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#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Ethernet POWERLINK

Ethernet POWERLINK is a Real-Time Ethernet field bus system. It is based on the Fast Ethernet Standard IEEE 802.3.

A managing node (MN), which acts as the master in the EPL network, polls the controlled nodes (CN) cyclically. This process takes place in the isochronous phase of the EPL cycle. Immediately after the isochronous phase an asynchronous phase for communication follows which is not time-critical, e.g. TCP/IP communication. The isochronous phase starts with the Start of Cyclic frame on which all nodes are synchronized. This schedule design avoids collisions which are usually present on Standard Ethernet, and ensures the determinism of the hard real-time communication. It is implemented in the EPL data link layer. The EPL network can be connected via gateways to non real-time networks.

The communication profile of Ethernet POWERLINK is adapted from CANopen. Thus, design principles such as process data object (PDO) for the exchange of process variables and service data object (SDO) for the configuration of remote object dictionaries are reused. All PDOs are exchanged within the isochronous phase, similar to the synchronous PDOs of CANopen. This is because event-triggered PDOs would interfere with hard real-time requirements.

To be conforming to IEEE 802.3, each POWERLINK device has a unique MAC address. Additionally, each device is assigned a logical node ID. Mostly, this node ID can be configured via node switches on the device. If a particular EPL device implements a TCP/IP stack, it gets a private IP address from class C within the network 192.168.100.0 where the host part equals the EPL node ID.

It is assumed that you are familiar with the Ethernet POWERLINK Communication Profile Specification [1].

### 1.2 Key Features

- Implements Communication profile EPSG 301 1.1.0 [1]
- Data link layer and NMT state machine for Controlled and Managing Nodes
- Configuration Manager for configuration of CNs at run-time
- SDO via UDP and POWERLINK ASnd frames
- Dynamic PDO mapping
- User-configurable object dictionary
- Supports the POWERLINK cycle features async-only CN and multiplexed CN
- Supports the POWERLINK extension PollResponse Chaining according to EPSG 302-C V 0.0.3 on MN and CN
- Implemented in plain ANSI C
- Modular software structure for simple portability to different target platforms
- Supports target platforms with and without operating system
- Event-driven Communication Abstraction Layer
- Provides Generic API for user-application

# 1.3 Supported object dictionary entries

The EPL stack currently supports the following communication objects of the OD. That means that the EPL stack uses these objects or provides the functionality for these objects, but the application may support additional objects.

Object 1000h: NMT\_DeviceType\_U32 Object 1001h: ERR\_ErrorRegister\_U8 Object 1003h: ERR\_History\_ADOM Object 1006h: NMT\_CycleLen\_U32

Object 1008h: NMT\_ManufactDevName\_VS Object 1009h: NMT\_ManufactHwVers\_VS Object 100Ah: NMT\_ManufactSwVers\_VS Object 1018h: NMT\_IdentityObject\_REC

Object 1030h: NMT\_InterfaceGroup\_Xh\_REC

Object 1C00h: DLL\_MNCRCError\_REC

Object 1C02h: DLL\_MNCycTimeExceed\_REC

Object 1C07h: DLL\_MNCNLossPResCumCnt\_AU32

Object 1C08h: DLL\_MNCNLossPResThrCnt\_AU32

Object 1C09h: DLL\_MNCNLossPResThreshold\_AU32

Object 1C0Bh: DLL\_CNLossSoC\_REC

Object 1C0Fh: DLL\_CNCRCError\_REC

Object 1C14h: DLL\_LossOfFrameTolerance\_U32

Object 1F22h: CFM\_ConciseDcfList\_ADOM

Object 1F26h: CFM\_ExpConfDateList\_AU32

Object 1F27h: CFM\_ExpConfTimeList\_AU32

Object 1F80h: NMT\_StartUp\_U32

Object 1F81h: NMT\_NodeAssignment\_AU32

Object 1F82h: NMT\_FeatureFlags\_U32

Object 1F83h: NMT\_EPLVersion\_U8

Object 1F84h: NMT\_MNDeviceTypeIdList\_AU32

Object 1F89h: NMT\_BootTime\_REC

Object 1F8Ah: NMT\_MNCycleTiming\_REC

Object 1F8Bh: NMT\_MNPReqPayloadLimitList\_AU16

Object 1F8Ch: NMT\_CurrNMTState\_U8

Object 1F8Dh: NMT\_PResPayloadLimitList\_AU16

Object 1F8Eh: NMT\_MNNodeCurrState\_AU8

Object 1F8Fh: NMT\_MNNodeExpState\_AU8

Object 1F92h: NMT\_MNCNPResTimeout\_AU32

Object 1F93h: NMT EPLNodeID REC

Object 1F98h: NMT\_CycleTiming\_REC

Object 1F99h: NMT\_CNBasicEthernetTimeout\_U32

Object 1F9Ah: NMT\_HostName\_VS

Object 1F9Eh: NMT\_ResetCmd\_U8

Object 1F9Fh: NMT\_RequestCmd\_REC

# 2 Application Programming Interface

## 2.1 Software Structure

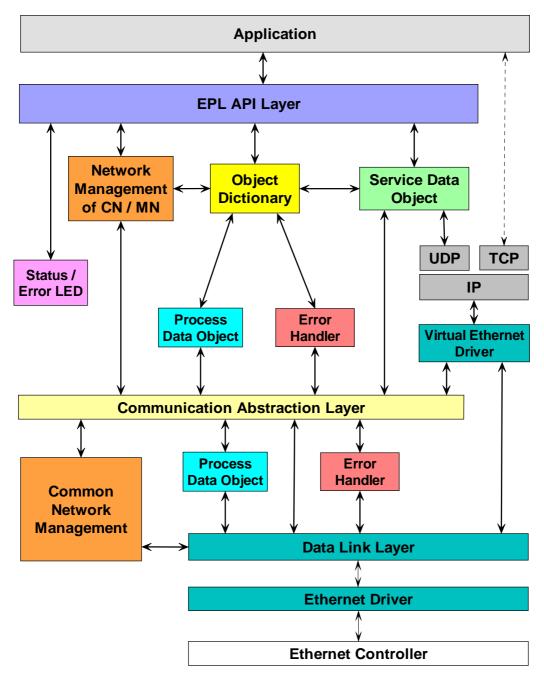


Figure 1: Software structure

The EPL stack is divided into two parts: low-prioritized processes above the Communication Abstraction Layer (abbr. CAL) called EPL user part and high-prioritized processes below the CAL called EPL kernel part. Processes which have to be processed in every EPL cycle have high priority, e.g. Data Link Layer (abbr. DLL), PDO processing and core NMT state machine. All other processes have low priority, e.g. SDO. It is possible to swap out the high-prioritized processes on a separate CPU (e.g. on a SMP machine) to ensure the real-time requirements.

Some modules are divided, i.e. EPL kernel modules have correspondents in the EPL user part that only wrap the communication with the EPL kernel part.

#### 2.1.1 Directory Structure

The source code of the EPL stack is divided in several directories.

Directory	Description
Edrv	Ethernet driver implementations
EplStack	EPL protocol stack core components
Example	Example and test projects
Include	Generic header files
Include/kernel	Header files for EPL kernel part
Include/user	Header files for EPL user part
ObjDicts	Sample Object dictionaries
SharedBuff	Shared buffer implementation for CAL and frame queues
Target/ARCH/OS/C	Target dependant files for architecture ARCH, operating system OS and compiler C

Table 1: Directory structure

## 2.1.2 Module Structure

C File	Description
amiarm.c	AMI implementation for ARM architectures.
amibe.c	AMI implementation for big endian architectures.
amix86.c	AMI implementation for X86 architecture.
Edrv*.c	Target specific Ethernet driver.
EplApiGeneric.c	Generic implementation of EPL API Layer.
EplApiLinuxKernel.c	Linux kernel module wrapper of EPL API Layer.
EplApiLinuxUser.c	Linux userspace wrapper of EPL API Layer.
EplApiProcessImage.c	Functions for handling a process image.
EplCfmu.c	Configuration Manager
EplDllk.c	DLL module in EPL kernel part.
EplDllkCal.c	CAL of DLL module in EPL kernel part.
EplDlluCal.c	CAL of DLL module in EPL user part, e.g. for
	reception and transmission of EPL ASnd frames.
EplErrorHandlerk.c	Error handler in EPL kernel part. It manages the error
	counters in OD.
EplEventk.c	Event module in EPL kernel part.
EplEventu.c	Event module in EPL user part.
EplIdentu.c	Ident module in EPL user part. It issues IdentRequest
	frames and handles IdentResponse frames.
EplLedu.c	LED module in EPL user part, which handles the status and error LED according to [1].
EplNmtk.c	Common NMT module in EPL kernel part. It manages
Ерпчик.с	the NMT state machine.
EplNmtu.c	Wrapper for common NMT module in EPL user part.
EplNmtCnu.c	CN NMT module in EPL user part.
EplNmtMnu.c	MN NMT module in EPL user part.
EplObd.c	OBD module.
EplObdCdc.c	CDC import function for OD.
EplPdou.c	PDO module in EPL user part.
EplPdouCal.c	CAL of PDO module in EPL user part.
EplPdok.c	PDO module in EPL kernel part.
EplPdokCal.c	CAL of PDO module in EPL kernel part.
EplSdoAsndu.c	SDO ASnd protocol layer in EPL user part.
EplSdoAsySequ.c	SDO sequence layer in EPL user part.
EplSdoComu.c	SDO command layer in EPL user part.

C File	Description
EplSdoUdpu.c	SDO UDP protocol layer in EPL user part.
EplStatusu.c	Status module in EPL user part. It issues StatusRequest frames and handles StatusResponse frames.
EplTimeruLinuxKernel.c	Timer module implementation for Linux kernel modules in EPL user part.
EplTimeruNull.c	Timer module implementation without any functionality. Only useful for testing purposes.
EplTimeruGeneric.c	Timer module implementation in EPL user part for MS Windows and targets without any operating system.
SocketLinuxKernel.c	BSD Socket API for Linux kernel modules.
VirtualEthernetLinux.c	Virtual Ethernet driver implementation for Linux.

Table 2: Module structure

#### 2.1.3 Header files

The EPL stack consists of several header files. But the application only needs to include *Epl.h*. This header file itself includes all necessary module header files including *EplCfg.h* and *global.h*.

## 2.1.4 Target dependant modules

The EPL stack was designed to minimize and encapsulate the targetdependant parts. This minimizes and simplifies the porting to new platforms, i.e. hardware or operating systems.

The following modules need to be adapted:

- Ethernet Driver (Edrv\*.c)
- Virtual Ethernet Driver (VirtualEthernet\*.c)
- Timer modules (EplTimeru\*.c, EplTimerHighResk\*.c)
- Communication Abstraction Layer
- parts of EPL API Layer (EplApi\*.c)

#### 2.2 Common data types

### 2.2.1 tEplNetTime

A frequently used data structure in the EPL stack is tEplNetTime. It represents a timestamp conformant to the data type NETTIME of the EPL specification.

Member	Description
m_dwSec	Seconds.
	Nanoseconds (Range $0 \le $ bits $030 < 10^9$ ; bit 31 represents the sign bit)

Table 3: Members of structure tEplNetTime

## 2.2.2 tEplKernel

The enumerated type tEplKernel represents the internal error codes. Those are defined in the header file EplErrDef.h.

```
kEplEdrvCurTxListEmpty
                              = 0 \times 001 E
kEplEdrvTxListNotFinishedYet= 0x001F,
kEplDllOutOfMemory
                            = 0 \times 0021
kEplDllllllegalHdl
                              = 0x0022
kEplDllCbAsyncReqistered
                              = 0 \times 0023
kEplDllAsyncSyncReqFull
                              = 0 \times 0024
kEplDllAsyncTxBufferEmpty
                              = 0x0025,
kEplDllAsyncTxBufferFull = 0x0026,
kEplDllNoNodeInfo
                              = 0 \times 0027
                        = 0x0028,
kEplDllInvalidParam
kEplDllInvalidAsndServiceId = 0x0029,
                        = 0 \times 002 E,
kEplDllTxBufNotReady
kEplDllTxFrameInvalid
                             = 0x002F,
kEplObdIllegalPart
                              = 0x0030,
kEplObdIndexNotExist
                             = 0x0031,
kEplObdSubindexNotExist
                            = 0 \times 0032
kEplObdReadViolation
                              = 0x0033,
                            = 0x0034,
kEplObdWriteViolation
kEplObdAccessViolation
                            = 0 \times 0035,
kEplObdUnknownObjectType = 0x0036, \\ kEplObdVarEntryNotExist = 0x0037, \\
                             = 0x0036,
kEplObdValueTooLow
                              = 0x0038,
kEplObdValueTooHigh
                             = 0 \times 0039,
                            = 0x003A
kEplObdValueLengthError
kEplObdErrnoSet
                              = 0x003B
kEplObdInvalidDcf
                             = 0x003C,
kEplObdOutOfMemory
                             = 0x003D,
kEplObdNoConfigData
                              = 0 \times 003 E
kEplNmtUnknownCommand = 0x0040,
kEplNmtInvalidFramePointer = 0x0041,
                              = 0x0042,
kEplNmtInvalidEvent
kEplNmtInvalidState
                             = 0 \times 0043
kEplNmtInvalidParam
                             = 0 \times 0044
kEplNmtSyncReqRejected
                             = 0 \times 0045,
                              = 0x0050,
kEplSdoUdpMissCb
kEplSdoUdpNoSocket
                             = 0 \times 0051,
kEplSdoUdpSocketError
                             = 0x0052,
kEplSdoUdpThreadError
                              = 0x0053,
                             = 0x0054,
kEplSdoUdpNoFreeHandle
kEplSdoUdpSendError
                              = 0 \times 0055,
kEplSdoUdpInvalidHdl
                              = 0 \times 0056
kEplSdoSeqMissCb
                              = 0 \times 0060,
kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHandle
                             = 0 \times 0061
                        = 0 \times 0062,
kEplSdoSeqInvalidHdl
kEplSdoSeqUnsupportedProt
                              = 0 \times 0063
kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHistory
                              = 0 \times 0064
kEplSdoSeqFrameSizeError
                              = 0 \times 0065
kEplSdoSeqRequestAckNeeded = 0x0066,
kEplSdoSeqInvalidFrame
                              = 0 \times 0067
```

```
kEplSdoSeqConnectionBusy
                              = 0x0068,
kEplSdoSeqInvalidEvent
                              = 0 \times 0069,
kEplSdoComUnsupportedProt = 0x0070,
kEplSdoComNoFreeHandle
                              = 0 \times 0071,
kEplSdoComInvalidHandle
                            = 0 \times 0073,
kEplSdoComInvalidSendType = 0x0074,
kEplSdoComNotResponsible = 0x0075,
kEplSdoComHandleExists = 0x0076,
kEplSdoComHandleBusy
                            = 0 \times 0077
                            = 0x0077,
kEplSdoComInvalidParam
kEplEventUnknownSink
                             = 0x0080,
kEplEventPostError
                             = 0x0081,
kEplEventReadError
                             = 0x0082,
kEplEventWrongSize
                             = 0x0083,
kEplTimerInvalidHandle = 0x0090,
kEplTimerNoTimerCreated = 0x0091,
kEplTimerThreadError = 0x0092,
kEplSdoAsndInvalidNodeId = 0x00A0,
kEplSdoAsndNoFreeHandle = 0x00A1,
kEplSdoAsndInvalidHandle = 0x00A2,
kEplPdoNotExist
                              = 0x00B0,
kEplPdoLengthExceeded
                             = 0x00B1,
kEplPdoGranularityMismatch = 0x00B2,
                              = 0x00B3,
kEplPdoInitError
                            = 0x00B7,
kEplPdoConfWhileEnabled
kEplPdoErrorMapp
                              = 0x00B8,
kEplPdoVarNotFound
                             = 0x00B9,
kEplPdoVarNotMappable
                              = 0 \times 00 BA
kEplPdoSizeMismatch
                             = 0 \times 00 BC
kEplPdoTooManyTxPdos
                            = 0x00BD,
                            = 0x00BD,= 0x00BE,
kEplPdoInvalidObjIndex
kEplPdoTooManyPdos
                             = 0 \times 00 BF
kEplCfmConfigError
                             = 0x00C0,
                            = 0x00C1,
= 0x00C2,
kEplCfmSdocTimeOutError
kEplCfmInvalidDcf
kEplCfmNoFreeConfig
                              = 0x00C5,
kEplApiInvalidParam
                              = 0x0142,
```

#### } tEplKernel;

Constant	Description
kEplSuccessful	Successful termination of the function. No error occurred.

