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Summary

Recommendation ITU-T G.8001/Y.1354 provides definitions and abbreviations used in Ethernet frames over transport (EoT).

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Terms and definitions for Ethernet frames over transport

1 Scope

This Recommendation contains a complete listing of the definitions and abbreviations used in the Recommendations associated with Ethernet frames over transport (EoT).

2 References

None.

3 Definitions

This Recommendation defines the following terms:

3.1 access link: The connection between the customer equipment and carrier equipment at the edge of the transport network that is realized through a UNI.

3.2 customer: The entity that has ownership authority over a set of flow points. The customer may have one or more service instances.

NOTE – Customer is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011].

3.3 EoT-NNI: An NNI for the transfer of ETH_CI traffic units over a transport layer network.

NOTE – EoT-NNI is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.4 EoT management network (EoT.MN): An EoT management network is a subset of a TMN that is responsible for managing those parts of a network element that contain EoT layer network entities. An EoT.MN may be subdivided into a set of EoT management subnetworks.

NOTE – EoT.MN is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8051].

3.5 EoT management subnetwork (EoT.MSN): An EoT management subnetwork (EoT.MSN) consists of a set of separate embedded communication channels (ECC) and associated intra-site data communication links which are interconnected to form a data communication network (DCN) within any given EoT transport topology. For EoT, the physical channel supporting the ECC is the Ethernet management communication channel (MCC) as defined in [b-ITU-T G.8013]. An EoT.MSN represents an EoT specific local communications network (LCN) portion of a network operator's overall data communication network or TMN.

NOTE – EoT.MSN is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8051].

3.6 EoT network element (EoT.NE): That part of a network element that contains entities from one or more EoT layer networks. An EoT.NE may therefore be a stand-alone physical entity or a subset of a network element. It supports at least network element functions (NEFs) and may also support an operations system function (OSF). It contains managed objects (MOs), a message communication function (MCF) and a management application function (MAF). The functions of an EoT.NE may be contained within an NE that also supports other layer networks. These layer network entities are considered to be managed separately from EoT entities. As such, they are not part of the EoT.MN or EoT.MSN.

NOTE – EoT.NE is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8051].

3.7 EPL type 1: An EPL Type 1 service carries the ETH_CI traffic units between two Ethernet UNIs.

NOTE – EPL types are referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.1].

3.8 EPL type 2: An EPL Type 2 service carries the information from the 8B/10B symbol stream between two Ethernet UNIs.

NOTE – EPL types are referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.1].

3.9 ERP instance: An entity that is responsible for the protection of a subset of the VLANs that transport traffic over the physical Ethernet ring. Each ERP instance is independent of other ERP instances that may be configured on the physical Ethernet ring.

NOTE – ERP instance is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.10 Ethernet management communication channel (EoT.MCC): The Ethernet management communication channel (MCC) function provides a management communication channel between a pair of maintenance entity group (MEG) end points (MEP). The MCC can be used to perform remote management. The specific use of MCC is outside the scope of this Recommendation. A MEP can send a frame with ETH-MCC information to its peer MEP with remote maintenance request, remote maintenance reply, notification, etc. Configuration information needs to be provisioned to the MEP to support the MCC functions. See [b-ITU-T G.8013] for detailed information and the protocol data unit (PDU) structure of the MCC.

NOTE – EoT.MCC is defined in [b-ITU-T G.8051].

3.11 ETH_CI group: A group of ETH_CI signals that is monitored as a single MEG. For this purpose, ETH OAM is added to one of the ETH_CI signals in the group.

NOTE – ETH_CI group is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.12 ETH_CI traffic unit: The following set of signals defined in [b-ITU-T G.8010]: ETH_CI Data (D), ETH_CI Priority (P), ETH_CI Drop Eligibility (DE), ETH_CI Server Signal Fail (SSF) and optionally ETH_CI Automatic Protection Switching (APS). The ETH_CI_D signal carries the traffic unit that consists of the following fields: Destination Address (DA), Source Address (SA) and MAC Service Data Unit (M_SDU).

NOTE – ETH_CI traffic unit is defined in [b-ITU-T G.8010] and referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.13 Ethernet connection: The ETH connection or ETH connectivity (as described in [b-ITU-T G.8010]) between the UNI-Ns that are part of the same network Ethernet service instance.

NOTE – EC is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011].

3.14 Ethernet private rooted multipoint service: A rooted multipoint Ethernet virtual connection (EVC) for which several UNIs are attached over a dedicated server layer to a common UNI is defined as a private rooted multipoint service.

NOTE – Ethernet private rooted multipoint is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.4].

