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0 Introduction

- 2 The Single-drop Digital Communication Interface (SDCI) and system technology (IO-Link™1))
- for low-cost sensors and actuators is standardized within IEC 61131-9 [3] as well as in [2].
- 4 Tools allow the association of Devices with their corresponding electronic IO Device Descrip-
- tions (IODD) and their subsequent configuration to match the application requirements [4].
- 6 The IO-Link profile "BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update" specification in [1] complements the
- 7 IO-Link specification in [2] supporting transfer of binary large objects and firmware update of
- 8 Devices with the help of corresponding PC tools.
- 9 A test specification [5] supplements the technology specifications and guarantees quality as-
- surance together with a manufacturer declaration.



Figure 1 – Ensemble of IO-Link "BLOB & FW-Update" specifications

The IO-Link Community established and maintains a so-called Change-Request database for those users having problems to understand while reading the specifications, or who found real bugs, or who would like to get an advice at particular implementation situations. The IO-Link working groups are obliged to provide answers within a reasonable timeframe. This corrigendum is a collection of approved answers to important and urgent change requests (CR).

A manual on "How to use the IO-Link change request database" can be found in Annex A.

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1 Motivation and scope

- Over time, the number of implementations in the field is growing and users of the IO-Link pro-
- BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update, V1.0 [1]
- may realize some problems with the published version of this profile specification. Usually, it is possible for them to enter these problems into a so-called Change-Request (CR) database maintained by the IO-Link community. Information on how to access the database is available on the second page of each and every specification. It is the task of each associated working group to respond to the individual user problem report or change request (see Figure 1).
- This document lists *important* and *urgent* CRs for the profile. All of the listed changes are mandatory to observe prior to implementation and testing, as well as for the test equipment by the time of the release of this document. *All products on the market supporting BLOB transfer and firmware update shall show the specified new feature.*
- Annex A provides a manual for those users, who are not familiar with the usage of the IO-Link CR database.

2 Normative references

38 The referenced documents in [1] apply.

3 Symbols and abbreviated terms

CR-xx Change Request (Identification number of the particular database)

IP IO Device Description Specification V1.1

PC Personal Computer

PSP IO-Link Profile Specification – BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update V1.0

TPBF IO-Link Profile Test Specification – BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update Vx.y

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4 Reports on "BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update" V1.0

4.1 Overview

- Table 1 shows the urgent "BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update" specification reports sorted by
- 44 CR-ID. Problem descriptions are hyper-linked with the individual reports (click on text).

Table 1 - IO-Link "BLOB Transfer & Firmware Update" reports

PSP CR-ID	Abstract/Problem	Affected clauses	Affected TPBF, IP
13	Disruption of communication	6.6.1	TPBF
17	Missing error messages before Unlock and Activation (Fig. 30)	7.7.2	TPBF
18	Missing error message at incorrect FW-Password	7.6.7.1	TPBF
19	Missing error message at incorrect SysCmd (Fig. 30)	7.7.2	TPBF
21	Padding octets within BLOB_Last	6.5.3.5	TPBF
23	Octet array as BLOB_CH type	6.5.1	TPBF
28	Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Start	6.5.3.8	TPBF
34	Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Finish	6.5.3.9	TPBF
36	Incorrect ErrorCodes with SysCmd (Table 16)	7.7.2	TPBF

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4.2 Disruption of communication

- This problem report refers to change request ID 13 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 2 shows problem report and solution.

Table 2 – Disrupt communication

Problem	Device shall not disrupt communication. This behavior is not clearly specified.
Solution	
Solution	Device shall not disrupt the communication during BLOB transfer by setting robust parameters such as sufficient Min_Cycle_Time
Clauses	6.6 Protocol of BLOB transmission
Subclauses	6.6.1 Device BLOB state machine
Impact on	_
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 13

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4.3 Missing error messages before Unlock and Activation (Fig. 30)

- This problem report refers to change request ID 17 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 3 shows problem report and solution.