Constant	Description
kEplInvalidOperation	The requested operation is not valid in the current situation. Maybe it was requested right before and is still running.
kEplInvalidNodeId	Invalid node-ID.
kEplNoResource	No resource available, e.g. out of memory or any other resource from the operating system.
kEplShutdown	Shutdown of the entire stack is requested.
kEplReject	Reject the proceeding operation.
kEplEdrvNoFreeTxDesc	No free Tx descriptor available.
kEplEdrvInvalidCycleLen	Invalid cycle length specified, e.g. zero.
kEplEdrvInitError	Ethernet driver initialization error.
kEplEdrvNoFreeBufEntry	No free buffer entry in Ethernet driver.
kEplEdrvBufNotExisting	Specified buffer does not exist in Ethernet driver.
kEplEdrvInvalidParam	Invalid parameter specified while calling an Ethernet driver function.
kEplEdrvNextTxListNotEmpty	Next Tx buffer list is not empty, i.e. still in use.
kEplEdrvCurTxListEmpty	Current Tx buffer list is empty, i.e. DLL didn't provide one.
kEplEdrvTxListNotFinishedYet	Current Tx buffer list has not been finished yet, but new cycle has started.
kEplDllOutOfMemory DLL: Out of memory.	
kEplDllIllegalHdl	DLL: specified handle is not valid.
kEplDllCbAsyncRegistered	DLL: callback function for asynchronous non- EPL frames was or was not registered before.
kEplDllAsyncSyncReqFull	DLL: buffer for SyncRequests is full.
kEplDllAsyncTxBufferEmpty	DLL: no Tx frame for transmission available.
kEplDllAsyncTxBufferFull	DLL: Tx buffer is full.
kEplDllNoNodeInfo	DLL: no corresponding node information structure found for the specified node-ID.
kEplDllInvalidParam	DLL: invalid parameters specified on function call.
kEplDllInvalidAsndServiceId	DLL: invalid AsndServiceId specified.
kEplDllTxBufNotReady	DLL: Tx buffer for PReq is not ready yet.
kEplDllTxFrameInvalid	DLL: Tx frame for PReq is invalid or does not exist.
kEplObdIllegalPart	OBD: illegal OD part referenced.
kEplObdIndexNotExist	OBD: specified object index does not exist.

Constant	Description
kEplObdSubindexNotExist	OBD: specified sub index does not exist.
kEplObdReadViolation	OBD: illegal read on a write-only object
kEplObdWriteViolation	OBD: illegal write on a read-only object
kEplObdAccessViolation	OBD: illegal access on an object
kEplObdUnknownObjectType	OBD: unknown object type
kEplObdVarEntryNotExist	OBD: object does not contain VarEntry
	structure.
kEplObdValueTooLow	OBD: specified object value too low.
kEplObdValueTooHigh	OBD: specified object value too high.
kEplObdValueLengthError	OBD: length of specified value does not match
	the object.
kEplObdErrnoSet	OBD: file I/O error occurred while importing a
	CDC file and errno is set.
kEplObdInvalidDcf	OBD: device configuration file (CDC) is not
1-E-101-10-405M	valid.
kEplObdOutOfMemory	OBD: out of memory.
kEplObdNoConfigData	OBD: no configuration data present (CDC is
kEplNmtUnknownCommand	empty).  NMT: unknown NMT command specified.
kEplNmtInvalidFramePointer	NMT: invalid pointer to the EPL frame
REprivintinvandi Tamer Omter	specified.
kEplNmtInvalidEvent	NMT: invalid event passed to event process
	function.
kEplNmtInvalidState	NMT: invalid NMT state.
kEplNmtInvalidParam	NMT: invalid parameters specified on function
	call.
kEplNmtSyncReqRejected	NMT: SyncRequest could not be issued
kEplSdoAsndInvalidNodeId	SDO ASnd layer: invalid node-ID specified.
kEplSdoAsndNoFreeHandle	SDO ASnd layer: no free handle available.
	Increase value of define
	EPL_SDO_MAX_CONNECTION_ASND.
kEplSdoAsndInvalidHandle	SDO ASnd layer: invalid handle specified.
kEplSdoUdpMissCb	SDO/UDP: no pointer to the callback function
	specified.
kEplSdoUdpNoSocket	SDO/UDP: socket could be created.
kEplSdoUdpSocketError	SDO/UDP: unspecified error with socket
1-E-104-114-Th	handling.
kEplSdoUdpThreadError	SDO/UDP: error occurred while creating or

Constant	Description
	terminating thread for UDP processing.
kEplSdoUdpNoFreeHandle	SDO/UDP: no free handle available. Increase
	value of define
	EPL_SDO_MAX_CONNECTION_UDP.
kEplSdoUdpSendError	SDO/UDP: error while sending datagram.
kEplSdoUdpInvalidHdl	SDO/UDP: invalid handle specified.
kEplSdoSeqMissCb	SDO sequence layer: no pointer to the callback function specified.
kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHandle	SDO sequence layer: no free handle available.
	Increase value of define
	EPL_MAX_SDO_SEQ_CON.
kEplSdoSeqInvalidHdl	SDO sequence layer: invalid handle specified.
kEplSdoSeqUnsupportedProt	SDO sequence layer: unsupported lower layer protocol specified.
kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHistory	SDO sequence layer: no free entry in history
	available (internal error).
kEplSdoSeqFrameSizeError	SDO sequence layer: size of frame is larger than
	value of define
	EPL_MAX_SDO_FRAME_SIZE.
kEplSdoSeqRequestAckNeeded	SDO sequence layer: acknowledge must be
	requested from communication partner (internal error).
kEplSdoSeqInvalidFrame	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
KEpisuoseqiiivandi tame	SDO sequence layer: invalid frame specified internally.
kEplSdoSeqConnectionBusy	SDO sequence layer: connection is currently
The state of the s	busy.
kEplSdoSeqInvalidEvent	SDO sequence layer: invalid event passed to
	event process function.
kEplSdoComUnsupportedProt	SDO command layer: unsupported lower layer
	protocol specified.
kEplSdoComNoFreeHandle	SDO command layer: no free handle available.
	Increase value of define
	EPL_MAX_SDO_COM_CON.
kEplSdoComInvalidHandle	SDO command layer: invalid handle specified.
kEplSdoComInvalidSendType	SDO command layer: illegal send type specified
	internally.
kEplSdoComNotResponsible	SDO command layer: current handle is not
	responsible (wrong direction or wrong
kEnlCdoComHondleEnists	transaction-ID).
kEplSdoComHandleExists	SDO command layer: connection to the same

Constant	Description
	node-ID and with same protocol type exists. The handle of this connection is returned.
kEplSdoComHandleBusy	SDO command layer: connection is busy.
kEplSdoComInvalidParam	SDO command layer: invalid parameters
_	specified on function call.
kEplEventUnknownSink	Event modules: unknown event sink specified.
kEplEventPostError	Event modules: error occurred while posting
	event.
kEplEventReadError	Event modules: error during reading of event
	from queue.
kEplEventWrongSize	Event modules: event argument has wrong size.
kEplTimerInvalidHandle	Timer modules: invalid handle specified.
kEplTimerNoTimerCreated	Timer modules: no timer was created because of
	an error.
kEplTimerThreadError	Timer modules: process thread could not be
15 15 1 1 5	created.
kEplPdoNotExist	PDO: the selected PDO does not exist.
kEplPdoLengthExceeded	PDO: the length of the PDO mapping exceeds
LE IDI C. I 'A M.	the current payload limit.
kEplPdoGranularityMismatch	PDO: the object is mapped to a bit offset or with a bit length which is not aligned on byte
	boundaries.
kEplPdoInitError	PDO: an error occurred during the initialization
naph donneard	of the PDO module.
kEplPdoConfWhileEnabled	PDO: the PDO configuration cannot be changed
	while the corresponding PDO is enabled.
kEplPdoErrorMapp	PDO: the PDO mapping is invalid.
kEplPdoVarNotFound	PDO: the referenced object in a PDO mapping
_	does not exist.
kEplPdoVarNotMappable	PDO: the referenced object in a PDO mapping
	is not mappable.
kEplPdoSizeMismatch	PDO: the bit size of the object mapping is larger
	than or unequal to the size of the referenced
	object.
kEplPdoTooManyTxPdos	PDO: too many TPDOs are defined in the OD.
LE IDI I L'IOUT I	Pure CNs only supports one TPDO.
kEplPdoInvalidObjIndex	PDO: the OD callback function
	EplPdouCbObdAccess() is used for an invalid object index in the OD.
	object fluck in the OD.

Constant	Description
kEplPdoTooManyPdos	PDO: too many PDOs are defined in the OD.
kEplCfmConfigError	Configuration manager: error while configuring CN (SDO abort).
kEplCfmSdocTimeOutError	Configuration manager: SDO timeout during the configuration of CN
kEplCfmInvalidDcf	Configuration manager: invalid DCF specified.
kEplCfmUnsupportedDcf	Configuration manager: currently non-supported DCF type specified.
kEplCfmConfigWithErrors	Configuration manager: configuration of CN finished with minor errors.
kEplCfmNoFreeConfig	Configuration manager: no free entry in internal array. Increase value of define EPL_CFGMA_MAX_SDO_CLIENTS.
kEplCfmNoConfigData	Configuration manager: no configuration data (DCF) for specified CN available.
kEplCfmUnsuppDatatypeDcf	Configuration manager: non-supported data type in DCF.
kEplApiTaskDeferred	EPL API layer: the requested operation is deferred and the event callback function will be called when it finishes.
kEplApiInvalidParam	EPL API layer: invalid parameter specified on function call.
kEplApiNoObdInitRam	EPL API layer: no function pointer for ObdInitRam supplied
kEplApiSdoBusyIntern	EPL API layer: the SDO channel to this node is internally used by the stack (e.g. the CFM) and currently not available for the application.
kEplApiPIAlreadyAllocated	EPL API layer: process image is already allocated.
kEplApiPIOutOfMemory	EPL API layer: process image cannot be created, because out of memory.
kEplApiPISizeExceeded	EPL API layer: variable linking or copy job exceeds the size of the process image.
kEplApiPINotAllocated	EPL API layer: no process image has been allocated.
kEplApiPIJobQueueFull	EPL API layer: job queue for process image copy jobs is full.
kEplApiPIJobQueueEmpty	EPL API layer: job queue for process image copy jobs is empty.
kEplApiPIInvalidJobSize	EPL API layer: invalid job size for process

Constant	Description
	image copy job specified.
kEplApiPIInvalidPIPointer	EPL API layer: pointer to application's process image is invalid.
kEplApiPINonBlockingNotSup	EPL API layer: non-blocking process image
p	copy jobs are not supported on this target.

Table 4: Constants of enumerated type tEplKernel

## 2.2.3 tEplMsgType

The enumerated type tEplMsgType represents the EPL frame types.

```
typedef enum
{
    kEplMsgTypeNonEpl = 0x00,
    kEplMsgTypeSoc = 0x01,
    kEplMsgTypePreq = 0x03,
    kEplMsgTypePres = 0x04,
    kEplMsgTypeSoa = 0x05,
    kEplMsgTypeAsnd = 0x06,
}
tEplMsgType;
```

Constant	Description
kEplMsgTypeNonEpl	Non-EPL frame
kEplMsgTypeSoc	EPL frame SoC (Start of Cyclic)
kEplMsgTypePreq	EPL frame PReq (Poll Request)
kEplMsgTypePres	EPL frame PRes (Poll Response)
kEplMsgTypeSoa	EPL frame SoA (Start of Asynchronous)
kEplMsgTypeAsnd	EPL frame ASnd (Asynchronous Send)

*Table 5:* Constants of enumerated type tEplMsgType

#### 2.3 Functions

#### 2.3.1 EPL API Layer

The EPL API Layer is the interface for the application to the EPL stack. It initializes and configures the different modules of the EPL stack.

#### 2.3.1.1 Event callback function tEplApiCbEvent

#### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

typedef tEplKernel (PUBLIC ROM\* tEplApiCbEvent) (

tEplApiEventType EventType\_p, tEplApiEventArg\* pEventArg\_p, void GENERIC\* pUserArg\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

EventType\_p event type (see Table 6)

pEventArg\_p: Pointer to a union containing additional arguments for

the specified event type (see Table 7). It is never a null pointer, but the union pointed to does not contain meaningful information in every case. It depends on

EventType\_p (see Table 6).

pUserArg\_p: Pointer to a user-definable argument

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplApiReject The application wants the EPL stack to defer the

subsequent task.

kEplShutdown Depending on the target platform, the EPL stack will

be shut down or this return code will be ignored and

treated as kEplSuccessful.

