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ASPECTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Functional specification and description language (SDL)  
Criteria for using formal description techniques (FDTs)

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**ABSTRACT SYNTAX SUMMARY**

Reedition of CCITT Recommendation Z.100 Annex B  
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## NOTES

- 1 CCITT Recommendation Z.100 Annex B was published in Fascicle X.1 of the *Blue Book*. This file is an extract from the *Blue Book*. While the presentation and layout of the text might be slightly different from the *Blue Book* version, the contents of the file are identical to the *Blue Book* version and copyright conditions remain unchanged (see below).
- 2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

ANNEX B  
(To Recommendation Z.100)

**Abstract syntax summary**

<i>Identifier</i>	::	<i>Qualifier Name</i>
<i>Qualifier</i>	=	<i>Path-item</i> +
<i>Path-item</i>	=	<i>System-qualifier</i>   <i>Block-qualifier</i>   <i>Block-Substructure-qualifier</i>   <i>Signal-qualifier</i>   <i>Process-qualifier</i>   <i>Procedure-qualifier</i>   <i>Sort-qualifier</i>
<i>System-qualifier</i>	::	<i>System-name</i>
<i>Block-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Block-name</i>
<i>Block-Substructure-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Block-substructure-name</i>
<i>Process-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Process-name</i>
<i>Procedure-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Procedure-name</i>
<i>Signal-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Signal-name</i>
<i>Sort-qualifier</i>	::	<i>Sort-name</i>
<i>Name</i>	::	<i>Token</i>
<i>Informal-text</i>	::	...
<i>System-definition</i>	::	<i>System-name</i> <i>Block-definition-set</i> <i>Channel-definition-set</i> <i>Signal-definition-set</i> <i>Data-type-definition</i> <i>Syn-type-definition-set</i>
<i>System-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Block-definition</i>	::	<i>Block-name</i> <i>Process-definition-set</i> <i>Signal-definition-set</i> <i>Channel-to-route-connection-set</i> <i>Signal-route-definition-set</i> <i>Data-type-definition</i> <i>Syn-type-definition-set</i> [ <i>Block-substructure-definition</i> ]

<i>Block-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Process-definition</i>	::	<i>Process-name</i> <i>Number-of-instances</i> <i>Process-formal-parameter</i> * <i>Procedure-definition-set</i> <i>Signal-definition-set</i> <i>Data-type-definition</i> <i>Syn-type-definition-set</i> <i>Variable-definition-set</i> <i>View-definition-set</i> <i>Timer-definition-set</i> <i>Process-graph</i>
<i>Number-of-instances</i>	::	<i>Intg Intg</i>
<i>Process-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Process-graph</i>	::	<i>Process-start-node</i> <i>State-node-set</i>
<i>Process-formal-parameter</i>	::	<i>Variable-name</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>
<i>Procedure-definition</i>	::	<i>Procedure-name</i> <i>Procedure-formal-parameter</i> * <i>Procedure-definition-set</i> <i>Data-type-definition</i> <i>Syn-type-definition-set</i> <i>Variable-definition-set</i> <i>Procedure-graph</i>
<i>Procedure-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Procedure-formal-parameter</i>	=	<i>In-parameter</i>   <i>Inout-parameter</i>
<i>In-parameter</i>	::	<i>Variable-name</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>
<i>Inout-parameter</i>	::	<i>Variable-name</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>
<i>Procedure-graph</i>	::	<i>Procedure-start-node</i> <i>State-node-set</i>
<i>Procedure-start-node</i>	::	<i>Transition</i>
<i>Channel-definition</i>	::	<i>Channel-name</i> <i>Channel-path</i> [ <i>Channel-path</i> ]
<i>Channel-path</i>	::	<i>Originating-block</i>

