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INTRODUCTION

This document is based on the use of IEC 62264 object models defined in IEC 62264-2, IEC 62264-4 and IEC 62264-5 to define a set of services that may be used to exchange messages. This document defines a messaging service model (MSM) for exchanging messages in a publish-subscribe mode and a request-response mode.

The Messaging Service Model provides a method for applications to send and receive messages from MSM service providers without regard to the underlying communication mechanism, as part of a complete application-to-application data exchange.

This document defines a model for message exchange services (Messaging Service Model) that are designed to provide a technology independent method for sending and receiving transaction messages to or from underlying exchange services.

The knowledge requirements to interface to just one message exchange system can be immense and are usually not transferable to a different system. MSM defines a single interface, independent of the underlying exchange services, for exchanging data objects defined by IEC 62264-2 and by IEC 62264-4. This removes the need for vendors to build custom interface after custom interface, and for end users to get locked into a single vendor because their investment prevents them from reusing any of the integration efforts.

Exchanging the data objects between different computer system applications involves multiple different steps, as shown in Figure 1.

- a) The applications usually have different internal representations of exchanged objects in their own local data stores. This representation is usually converted from the local format to a commonly accepted global format. IEC 62264-2 defines models of a global format for Level 4-3 data exchanges. IEC 62264-4 defines models of a global format for Level 3-3 data exchanges. This conversion, from local to global and global to local, is usually performed twice for any two-way communications.

EXAMPLE 1 Assume two applications, ALPHA and BETA: the ALPHA application initiates a data exchange with the BETA application, and BETA responds back to ALPHA. The format conversions are: ALPHA's local format to global format for the request data, global format to BETA's local format for the request data, BETA's local format to global format for the response data, and global format to ALPHA's format for the response data.

- b) Conversion is performed to align the namespaces among the exchanging applications and is usually performed four times for any two-way communications.

EXAMPLE 2 Names for elements of data can be codes, tag names, or equipment identifiers.

EXAMPLE 3 Data which are represented in one element namespace, such as codes 1,2,3,4, can have a different namespace in another application, such as codes Ok, Done, Error, Delay.

- c) Once information is in the global format with global names, the exchanged information is sent from one application to another application.
- d) Messages are transported from one application to another, either within the same computer environment or across computers. Transport mechanisms are defined in other standards, such as TCP/IP and Ethernet standards.
- e) When data exchange information is received, there are specific rules that define what resultant data are to be returned. The transaction rules are defined in IEC 62264-5.