Table 3 - Missing error messages before Unlock and Activation

Problems	 There is no error message specified in case the Unlock sequence is started without setting the FW-Update Flag. There is no error message specified in case the Device is waiting on activation but host sends SysCmd_BM_UNLOCK_S/T/F 	
Solution	Device shall return ErrorCode 0x8036 – "Function temporarily not available", if host sends SysCmd_BM_UNLOCK_S and FW-Update Flag is FALSE (see T21 in new Fig. 30). Device shall return ErrorCode 0x8036 – "Function temporarily not available", if host sends SysCmd_BM_UNLOCK_S/T/F in state WaitOnAcitivation_15 (see T22 in new Fig. 30).	
Clauses	7.7 FW-Update protocol	
Subclauses	7.7.2 Device FW-Update state machine	
Impact on	Device implementation (error handling)	
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 17	

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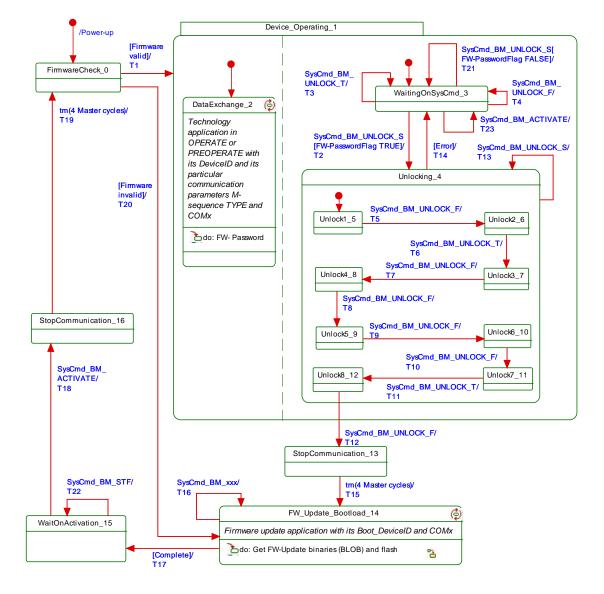


Figure 30 - Device FW-Update state machine

4.4 Missing error message at incorrect FW-Password

- This problem report refers to change request ID 18 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 4 shows problem report and solution.

Table 4 – Missing error message at incorrect FW-Password

Problem	No error message is defined when host sends incorrect "FW-Password" parameter to Device
Solution	Device shall return ErrorCode 0x8030 – "Parameter value out of range" in case of an incorrect password.
Clauses	7.6 Definitions and constraints
Subclauses	7.6.7.1 FW-Password
Impact on	Technology firmware implementation (error handling)
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 18

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4.5 Missing error message at incorrect SysCmd (Fig. 30)

- This problem report refers to change request ID 19 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 5 shows problem report and solution.

Table 5 – Missing error message at incorrect SysCmd

Problem	No error message is defined when host sends SysCmd_BM_ACTIVATE before starting the unlock sequence
Solution	Device shall return ErrorCode 0x8036 – "Function temporarily not available" when host sends SysCmd_BM_ ACTIVATE in state WaitOnSysCmd_3 (see T23 in new Fig. 30)
Clauses	7.7 FW-Update protocol
Subclauses	7.7.2 Device FW-Update state machine
Impact on Device implementation (error handling)	
Remark	See 4.3 and PSP-CR-ID 19

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4.6 Padding octets within BLOB_Last

- 74 This problem report refers to change request ID 21 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 6 shows the problem report and the solution.

Table 6 - Padding octets within BLOB_Last

Problem	Specification requires padding octets (0x00) to "fill up the space to maximum ISDU data size", if the size of the entire BLOB is not exact a multiple of the maximum ISDU size.
	As a consequence, the receiver cannot distinguish between the padding octets (0x00) and a certain number of intended 0x00 octets. The exact end of the payload is required, for example to calculate the CRC signature.
Solution	The host shall use the maximum possible ISDU size. Padding octets shall not be used. The last ISDU shall have the length of the remaining octets of the BLOB including the BLOB_CH header.
Clauses	6.5 BLOB parameters and transfer
Subclauses	6.5.3.5 BLOB_Last
Impact on	BLOB transfer tools and Device implementations
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 21

BLOB_CH BLOB_CH Subfunction Function Function Subfunction 0x3 0x3 Octet n+1 (MSO) Octet n+1 (MSO) Adjusted Octet n+2 Octet n+2 · ISĎU data Octet n+3 Octet n+3 size Maximum ISDU data size Last octet of BLOB (LSO) Last octet of BLOB (LSO) Padding octet (0x00) Padding octet (0x00) Previous New

Figure 2 - Previous and new structure of "BLOB_Last"

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4.7 Octet array as BLOB_CH type

- This problem report refers to change request ID 23 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 7 shows problem report and solution.