Other return codes will abort the current action in some cases and may cause critical errors.

#### **Description:**

Functions of this type can be used as event callback function. This function will be called whenever an event occurs which might be

interesting to the application. Depending on the target platform this function may be called simultaneously in different process contexts.

## 2.3.1.1.1 tEplApiEventType

Constant	Description
kEplApiEventUserDef	User-defined event. The member m_pUserArg of the argument union is valid.
	This is issued by the function EplApiPostUserEvent() and can be used for synchronization purposes.
kEplApiEventNmtStateChan ge	NMT state change event. The member m_NmtStateChange of the argument union is valid. If kEplApiReject is returned the subsequent NMT state will not be entered. In this case the application is in charge of executing the appropriate NMT commands.
kEplApiEventCriticalError	Critical error. The member m_InternalError of the argument union is valid. When this event occurs the NMT state machine will be switched off with NMT event kEplNmtEventCriticalError. The application may restart the NMT state machine afterwards, but it is unlikely that the EPL stack will run stably, because often this critical error or the source of it is a configuration error and not a run-

Constant	Description
	time error.
kEplApiEventWarning	Warning. The member m_InternalError of the argument union is valid. The warning may be a run-time error, which should be logged into an error log for further diagnostics. In any case the EPL stack proceeds.
kEplApiEventHistoryEntry	New error history entry. The member m_ErrHistoryEntry of the argument union is valid.
kEplApiEventNode	Node event on MN. The member m_Node of the argument union is valid. The state of the specified node has changed.
kEplApiEventBoot	Boot event on MN. The member m_Boot of the argument union is valid. The MN reached the specified state in the boot-up process.
kEplApiEventSdo	SDO transfer finished. The member m_Sdo of the argument union is valid.
kEplApiEventObdAccess	OBD is being accessed. The member m_EplObdCbParam of the argument union is valid.
kEplApiEventLed	Status and error LED event. The member m_Led of the argument union is valid.  This event allows the application to perfrom the signalling of the status and error LED according to [1].
kEplApiEventCfmProgress	CFM progress event. The member m_CfmProgress of the argument union is valid. This event informs the application about the progress of the configuration of a specific CN.
kEplApiEventCfmResult	CFM result event. The member m_CfmResult of the argument union is valid. This event informs the application about the result of the configuration of a specific CN.

Table 6: Constants for enumerated type tEplApiEventType

# 2.3.1.1.2 tEplApiEventArg

```
tEplEventNmtStateChange m_NmtStateChange;
tEplEventError
                       m_InternalError;
tEplSdoComFinished
                       m_Sdo;
tEplObdCbParam
                       m_ObdCbParam;
tEplApiEventNode
                       m_Node;
tEplApiEventBoot
                       m_Boot;
tEplApiEventLed
                       m_Led;
tEplCfmEventCnProgress m_CfmProgress;
tEplApiEventCfmResult
                       m_CfmResult;
tEplErrHistoryEntry
                       m_ErrHistoryEntry;
```

#### } tEplApiEventArg;

Member	Description
m_pUserArg	User-defined argument pointer.
m_NmtStateChange	Event from module NMT (valid on
	kEplApiEventNmtStateChange). See Table 8.
m_InternalError	Error from within the EPL stack (valid on
	kEplApiEventCriticalError and kEplApiEventWarning).
	See Table 11.
m_Sdo	SDO finished (valid on kEplApiEventSdo). See Table 14.
m_ObdCbParam	Parameters for callback function from access to the local
	OD (valid on kEplApiEventObdAccess). See Table 17.
m_Node	Information about the node event (MN only). See Table
	19.
m_Boot	Information about the boot event (MN only). See Table 22.
m_Led	Information about changes to the status or rather error
	LED. See Table 24.
m_CfmProgress	Information about the progress of the configuration of a
	specific CN. See Table 26.
m_CfmResult	Information about the result of the configuration of a
	specific CN. See Table 27.
m_ErrHistoryEntry	Error history entry. See Table 28.

Table 7: Members of union tEplApiEventArg

The following structures are member elements of the union tEplApiEventArg, i.e. pEventArg\_p.

#### 2.3.1.1.3 tEplEventNmtStateChange

Member	Description
m_NewNmtState	New NMT state (see Table 9).
m_OldNmtState	Previous NMT state (see Table 9).
m_NmtEvent	NMT event that caused the NMT state change (see Table
	10).

Table 8: Members of structure tEplEventNmtStateChange

The NMT states of EPL are represented by the enumerated type tEplNmtState. Some states require a special reaction from the application and/or the EPL stack, but others represent only a state where certain action may or may not be executed. The manual L-1108 "Introduction into Ethernet POWERLINK Protocol Stack" contains sample code for this case.

```
typedef enum
    kEplNmtGsOff
                                     = 0x0000,
    kEplNmtGsInitialising
                                     = 0 \times 0019,
    kEplNmtGsResetApplication
                                     = 0x0029,
    KEPINmtGsResetCommunication= 0 \times 0039,kEplNmtGsResetConfiguration= 0 \times 0079,
    kEplNmtCsNotActive
                                      = 0x011C,
                                    = 0x011D,
    kEplNmtCsPreOperational1
    kEplNmtCsStopped
                                     = 0x014D,
    kEplNmtCsPreOperational2
                                     = 0x015D,
    kEplNmtCsReadyToOperate
                                      = 0x016D,
    kEplNmtCsOperational
                                     = 0x01FD,
    kEplNmtCsBasicEthernet
                                     = 0 \times 011 E,
    kEplNmtMsNotActive
                                      = 0x021C,
    kEplNmtMsPreOperational1
                                     = 0x021D,
    kEplNmtMsPreOperational2
                                      = 0x025D,
    kEplNmtMsReadyToOperate
                                      = 0x026D,
    kEplNmtMsOperational
                                      = 0x02FD,
```

kEplNmtMsBasicEthernet

= 0x021E

## } tEplNmtState;

Constant	Description
kEplNmtGsOff	Generic NMT state NMT_GS_OFF.
kEplNmtGsInitialising	Generic NMT state NMT_GS_INITIALISING.
kEplNmtGsResetApplication	Generic NMT state NMT_GS_RESET_APPLICATION. The manufacturer-specific and device profile OD parts are reset to defaults.
kEplNmtGsResetCommunic ation	Generic NMT state NMT_GS_RESET_COMMUNICATION. The communication profile OD part is reset to defaults. Additionally, the OD is updated from initialization parameters.
kEplNmtGsResetConfigurati on	Generic NMT state NMT_GS_RESET_CONFIGURATION. The configuration parameters of the DLL module are updated from OD.
kEplNmtCsNotActive	CN NMT state NMT_CS_NOT_ACTIVE.
kEplNmtCsPreOperational1	CN NMT state NMT_CS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_1.
kEplNmtCsStopped	CN NMT state NMT_CS_STOPPED.
kEplNmtCsPreOperational2	CN NMT state NMT_CS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_2.
kEplNmtCsReadyToOperate	CN NMT state NMT_CS_READY_TO_OPERATE.
kEplNmtCsOperational	CN NMT state NMT_CS_OPERATIONAL.
kEplNmtCsBasicEthernet	CN NMT state NMT_CS_BASIC_ETHERNET.
kEplNmtMsNotActive	MN NMT state NMT_MS_NOT_ACTIVE.
kEplNmtMsPreOperational1	MN NMT state NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_1.
kEplNmtMsPreOperational2	MN NMT state NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_2.
kEplNmtMsReadyToOperate	MN NMT state NMT_MS_READY_TO_OPERATE.
kEplNmtMsOperational	MN NMT state NMT_MS_OPERATIONAL.
kEplNmtMsBasicEthernet	MN NMT state NMT_MS_BASIC_ETHERNET.

Table 9: Constants for enumerated type tEplNmtState

The enumerated type tEplNmtEvent represents all NMT events and commands which alter the NMT state. Only a few of them may be actually used by the application for the function EplApiExecNmtCommand(). However, in the event callback function the NMT events tell you why the NMT state has changed.

```
typedef enum
   kEplNmtEventNoEvent
                                        0x00,
   kEplNmtEventDllMePresTimeout
                                        0x02,
   kEplNmtEventDllMeSocTrig
                                        0x05,
   kEplNmtEventDllMeSoaTrig
                                        0x06,
   kEplNmtEventDllCeSoc
                                        0x07,
   kEplNmtEventDllCePreq
                                        0x08,
   kEplNmtEventDllCePres
                                        0x09,
   kEplNmtEventDllCeSoa
                                        0x0A,
   kEplNmtEventDllCeAsnd
                                        0x0B,
   kEplNmtEventDllCeFrameTimeout =
                                        0 \times 0 C,
   kEplNmtEventSwReset
                                        0x10,
   kEplNmtEventResetNode
                                        0x11,
   kEplNmtEventResetCom
                                        0x12,
   kEplNmtEventResetConfig
                                   =
                                        0x13,
   kEplNmtEventEnterPreOperational2=
                                        0x14,
   kEplNmtEventEnableReadyToOperate=
                                        0x15,
   kEplNmtEventStartNode
                                        0x16,
   kEplNmtEventStopNode
                                        0x17,
   kEplNmtEventEnterResetApp
                                        0x20,
   kEplNmtEventEnterResetCom
                                        0x21,
   kEplNmtEventInternComError
                                        0x22,
   kEplNmtEventEnterResetConfig
                                        0x23,
   kEplNmtEventEnterCsNotActive
                                        0x24
   kEplNmtEventEnterCsNotActive
                                        0x25,
   kEplNmtEventTimerBasicEthernet
                                        0x26,
   kEplNmtEventTimerMsPreOp1
                                        0x27,
   kEplNmtEventNmtCycleError
                                        0x28,
   kEplNmtEventTimerMsPreOp2
                                        0x29,
   kEplNmtEventAllMandatoryCNIdent =
                                        0x2A,
   kEplNmtEventEnterReadyToOperate =
                                        0x2B,
   kEplNmtEventEnterMsOperational =
                                        0x2C,
   kEplNmtEventSwitchOff
                                        0x2D,
   kEplNmtEventCriticalError
                                        0x2E,
} tEplNmtEvent;
```

Constant	Description
kEplNmtEventNoEvent	No event occurred, which is very unlikely ©.
kEplNmtEventDllMePresTi	DLL MN: PRes timed out
meout	
kEplNmtEventDllMeSocTrig	DLL MN: SoC triggered
kEplNmtEventDllMeSoaTrig	DLL MN: SoA triggered
kEplNmtEventDllCeSoc	DLL CN: SoC received
kEplNmtEventDllCePreq	DLL CN: PReq received
kEplNmtEventDllCePres	DLL CN: PRes received
kEplNmtEventDllCeSoa	DLL CN: SoA received
kEplNmtEventDllCeAsnd	DLL CN: ASnd received
kEplNmtEventDllCeFrameTi	DLL CN: arbitrary EPL frame timed out
meout	
kEplNmtEventSwReset	External NMT command: software reset, i.e. enter
	NMT_GS_INITIALISING. The application may
	issue this command. It must trigger this external
	NMT command after calling EplApiInitialize() to start the NMT state machine.
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kEplNmtEventResetNode	External NMT command: reset application, i.e. enter NMT_GS_RESET_APPLICATION. The
	application may trigger this command if necessary.
kEplNmtEventResetCom	External NMT command: reset communication, i.e.
	enter NMT_GS_RESET_COMMUNICATION.
	The application may issue this command if
	necessary.
kEplNmtEventResetConfig	External NMT command: reset configuration, i.e.
	enter NMT_GS_RESET_CONFIGURATION. The
	application may issue this command if necessary.
kEplNmtEventEnterPreOper	External NMT command: enter
ational2	NMT_CS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_2. This
	command may be issued only by the MN in the network.
kEplNmtEventEnableReady	External NMT command: enter
ToOperate	NMT_CS_READY_TO_OPERATE if application
100 portito	approved it. This command may only be issued by
	the MN in the network.
kEplNmtEventStartNode	External NMT command: enter
-	NMT_CS_OPERATIONAL. This command may
	only be issued by the MN in the network.

Constant	Description
kEplNmtEventStopNode	External NMT command: enter NMT_CS_STOPPED. This command may only be issued by the MN in the network.
kEplNmtEventEnterResetAp p	Internal NMT command: reset application, i.e. enter NMT_GS_RESET_APPLICATION. If the application returns kEplApiReject in the event callback function when changing to the NMT state kEplNmtGsInitialising, it must manually trigger this internal NMT command.
kEplNmtEventEnterResetCo m	Internal NMT command: reset communication, i.e. enter NMT_GS_RESET_COMMUNICATION. If the application returns kEplApiReject in the event callback function when changing to the NMT state kEplNmtGsResetApplication, it must manually trigger this internal NMT command.
kEplNmtEventInternComErr or	Internal NMT command: reset communication, i.e. enter NMT_GS_RESET_COMMUNICATION. The EPL stack issues this event if an internal communication error occurred which may be cured by reset communication.
kEplNmtEventEnterResetCo nfig	Internal NMT command: reset configuration, i.e. enter NMT_GS_RESET_CONFIGURATION. If the application returns kEplApiReject in the event callback function when changing to the NMT state kEplNmtGsResetCommunication, it must manually trigger this internal NMT command.
kEplNmtEventEnterCsNotA ctive	Internal NMT command: enter NMT state not active, i.e. NMT_CS_NOT_ACTIVE. If the application returns kEplApiReject in the event callback function when changing to the NMT state kEplNmtGsResetConfiguration and it wants to act as CN, it must manually trigger this internal NMT command.
kEplNmtEventEnterMsNotA ctive	Internal NMT command: enter NMT state not active, i.e. NMT_MS_NOT_ACTIVE. If the application returns kEplApiReject in the event callback function when changing to the NMT state kEplNmtGsResetConfiguration and it wants to act as MN, it must manually trigger this internal NMT command.

Constant	Description
kEplNmtEventTimerBasicEt	Internal timer event to enter NMT state basic
hernet	ethernet, i.e. either
	NMT_CS_BASIC_ETHERNET or
	NMT_MS_BASIC_ETHERNET depending on
	previous state.
kEplNmtEventTimerMsPreO	Internal timer event to enter NMT state
p1	NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_1.
kEplNmtEventNmtCycleErr	Internal NMT command: enter
or	NMT_CS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_1. The error
	handler issues this event if it detects an EPL cycle
	error.
kEplNmtEventTimerMsPreO	Internal timer event to enter NMT state
p2	NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_2.
kEplNmtEventAllMandatory	Internal NMT command: enter
CNIdent	NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL_2 when all
	mandatory CNs are identified.
kEplNmtEventEnterReadyTo	Internal NMT command: enter either
Operate	NMT_CS_READY_TO_OPERATE if MN
	approved it or
	NMT_MS_READY_TO_OPERATE if MN is
	active. If the application returns kEplApiReject in
	the event callback function when changing to the
	NMT state kEplNmtCsPreOperational2, it must
	manually trigger this internal NMT command.
kEplNmtEventMsOperationa	Internal NMT command: enter
1	NMT_MS_OPERATIONAL.
kEplNmtEventSwitchOff	Internal NMT command: enter NMT_GS_OFF.
	The application must issue this command before
	calling EplApiShutdown() to stop the NMT state
	machine.
kEplNmtEventCriticalError	Internal NMT command: enter NMT_GS_OFF.
	The EPL stack issues this event if an internal error
	occurred which is unlikely to be cured by reset.

