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INTRODUCTION

Numerous wired and wireless home network technologies of various types have been developed and are in use today. However, since these technologies have been developed for specific functions such as control, A/V and data services, interoperability is not guaranteed among products employing these technologies. Hence, users who wish to implement the home network environment either purchase devices that are based on a single technology for interoperability or install independent, non-compatible networks in their home.

To solve these problems, home network businesses and service providers have taken into account and developed a number of specific technologies in order to allow interoperability among home network technologies. However, most of these technologies are local and offer interoperability between a limited range of devices and give rise to new problems caused by complexity and diversity in technologies of different companies.

In order to incorporate such complex and diverse technologies, there is a need to develop a new convergence technology that can integrate not only current technologies but also those expected to surface in the future.

The needs for the new convergence technology are the following:

- provide interoperability and interconnectivity among heterogeneous networks through a specific convergence layer;
- provide expandability for applications in not only current network technologies, but also new technologies to be developed in the future;
- are applicable in small devices with low processing capabilities by providing protocols such as simple signaling in the convergence layer;
- available at a low cost and simple to implement on a device;
- able to provide diverse home network services (or applications).
1 Scope and object

This International Standard specifies the common communication protocol (CCP) layer that is capable of providing interoperability and interconnectivity between heterogeneous network technologies, as well as the basic data transmission scheme between devices linked to heterogeneous networks through the CCP layer. The standard also specifies the packet structure in the CCP layer and the common addressing scheme that can be understood among heterogeneous devices. Furthermore, there are specifications regarding protocols capable of providing diverse home network applications through the CCP layer such as the home network management protocol (HNMP), universal home control protocol (UHCP), home multimedia service protocol (HMSP) and home data service protocol (HDSP).

NOTE HNMP is the overall home network management protocol that detects or registers devices. UHCP controls and monitors devices from remote locations. HMSP is the A/V protocol for home entertainment services. HDSP deals with data and messaging services.

This standard is to be applied to systems with network capabilities and those that constitute home networks such as electronic appliances, A/V components, control devices, network terminals and home servers. Moreover, this standard is applicable to a home network consisting of a single home server.

This International Standard gives
- a definition of the CCP layer,
- a data transmission scheme in the CCP layer,
- a CCP packet structure,
- a CCP addressing scheme,
- a home network management protocol (HNMP),
- a universal home control protocol (UHCP),
- a home data service protocol (HDSP),
- requirements of home multimedia service protocol (HMSP).

A home network provides interoperability and interconnectivity regardless of the appliance manufacturer or the network type so that the user is able to receive desired services at any point in time. However, current home network technologies have independent communication protocol layer structures, as shown in Figure 1, with different addressing schemes, data transmission schemes, data processing methods and data formats.

In order to solve problems associated with interoperability and interconnectivity among heterogeneous network technologies, this standard aims to define the CCP layer as a type of a convergence layer.

Further objectives of this standard include specifying the data transmission method, packet structure and common addressing scheme as well as the signaling protocol for providing home network management, control, A/V and data services.