Table 7 – Octet array as BLOB_CH type

Problem	In case technology firmware does not use BLOB transfer (only the boot mode) the FW-Update Tool does not know how many octets to be written to BLOB_CH Index. The chosen type OctetStringT is not flexible within its length. Thus, shorter requests will be rejected by the Device (for example reading the BLOB_Info via BLOB_CH to retrieve maximum ISDU length, which probably should be equal to the BLOB_CH ISDU length).
Solution	Type of the BLOB_CH ISDU shall not be a standard IO-Link OctectStringT, which is fixed regarding its length. The BLOB_CH type shall be an octet array referred to as OctetString with a dynamic range depending on the transmitted content.
Clauses	6.5 BLOB parameters and transfer
Subclauses	6.5.1 Profile related Index space
Impact on	-
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 23

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4.8 Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Start

- This problem report refers to change request ID 28 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 8 shows problem report and solution.

Table 8 – Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Start

Problem	ISDU ErrorCode is double defined in case BLOB_Start is send when BLOB transfer is already active: 0x8036 and 0x8022.
Solution	ISDU ErrorCode 0x8022 - "Service not available" shall be used in case the transfer is active.
Clauses	6.5 BLOB parameters and transfer
Subclauses	6.5.3.8 BLOB_Start
Impact on	-
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 28

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4.9 Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Finish

- This problem report refers to change request ID 34 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 9 shows problem report and solution.

Table 9 – Double defined ISDU error at BLOB_Finish

Problem	ISDU ErrorCode is double defined in case BLOB_Finish is used incorrectly: 0x8036 and 0x8030.
Solution	ISDU ErrorCode 0x8030 – "Parameter value out of range" shall be used in case the Device receives BLOB_Finish and is not in state "WaitOn_BLOB_complete_6" (see Fig. 18 in [1]).
Clauses	6.5 BLOB parameters and transfer
Subclauses	6.5.3.9 BLOB_Finish
Impact on	Device implementation
Remark	See PSP-CR-ID 34

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4.10 Incorrect ErrorCodes with SysCmd (Table 16)

- This problem report refers to change request ID 36 in the project database (see Annex A).
- Table 10 shows problem report and solution.

Table 10 – Incorrect ErrorCodes with SysCmd

Problem	Transitions T3, T4, and T16 in Table 16 define ErrorCode 0x8020 – "Service Temporarily not available". The IO-Link Interface and Systems specification in [2] defines another ErrorCode in conjunction with SysCmd.
Solution	Device shall return ErrorCode 0x8036 – "Function temporarily not available" when host sends • SysCmd_BM_UNLOCK_T or SysCmd_BM_UNLOCK_F in state "WaitOnSysCmd_3"; • SyCmd_BM_xxx in state "FW_Update_Bootload_14"
Clauses	7.7 FW-Update protocol
Subclauses	7.7.2 Device FW-Update state machine
Impact on	Device implementation (error handling)
Remark	See 4.3 and PSP-CR-ID 36

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How to use the IO-Link change-request (CR) database?

A.1 Access CR database

Figure A.1 demonstrates the access to the CR database of a particular specification.

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This profile specification has been developed by the IO-Link FW-Update profile group.

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Login: IOL-FW-Update Password: Report

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Figure A.1 – Access to the CR database

On second page (behind the title sheet) you will find the link (URL) to the database to be entered in a web browser.

A.2 Access CR project associated with the specification

The browser will display the entry to the database with its Login (Name) and Password, which can be copied from the second page of the PDF document (see Figure A.2). In this case you will be first an anonymous user for the system.

Members of working groups, who are already registered within the IO-Link Community and assigned to the related project, should use their personal account provided by the business office.



Please login to the IO-LINK Document Management System

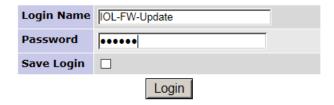


Figure A.2 - Access CR project

A.3 Projects view

After login, the system will display either one particular project or several of them as shown in Figure A.3. The specification related project can be found in third blue row.

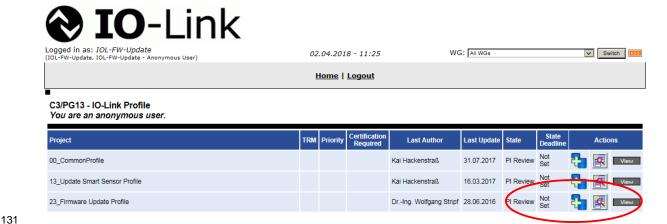


Figure A.3 - Projects view

In menue "Actions" (red circle) you will find three icons allowing for a new entry of a CR (see Annex A.4), for a view on all existing CRs within this project (see Annex A.5), and a view on the project information (see Annex A.6) as shown in Figure A.4.