Table 10: Constants for enumerated type tEplNmtEvent

# 2.3.1.1.4 tEplEventError

The structure tEplEventError describes an error event and where it comes from.

```
typedef struct
{
    tEplEventSource m_EventSource;
    tEplKernel m_EplError;
    union
    {
        BYTE m_bArg;
        DWORD m_dwArg;
        tEplEventSource m_EventSource;
        tEplEventObdError m_ObdError;
} m_Arg;

tEplEventError;
```

Member	Description
m_EventSource	Source module of the error, which determines the valid
	member of the union m_Arg (see Table 12).
m_EplError	Internal EPL stack error code (see Table 4).
m_Arg.m_bArg	BYTE argument
m_Arg.m_dwArg	DWORD argument
m_Arg.m_EventSour	Originating source module (valid on
ce	kEplEventSourceEventk and kEplEventSourceEventu).
	See Table 12.
m_Arg.m_ObdError	Failing entry of OD (valid on kEplEventSourceObdk and
	kEplEventSourceObdu). See Table 13.

Table 11: Members of structure tEplEventError

```
typedef enum
    kEplEventSourceDllk
                                 = 0x01,
    kEplEventSourceNmtk
                                 = 0 \times 02
    kEplEventSourceObdk
                                = 0x03,
    kEplEventSourcePdok
                                = 0 \times 04
    kEplEventSourceTimerk
                                = 0x05,
    kEplEventSourceEventk
                                = 0 \times 06
    kEplEventSourceSyncCb
                                = 0x07,
    kEplEventSourceErrk
                                = 0x08,
    kEplEventSourceDllu
kEplEventSourceNmtu
                                = 0x10,
                                = 0x11,
    kEplEventSourceNmtCnu
                                 = 0x12,
    kEplEventSourceNmtMnu
                                 = 0x13,
    kEplEventSourceObdu
                                 = 0x14,
    kEplEventSourceSdoUdp
                                 = 0x15,
```

```
kEplEventSourceSdoAsnd= 0x16,kEplEventSourceSdoAsySeq= 0x17,kEplEventSourceSdoCom= 0x18,kEplEventSourceTimeru= 0x19,kEplEventSourceCfgMau= 0x1A,kEplEventSourceEventu= 0x1B,kEplEventSourceEplApi= 0x1C
```

}	tEplEventSource;
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Constant	Description
kEplEventSourceDllk	DLL module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceNmtk	NMT module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceObdk	OBD module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourcePdok	PDO module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceTimerk	Timer module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceEventk	Event module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceSyncCb	Sync callback function
kEplEventSourceErrk	Error handler module in EPL kernel part
kEplEventSourceDllu	DLL module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceNmtu	NMT module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceNmtCnu	NMT CN module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceNmtMnu	NMT MN module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceObdu	OBD module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceSdoUdp	SDO UDP protocol layer
kEplEventSourceSdoAsnd	SDO ASnd protocol layer
kEplEventSourceSdoAsySeq	SDO sequence layer
kEplEventSourceSdoCom	SDO command layer
kEplEventSourceTimeru	Timer module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceCfgMau	Configuration Manager module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceEventu	Event module in EPL user part
kEplEventSourceEplApi	EPL API Layer

Table 12: Constants for enumerated type tEplEventSource

```
typedef struct
{
    unsigned int    m_uiIndex;
    unsigned int    m_uiSubIndex;
} tEplEventObdError;
```

Member	Description
m_uiIndex	Object dictionary index.
m_uiSubIndex	Object dictionary sub index.

Table 13: Members of structure tEplEventObdError

## 2.3.1.1.5 tEplSdoComFinished

The structure tEplSdoComFinished contains the information of the finished SDO transfer started by **EplApiReadObject()** or **EplApiWriteObject()**.

```
typedef struct
    tEplSdoComConHdl
                        m_SdoComConHdl;
    tEplSdoComConState
                        m_SdoComConState;
    DWORD
                        m_dwAbortCode;
                        m_SdoAccessType;
    tEplSdoAccessType
    unsigned int
                        m_uiNodeId;
    unsigned int
                        m uiTargetIndex;
    unsigned int
                        m_uiTargetSubIndex;
    unsigned int
                        m_uiTransferredByte;
    void*
                        m_pUserArg;
} tEplSdoComFinished;
```

Member	Description
m_SdoComConHdl	SDO command layer connection handle (see section
	2.3.1.6).
tEplSdoComConState	State of the transfer (see Table 15).
m_dwAbortCode	SDO abort code.
m_SdoAccessType	Type of SDO access (see Table 16).
m_uiNodeId	Target node-ID.
m_uiTargetIndex	OD index which was accessed.
m_uiTargetSubIndex	OD sub index which was accessed.
m_uiTransferredByte	Number of bytes transferred.
m_pUserArg	Pointer to a user-definable argument (see section 2.3.1.6).

Table 14: Members of structure tEplSdoComFinished

```
typedef enum
   kEplSdoComTransferNotActive
                                             0x00,
   kEplSdoComTransferRunning
                                             0x01,
   kEplSdoComTransferTxAborted
                                             0x02,
   kEplSdoComTransferRxAborted
                                             0x03,
   kEplSdoComTransferFinished
                                             0x04,
   kEplSdoComTransferLowerLayerAbort
                                             0x05
```

<pre>} tEplSdoComConSta</pre>	ite;
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Constant	Description
kEplSdoComTransferNotActive	SDO transfer is not active. Not applicable in
	structure tEplSdoComFinished.
kEplSdoComTransferRunning	SDO transfer is still running. Not applicable in
	structure tEplSdoComFinished.
kEplSdoComTransferTxAborted	SDO transmission aborted. The abort code
	m_dwAbortCode contains more details.
kEplSdoComTransferRxAborted	SDO reception aborted. The abort code
	m_dwAbortCode contains more details.
kEplSdoComTransferFinished	SDO transfer finished successfully.
kEplSdoComTransferLowerLaye	SDO transfer aborted by a lower layer, e.g. the
rAbort	SDO sequence layer.

*Table 15:* Constants for enumerated type tEplSdoComConState

```
typedef enum
   kEplSdoAccessTypeRead = 0x00,
   kEplSdoAccessTypeWrite = 0x01
} tEplSdoAccessType;
```

Constant	Description
kEplSdoAccessTypeRead	SDO read access.
kEplSdoAccessTypeWrite	SDO write access.

*Table 16:* Constants for enumerated type tEplSdoAccessType

# 2.3.1.1.6 tEplObdCbParam

The structure tEplObdCbParam contains the information of the local OD access that is being made.

Member	Description
m_ObdEvent	Object access event (see Table 18).
m_uiIndex	Object index.
m_uiSubIndex	Object sub index.
m_pArg	Pointer to the argument which type depends on access
	event.
m_dwAbortCode	SDO abort code

Table 17: Members of structure tEplObdCbParam

Constant	Description
kEplObdEvCheckExist	Checking if object exists (m_pArg == NULL).
kEplObdEvPreRead	Before reading the object. m_pArg points to the source data buffer in OD.
kEplObdEvPostRead	After reading the object. m_pArg points to the destination data buffer from the caller.

} tEplObdEvent;

Constant	Description
kEplObdEvWrStringDomain	Changing string/domain data pointer or size.
	m_pArg points to the structure
	tEplObdVStringDomain, which may be altered by
	the application.
kEplObdEvInitWrite	Initializing writing an object. m_pArg points to
	value of type tEplObdSize, which represents the
	number of bytes that will be written (may be
	altered by application).
kEplObdEvPreWrite	Before writing an object. m_pArg points to the
	source data buffer from the caller.
kEplObdEvPostWrite	After writing an object. m_pArg points to the
	destination data buffer in OD.

Table 18: Constants for enumerated type tEplObdEvent

# 2.3.1.1.7 tEplApiEventNode

The following types are valid on MN only.

The structure tEplApiEventNode contains the information about a single CN in the boot-up process of the MN.

Member	Description
m_uiNodeId	Node-ID of the affected CN.
m_NmtState	Current NMT state of the CN (see Table 9).
m_NodeEvent	Specific event of the CN (see Table 20).
m_wErrorCode	EPL error code if m_NodeEvent equals kEplNmtNodeEventError (see Table 21).
m_fMandatory	TRUE if CN was configured as mandatory in local OD index 0x1F81 (NMT_NodeAssignment_AU32), otherwise

Member	Description
	it is an optional CN.

Members of structure tEplApiEventNode *Table 19:* 

```
typedef enum
        \begin{array}{lll} \texttt{kEplNmtNodeEventFound} & = & 0 \times 00 \,, \\ \texttt{kEplNmtNodeEventUpdateSw} & = & 0 \times 01 \,, \\ \texttt{kEplNmtNodeEventCheckConf} & = & 0 \times 02 \,, \\ \end{array} 
       kEplNmtNodeEventFound
                                                            = 0x00,
       kEplNmtNodeEventUpdateConf = 0x03,
       kEplNmtNodeEventVerifyConf = 0x04,
       kEplNmtNodeEventReadyToStart= 0x05,
       kEplNmtNodeEventNmtState = 0x06,

kEplNmtNodeEventError = 0x07,
```

### } tEplNmtNodeEvent;

Constant	Description
kEplNmtNodeEventFound	CN answered to IdentRequest with an
	IdentResponse frame.
kEplNmtNodeEventUpdateS w	Application shall update the software on the CN (currently not implemented).
kEplNmtNodeEventCheckC onf	Application or rather the Configuration Manager shall check and update configuration on CN. If the application returns kEplReject, the MN suspends the boot-up process for this CN until the application triggers the state change (see section 2.3.1.6). Otherwise the MN continues the CN boot-up process automatically with the next state.
kEplNmtNodeEventUpdateC onf	Application or rather the Configuration Manager shall update configuration on CN (check was done by NmtMn module, currently not implemented).
kEplNmtNodeEventVerifyC onf	Application or rather the Configuration Manager shall verify configuration of CN (currently not implemented).
kEplNmtNodeEventReadyTo Start	Issued if EPL_NMTST_NO_STARTNODE set (currently not implemented). Application must call EplNmtMnuSendNmtCommand(kEplNmtCmdStar tNode) manually.
kEplNmtNodeEventNmtStat e	NMT state of CN has changed.
kEplNmtNodeEventError	Error occurred with CN (see m_wErrorCode for

Constant	Description
	details).

Table 20: Constants for enumerated type tEplNmtNodeEvent

Constant	Value	Description
EPL_E_NO_ERROR	0x0000	No error actually occurred.
EPL_E_DLL_INVALI D FORMAT	0x8241	Format of received frame is invalid. Issued by DLL.
EPL_E_DLL_LOSS_P RES_TH	0x8243	The threshold for loss of PRes frames was reached according to objects 0x1C09 DLL_MNCNLossPResThreshold_AU32 and 0x1C08 DLL_MNCNLossPResThrCnt_AU32.
EPL_E_NMT_BPO1_ DEVICE_TYPE	0x8422	The specified CN has the wrong device type according to object 0x1F84 NMT_MNDeviceTypeIdList_AU32.
EPL_E_NMT_BPO1_ CF_VERIFY	0x8428	Verification of configuration of the specified CN failed in boot-up process.
EPL_E_NMT_BPO2	0x8430	Mandatory CN failed in boot step 2.
EPL_E_NMT_WRON G_STATE	0x8480	The specified CN has the wrong NMT state.

Table 21: Constants for EPL error code

# 2.3.1.1.8 tEplApiEventBoot

The following types are only valid for the MN.

The structure tEplApiEventBoot contains the information about an event concerning the entire boot-up process of the MN.

Member	Description

Member	Description
m_NmtState	Current local NMT state (see Table 9).
m_BootEvent	Specific event of the boot-up process (see Table 23).
m_wErrorCode	EPL error code if m_BootEvent equals
	kEplNmtBootEventError (see Table 21).

Table 22: Members of structure tEplApiEventBoot

```
typedef enum
{
    kEplNmtBootEventBootStep1Finish = 0x00,
    kEplNmtBootEventBootStep2Finish = 0x01,
    kEplNmtBootEventCheckComFinish = 0x02,
    kEplNmtBootEventOperational = 0x03,
    kEplNmtBootEventError = 0x04,
} tEplNmtBootEvent;
```

Constant	Description
kEplNmtBootEventBootStep	Boot step 1 has finished, NMT state
1Finish	NMT_MS_PRE_OPERATIONAL2 can be
	entered. If the application returns kEplReject, it is
	in charge of triggering this state change, otherwise
	it is done automatically.
kEplNmtBootEventBootStep	Boot step 2 has finished, NMT state
2Finish	NMT_MS_READY_TO_OPERATE can be
	entered. If the application returns kEplReject, it is
	in charge of triggering this state change, otherwise
	it is done automatically.
kEplNmtBootEventCheckCo	Step "Check communication" has finished, CNs
mFinish	can be started. If the application returns
	kEplReject, it is in charge of triggering this state
	change, otherwise it is done automatically.
kEplNmtBootEventOperatio	All mandatory CNs entered
nal	NMT_CS_OPERATIONAL, NMT state
	NMT_MS_OPERATIONAL can be entered. If the
	application returns kEplReject, it is in charge of
	triggering this state change, otherwise it is done
	automatically.
kEplNmtBootEventError	Boot-up process was halted because of an error.

Table 23: Constants for enumerated type tEplNmtBootEvent

# 2.3.1.1.9 tEplApiEventLed

The structure tEplApiEventLed contains change events for the status or error LED. It allows the application to change the status and error LED on the device according to the specification [1].

Member	Description
m_LedType	Type of the LED (e.g. Status or Error).
m_fOn	State of the LED (e.g. on or off).

Table 24: Members of structure tEplApiEventLed

```
typedef enum
{
    kEplLedTypeStatus = 0x00,
    kEplLedTypeError = 0x01,
} tEplLedType;
```

Constant	Description
kEplLedTypeStatus	State of the status LED shall be changed.
kEplLedTypeError	State of the error LED shall be changed.