3.15 Ethernet ring: A collection of Ethernet ring nodes forming a closed physical loop whereby each Ethernet ring node is connected to two adjacent Ethernet ring nodes via a duplex communications facility.

NOTE – Ethernet ring is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.16 Ethernet ring node: A network element which implements at least the following functionality.

NOTE – Ethernet ring node is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032]:

- a) One Ethernet connection function (ETH_C) with a dedicated Ethernet flow forwarding function (ETH_FF) for forwarding ring automatic protection switching (R-APS) control traffic.
- b) Two ring ports, including ETHDi/ETH adaptation function at the ring maintenance entity group level (MEL).
- c) Ethernet ring protection (ERP) control process controlling the blocking and unblocking of traffic over the ring ports.

3.17 Ethernet service: An Ethernet service supports an Ethernet flow (as defined in [b-ITU-T G.8010]). It is defined by the topology of the Ethernet network and a corresponding set of attributes associated with the Ethernet connection (EC), the UNI ports, and NNI ports.

NOTE – Ethernet service is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011].

3.18 Ethernet service area: Identifies the portion of a network that supports an Ethernet service instance.

NOTE – Ethernet service area is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011].

3.19 Ethernet service instance: A particular instantiation of an Ethernet service supported by a particular flow domain (as defined in [b-ITU-T G.8010]) with a defined set of characteristics as well as at least two UNIs.

NOTE – Ethernet service instance is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011].

3.20 Ethernet virtual private line service (EVPL): A point-to-point service between two demarcation points.

NOTE – Ethernet virtual private line service is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.2].

3.21 Ethernet virtual private rooted multipoint service (EVPRM): A rooted multipoint Ethernet virtual connection (EVC) for which several UNIs are attached (often with multiplexed access) over a dedicated or shared server layer (often over shared server layer) to a common UNI is defined as a virtual private rooted multipoint service.

NOTE – Ethernet virtual private rooted multipoint service is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.4].

3.22 Ethernet virtual private LAN service (EVPLAN): A multipoint-to-multipoint Ethernet connection (EC) for which several UNIs are attached (often with multiplexed access) over a shared server layer to a common UNI is defined as a virtual private LAN service.

NOTE – Ethernet virtual private LAN service is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.3].

3.23 ETH path: The highest ETH MEG level in a set of eight MEG levels.

NOTE – ETH path is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.24 ETH section: The lowest ETH MEG level in a set of eight MEG levels.

NOTE – ETH section is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.25 ETH tandem connection: An intermediate ETH MEG level in a set of eight MEG levels.

NOTE – ETH tandem connection is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.26 Ety-NNI: An NNI for the transfer of ETH_CI traffic units over a physical Ethernet interface.

NOTE – Ety-NNI is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.27 Ety-UNI: An UNI for the transfer of ETH_CI traffic units over a physical Ethernet interface.

NOTE – Ety-UNI is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.28 EVPLAN type 1: A multipoint-to-multipoint service over multiplexed access with EP-LAN.

NOTE – EVPLAN type 1 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.3].

3.29 EVPLAN type 2: A multipoint-to-multipoint service over dedicated access and a shared server layer.

NOTE – EVPLAN type 2 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.3].

3.30 EVPLAN type 3: A multipoint-to-multipoint service over multiplexed access and a shared server layer.

NOTE – EVPLAN type 3 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.3].

3.31 EVPL type 1: EVPL over multiplexed access and dedicated CO-CS and CO-PS (this is also recognized as multiplexed access EPL).

NOTE – EVPL type 1 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.2].

3.32 EVPL type 2: EVPL over shared CO-CS, CO-PS, and CL-PS.

NOTE – EVPL type 2 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.2].

3.33 EVPL type 3: EVPL over multiplexed access and shared CO-CS, CO-PS, and CL-PS.

NOTE – EVPL type 3 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.2].

3.34 EVPRM type 1: A rooted multipoint service over multiplexed access (root or leaf) and a dedicated server layer.

NOTE – EVPRM type 1 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.4].

3.35 EVPRM type 2: A rooted multipoint service over a shared server layer.

NOTE – EVPRM type 2 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.4].

3.36 EVPRM type 3: A rooted multipoint service over multiplexed access (root or leaf) and shared server layer.

NOTE – EVPRM type 3 is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8011.4].

3.37 interconnection node: An Ethernet ring node which is common to two or more Ethernet rings or to a sub-ring and an interconnected network. At each interconnection node, there may be one or more Ethernet rings that can be accessed through a single ring port and not more than one Ethernet ring that is accessed by two ring ports. The former set of Ethernet rings is comprised of sub-rings, whereas the latter Ethernet ring is considered a major ring, relative to this interconnection node. If the interconnection node is used to connect a (set of) sub-ring(s) to another network, then there is no Ethernet ring accessed by two ring ports.