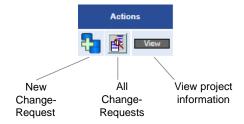


Figure A.4 - Possible actions on the project

Members of the working group can get access to intermediate working draft documents or meeting minutes via the view on the project information.

A.4 CR entry

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- Figure A.5 demonstrates the entry fields of a new CR.
- First of all it is necessary to enter at least one of your identifications, preferably the E-Mail address. This allows the working group to send you an E-Mail in case of an inquiry.
- In the *Priority* field you are able to overwrite "n/a" and chose one of three other levels: *low*, medium, or high.
- In the Cause field you are able to overwrite "New Feature" and chose one of five other levels:
- 147 Change feature, Layout change, Bug, Optimization, or Management.
- In the *Type of comment* field you are able to overwrite "*General*" and chose one of two other levels: *Technical* or *Editorial*.
- The field *Precendent CR* can be skipped.

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Precendent CR	V
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*Description	, ·
Context / Constraint	0
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Send Mail	☐ Send Mails
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Figure A.5 – Entry of a new CR

In field *Abstract* you should enter a brief description characterizing best your problem. This is very import, since many readers rely on a quick and comprehensible idea of this problem when scrolling through the CRs before reading the details within the description field.

- In field *Description* you should enter a comprehensive description as precise as possible using references to the specification such as Figures, Tables, etc.
- NOTE The IO-Link Community plans for a new release of the database where it will be possible to attach any commonly readable file of limited size such as scans of handwritten papers as PDF, or WORD or POWERPOINT documents.
- In field *Context/Constraints* you may enter information on used hardware or software for your particular problem.
- Field *Found in Version* shows you the current valid specification you can refer to. It is not possible to enter a CR for older versions of the specification.
- The database system will only allow you to submit the CR if you provided at least a number in field *Line*, or the related number (e.g. 6.2) in field *Clause/Subclause*, or a related number in field *Page*. Usually, the working group prefers the Line indication. The IO-Link Community decided to publish also all released specifications with line numbers.
- In case you want to enter more than one CR you can check the box in *Create more CRs* saving you time by omitting the entry of the identification over and over again.
- In case you want to alert all members of the working group you can check the box in *Send Mail*. The members will receive a standardized e-mail from the database system.

A.5 View of all project CRs

- Figure A.6 shows only one out of the posibble list of several CRs in the project as an example.
- The system assigned ID numbers automatically when the CR was entered (here: 41). Next to the ID you will find the state of this CR (here: Closed), which means, the working group decided already and the result is shown in the field Responses. Other possible states you may encounter are: Created, FAQ, Implementation, Review, ReOpened, Deferred, Closed, and Refused.

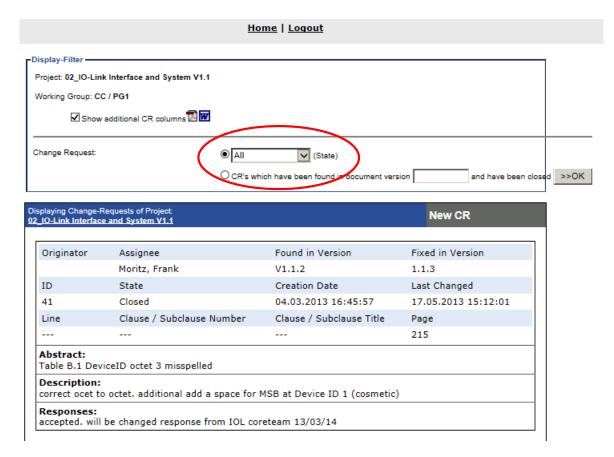


Figure A.6 - View of all project CRs

With the help of the selection box within the red circle you can filter the view by one of the listed states or optionally show All CRs (as in Figure A.6) or all Not closed CRs.

A.6 View of the project information

Figure A.7 shows the project information. An anonymous user cannot see and access intermediate documents of the working group.

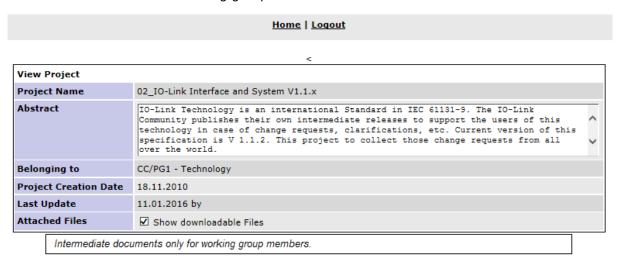


Figure A.7 – Project information

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