*Table 25:* Constants for enumerated type tEplLedType

# 2.3.1.1.10 tEplCfmEventCnProgress

The structure tEplCfmEventCnProgress describes the CFM progress event (see Table 6). This includes the normal progress but also errors which occurred during the configuration process.

This type is only valid for the MN.

Member	Description
m_uiNodeId	Node-ID of the corresponding CN.
m_uiObjectIndex	Object index which has been transferred.
m_uiObjectSubIndex	Object sub-index which has been transferred.
m_dwSdoAbortCode	SDO abort code. The value 0 means that no SDO error
	occurred.
m_EplError	Internal stack error code. kEplSuccessful means that no
	error occurred. See Table 4.
m_dwTotalNumberO	Total number of bytes, which must be transferred to the
fBytes	CN.
m_dwBytesDownloa	Number of bytes, which have been downloaded.
ded	

Table 26: Members of structure tEplCfmEventCnProgress

# 2.3.1.1.11 tEplApiEventCfmResult

The structure tEplApiEventCfmResult describes the CFM result event (see Table 6). This includes the normal progress but also errors which occurred during the configuration process.

This type is only valid for the MN.

Member	Description
m_uiNodeId	Node-ID of the corresponding CN.
m_NodeCommand	Node command which will be issued to the CN as result of
	the configuration process. Only constants starting with
	kEplNmtNodeCommandConf are valid. See Table
	29Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden
	werden.

Table 27: Members of structure tEplApiEventCfmResult

# 2.3.1.1.12 tEplErrHistoryEntry

The structure tEplErrHistoryEntry describes a new error history entry according to [1] which was posted by a stack-internal module, e.g. the error handler.

Member	Description
m_wEntryType	Type of the history entry. See [1] for more information.
m_wErrorCode	POWERLINK error code. See [1] for more information.
m_TimeStamp	Timestamp when the error occurred.
m_abAddInfo	Manufacturer specific information. The stack puts the internal error code (see Table 4) or the associated node-ID into this byte-array.

Table 28: Members of structure tEplErrHistoryEntry

### 2.3.1.1.13 tEplNmtNodeCommand

The tEplNmtNodeCommand describes commands that can be issued to a node in the POWERLINK network. This type is used as parameter in the function EplApiMnTriggerStateChange (see section 2.3.1.6). Furthermore it is used in the structure tEplApiEventCfmResult (see Table 27).

This type is only valid for the MN.

Constant	Description
kEplNmtNodeCommandBoo	If EPL_NODEASSIGN_START_CN is not set for
t	the CN, it must be issued on event
	kEplNmtNodeEventFound (see Table 20).
kEplNmtNodeCommandSw	An update of the software of the CN is not
Ok	necessary, so the boot-up process can be continued
	(currently not implemented).
kEplNmtNodeCommandSw	The application or rather the Configuration
Updated	Manager updated the software of the CN
	successfully (currently not implemented).
kEplNmtNodeCommandCon	An update of the configuration of the CN is not
fOk	necessary, so the boot-up process can be continued.
kEplNmtNodeCommandCon	The Configuration Manager has restored the
fRestored	original CN configuration. The MN will send the
	NMT command ResetNode to the CN to complete
	the restore process. Afterwards, the new
	configuration can be downloaded.

Constant	Description
kEplNmtNodeCommandCon	The Configuration Manager has updated the
fReset	configuration of the CN successfully. The MN will
	send the NMT command reset configuration to the
	CN to activate the new configuration of the CN and
	restart the identification process.
kEplNmtNodeCommandCon	The Configuration Manager failed on updating
fErr	configuration on the CN.
kEplNmtNodeCommandStar	If EPL_NMTST_NO_STARTNODE is set, it must
t	be issued on event
	kEplNmtNodeEventReadyToStart (currently not
	implemented). See Table 20.

Table 29: Constants for enumerated type tEplNmtNodeCommand

### 2.3.1.2 Sync callback function tEplApiCbSync

## **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

typedef tEplKernel (PUBLIC\* tEplSyncCb) (void);

#### **Parameters:**

none

### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error and the

transmit PDOs shall be marked valid, i.e. the flag

READY shall be set.

kEplReject The function was executed without error, but the

transmit PDOs shall not be marked valid, i.e. the flag

READY shall not be set.

### **Description:**

Functions of this type can be used as sync callback function. This function will be called in NMT states PREOPERATIONAL2 or above whenever the sync event occurs. On the MN this is when the SoC frame is sent and on the CN when the SoC frame is received or the reception is anticipated.

This function is the only place where the process variables may be accessed safely, i.e. without interfering with the PDO processing. Normally, the application reads the sensors and sets the actuators in this function synchronously with all other nodes in the network.

The application shall return from this function as fast as possible.

### Note:

The sync callback function is not called by the current EPL API Layer in Linux userspace.

## **2.3.1.3** Function EplApiInitialize()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiInitialize(tEplApiInitParam\* pInitParam\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

pInitParam p: Pointer to the initialization structure (see Table 30).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplApiInvalidParam The function was called with invalid parameters, e.g.

no event callback function was specified.

kEplNoResource The function or a called function was not able to

create a system-dependant resource like a shared

memory buffer.

The function may pass return codes from EPL stack modules.

# **Description:**

The function initializes an EPL stack instance.

The elements of the parameter structure tEplApiInitParam are supposed to be specified in platform byte order. For example the most significant bits of m\_dwIpAddress specify the network part of the IP address, which shall be 0xC0A86400 (192.168.100.0) according to the standard.

```
typedef struct
                         m_uiSizeOfStruct;
    unsigned int
    BOOL
                         m_fAsyncOnly;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiNodeId;
    BYTE
                         m abMacAddress[6];
    DWORD
                         m dwFeatureFlags;
                         m_dwCycleLen;
    DWORD
    unsigned int
                         m_uiIsochrTxMaxPayload;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiIsochrRxMaxPayload;
    DWORD
                         m_dwPresMaxLatency;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiPreqActPayloadLimit;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiPresActPayloadLimit;
    DWORD
                         m dwAsndMaxLatency;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiMultiplCycleCnt;
    unsigned int
                         m_uiAsyncMtu;
    unsigned int
                         m uiPrescaler;
    DWORD
                         m dwLossOfFrameTolerance;
    DWORD
                         m_dwWaitSocPreq;
    DWORD
                         m_dwAsyncSlotTimeout;
    DWORD
                         m_dwDeviceType;
                         m_dwVendorId;
    DWORD
    DWORD
                         m dwProductCode;
                         m dwRevisionNumber;
    DWORD
    DWORD
                         m dwSerialNumber;
                         m_qwVendorSpecificExt1;
    QWORD
    DWORD
                         m_dwVerifyConfigurationDate;
                         m_dwVerifyConfigurationTime;
    DWORD
                         m_dwApplicationSwDate;
    DWORD
    DWORD
                         m dwApplicationSwTime;
                         m_dwIpAddress;
    DWORD
    DWORD
                         m_dwSubnetMask;
                         m_dwDefaultGateway;
    DWORD
    BYTE
                         m_sHostname[32];
    BYTE
                         m_abVendorSpecificExt2[48];
    char*
                         m_pszDevName;
    char*
                         m_pszHwVersion;
    char*
                         m_pszSwVersion;
    tEplApiCbEvent
                         m_pfnCbEvent;
    void*
                         m pEventUserArg;
    tEplSyncCb
                         m_pfnCbSync;
} tEplApiInitParam;
```

Parameter	Description
m_uiSizeOfStruct	Size of this structure. This will be used in future to
	recognize new parameters.

Parameter	Description
m_fAsyncOnly	TRUE means the node does not take part in the isochronous phase. It communicates only asynchronously. Reception of PDOs is possible, but no transmission of PDOs.
m_uiNodeID	Local node ID. (0x01 – 0xFE)
m_abMacAddress	Local MAC address
m_dwFeatureFlags	Feature flags in local OD index 0x1F82 (NMT_FeatureFlags_U32)
m_dwCycleLen	Cycle length in [µs] in local OD index 0x1006 (NMT_CycleLen_U32)
m_uiIsochrTxMaxPa yload	Maximum isochronous transmit payload in local OD index 0x1F98/1 (IsochrTxMaxPayload_U16)
m_uiIsochrRxMaxPa yload	Maximum isochronous receive payload in local OD index 0x1F98/2 (IsochrRxMaxPayload_U16)
m_dwPresMaxLatenc y	Maximum PRes latency in local OD index 0x1F98/6 (ASndMaxLatency_U32)
m_uiPreqActPayload Limit	
m_uiPresActPayload Limit	
m_dwAsndMaxLaten cy	Maximum ASnd latency in local OD index 0x1F98/3 (PResMaxLatency_U32)
m_uiMultiplCycleCnt	Multiplexed cycle count in local OD index 0x1F98/7 (MultiplCycleCnt_U8)
m_uiAsyncMtu	Asynchronous MTU in local OD index 0x1F98/8 (AsyncMTU_U16)
m_uiPrescaler	Prescaler in local OD index 0x1F98/9 (Prescaler_U16)
m_dwLossOfFrameT olerance	Loss of frame tolerance in [ns] in local OD index 0x1C14 (DLL_LossOfFrameTolerance_U32)
m_dwWaitSocPreq	Delay between SoC and first PReq in [ns] (MN only) stored in local OD index 0x1F8A/1 (NMT_MNCycleTiming_REC.WaitSoCPReq_U32)
m_dwAsyncSlotTime out	Timeout of the asynchronous slot in [ns] (MN only) stored in local OD index 0x1F8A/2 (NMT_MNCycleTiming_REC.AsyncSlotTimeout_U32)
m_dwDeviceType	Device profile in local OD index 0x1000/0 (NMT_DeviceType_U32)
m_dwVendorId	Vendor ID in local OD index 0x1018/1 (NMT_IdentityObject_REC.VendorId_U32)
m_dwProductCode	Product code in local OD index 0x1018/2

Parameter	Description
	(NMT_IdentityObject_REC.ProductCode_U32)
m_dwRevisionNumb	Revision number in local OD index 0x1018/3
er	(NMT_IdentityObject_REC.RevisionNo_U32)
m_dwSerialNumber	Serial number in local OD index 0x1018/4
	(NMT_IdentityObject_REC.SerialNo_U32)
m_qwVendorSpecific Ext1	Vendor specific extensions 1 in IdentResponse
m_dwVerifyConfigur ationDate	CFM_VerifyConfiguration_REC.ConfDate_U32
m_dwVerifyConfigur ationTime	CFM_VerifyConfiguration_REC.ConfTime_U32
m_dwApplicationSw Date	Application software date
m_dwApplicationSw Time	Application software time
m_dwIpAddress	IP address of local node
m_dwSubnetMask	Subnet mask of local node
m_dwDefaultGatewa y	Default gateway of local node
m_sHostname	DNS host name of local node (maximum length: 32 characters, allowed characters: 0-9, A-Z, a-z, -)
m_abVendorSpecific Ext2	Vendor specific extension 2 for IdentResponse
m_pszDevName	Pointer to the string with device name in local OD index 0x1008/0. It shall be no longer than EPL_MAX_ODSTRING_SIZE including the terminating null character.
m_pszHwVersion	Pointer to the string with hardware version in local OD index 0x1009/0. It shall be no longer than EPL_MAX_ODSTRING_SIZE including the terminating null character.
m_pszSwVersion	Pointer to the string with software version in local OD index 0x100A/0. It shall be no longer than EPL_MAX_ODSTRING_SIZE including the terminating null character.
m_pfnCbEvent	Pointer to the application's event callback function (see section 2.3.1.1).
m_pEventUserArg	Pointer to a user-definable argument of the event callback function.
m_pfnCbSync	Pointer to the application's sync callback function (see

Parameter	Description
	section 0).

Table 30: Parameters of the structure tEplApiInitParam

### 2.3.1.4 Function EplApiShutDown()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiShutdown(void);

#### **Parameters:**

none

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The function deletes this instance of EPL stack including the Ethernet driver. It is the responsibility of the application to switch off the NMT state machine before calling this function by executing the NMT command kEplNmtEventSwitchOff and waiting for NMT event kEplNmtGsOff.

# 2.3.1.5 Function EplApiExecNmtCommand()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiExecNmtCommand(tEplNmtEvent NmtEvent\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

NmtEvent\_p: NMT command which shall be executed (see Table

10).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The function executes a NMT command, i.e. post the NMT command/event to the Nmtk module. NMT commands which are not appropriate in the current NMT state are silently ignored. Please keep in mind that the NMT state may change until the NMT command is actually executed.

### **2.3.1.6** Function EplApiMnTriggerStateChange()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiMnTriggerStateChange(

unsigned int uiNodeId\_p,

tEplNmtNodeCommand\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

uiNodeId\_p Node-ID of the CN.

NodeCommand\_p: Node command which shall be executed for the

specified CN (see Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte

nicht gefunden werden.).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The function triggers a state change of the CN boot-up process for the specified node. It is only available on the MN. This function has to be called by the application to resume the CN boot-up process if it suspended this process on event kEplApiEventNode (see Table 19) with the return code kEplReject.

### 2.3.1.7 Function EplApiReadObject()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiReadObject(

 $t EplS do ComConHdl* \\ pS do ComConHdl\_p,$ 

unsigned int
unsigned int
unsigned int
unsigned int
unsigned int
uiIndex\_p,
uiSubindex\_p,
postData\_le\_p,
unsigned int\*
tEplSdoType
void\*
puserArg\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pSdoComConHdl\_p pointer to the SDO command layer connection handle

(may be NULL on local OD access)

uiNodeId\_p: node ID (0 = local node)
uiIndex\_p: index of object in OD
uiSubindex p: sub-index of object in OD

pDstData\_le\_p: pointer to the data in little endian byte order

puiSize\_p: pointer to the size of data, in case of local OD access

the size actual read is returned.

SdocType\_p: type of SDO transfer (see Table 31). This parameter

does not have any affect on local OD access.

pUserArg\_p: pointer to the user-definable argument

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplApiTaskDeferred Task was deferred. The application is informed via the

event callback function, when the task has finished.

kEplApiInvalidParam The function was called with an invalid parameters.

kEplSdoComInvalidParam The function was called with invalid SDO parameters

like uiIndex\_p == 0 etc.

kEplInvalidNodeId Invalid node ID was specified.

kEplSdoComHandleBusy A SDO transfer to this node is currently running. kEplSdoComNoFreeHandle All SDO command layer connection handles

are occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it later again. Another solution is to define more SDO command layer connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHandle All SDO sequence layer connection handles are

occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it later again. Another solution is to define more SDO sequence layer connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoUdpNoFreeHandle All SDO UDP protocol connection handles are

occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it later again. Another solution is to define more SDO UDP protocol connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoAsndNoFreeHandle

All SDO ASnd protocol connection handles are occupied. The application can call EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it later again. Another solution is to define more SDO ASnd protocol connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoSeqUnsupportedProt Unsupported SDO type specified.