NOTE – Interconnection node is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.38 in-profile: For frames that belong to the same instance of an Ethernet service and priority, in-profile frames are defined as frames for which priority corresponds to a common value <X> and the network has determined that drop-eligibility corresponds to <false>. Procedures to determine drop-eligibility for a frame and procedures to convey priority and drop-eligibility on a frame are network and service specific.

NOTE – In-profile is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.39 in-service OAM: In-service OAM refers to OAM actions which are carried out while the data traffic is not interrupted with an expectation that data traffic remains transparent to OAM actions.

NOTE – In-service OAM is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.40 maintenance entity (ME): The entity between two of the flow/connection points in a maintenance entity group.

NOTE – ME is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.41 maintenance entity group (MEG): A maintenance entity group is defined, for the purpose of fragment/connection monitoring, between a set of flow/connection points within a fragment/connection. This set of flow/connection points may be located at the boundary of one administrative domain or a protection domain, or the boundaries of two adjacent administrative domains. The maintenance entity group consists of one or more maintenance entities.

NOTE – MEG is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.42 maintenance entity group end point compound sink function: A compound transport processing function which accepts the characteristic information of the layer network at its input, extracts and processes the OAM information related to the maintenance entity group's monitoring, filters the OAM information from within to the maintenance entity group, adapts the information and presents it as the characteristic information of the layer or a client layer at its output, potentially as a (client) layer maintenance signal (e.g., AIS).

NOTE – MEP compound sink function is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.43 maintenance entity group end point compound source function: A compound transport processing function which accepts the characteristic information of the layer or a client layer network at its input, adapts that information, filters it for OAM information interfering with its own OAM information, adds OAM information to allow the maintenance entity group to be monitored and presents the resulting information at its output.

NOTE – MEP compound source function is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.44 maintenance entity group intermediate point compound function: A compound transport processing function which accepts the characteristic information of the layer network at its input, reacts to OAM information related to maintenance entity group's on-demand monitoring and presents the characteristic information without the OAM it reacted to at its output.

NOTE – MIP compound function is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.45 major ring: The Ethernet ring that is connected on two ports to an interconnection node.

NOTE – Major ring is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.46 MEG end point (MEP): A maintenance entity group (MEG) end point (MEP) marks the end point of an Ethernet maintenance entity group (ETH MEG) which is capable of initiating and terminating operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) frames for fault management and performance monitoring. A MEP does not add a new forwarding identifier to the transit ETH flows. A MEP does not terminate the transit ETH flows, though it can observe these flows (e.g., count frames).

NOTE – MEP is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.47 MEG Intermediate Point (MIP): A maintenance entity group (MEG) intermediate point (MIP) is an intermediate point in a MEG which is capable of reacting to some OAM frames. A MIP does not initiate OAM frames. A MIP takes no action on the transit ETH flows.

NOTE – MIP is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.48 network termination: The network element in the transport network, which is connected to the customer edge equipment.

NOTE – Network termination is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.49 network-to-network interface (NNI): An interface that is used for the interconnection of networks elements within a transport network.

NOTE – Network-to-network interface is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.50 on-demand monitoring: A method to infer a specific status or performance characteristic of a maintenance entity or a set of maintenance entities within a maintenance entity group at a specific point in time with the purpose to obtain a snapshot of the performance or to diagnose an identified fault condition or performance degradation.

NOTE – On-demand monitoring is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.51 on-demand OAM: On-demand OAM refers to operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) actions which are initiated via manual intervention for a limited time to carry out diagnostics. On-demand OAM can result in singular or periodic OAM actions during the diagnostics time interval.

NOTE – On-demand OAM is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.52 out-of-service OAM: Out-of-service OAM refers to operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) actions which are carried out while the data traffic is interrupted.

NOTE – Out-of-service OAM is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.53 proactive monitoring: A method to continuously infer the status and performance of a maintenance entity group with the purpose to detect disturbances, faults and degradations immediately after their occurrence in order to verify the service level agreement and/or initiate recovery actions to restore the service to the guaranteed level.

NOTE – Proactive monitoring is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.54 proactive OAM: Proactive OAM refers to operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) actions which are carried out continuously to permit proactive reporting of fault and/or performance results.

NOTE – Proactive OAM is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.55 R-APS virtual channel: The R-APS channel connection between two interconnection nodes of a sub-ring in (an)other Ethernet ring(s) or network(s). Its connection characteristics (e.g., path, performance, etc.) are influenced by the characteristics of the network (e.g., Ethernet ring) providing connectivity between the interconnection nodes.

NOTE – R-APS virtual channel is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.56 ring MEL: The maintenance entity group (MEG) level providing a communication channel for ring automatic protection switching (R-APS) information.

