PICS proforma shall be technically equivalent to the ITU-T | ISO/IEC published PICS proforma and shall preserve the numbering and ordering of the items in the ITU-T | ISO/IEC PICS proforma.

A PICS which conforms to this Recommendation | International Standard shall:

- a) describe an implementation which conforms to ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1;
- b) be a conforming PICS proforma, which has been completed in accordance with the instruction for completion given in A.2;
- c) include the information necessary to uniquely identify both the supplier and the implementation.

Annex A¹⁾

Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma for the connection-oriented presentation protocol (This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard)

A.1 Identification of PICS proforma corrigenda

The supplier of the PICS proforma shall identify any corrigenda (i.e. Technical corrigenda or equivalent) to the published proforma that have been applied. Suppliers of the proforma should modify the proforma, or attach relevant additional pages in order to apply the corrigenda, and then record the application of the corrigenda in Table A.1.

Table A.1

Identification of corrigenda applied to this PICS proforma	ITU-T Rec. X.246 (1994) ISO/IEC 8823-2:1995
	Corr:
	Corr:
	Corr:

A.2 Instructions

A.2.1 Purpose and structure of the proforma

The purpose of this PICS proforma is to provide suppliers of implementations of ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1 with a consistent means of stating which capabilities have been implemented.

The proforma is in the form of a questionnaire and consists of a set of items. An item is provided for each capability for which an implementation choice is allowed. Items are also provided for major mandatory capabilities for which no implementation choice is allowed. Each item includes an item number, an item description, a status value specifying the support requirement, and room for a support answer to be provided by the supplier.

This subclause provides general information and instructions for completion of the proforma.

Subclause A.3 is for identification of the implementation.

Subclause A.4 contains the means of specifying, at a high level, the protocol and corrigenda that have been implemented.

Subclause A.5 contains the global statement of conformance.

Subclause A.6 onwards contain tables in which the supplier specifies details of the implementation options chosen.

A.2.2 Symbols, terms and abbreviations

A.2.2.1 Introduction

Notations have been introduced in order to reduce the size of tables in the PICS proforma. These have allowed the use of multi-column layout where the columns are headed ‘Status’, and ‘Support’. The definition of each is given below.

Additionally, the following definitions apply:

A.2.2.1.1 (PICS) item: A row in a PICS proforma table.

A.2.2.1.2 (PICS) question: The question to be answered in the intersection of a PICS item and either a support column (i.e. “Is this item supported in the context applying to this table and column”) or supported values column (i.e. “What values are supported for this item in the context applying to this table and column”) in a PICS proforma table.

¹⁾ Copyright release for PICS proforma

Users of this Recommendation | International Standard may freely reproduce the PICS proforma in this annex so that it can be used for its intended purpose and may further publish the completed PICS.

A.2.2.1.3 status (value): An allowed entry in the status column for an item in a PICS proforma table.

A.2.2.1.4 (support) answer: An allowed entry in the support or supported values columns for an item in a PICS, in answer to a PICS question.

A.2.2.2 Prerequisite notation

If a predicate applies to a whole ICS proforma table, a prerequisite line may be specified in front of the table to which it applies. A prerequisite line takes the form:

Prerequisite: <predicate>

The meaning of such a line is that if <predicate> is True, then the table applies, else it is not-applicable.

A.2.2.3 Item numbering

Each line within the PICS proforma which requires implementation detail to be entered is given an item number in the first column. The item number column provides a means of uniquely referencing each possible answer within the PICS proforma. Such referencing is necessary for specifying predicates, conditional expressions, test suite parameters, and test suite selection expressions.

The means of referencing individual answers is to specify the following sequence:

- a) If, and only if, the reference is being made from another Specification, then start with an unambiguous identifier for the relevant ICS proforma specification, enclosed in parentheses – this identifier is stated in the PICS proforma specification and is updated whenever the PICS proforma is updated – it is recommended that this identifier be the relevant Specification number and year of publication, as is used in a Normative references clause, and this is the default for such identifiers.
- b) The number of the relevant table or, if the tables are not numbered, of the smallest subclause enclosing the relevant table.
- c) A solidus character, “/”.
- d) The item number or mnemonic reference to the item, to identify the row in which the answer appears.
- e) If, and only if, more than one question occurs in the row identified by the item number or mnemonic reference, then each possible answer is implicitly labelled a, b, c, etc., from left to right, and this letter is appended to the sequence, prefixed by a solidus character (“/”) if a mnemonic reference is used.

If mnemonic references are specified and each uniquely identify an item in the PICS proforma, then entries b) and c) in the above sequence may be omitted.

A.2.2.4 Status column

‘Status’ as defined in ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1. This column indicates the level of support required for conformance to ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1.

A.2.2.4.1 Definitions applying to the table in A.7

The values are as follows:

- ‘m’ Mandatory support is required.
- ‘o’ Optional support is permitted for conformance to ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1. If implemented, it must conform to the specifications and restrictions contained in ITU-T Rec. X.226 | ISO/IEC 8823-1. These restrictions may affect the optionality of other items.
- ‘o.n’ Selectable options among a set of items (where *n* is the number which identifies the group of optional items that are grouped together). The definitions for the qualified optional statements used are written under the tables, and are indexed in Annex B.
- ‘cn’ The item is conditional (where *n* is the number which identifies the condition which is applicable). The definitions for the conditional statements used are written under the tables, and are indexed in Annex B.
- ‘n/a’ The item is not applicable.

If support is claimed for the sending of a PPDU, then the implementation shall be able to:

- build the PPDU (i.e. build correctly the heading, all mandatory parameters, and all supported optional parameters) in the situations required by the protocol specification;
- encode the PPDU according to a valid encoding format.