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FOREWORD

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- *Part 111: Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH)* ¹⁾
- *Part 112: Physical and Signaling Interface - 2 (FC-PH-2)* ¹⁾
- *Part 113: Physical and Signaling Interface - 3 (FC-PH-3)* ¹⁾
- *Part 122: Arbitrated Loop-2 (FC-AL-2)* ¹⁾
- *Part 131: Switch Fabric Requirements (FC-SW)*
- *Part 141: Fabric Generic Requirements (FC-FG)*
- *Part 211: Mapping to HIPPI-FP (FC-FP)*
- *Part 222: Mapping of Single-Byte Command Code Sets-2 (FC-SB-2)* ¹⁾
- *Part 321: Audio Video (FC-AV)* ¹⁾
- *Part 412: Generic Services (FC-GS-2)* ¹⁾

Annex A is for information only.

¹⁾ Under consideration.

INTRODUCTION

This part of ISO/IEC 14165 defines requirements for Fabrics supporting the Fibre Channel Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH) that are independent of specific Fabric topologies. FC-PH, together with second generation (FC-PH-2) and third generation (FC-PH-3), describes the point-to-point physical interface transmission protocol and signaling protocol of a high-performance serial link for support of higher level protocols.

The term Fibre Channel generally refers to: ISO/IEC 14165, part 111, FC-PH; part 112, FC-PH-2; and part 113, FC-PH-3. Fibre Channel provides a general data transport vehicle for Upper Level Protocols (ULPs) such as Intelligent Peripheral Interface (IPI) and Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) command sets, the High-Performance Parallel Interface (HIPPI) data framing, IP (Internet Protocol), ANSI/IEEE 802.2, and others. Proprietary and other command sets may also use and share Fibre Channel, but such use is not defined as part of Fibre Channel.

This part of ISO/IEC 14165 is organized as follows:

- a) FC-0 defines the physical portions of Fibre channel including the fibre, connectors, and optical and electrical parameters for a variety of data rates and physical media. Coax and twisted pair versions are defined for limited distance applications. FC-0 provides the point-to-point physical portion of Fibre Channel. A variety of physical media is supported to address variations in cable plants.
- b) FC-1 defines the transmission protocol which includes the serial encoding, decoding, and error control.
- c) FC-2 defines the signaling protocol which includes the frame structure and byte sequences.
- d) FC-3 defines a set of services which are common across multiple ports of a node.
- e) FC-4 is the highest level in Fibre Channel. It defines the mapping between the lower levels of Fibre Channel and the IPI and SCSI command sets, the HIPPI data framing, IP, and other Upper Level Protocols (ULPs).

Of these levels, FC-0, FC-1, and FC-2 are integrated into the ISO/IEC 14165-111, FC-PH document. The Fibre Channel protocol provides a range of implementation possibilities extending from minimum cost to maximum performance. The transmission medium is isolated from the control protocol so that each implementation may use a technology best suited to the environment of use.

Figure 1 shows the relationship of this part of ISO/IEC 14165 (the highlighted rectangle) with other Fibre Channel documents. Part 112, FC-PH-2 and part 113, FC-PH-3 specify enhanced functions added to part 111, FC-PH. Part 141, FC-FG and part 131, FC-SW are related to Fabric requirements. Part 121, FC-AL specifies the arbitrated loop topology. Part 412, FC-GS-2 is related to Generic fibre Channel Services. Part 221, FC-SB; part 211, FC-FP; part 311, FC-AE, part 321, FC-AV, IPI-3 Disk revision, IPI-3 Tape revision and SCSI-FCP are FC-4 standards. Parts 122, Arbitrated loop-2 (FC-AL-2), and 222, Mapping of single-byte command code sets-2 (FC-SB-2), are under consideration.

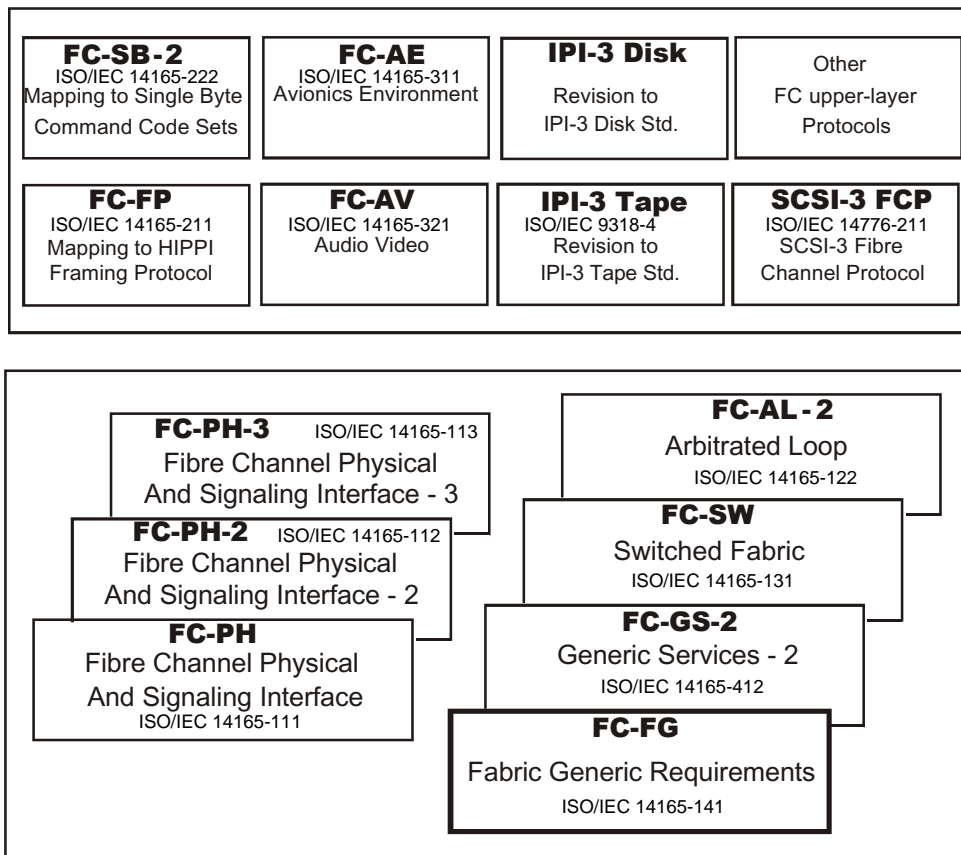


Figure 1 – Document relationship

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14165 describes generic requirements for a communications transport medium called the Fabric, an entity that provides switched interconnect between pairs of user attachment points. Fabrics may be implemented using one or more topologies and this document describes requirements that are generic across all topologies.

A companion document, ISO/IEC 14165-111, *Fibre Channel - Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH)*, describes the physical interface, transmission protocol, and signaling protocol of high-performance serial links which attach user nodes to the Fabric. The Fabric serves to extend these serial links between pairs of attachment points. ISO/IEC 14165-111, FC-PH also describes features and behaviors of the Fabric required by user nodes.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 14165. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 14165 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards (see foreword).

ISO/IEC 14165-111, *Information Technology - Fibre Channel - Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH)*

ISO/IEC 14165-112, *Information Technology - Fibre Channel - Physical and Signaling Interface-2 (FC-PH-2)*

ISO/IEC 14165-122, *Information Technology - Fibre Channel - Arbitrated Loop-2 (FC-AL-2)*

ISO/IEC 14165-412, *Information Technology - Fibre Channel - Fabric Generic Services-2 (FC-GS-2)*