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- Communication profiles ISA100 and GPE were added.
- EDD Identification Information has a new LAYOUT\_TYPE attribute.
- New construct SEMANTIC\_MAP was added.
- CLASS attribute values LOCAL\_A and LOCAL\_B were added.
- Extended LIST functionality to support device managed lists.

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## INTRODUCTION

The EDDL fills the gap between the conceptual function block specification of IEC 61804-2 and a product implementation. It allows the manufacturers to use the same description method for devices based on different technologies and platforms. Figure 1 shows these aspects.

IEC 61804 has the general title "Devices and integration in enterprise systems – Function blocks (FB) for process control and electronic device description language (EDDL)" and consists of the following parts:

Part 2: Specification of FB concept

Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics

Part 4: EDD interpretation

Part 5: EDDL builtin library

Part 6: Meeting the requirements for integrating fieldbus devices in engineering tools for field devices

The EDDL may also be used for the description of product properties in other domains such as industrial automation. Industrial automation may include devices such as generic digital and analog input/output modules, motion controllers, human-machine interfaces, sensors, closed-loop controllers, encoders, hydraulic valves, and programmable controllers.

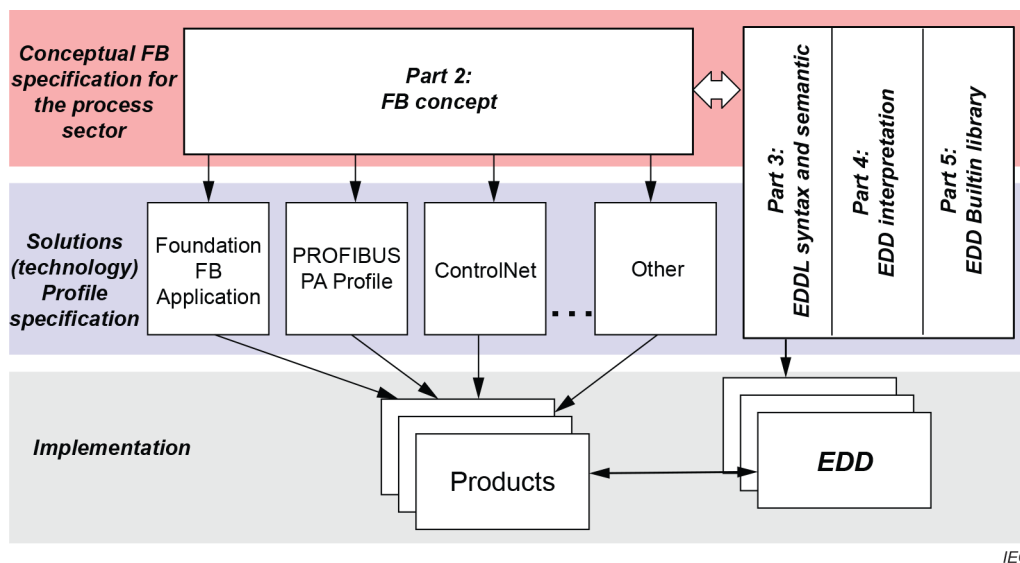


Figure 1 – Position of IEC 61804 in relation to other standards and products

# DEVICES AND INTEGRATION IN ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS – FUNCTION BLOCKS (FB) FOR PROCESS CONTROL AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE (EDDL) –

## Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61804 specifies the electronic device description language (EDDL) technology, which enables the integration of real product details using the tools of the engineering life cycle.

This document specifies EDDL as a generic language for describing the properties of automation system components. EDDL is capable of describing

- device parameters and their dependencies;
- device functions, for example, simulation mode, calibration;
- graphical representations, for example, menus;
- interactions with control devices;
- graphical representations:
  - enhanced user interface,
  - graphing system;
- persistent data store.

EDDL is used to create electronic device description (EDD) for e.g. concrete devices, common usable profiles or libraries. This EDD is used with appropriate tools to generate an interpretative code to support parameter handling, operation, and monitoring of automation system components such as remote I/Os, controllers, sensors, and programmable controllers. Tool implementation is outside the scope of this document.

This document specifies the semantic and lexical structure in a syntax-independent manner. A specific syntax is defined in Annex A, but it is possible to use the semantic model also with different syntaxes.

IEC 61804-4 specifies EDD interpretation for EDD applications and EDDs to support EDD interoperability.

IEC 61804-5 specifies the EDDL builtin library and provides the profiles of the various fieldbuses.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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