		<i>Destination-block</i> <i>Signal-identifier-set</i>
<i>Originating-block</i>	=	<i>Block-identifier</i>   ENVIRONMENT
<i>Destination-block</i>	=	<i>Block-identifier</i>   ENVIRONMENT
<i>Block-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Signal-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Channel-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Signal-route-definition</i>	::	<i>Signal-route-name</i> <i>Signal-route-path</i> [ <i>Signal-route-path</i> ]
<i>Signal-route-path</i>	::	<i>Originating-process</i> <i>Destination-process</i> <i>Signal-identifier-set</i>
<i>Originating-process</i>	=	<i>Process-identifier</i>   ENVIRONMENT
<i>Destination-process</i>	=	<i>Process-identifier</i>   ENVIRONMENT
<i>Signal-route-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Channel-to-route-connection</i>	::	<i>Channel-identifier</i> <i>Signal-route-identifier-set</i>
<i>Signal-route-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Signal-definition</i>	::	<i>Signal-name</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier*</i> [ <i>Signal-refinement</i> ]
<i>Signal-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Variable-definition</i>	::	<i>Variable-name</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier</i> [REVEALED]
<i>Variable-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>View-definition</i>	::	<i>Variable-identifier</i> <i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>
<i>Process-start-node</i>	::	<i>Transition</i>

<i>State-node</i>	::	<i>State-name</i> <i>Save-signalset</i> <i>Input-node-set</i>
<i>State-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Input-node</i>	::	<i>Signal-identifier</i> [ <i>Variable-identifier</i> ]* <i>Transition</i>
<i>Variable-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Save-signalset</i>	::	<i>Signal-identifier-set</i>
<i>Transition</i>	::	<i>Graph-node</i> * ( <i>Terminator</i>   <i>Decision-node</i> )
<i>Graph-node</i>	::	<i>Task-node</i>   <i>Output -node</i>   <i>Create-Request-node</i>   <i>Call-node</i>   <i>Set-node</i>   <i>Reset-node</i>
<i>Terminator</i>	::	<i>Nextstate-node</i>   <i>Stop-node</i>   <i>Return-node</i>
<i>Nextstate-node</i>	::	<i>State-name</i>
<i>Return-node</i>	::	()
<i>Stop-node</i>	::	()
<i>Task-node</i>	::	<i>Assignment-statement</i>   <i>Informal -text</i>
<i>Create-request-node</i>	::	<i>Process-identifier</i> [ <i>Expression</i> ]*
<i>Process-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Call-node</i>	::	<i>Procedure-identifier</i> [ <i>Expression</i> ] *
<i>Procedure-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Decision-node</i>	::	<i>Decision-question</i> <i>Decision-answer-set</i> [ <i>Else-answer</i> ]
<i>Decision-question</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>

		<i>Informal-text</i>
<i>Decision-answer</i>	::	<i>(Range-condition   Informal-text) Transition</i>
<i>Else-answer</i>	::	<i>Transition</i>
<i>Output-node</i>	::	<i>Signal-identifier [Expression ]* [Signal-destination ] Direct-via</i>
<i>Signal-destination</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>
<i>Direct-via</i>	=	<i>Signal-route-identifier-set</i>
<i>Timer-definition</i>	::	<i>Timer-name Sort-reference-identifier*</i>
<i>Timer-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Set-node</i>	::	<i>Time-expression Timer-identifier Expression*</i>
<i>Reset-node</i>	::	<i>Timer-identifier Expression*</i>
<i>Timer-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Time-expression</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>
<i>Block-substructure-definition</i>	::	<i>Block-substructure-name Sub-block-definition-set Channel-connection-set Channel-definition-set Signal-definition-set Data-type-definition Syn-type-definition-set</i>
<i>Block-substructure-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Sub-block-definition</i>	=	<i>Block-definition</i>
<i>Channel-connection</i>	::	<i>Channel-identifier Sub-channel-identifier-set</i>
<i>Sub-channel-identifier</i>	=	<i>Channel-identifier</i>
<i>Channel-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Signal-refinement</i>	::	<i>Subsignal-definition-set</i>

<i>Subsignal-definition</i>	::	[REVERSE] <i>Signal-definition</i>
<i>Data-type-definition</i>	::	<i>Type-name</i> <i>Type-union</i> <i>Sorts</i> <i>Signature-set</i> <i>Equations</i>
<i>Type-union</i>	=	<i>Type-identifier-set</i>
<i>Type-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Sorts</i>	=	<i>Sort-name-set</i>
<i>Type-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Sort-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Equations</i>	=	<i>Equation-set</i>
<i>Signature</i>	=	<i>Literal-signature</i>   <i>Operator-signature</i>
<i>Literal-signature</i>	::	<i>Literal-operator-name</i> <i>Result</i>
<i>Operator-signature</i>	::	<i>Operator-name</i> <i>Argument-list</i> <i>Result</i>
<i>Argument-list</i>	=	<i>Sort-reference-identifier</i> <sup>+</sup>
<i>Result</i>	=	<i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>
<i>Sort-reference-identifier</i>	=	<i>Sort-identifier</i>   <i>Syntype-identifier</i>
<i>Literal-operator-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Operator-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Sort-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Equation</i>	=	<i>Unquantified-equation</i>   <i>Quantified-equations</i>   <i>Conditional-equation</i>   <i>Informal-text</i>
<i>Unquantified-equation</i>	::	<i>Term</i> <i>Term</i>