NOTE – Ring MEL is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.57 ring protection link (RPL): The ring link that under normal conditions, i.e., without any failure or request, is blocked (at one or both ends) for traffic channel, to prevent the formation of loops.

NOTE – Ring protection link is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.58 RPL neighbour node: When configured, an Ethernet ring node adjacent to the RPL that is responsible for blocking its end of the RPL under normal conditions (i.e., the ring is established and no requests are present in the ring) in addition to the block by the RPL owner node. However, it is not responsible for activating the reversion behaviour.

NOTE – RPL neighbour node is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.59 RPL owner node: An Ethernet ring node adjacent to the RPL that is responsible for blocking its end of the RPL under normal conditions (i.e., the ring is established and no requests are present in the ring). Furthermore, it is responsible for activating reversion behaviour from protected or manual switch/forced switch (MS/FS) conditions.

NOTE – RPL owner node is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.60 server MEP: A server maintenance entity group end point (MEP) represents the compound function of the server layer termination function and server/ETH adaptation function which is used to notify the ETH layer MEPs upon failure detection by the server layer termination function or Server/ETH adaptation function, where the server layer termination function is expected to run OAM mechanisms specific to the server layer.

NOTE – Server MEP is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8013].

3.61 sub-ring: An Ethernet ring which is connected to (an)other Ethernet ring(s) or network(s) through the use of a pair of interconnection nodes. On their own, the sub-ring links do not form a closed loop. A closed connection of traffic may be formed by the sub-ring links and one or more links, that are controlled by (an)other Ethernet ring(s) or network(s), between interconnection nodes.

NOTE – Sub-ring is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.62 sub-ring link: A span (e.g., link/port) connecting adjacent sub-ring nodes that are under the control of the Ethernet ring protocol control process (ERP control process) of the sub-ring.

NOTE – Sub-ring link is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

3.63 traffic conditioning function: A "transport processing function" which accepts the characteristic information of the layer network at its input, classifies the traffic units according to configured rules, meters each traffic unit within its class to determine its eligibility, polices non-conformant traffic units and presents the remaining traffic units at its output as characteristic information of the layer network.

NOTE – Traffic conditioning function is defined in [b-ITU-T G.8010].

3.64 user-to-network interface (UNI): An interface that is used for the interconnection of customer equipment with a network element of the transport network.

NOTE – User-to-network interface is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8012].

3.65 wait to block timer: A timer, which is employed by the RPL owner to delay reversion after a forced switch or manual switch has been cleared.

NOTE – Wait to block timer is referred to in [b-ITU-T G.8032].

4 Abbreviations

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations:

AI	Adapted Information
CI	Characteristic Information
CL-PS	Connectionless Packet Switched
CO-CS	Connection-Oriented Circuit Switched
CO-PS	Connection-Oriented Packet Switched
EC	Ethernet Connection
EoT	EoT Ethernet over Transport
EoT.MCC	EoT Management Control Channel
EoT.MN	EoT Management Network
EoT.MSN	Management Subnetwork
EoT.NE	EoT Network Element
EPL	Ethernet Private Line
EP-LAN	Ethernet Private LAN
ERP	Ethernet Ring Protection
ETH	Ethernet layer network
ETH_CI	Ethernet MAC Characteristic Information
Ety-NNI	Ethernet NNI
Ety-UNI	Ethernet UNI
EVPL	Ethernet Virtual Private Line
EVPLAN	Ethernet Virtual Private LAN
EVPRM	Ethernet Virtual Private Rooted Multipoint

MAC	Media Access Control
MEG	Maintenance Entity Group
MEL	MEG Level
MEP	MEG End Point
MIP	MEG Intermediate Point
NNI	Network Node Interface; Network-to-Network Interface
OAM	Operations, Administration and Maintenance
R-APS	Ring Automatic Protection Switching
RPL	Ring Protection Link
UNI	User Network Interface
UNI-N	Network side of UNI
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network

Appendix I

List of source Recommendations

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

This text is an updated version of Recommendation ITU-T G.8001/Y.1354 – "Terms and definitions for Ethernet frames over transport". The abbreviations and terms were taken from the Recommendations listed below. Where the definitions were not a part of an explicit Definitions clause of the source Recommendation, the source Recommendation is referenced in a Note following the definition. After this Recommendation is finally approved, corrigenda or revisions to the original sources of these terms will be proposed to replace the definitions in those documents by references to this one (except where the definition is part of the source Recommendation text and not in a definitions clause). The end result should be a single normative definition for each term in this subject area, contained in this Recommendation.

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[b-ITU-T G.8010]	02/2004 plus Amd.1 (05/2006)
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