STTP Specification

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Abstract: This specification defines a publish-subscribe data communication protocol that has been optimized for the exchange of real-time and historical streaming data such as synchrophasor data. It includes a x, y and z as well as guide on use of an API coded in multiple languages as well as a reference on use of API.

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Introduction

Use of synchrophasors by U.S. utilities continues to grow following the jump start provided by the Smart Grid Investment Grants. Even so, the dominant method to exchange synchrophasor data remains the IEEE C37.118-2005 [2] protocol that was designed for and continues to be the preferred solution for substation-to-control room communications. It achieves its advantages through use of an ordered set (a frame) of information that is associated with a specific measurement time. When IEEE C37.118 is used for PDC-to-PDC communication or for PDC-to-Application communication, large data frames are typically distributed to multiple systems. To address the challenges presented by these large frame sizes, many utilities implement purpose-built networks for synchrophasor data only. Even with these purpose-built networks, large frame sizes result in an increased probability of UDP frame loss, or in the case of TCP, increased communication latency. In addition, IEEE C37.118 has only prescriptive methods for the management of measurement metadata which is well-suited for substation-to-control-center use but which becomes difficult to manage as this metadata spans analytic solutions and is used by multiple configuration owners in a wide-area context.

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Scope of this Document

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Definitions and Nomenclature

The styles used to show code, notes, etc.

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For example,

ℹ This is an instructional note in the spec.

or for example,

⚠ This is a very important note in the spec.

Definition of key terms

The words "must", "must not", "required", "shall", "shall not", "should", "should not", "recommended", "may", and "optional" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#)

Term	Definition
phasor	A complex equivalent of a simple cosine wave quantity such that the complex modulus is the cosine wave amplitude and the complex angle (in polar form) is the cosine wave phase angle.
synchrophasor	A phasor calculated from data samples using a standard time signal as the reference for the measurement. Synchronized phasors from remote sites have a defined common phase relationship.
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Acronyms

Term	Definition
API	Application Program Interface
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
GEP	Gateway Exchange Protocol
GPA	Grid Protection Alliance, Inc.
PDC	Phasor Data Concentrator
PMU	Phasor Measurement Unit
STTP	Streaming Telemetry Transport Protocol
TCP	
UDP	
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated

Protocol Overview

Purpose of protocol, fundamentals of how it works (command and data)
Include sub-section titles (4# items) as needed

Protocol Feature Summary

- this is the protocol promotional section that includes
- a bulleted list of the "value points" for the protocol

Introduce the each of topical sections that follow.

Candidate major topic headings: (3# items) Command channel, data channel, compression, security, filter expressions, metadata, ...

Topic 1

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Ritchie We're going to need a place to post and update images on the web. Ideally we should use GitHub as well for these images so others can post new images. Ideas??

Russell I created an *Images* folder, i.e., `Section/Images/` relative to `STTP/Specification` that should work, e.g.:

Topic 2

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References and Notes

1. [The MIT Open Source Software License](#)
2. [IEEE Standard C37.118â‚¢, Standard for Synchrophasors for Power Systems](#)
3. [RFC 2119, Current Best Practice](#) Scott Bradner, Harvard University, 1997
4. [STTP repository on GitHub](#)
5. ...

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0.1	July 15, 2017	Discussion draft for validation of specification components
0.0	June 19, 2017	Specification template

Appendix A - STTP API Reference

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> 💡 Links to language specific auto-generated XML code comment based API documentation would be useful.

Appendix B - IEEE C37-118 Mapping

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Specification Development To-Do List

- ☑ Determine the location for posting images (June 19, 2017)
- ☐ Sample item 2 (date)
- ☐ Sample item 3 (date)