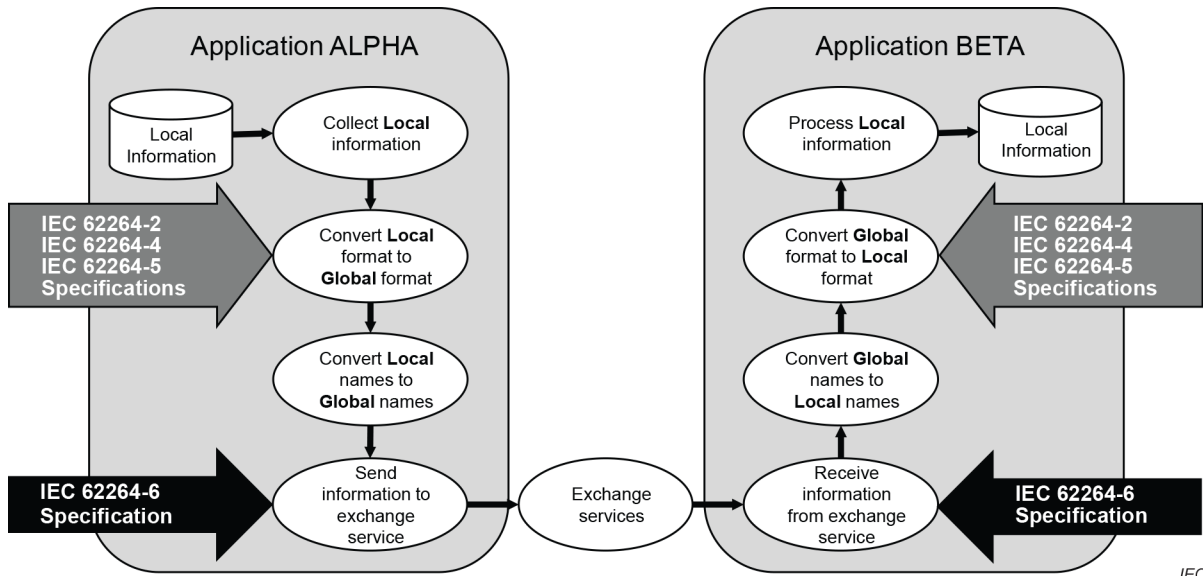


Figure 1 – Steps in application-to-application communication

MSM is a minimal interface subset that can reside on most exchange services and is based on well-defined and structured data objects and transaction messages.

Each layer shown in Figure 2 addresses a specific element of application data exchange.

- 1) A Data Object layer defines the meaning, format, and structure of the basic elements of exchanged information.

NOTE 1 This layer uses application space specific definitions, such as the IEC 62264-2 and IEC 62264-4 object definitions, MESA B2MML, MIMOSA CCOM objects, and "Nouns" defined in OAGIS.

- 2) A Transaction layer defines the meaning, format, and structure of actions to be taken on the data objects.

NOTE 2 This layer can use IEC 62264-5 transaction style specific definitions. Another transaction layer definition could be the OAGIS "Verb" definitions.

- 3) The MSM defines an interface to the OSI Application layer's services.
- 4) The application, presentation, session and lower level layers define the meaning, format, and structure for coordination, buffering, and exchange of messages or files. These layers contain transfer or exchange style specific definitions, such as Enterprise Service Buses, Enterprise Message Delivery Systems, the OPC UA specification (IEC 62541 standard), RSS, FTP, Named Pipes, Ethernet, TCP/IP, HTTP, and others.

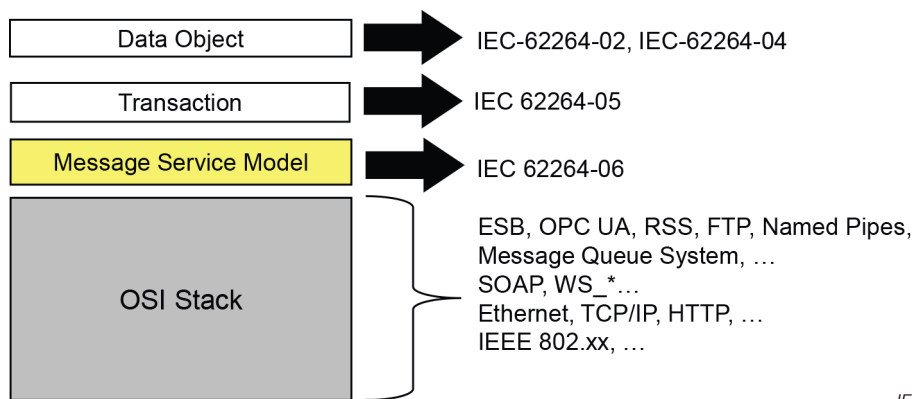


Figure 2 – Defined standards at each level

The IEC 62264-5 standard defines transactions on the information. The Messaging Service Model (MSM) defines an interface to methods for exchange. In a sense, MSM defines the standard "on-ramp" and "off-ramp" to the application layer services. It defines how data is placed into exchange methods and how it is retrieved from the exchange methods.

NOTE 1 Message synchronization using the MSM service is distinct from the message synchronization provided by the 62264-5 transaction models as well as distinct from the synchronization mechanisms provided at lower levels of the communications stack.

NOTE 2 In this document, asynchronous message exchanges between consumers and producers can be considered to be pairs of distinct, unidirectional messages.

This document includes two informative annexes. Annex A is informative. It provides considerations for (MSM) service providers. Annex B is informative. It provides a brief description of Enterprise Service Buses as a message exchange mechanism.