<i>Quantified-equations</i>	::	<i>Value-name-set</i> <i>Sort-identifier</i> <i>Equations</i>
<i>Value-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Term</i>	=	<i>Ground-term</i>   <i>Composite-term</i>   <i>Error-term</i>
<i>Composite-term</i>	::	<i>Value-identifier</i>   <i>Operator-identifier Term</i> <sup>+</sup>   <i>Conditional-composite-term</i>
<i>Value-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Operator-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Ground-term</i>	::	<i>Literal-operator-identifier</i>   <i>Operator-identifier Ground-term</i> <sup>+</sup>   <i>Conditional-ground-term</i>
<i>Literal-operator-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Conditional-equation</i>	::	<i>Restriction-set</i> <i>Restricted-equation</i>
<i>Restriction</i>	=	<i>Unquantified-equation</i>
<i>Restricted-equation</i>	=	<i>Unquantified-equation</i>
<i>Conditional-composite-term</i>	=	<i>Conditional-term</i>
<i>Conditional-ground-term</i>	=	<i>Conditional-term</i>
<i>Conditional-term</i>	::	<i>Condition</i> <i>Consequence</i> <i>Alternative</i>
<i>Condition</i>	=	<i>Term</i>
<i>Consequence</i>	=	<i>Term</i>
<i>Alternative</i>	=	<i>Term</i>
<i>Error-term</i>	::	()
<i>Syntype-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Syn-type-definition</i>	::	<i>Syntype-name</i> <i>Parent-sort-identifier</i> <i>Range-condition</i>

<i>Syntype-name</i>	=	<i>Name</i>
<i>Parent-sort-identifier</i>	=	<i>Sort-identifier</i>
<i>Range-condition</i>	::	<i>Or-operator-identifier</i> <i>Condition-item-set</i>
<i>Condition-item</i>	=	<i>Open-range</i>   <i>Closed-range</i>
<i>Open-range</i>	::	<i>Operator-identifier</i> <i>Ground-expression</i>
<i>Closed-range</i>	::	<i>And-operator-identifier</i> <i>Open-range</i> <i>Open-range</i>
<i>Or-operator-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>And-operator-identifier</i>	=	<i>Identifier</i>
<i>Expression</i>	=	<i>Ground-expression</i>   <i>Active-expression</i>
<i>Ground-expression</i>	::	<i>Ground-term</i>
<i>Variable-access</i>	=	<i>Variable-identifier</i>
<i>Active-expression</i>	=	<i>Variable-access</i>   <i>Conditional-expression</i>   <i>Operator-application</i>   <i>Imperative-operator</i>
<i>Imperative-operator</i>	=	<i>Now-expression</i>   <i>Pid-expression</i>   <i>View-expression</i>   <i>Timer-active-expression</i>
<i>Now-expression</i>	::	()
<i>Pid-expression</i>	=	<i>Self-expression</i>   <i>Parent-expression</i>   <i>Offspring-expression</i>   <i>Sender-expression</i>
<i>Self-expression</i>	::	()
<i>Parent-expression</i>	::	()
<i>Offspring-expression</i>	::	()
<i>Sender-expression</i>	::	()

<i>View-expression</i>	::	<i>Variable-identifier</i> <i>Expression</i>
<i>Timer-active-expression</i>	::	<i>Timer-identifier</i> <i>Expression</i> *
<i>Conditional-expression</i>	::	<i>Boolean-expression</i> <i>Consequence-expression</i> <i>Alternative-expression</i>
<i>Boolean-expression</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>
<i>Consequence-expression</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>
<i>Alternative-expression</i>	=	<i>Expression</i>
<i>Operator-application</i>	::	<i>Operator-identifier</i> <i>Expression</i> <sup>+</sup>
<i>Assignment-statement</i>	::	<i>Variable-identifier</i> <i>Expression</i>





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