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flow control at synchronous and
asynchronous DTE-DCE interfaces**

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synchrones et asynchrones de commande de flux de données*

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Introduction

When using DCEs incorporating data compression and/or error correction, it is essential that the DCE have some method of controlling the flow of data from the DTE (a similar requirement applies for the associated DTEs, see below). This is because the degree of compression obtained will vary from moment to moment, and the buffers in the DCE may fill up during periods of lower compression, or while correction of transmission errors is active.

Likewise, during periods of high compression, the DTE may become overloaded with the amount of incoming data and may not be able to process this data properly without means of controlling the flow of data from the DCE.

There are many methods of flow control in existence, and DCE and DTE designers should ensure that they provide methods suitable for the associated DTE and DCE, respectively, to be used.

This Recommendation aims at giving guidelines in order to assist DTE and DCE designers in their tasks. It lists several mechanisms which are known to operate successfully with DTEs and DCEs although no single mechanism will operate with all DTEs and DCEs, and some DTEs may not respond to any of the mechanisms described. Both the synchronous and the asynchronous modes of operation are addressed.

NOTE The guidelines given in this Technical Report may not be exhaustive.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report provides guidance for the choice of an appropriate method for, and the implementation of, data flow control capabilities in DTEs and DCEs. It also coordinates information from other Recommendations and International Standards and provides tutorial material on these flow control techniques.

2 Reference

- [1] ITU-T Recommendation V.24, *List of definitions for interchange circuits between data terminal equipment and data circuit-terminating equipment*.