### **Description:**

The function reads the specified entry from the OD of the specified node. If this node is a remote node, it performs a SDO transfer. This means the function returns kEplApiTaskDeferred and the application is informed via the event callback function when the task is completed. If the target node is the local node, it directly accesses the local OD and returns the data in little endian byte order.

The event type kEplApiEventSdo signals the completion of this task.

In the current implementation of the EPL stack only one SDO transfer is possible to an arbitrary node via a specific protocol at any time. In future, the EPL stack may support more than one SDO command layer connection via the same sequence layer. But the destination node also needs to support more than one SDO command layer connection via the same sequence layer.

The SDO command layer connection handle will be created automatically. The application is in charge of freeing unneeded SDO command layer connection handles via EplApiFreeSdoChannel().

The SDO types kEplSdoTypeAuto and kEplSdoTypePdo are currently not supported.

```
typedef enum
{
    kEplSdoTypeAuto = 0x00,
    kEplSdoTypeUdp = 0x01,
    kEplSdoTypeAsnd = 0x02,
    kEplSdoTypePdo = 0x03
}
tEplSdoType;
```

Constant	Description
kEplSdoTypeAuto	SDO transfer type is automatically detected by executing a NMT IdentRequest for the destination node and reading the supported SDO type from the IdentResponse (currently not implemented)
kEplSdoTypeUdp	use SDO via UDP
kEplSdoTypeAsnd	use SDO via ASnd frames
kEplSdoTypePdo	use SDO via PDO

Table 31: Constants for enumerated type tEplSdoType

## 2.3.1.8 Function EplApiWriteObject()

## **Syntax:**

```
#include <Epl.h>
tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiWriteObject(
         tEplSdoComConHdl*
                                             pSdoComConHdl_p,
         unsigned int
                                             uiNodeId_p,
         unsigned int
                                             uiIndex_p,
         unsigned int
                                             uiSubindex_p,
         void*
                                             pSrcData_le_p,
         unsigned int
                                             uiSize_p,
         tEplSdoType
                                             SdoType_p,
         void*
                                             pUserArg_p);
```

#### **Parameters:**

pSdoComConHdl\_p pointer to the SDO command layer connection handle (may be NULL on local OD access)

uiNodeId\_p: node ID (0 = local node)

uiIndex\_p: index of object in OD

uiSubindex\_p: sub-index of object in OD

pSrcData\_le\_p: pointer to the data in little endian byte order

uiSize\_p: size of data

SdocType\_p: type of SDO transfer (see Table 31). This parameter

does not have any affect on local OD access.

pUserArg\_p: pointer to the user-definable argument

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplApiTaskDeferred Task was deferred. The application is informed via the

event callback function, when the task has finished.

kEplApiInvalidParam The function was called with invalid parameters.

kEplSdoComInvalidParam The function was called with invalid SDO parameters

like uiIndex $_p == 0$  etc.

kEplInvalidNodeId Invalid node ID was specified.

kEplSdoComHandleBusy A SDO transfer to this node is currently running.

kEplSdoComNoFreeHandle All SDO command layer connection handles

are occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it again later. Another solution is to define more SDO command layer connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoSeqNoFreeHandle All SDO sequence layer connection handles are

occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it again later. Another solution is to define more SDO sequence layer connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoUdpNoFreeHandle All SDO UDP protocol connection handles are

occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it again later. Another solution is to define more SDO UDP protocol connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoAsndNoFreeHandle All SDO ASnd protocol connection handles

are occupied. The application can call

EplApiFreeSdoChannel() for other nodes and / or try it again later. Another solution is to define more SDO ASnd protocol connection handles at compile time.

kEplSdoSeqUnsupportedProt Unsupported SDO type specified.

### **Description:**

The function writes the specified entry to the OD of the specified node. If this node is a remote node, it performs a SDO transfer. This means the function returns kEplApiTaskDeferred and the application

is informed via the event callback function when the task is completed.

For further details see EplApiReadObject().

# 2.3.1.9 Function EplApiFreeSdoChannel()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiFreeSdoChannel(

 $tEplSdoComConHdl_p);$ 

### **Parameters:**

SdoComConHdl\_p SDO command layer connection handle, which is not

valid anymore after this call.

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplSdoComInvalidHandle Invalid SDO command layer connection handle was

specified.

### **Description:**

The function releases the specified SDO command layer connection handle. This function must be called when the SDO channel to a remote node is not needed anymore. This may be done in the event callback function when the last SDO transfer to a remote node performed via EplApiReadObject() or EplApiWriteObject() has completed.

# 2.3.1.10 Function EplApiReadLocalObject()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiReadLocalObject(

unsigned intuiIndex\_p,unsigned intuiSubindex\_p,void\*pDstData\_p,unsigned int\*puiSize\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

uiIndex\_p: index of object in OD uiSubindex\_p: sub-index of object in OD

pDstData\_p: pointer to the data in platform byte order

puiSize\_p: pointer to the size of data buffer,

the size of the data which was actually read is

returned.

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

## **Description:**

The function reads the specified entry from the local OD.

# 2.3.1.11 Function EplApiWriteLocalObject()

# Syntax:

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiWriteLocalObject(

unsigned int uiIndex\_p,
unsigned int uiSubindex\_p,
void\* pSrcData\_p,
unsigned int uiSize\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

uiIndex\_p: index of object in OD uiSubindex\_p: sub-index of object in OD

pSrcData\_p: pointer to the data in platform byte order

uiSize\_p: size of data

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The function writes the specified entry to the local OD.

### 2.3.1.12 Function EplApiLinkObject()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiLinkObject(

unsigned int uiObjIndex\_p, void\* viObjIndex\_p,

unsigned int\* puiVarEntries\_p,
tEplObdSize\* pEntrySize\_p,
unsigned int uiFirstSubindex\_p );

**Parameters:** 

uiObjIndex\_p: Function defines variables for this object

pVar\_p: Pointer to the data memory area for the specified

object

puiVarEntries\_p: Pointer to the number of entries to be defined.

pEntrySize\_p: Pointer to the size of one entry. If it equals 0, the entry

size is read from the OD. After return of the function, the variable contains the count of bytes used from

pVar\_p.

uiFirstSubindex\_p: This is the first subindex to be mapped.

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplObdIndexNotExist The specified object index does not exist in OD.

kEplObdSubindexNotExist The specified sub index does not exist in object index. kEplObdVarEntryNotExist The object does not contain a VarEntry structure. The

object was not properly configured in *objdict.h*.

## **Description:**

The function maps an application variable to an entry of the object dictionary. By passing a pointer to an array, multiple sub-indices are defined, i.e. mapped, by one function call.

This function may be used to link process variables to the OD so that they can be mapped to PDOs.

In the current implementation this function is not available in the EPL API Layer in Linux userspace, because of the different address spaces of application and EPL stack. Alternatively, the function EplApiProcessImageLinkObject can be used.

# 2.3.1.13 Function EplApiProcess()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiProcess(void);

#### **Parameters:**

none

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The function is currently only useful in the EPL API Layer in Linux userspace (file EplApiLinuxUser.c) and on target platforms without any OS (bare-metal). It assigns the CPU time to the EPL stack to process events. It waits for events from the EPL stack and calls the event callback function. In Linux userspace, it should be executed in a separate thread. If the event callback function returns tEplShutdown or the process receives a POSIX signal, the function returns.

### **2.3.1.14** Function EplApiProcessImageAlloc()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiProcessImageAlloc(

unsigned intuiSizeProcessImageIn\_p,unsigned intuiSizeProcessImageOut\_p,unsigned intuiQueueEntriesLo\_p,unsigned intuiQueueEntriesHi\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

uiSizeProcessImageIn\_p: Size of the input process image. uiSizeProcessImageOut\_p: Size of the output process image.

uiQueueEntriesLo\_p Number of entries that the low priority copy job queue

can hold.

uiQueueEntriesHigh\_p Number of entries that the high priority copy job

queue can hold.

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplApiPIAlreadyAllocated The process image has been already allocated.

kEplApiPIOutOfMemory Out of memory.

### **Description:**

The function allocates the input and output process images and the low and high priority copy job queues.

# Clarification to the data direction of the process images:

The data flow direction of the process images is viewed from the network point of view according to the CiA 302 part 4. So the output process image holds the data that comes from the network (i.e. from RPDOs) and flows to the application or to physical output signals. Vice versa the input process image holds the data coming from the application or physical input signals and flowing to the network (i.e. to TPDOs).

# 2.3.1.15 Function EplApiProcessImageFree()

### **Syntax:**

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiProcessImageFree(void);

#### **Parameters:**

none

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function frees the previously allocated process images and copy job queues.

# **2.3.1.16** Function EplApiProcessImageLinkObject()

### Syntax:

#include <Epl.h>

tEplKernel PUBLIC EplApiProcessImageLinkObject(

unsigned int
uiObjIndex\_p,
unsigned int
uiFirstSubindex\_p,
unsigned int
uiOffsetPI\_p,
BOOL
fOutputPI\_p,
tEplObdSize
unsigned int\*
EntrySize\_p,
puiVarEntries\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

uiObjIndex\_p: Function defines variables for this object uiFirstSubindex\_p: This is the first subindex to be mapped.

uiOffsetPI\_p: Offset in the process image where the object shall be

linked to.

fOutputPI\_p: FALSE: Offset refers to the input process image.

TRUE: Offset refers to the ouput process image.

EntrySize\_p: Size of one entry.

puiVarEntries\_p: Pointer to the number of entries to be defined.

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplObdIndexNotExist The specified object index does not exist in OD.

kEplObdSubindexNotExist The specified sub index does not exist in object index. kEplObdVarEntryNotExist The object does not contain a VarEntry structure. The

object was not properly configured in *objdict.h*.

### **Description:**

The function maps an process variable inside the process image to an entry of the object dictionary.

# 2.3.1.17 Function EplApiProcessImageExchange()

# **Syntax:**

### **Parameters:**

pCopyJob\_p: Pointer to the copy job structure (see Table 33).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function executes the specified copy job.

If m\_fNonBlocking is FALSE, the function blocks until the sync event for safely exchanging the process image occurs.

```
tEplApiProcessImagePart m_In;
tEplApiProcessImagePart m_Out;
unsigned int m_uiPriority;
BOOL m_fNonBlocking;
```

} tEplApiProcessImageCopyJob;

Member	Description
m_In	Part of the input process image which shall be copied from
	the EPL stack to the specified pointer. If m_In.m_uiSize
	equals zero, the input process image will not be accessed at all.
m_Out	Part of the output process image which shall be copied
	from the specified pointer to the EPL stack. If
	m_Out.m_uiSize equals zero, the output process image
	will not be accessed at all.
m_uiPriority	Priority of the copy job. 0 is the highest.
m_fNonBlocking	If m_fNonBlocking is FALSE,
	EplApiProcessImageExchange blocks until the copy job
	has been completed. Otherwise it returns immediately after
	enqueuing the copy job.

Table 33: Members of structure tEplApiProcessImageCopyJob

#### 2.3.2 Edry module

The Edrv module is the Ethernet driver. Obviously, it is target-dependant.

### **2.3.2.1** Callback Function tEdrvRxHandler()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>
typedef void (\*tEdrvRxHandler) (tEdrvRxBuffer \* pRxBuffer\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

pRxBuffer\_p: Pointer to the receive buffer structure (see Table 34).

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

### **Description:**

The callback function must be called by the Ethernet driver when Ethernet frames have been received. The DLL module provides this callback function. It is not reentrant.

Member	Description
m_BufferInFrame	Position of received buffer in an Ethernet frame (see Table
	35).
m_uiRxMsgLen	Length of received buffer in Bytes without the frame
	checksum.
m_pbBuffer	Pointer to the buffer, which is in any case the start of the
	Ethernet frame.
m_NetTime	Timestamp of Ethernet frame (see Table 3).

Table 34: Members of structure tEdrvRxBuffer

```
typedef enum
{
    kEdrvBufferFirstInFrame = 0x01,
    kEdrvBufferMiddleInFrame = 0x02,
    kEdrvBufferLastInFrame = 0x04
} tEdrvBufferInFrame;
```

Value	Description
kEdrvBufferFirstInFrame	First data of frame received. Only used if
	EDRV_EARLY_RX_INT is defined as TRUE
kEdrvBufferMiddleInFrame	Middle data buffer of frame. Only used if
	EDRV_EARLY_RX_INT is defined as TRUE
kEdrvBufferLastInFrame	Last data of frame received, i.e. the complete frame was received. If EDRV_EARLY_RX_INT is defined as FALSE this value mus be used in any
	case.

Table 35: Constants of enumerated type tEdrvBufferInFrame

### **2.3.2.2** Callback Function tEdryTxHandler()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

typedef void (\*tEdrvTxHandler) (tEdrvTxBuffer \* pTxBuffer\_p);

#### **Parameters:**

pTxBuffer\_p: Pointer to the transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

This is the same pointer as previously used to start the

transmission.

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

## **Description:**

The callback function must be called by the Ethernet driver when an Ethernet frame has been transmitted. The DLL module provides this callback function. It is not reentrant. The macro

# EDRV DMA TX HANDLER selects when this callback function is called exactly.

```
typedef struct
   unsigned int m_uiTxMsgLen;
                  m_dwTimeOffsetNs;
   DWORD
   tEdrvTxHandler m_pfnTxHandler;
   union
       unsigned int m_uiVal;
       DWORD
                       m_dwVal;
       void*
                       m_pVal;
   } m_BufferNumber;
   BYTE
              m_pbBuffer;
   unsigned int m_uiMaxBufferLen;
} tEdrvTxBuffer;
```

Member	Description
m_uiTxMsgLen	Current length of the frame not including the frame
	checksum.
m_dwTimeOffsetNs	Delay to a previous frame after which this frame will be
	transmitted.
m_pfnTxHandler	Tx handler (see section 2.3.2.2). This pointer may be
	NULL.
m_BufferNumber	Ethernet driver internal number of the buffer.
m_pbBuffer	Pointer to the buffer, i.e. the start of the Ethernet frame.

Maximum length of buffer.

Table 36: Members of structure tEdrvTxBuffer

### 2.3.2.3 Function EdrvInit()

### **Syntax:**

m uiMaxBufferLen

```
#include <edrv.h>
tEplKernel EdrvInit(
         tEdrvInitParam*
                                               pEdrvInitParam_p);
```

**Parameters:** 

pEdrvInitParam\_p: Pointer to the initialization parameter structure

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function initializes the Ethernet driver and controller. The DLL module calls this function.

Member	Description
m_abMyMacAddr	Local MAC address.
m_pfnRxHandler	

Table 37: Members of structure tEdrvInitParam

# 2.3.2.4 Function EdrvShutdown()

### **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvShutdown(void);

### **Parameters:**

none

### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function shuts down the Ethernet driver and controller. The DLL module calls this function.

### **2.3.2.5** Function EdryChangeFilter()

### **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvChangeFilter(

tEdrvFilter \* pFilter\_p, unsigned int uiCount\_p,

unsigned int uiEntryChanged\_p, unsigned int uiChangeFlags\_p);

### **Parameters:**

pFilter\_p: Pointer to the array of filter structures.

uiCount\_p: Number of filter structures.

uiEntryChanged\_p Appoints a specific filter entry which has been

changed. If it is greater than or equal to uiCount\_p all

entries have been changed.

uiChangeFlags\_p Specifies the type of changes which were made to the

entry specified by uiEntryChanged\_p.

The following flags are valid:

EDRV\_FILTER\_CHANGE\_VALUE, EDRV\_FILTER\_CHANGE\_MASK, EDRV\_FILTER\_CHANGE\_STATE, EDRV\_FILTER\_CHANGE\_ALL.

#### **Return:**

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

kEplEdrvTooManyFilters uiCount\_p is too large, i.e. the Edrv and the Ethernet

Controller respectively do not support this number of

filter entries.

# **Description:**

The function configures the specified Rx filter entries. Previously existing filters are overwritten. The Rx filter entries have to be ordered with the most specific filter entry at first. The first filter entry that matches to a received frame is used. The ordering is particularly important with regard to auto-response frames.

The Edrv may return a handle for each filter in the element m\_uiHandle which must be used for later calls to the function EdrvChangeFilter(). If the function is called with pFilter\_p == NULL or uiCount\_p == 0 existing Rx filters are removed.

### The DLL module calls this function.

Member	Description
m_uiHandle	Handle of this filter entry which is returned by
	EdrvChangeFilter().
m_fEnable	Flag which specifies if this filter entry is enabled.
m_abFilterValue	Byte array of filter values.
m_abFilterMask	Byte array of filter mask.
m_pTxBuffer	Pointer to the Tx buffer which will be transmitted by autoresponse feature if the filter matches. If this pointer equals NULL, no Tx frame is triggered by this filter entry.
m_pfnRxHandler	Rx handler for this filter entry (see section 2.3.2.1).

Table 38: Members of structure tEdrvFilter

# 2.3.2.6 Function EdrvDefineRxMacAddrEntry()

# **Syntax:**

```
#include <edrv.h>
tEplKernel EdrvDefineRxMacAddrEntry(
BYTE* pbMacAddr_p);
```

### **Parameters:**

pbMacAddr\_p: Pointer to a multicast MAC address

**Return:** 

The function is deprecated. It defines a multicast MAC address which shall be received. The DLL module calls this function.

# **2.3.2.7 Function EdryUndefineRxMacAddrEntry()**

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvUndefineRxMacAddrEntry(

BYTE\* pbMacAddr\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pbMacAddr\_p: Pointer to a multicast MAC address

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function is deprecated. It undefines a multicast MAC address which must not be forwarded to the Rx handler anymore. The DLL module calls this function.

# 2.3.2.8 Function EdrvAllocTxMsgBuffer()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvAllocTxMsgBuffer(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

The function allocates a transmit buffer with the specified maximum size for the specified EPL frame type. The function returns a pointer to a buffer which is not less than the specified maximum size. The DLL module calls this function.

# **2.3.2.9 Function EdryReleaseTxMsgBuffer()**

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvReleaseTxMsgBuffer(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function releases a previously allocated transmit buffer. The DLL module calls this function.

# **2.3.2.10** Function EdrvUpdateTxMsgBuffer()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvUpdateTxMsgBuffer(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

The function signals to the Edrv module, that the Tx frame was updated by the caller. The Tx frame has to be allocated previously via the function EdrvAllocTxMsgBuffer(). The DLL module calls this function.

# 2.3.2.11 Function EdrvSendTxMsg()

### **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvSendTxMsg(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function transmits the specified buffer immediately. The caller must set the current size of the frame in m\_uiTxMsgLen. Only previously allocated transmit buffers may be passed to this function. The DLL module calls this function.

# 2.3.2.12 Function EdrvTxMsgReady()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvTxMsgReady(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

The function marks the specified buffer as ready for transmission and start transferring the frame to the FIFO of the Ethernet controller but must not transmit it. The caller must set the current size of the frame in m\_uiTxMsgLen. Only previously allocated transmit buffers may be passed to this function. This function may be present only if EDRV\_FAST\_TXFRAMES is defined as TRUE. The DLL module calls this function.

# 2.3.2.13 Function EdryTxMsgStart()

# **Syntax:**

#include <edrv.h>

tEplKernel EdrvTxMsgStart(

tEdrvTxBuffer\* pBuffer\_p);

**Parameters:** 

pBuffer\_p: Pointer to a transmit buffer structure (see Table 36).

**Return:** 

kEplSuccessful The function was executed without error.

# **Description:**

The function really starts the transmission of the specified buffer which was previously marked as ready. This function may be present only if EDRV\_FAST\_TXFRAMES is defined as TRUE. The DLL module calls this function.

# 3 Object Dictionary

### 3.1 Fundamentals

The Object Dictionary (OD) forms the essential connection between the application software and the EPL stack, which enables data to be exchanged with an application over the EPL network. EPL defines the services and communication objects for the access to the OD entries. The OD of EPL is modeled after the one of CANopen. Each entry is addressed by index and sub index. The properties of an entry in the OD are defined by type (UINT8, UIN16, REAL32, Visible String, Domain,...) and by attribute (read-only, write-only, const, read-write, mappable).

The OD can contain up to 65536 index entries and 0 - 255 sub indexes per index. They are predefined by communication profile or device profile. Type and attribute for sub indexes within an index can vary.

Entries can be preset with default values. It is possible to modify the value of an entry with the help of SDOs (Service Data Objects), in as far as it is allowed by the attribute (read-write and write-only; not for read-only and const). A value can also be modified by the application itself (attribute read-write, write-only and read-only; not for const).

# 3.2 Structure of an OD, Standardized Profiles

The OD is divided into sections. The section 0x1000 - 0x1FFF is used to define the parameters for the communication objects and for storage of general information (manufacturer, device type, serial number, etc.). The entries from index 0x2000 - 0x5FFF are reserved for the storage of manufacturer-specific entries. The entries starting at 0x6000 are those with device-specific as described by the applicable device profile.

### 3.2.1 Communication Profile

The Ethernet POWERLINK Communication Profile Specification [1] defines the communication parameters for the communication objects, which must be supported by every EPL device. In addition, for device-specific expansions to the communication profile applicable CANopen device profiles may be used.

### 3.2.2 Device Profiles

Overview of CANopen device profiles (not complete):

- Device profile for generic input/output modules (CiA 401)
- Device profile for drives and motion controls (CiA 402)
- Device profile for human/machine interface (HMI) (CiA 403)
- Device profile for measuring devices and closed-loop controllers (CiA 404)
- Device profile for encoders (CiA 406)
- Device profile for proportional valves (CiA 408)

For a complete overview of all currently available device profiles go to:

http://www.can-cia.org/downloads/ciaspecifications/

# 3.3 Object Dictionary Structure

The Object Dictionary consists of index tables, sub index tables, default values and the data itself.

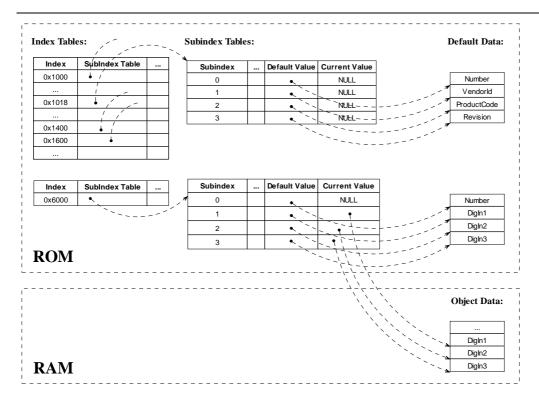


Figure 2: Object Dictionary Structure

The index tables contain all available indexes in ascending order. Each index entry refers to the beginning of the corresponding sub index table and its callback functions, which are called for each access.

Each sub index table contains all available sub indexes for an index entry. Every sub index entry provides information about the object type, the access rights, the location of the default value and the location of the actual data in RAM.

After the EPL stack is initialized, the corresponding default values are assigned to all object data.

The above described structures are constructed via macros. These macros are described in the following section.

# 3.4 Object Dictionary Definition

The Object Dictionary is defined in the file **objdict.h** by using macros which are described in this section.

EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN()
EPL\_OBD\_END()

The Object Dictionary is always introduced with the macro EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN. EPL\_OBD\_END ends the definition of the Object Dictionary. No other macros can be used for the Object Dictionary outside of the boundary set by EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN and EPL\_OBD\_END.

EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_GENERIC()
EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_MANUFACTURER()
EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_DEVICE()
EPL\_OBD\_END\_PART()

The macros EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_GENERIC, EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_DEVICE are always positioned between the macros EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN and EPL\_OBD\_END and introduce a partial section of the Object Dictionary. The "GENERIC" range is always utilized for the index range 0x1000 to 0x1FFF, the "MANUFACTURER" section is used for 0x2000 to 0x5FFF and the "DEVICE" section for index range 0x6000 to 0x9FFF. Each of these macros may only be used a single time within an Object Dictionary. The applicable range or partial section is always closed with the macro EPL\_OBD\_END\_PART.

# EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_INDEX\_RAM(ind,cnt,call) EPL\_OBD\_END\_INDEX(ind)

These macros are found within a partial section of the Object Dictionary. They are located within the range between the macros EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_PART\_... and EPL\_OBD\_END\_PART. They must be ordered with ascending object index. These macros define an index entry in the Object Dictionary. An index entry is therefore always introduced with the macro EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_INDEX\_...

and ended with EPL\_OBD\_END\_INDEX. The suffix ...\_RAM indicates that the sub index table is located in RAM.

ind: Object index of the entry to be defined

**cnt**: Number of sub indexes within this index entry

**call**: Pointer to the callback function for this index entry

The callback function is always called if an object has been read or written. It doesn't matter if the access comes from the application or per SDO. The EPL API Layer has one callback function that must be specified for some objects in the index range 0x1000 through 0x1FFF and may be specified for any other object indexes, including application-specific objects.

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_VAR(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name,val)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_VAR\_RG(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name,val,low,high)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_VAR\_NOINIT(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_VSTRING(ind,sub,acc,name,size, val)

EPL OBD SUBINDEX RAM OSTRING(ind,sub,acc,name,size, val)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_DOMAIN(ind,sub,acc,name)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_USERDEF(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name,val)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_USERDEF\_RG(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name,val,low, high)

EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_USERDEF\_NOINIT(ind,sub,typ,acc,dtyp,name)

The sub indexes are now defined within an index entry. They are always located within the range between the macros EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_INDEX\_... and EPL\_OBD\_END\_INDEX and must be ordered with ascending sub index. Since there are various object types and therefore various data types that have to be created, there are different macros as well. The most important object types are:

- variables (VAR),
- strings (VSTRING for visible strings and OSTRING for octet strings),
- domains (DOMAIN) and
- user-specific type (USERDEF).

The variables that were created with the macro ...RAM\_VAR are objects that have a defined data length, which is determined by the object type (e.g. UNSIGNED 8, UNSIGNED 16, INTEGER 8, etc.). These objects cannot be mapped to a PDO.

Strings in RAM contain an additional parameter "size". This parameter indicates the maximum length of a string that can be written to via SDO or from the application.

The data length of domains is set by the application and can change during runtime.

Objects, which the user wants to manage in his application, can be created with the USERDEF macros. Only these objects can be mapped to a PDO as process variables.

The suffix ...\_RG is for objects that have a value range for the object data. If in the file **EplCfg.h** the define EPL\_OBD\_CHECK\_OBJECT\_RANGE is set to TRUE, the EPL stack automatically checks the value range before an object is written to (from the application or per SDO). If the define EPL\_OBD\_CHECK\_OBJECT\_RANGE is set to FALSE, the value range is not checked automatically. Here, the value range must be checked in the callback function of the object entry (as far as this is necessary).

The suffix ...\_NOINIT defines objects which have no default value. That means the EPL stack does not initialize those variables with a default value on NMT reset events. It is the responsibility of the application to initialize those objects.

The macros ...\_DOMAIN, ...\_USERDEF and ...\_USERDEF\_RG define a variable information structure of type tEplVarEntry in the RAM along with the sub index entry. This structure contains the data length and a pointer to the data. Upon initialization of the EPL stack with the function **EplApiInitialize()** all variable information is deleted. The application has to map these objects to its own variables by calling the function **EplApiLinkObject()**. All objects which were

created with the macros ...\_DOMAIN, ...\_USERDEF or ...\_USERDEF\_RG must be defined via this function.

ind: Object index of the sub index entry to be defined

sub: Sub index for the sub index entry to be defined

**typ**: Object type as code, as defined according to [1] (refer to Table 39)

**acc**: Access properties or access rights for the object (refer to Table 40)

**dtyp**: Data type as C construction (*refer to Table 42*)

name: Object name

**size:** Maximum length of the string in RAM (incl. 0 termination)

val: Default value for the object data, which is assumed following a reset

**low**: Lower range limit for the object data

**high**: Upper range limit for the object data

The parameters 'val', 'low' and 'high' must be given according to data type 'dtyp'.

 $EPL\_OBD\_RAM\_INDEX\_RAM\_ARRAY (ind, cnt, cal, typ, acc, dtyp, name, def) \\ EPL\_OBD\_RAM\_INDEX\_RAM\_VARARRAY (ind, cnt, cal, typ, acc, dtyp, name, def) \\$ 

There is another class of macros to simplify the definition of arrays. They can replace the EPL\_OBD\_BEGIN\_INDEX\_..., EPL\_OBD\_END\_INDEX and EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_... macros. These macros reduce the allocation of const memory, because of less sub index table entries. The drawback is that they need a little more RAM.

...VARARRAY Macro the equivalent the is EPL OBD SUBINDEX RAM USERDEF... macros. All created sub indexes be defined calling the function must by **EplApiLinkObject()**.

ind: Object index of the sub index entry to be defined

**cnt**: Number of sub indexes of this entry without sub index 0

**cal**: Pointer to the callback function for this index entry

**typ**: Object type as code, as defined according to [1] (refer to Table 39)

**acc**: Access properties or access rights for the object (refer to Table 40)

**dtyp**: Data type as C construction (*refer to Table 42*)

name: Object name

**def**: Default value for the object data, which is assumed following a reset

<b>Data Type Code in EPL</b>	Meaning in [1]
kEplObdTypBool	Boolean (value 0x0001)
kEplObdTypInt8	signed integer 8-bit (value 0x0002)
kEplObdTypInt16	signed integer 16-bit (value 0x0003)
kEplObdTypInt32	signed integer 32-bit (value 0x0004)
kEplObdTypUInt8	unsigned integer 8-bit (value 0x0005)
kEplObdTypUInt16	unsigned integer 16-bit (value 0x0006)
kEplObdTypUInt32	unsigned integer 32-bit (value 0x0007)
kEplObdTypReal32	real 32-bit (value 0x0008)
kEplObdTypVString	visible string (value 0x0009)
kEplObdTypOString	octet string (value 0x000A)
kEplObdTypTimeOfDay	time of day (value 0x000C)
kEplObdTypTimeDiff	time difference (value 0x000D)
kEplObdTypDomain	domain (value 0x000F)
kEplObdTypInt24	signed integer 24-bit (value 0x0010)
kEplObdTypReal64	real 64-bit (value 0x0011)
kEplObdTypInt40	signed integer 40-bit (value 0x0012)
kEplObdTypInt48	signed integer 48-bit (value 0x0013)
kEplObdTypInt56	signed integer 56-bit (value 0x0014)
kEplObdTypInt64	signed integer 64-bit (value 0x0015)
kEplObdTypUInt24	unsigned integer 24-bit (value 0x0016)
kEplObdTypUInt40	unsigned integer 40-bit (value 0x0018)
kEplObdTypUInt48	unsigned integer 48-bit (value 0x0019)
kEplObdTypUInt56	unsigned integer 56-bit (value 0x001A)
kEplObdTypUInt64	unsigned integer 64-bit (value 0x001B)

*Table 39:* Available data types (enumerated type tEplObdType)

<b>Access Rights</b>	Value	Description
kEplObdAccRead	0x01	The object data can be read.
kEplObdAccWrite	0x02	The object data can be written to.
kEplObdAccConst	0x04	The object data is constant.
kEplObdAccPdo	0x08	The object data can be mapped to a PDO
		(always in conjunction with
		kEplObdAccVar).
kEplObdAccRange	0x20	The object data contains a value range.
kEplObdAccVar	0x40	The object contains a variable information
		structure.
kEplObdAccStore	0x80	The object data can be saved in EEPROM
		using the Store command.

Table 40: Access rights of objects

Combinations of access rights are possible (*refer to Table 41*). Some of these access rights are automatically set by the macros. Which objects contain which access rights depends on the applied device profile or on the application.

For readable and writable objects (kEplObdAccRead and kEplObdAccWrite set) there is always a value available in ROM, which contains the default value, as well as a current value in RAM. The default value is copied to the current value in the NMT states kEplNmtGsResetApplication or kEplNmtGsResetCommunication and on the command to restore the default parameters (object 0x1011, NMT\_RestoreDefParam\_REC). The current value can be written and read for both SDO accesses or from the application.

Read-only objects (macro EPL\_OBD\_SUBINDEX\_RAM\_... set but **kEplObdAccWrite** not set), however, cannot be written per SDO. However, the application can modify its object data by calling the function **EplApiWriteLocalObject()**. Therefore, a value is created in ROM as well as in RAM.

Macro	automatically assigned rights
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_VAR	None

EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_VAR_RG	kObdAccRange
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_VSTRING	None
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_OSTRING	None
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_DOMAIN	kObdAccVar
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_USERDEF	kObdAccVar
EPL_OBD_SUBINDEX_RAM_USERDEF_RG	kObdAccVar
	kObdAccRange

Table 41: Automatically assigned access rights

Data Type Code in EPL	<b>Available Data Types as C Construct</b>
kEplObdTypBool	tEplObdBoolean
kEplObdTypInt8	tEplObdInteger8
kEplObdTypInt16	tEplObdInteger16
kEplObdTypInt24	tEplObdInteger24
kEplObdTypInt32	tEplObdInteger32
kEplObdTypInt40	tEplObdInteger40
kEplObdTypInt48	tEplObdInteger48
kEplObdTypInt56	tEplObdInteger56
kEplObdTypInt64	tEplObdInteger64
kEplObdTypUInt8	tEplObdUnsigned8, BYTE
kEplObdTypUInt16	tEplObdUnsigned16, WORD
kEplObdTypUInt24	tEplObdUnsigned24
kEplObdTypUInt32	tEplObdUnsigned32, DWORD
kEplObdTypUInt40	tEplObdUnsigned40
kEplObdTypUInt48	tEplObdUnsigned48
kEplObdTypUInt56	tEplObdUnsigned56
kEplObdTypUInt64	tEplObdUnsigned64
kEplObdTypReal32	tEplObdReal32
kEplObdTypReal64	tEplObdReal64
kEplObdTypTimeOfDay	tEplObdTimeOfDay
kEplObdTypTimeDiff	tEplObdTimeDifference
kEplObdTypVString	tEplObdVString
kEplObdTypOString	tEplObdOString
kEplObdTypDomain	All

Table 42: Available data types and their C counterparts

# 3.5 Example

The directory ObjDicts contains several sample object dictionaries. A good starting point might be ObjDicts/Api\_CN.

# 4 Configuration and Scaling

The EPL stack is configured via C-defines in the header file *EplCfg.h*. This file should reside in the project directory, because the configuration depends on the target and the current project. The various configuration options are described in this section.

# 4.1 General configuration of the EPL stack

### EPL\_MODULE\_INTEGRATION

The different modules of the EPL stack can be enabled or disabled separately. But some modules depend on each other. This macro is a bit field, where each bit represents a module. There are the following macros for each module:

EPL\_MODULE\_OBDK = OBD kernel part module = PDO kernel part module EPL\_MODULE\_PDOK EPL\_MODULE\_PDOU = PDO user part module EPL\_MODULE\_SDOS = SDO Server module EPL\_MODULE\_SDOC = SDO Client module EPL\_MODULE\_SDO\_ASND = SDO via ASnd module EPL\_MODULE\_SDO\_UDP = SDO via UDP module EPL MODULE SDO PDO = SDO in PDO module

EPL\_MODULE\_NMT\_MN = NMT MN module (enabled MN support)

EPL\_MODULE\_NMT\_CN = NMT CN module
EPL\_MODULE\_NMTU = NMT user part module
EPL\_MODULE\_NMTK = NMT kernel part module
EPL\_MODULE\_DLLK = DLL kernel part module
EPL\_MODULE\_DLLU = DLL user part module
EPL\_MODULE\_OBDU = OBD user part module
EPL\_MODULE\_LEDU = LED user part module

EPL\_MODULE\_CFM = Configuration Manager module EPL\_MODULE\_VETH = Virtual Ethernet driver module

### EPL\_USE\_SHAREDBUFF

This macro defines if the SharedBuff implementation exists and should be used for event queues etc. If you want to test the EPL stack on a target system without operating system or on a target where no SharedBuff implementation exists, you can define this macro to FALSE. Instead of event queues there will be direct calls between EPL user part and kernel part.

# EPL\_EVENT\_USE\_KERNEL\_QUEUE

This macro defines if the kernel part event queue is used. If this macro is defined to FALSE the kernel part event queue is replaced by direct calls within interrupt lock. This can provide a better performance, but increases the interrupt jitter.

### 4.2 Ethernet driver

### **EDRV MAX TX BUFFERS**

This macro defines the number of available transmit buffers in the Ethernet driver. A pure CN just needs 5 transmit buffers (i.e. its PRes frame, the IdentResponse, the StatusResponse, the NMT Request FIFO and non-EPL frames). A MN additionally needs 2 transmit buffers for the SoC and SoA frame and one transmit buffer for the PReq frame of each attached CN.

### **EDRV AUTO RESPONSE**

This macro defines if the used Ethernet driver supports the autoresponse feature. This means that the Ethernet controller will automatically transmit the response frames on certain requests, e.g. PRes on PReq and StatusResponse on StatusRequest.

### EDRV\_FAST\_TXFRAMES

If the configured Ethernet driver supports it and this macro is defined as TRUE, fast transmit frames may be used for PRes frames. This means that the Ethernet driver implements the functions EdrvTxMsgReady() and EdrvTxMsgStart(). The first function starts

copying the buffer to the Ethernet controller's FIFO and the second actually starts transmitting the message. This option may reduce the PReq-PRes latency. This macro depends on the implementation of the Ethernet driver.

### EDRV\_EARLY\_RX\_INT

If the configured Ethernet driver supports it and this macro is defined as TRUE, the Rx handler of the DLL module may be called before the complete frame has been received. This option may reduce the PReq-PRes latency because the DLL module can react on some received frames like PReq-frames if it only knows the header of the frame. This macro depends on the implementation of the Ethernet driver.

### EDRV\_USED\_ETH\_CTRL

This macro selects the Ethernet controller.

### EDRV\_DMA\_TX\_HANDLER

This macro selects whether the Ethernet driver calls the Tx handler of the DLL module when the DMA transfer has finished or when the frame is actually transmitted over the bus. This macro depends on the implementation of the Ethernet driver.

### 4.3 DLL module

### EPL\_DLL\_PRES\_FILTER\_COUNT

This macro specifies the number of PRes receive filter entries that the DLL shares with the Ethernet driver for PRes filtering. There are separate filter entries for PRes from different nodes. If the PDO module requests the reception of a PRes frame from a specific node, because the user has configured a RPDO with this node-ID, the DLL uses a free PRes filter entry for this PRes. For example if you have three RPDOs, you need at least 3 PRes receive filter entries. The source node-IDs of the specific PRes frames are configured at runtime.

A value of 0 disables the reception of cross-traffic, i.e. PRes frames from other nodes in the network are not seen by this node.

A value of -1 disables the selective PRes filtering. That means if the user enabled one or more RPDOs, the PDO module requests the reception of the corresponding PRes frames and the DLL will enable the reception of all PRes frames. This implies that any PRes frame will be seen by the node. If there is no enabled RPDO, the PRes filter will be disabled.

### EPL DLL PRES CHAINING CN

If this macro is defined as TRUE, the support for PollResponse Chaining feature is enabled in CN implementation.

### EPL DLL PRES CHAINING MN

If this macro is defined as TRUE, the support for PollResponse Chaining feature is enabled in MN implementation.

### EPL\_DLL\_PRES\_READY\_AFTER\_SOC

If this macro and EDRV\_FAST\_TXFRAMES are defined as TRUE, upon reception of SoC the DLL module passes the PRes frame to the Ethernet driver via EdrvTxMsgReady(). Currently, it is only implemented in the CN state machine.

### EPL\_DLL\_PRES\_READY\_AFTER\_SOA

If this macro and EDRV\_FAST\_TXFRAMES are defined as TRUE, upon reception of SoA the DLL module passes the PRes frame to the Ethernet driver via EdrvTxMsgReady(). Currently, it is only implemented in the CN state machine.

The above macros are mutually exclusive.

### 4.4 OBD module

# EPL\_OBD\_USE\_KERNEL

If this macro is defined as TRUE, the OBD module implementation of EPL kernel part is also used in EPL user part via direct calls.

### EPL OBD USE LOAD CONCISEDCF

If this macro is defined as TRUE, the OBD module initializes the OD from a concise device configuration file (usual file ending .cdc), which was generated by a POWERLINK network configuration tool.

# EPL OBD DEF CONCISEDCF FILENAME

This macro defines the default file name of the concise device configuration file (CDC). If it is not defined, "pl\_obd.cdc" is used as default.

### 4.5 SDO modules

### EPL\_SDO\_MAX\_CONNECTION\_ASND

This macro defines the maximum number of available connection channels of the SDO ASnd layer.

### EPL SDO MAX CONNECTION UDP

This macro defines the maximum number of available connection channels of the SDO UDP layer.

### EPL MAX SDO SEQ CON

This macro defines the maximum number of available connection channels of the SDO sequence layer.

### EPL MAX SDO COM CON

This macro defines the maximum number of available connection channels of the SDO command layer.

### 4.6 Timer module

# EPL\_TIMER\_USE\_HIGHRES

If this macro is defined as TRUE, a high resolution timer module is available and will be used by DLL module for cycle monitoring.

# 4.7 Configuration Manager module

### EPL\_CFM\_CONFIGURE\_CYCLE\_LENGTH

If this macro is defined as TRUE, the Configuration Manager copies the local cycle length configuration (object 0x1006) to the CNs after the normal configuration via CDC has finished.

# 4.8 EPL API Layer

# EPL\_API\_OBD\_FORWARD\_EVENT

The macro configure whether OD access events shall be forwarded to user callback function.

Because of reentrancy for local OD accesses, this has to be disabled when application resides in other address space as the stack (e.g. if EplApiLinuxUser.c and EplApiLinuxKernel.c are used).

# Glossary

AMI	Abstract memory interface
ASnd	POWERLINK frame type: Asynchronous Send, which may contain SDO or NMT messages
CAL	Communication Abstraction Layer, internal openPOWERLINK stack module
CDC	Concise Device Configuration File (binary version of XDC)
CFM	Configuration Manager
CN	Controlled Node, i.e. slave device in the POWERLINK network
DCF	Device configuration file (generated by configuration tools)
DLL	Data Link Layer
DNS	Domain Name System (Internet Protocol)
EPL	Ethernet POWERLINK
EPSG	Ethernet POWERLINK Standardization Group
IP	Internet Protocol
HMI	Human machine interface
MAC	Media Access Control
MN	Managing Node, i.e. master device in the POWERLINK network
NMT	Network Management
Node	an arbitrary POWERLINK device. Often a Controlled Node
OBD	Object dictionary module

OD Object dictionary

PDO Process Data Object

PReq POWERLINK frame type: Poll Request

PRes POWERLINK frame type: Poll Response

RPDO Receive PDO

SDO Service Data Object

SoA POWERLINK frame type: Start of Asynchronous

SoC POWERLINK frame type: Start of Cyclic

TCP Transmission Control Protocol

TPDO Transmit PDO

UDP User Datagram Protocol

XDC XML Device Configuration File

XDD XML Device Description File

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- [1] EPSG Draft Standard 301 Ethernet POWERLINK Communication Profile Specification, Version 1.1.0, Ethernet POWERLINK Standardisation Group, 2008
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