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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Partnership Project oneM2M (oneM2M).

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# 1 Scope

The present document contains a collection of specialist technical terms, definitions and abbreviations referenced within the oneM2M specifications.

Having a common collection of definitions and abbreviations related to oneM2M documents will:

- ensure that the terminology is used in a consistent manner across oneM2M documents;
- provide a reader with convenient reference for technical terms that are used across multiple documents.

The present document provides a tool for further work on oneM2M technical documentation and facilitates their understanding. The definitions and abbreviations as given in the present document are either externally created and included here, or created internally within oneM2M by the oneM2M TP or its working groups, whenever the need for precise vocabulary is identified or imported from existing documentation.

In addition in oneM2M Technical Specifications and Technical Reports there are also clauses dedicated for locally unique definitions and abbreviations.

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## 3 Definitions

### 3.0 General Information

NOTE 1: Whenever in the present document a term "M2M Xyz" (e.g. M2M Application, M2M Solution, etc.) is used, then the prefix "M2M" should indicate that - unless otherwise indicated - the term identifies an entity Xyz that complies with oneM2M specifications.

NOTE 2: For better readability of the present document the prefix "M2M" is ignored when definitions are alphabetically ordered.

#### 3.1 0-9

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#### 3.2 A

**abstract information model:** information Mmdel of common functionalities abstracted from a set of Device Information Models

**abstraction:** process of mapping between a set of Device Information Models and an Abstract Information Model according to a specified set of rules

**access control attributes:** set of parameters of the originator, target resource, and environment against which there could be rules evaluated to control access

NOTE: An example of Access Control Attributes of Originator is a role. Examples of Access Control Attributes of Environment are time, day and IP address. An example of Access Control Attributes of targeted resource is creation time.

**access control policy:** set of privileges which represents access control rules defining allowed entities for certain operations within specified contexts that each entity has to comply with to grant access to an object

**access control role:** security attribute associated to an entity defining the entity's access rights or limitations to allowed operations

NOTE: One or more operations can be associated to an Access Control Role. An Access Control Role can be associated to one or more entities and an entity can assume one or more Access Control Roles.

**access decision:** authorization reached when an entity's Privileges are evaluated

**analytics:** processing which makes use of data to provide actions, insights and/or inference

**M2M application:** applications that run the service logic and use M2M Common Services accessible via a set of oneM2M specified open interfaces

NOTE: Specification of M2M Applications is not subject of the current oneM2M specifications.

**M2M area network:** is a form of an Underlying Network that minimally provides data transport services among M2M Gateway(s), M2M Device(s), and Sensing&Actuation Equipment. M2M Local Area Networks can use heterogeneous network technologies that may or may not support IP access

NOTE: An M2M Area Network technology is characterized by its physical properties (e.g. IEEE 802.15.4-2003 [i.13] 2\_4GHz), its communication protocol (e.g. ZigBee\_1\_0) and potentially a profile (e.g. ZigBee\_HA).

**application dedicated node:** is a Node that contains at least one Application Entity and does not contain a Common Services Entity

NOTE: There may be zero or more ADNs in the Field Domain of the oneM2M System.

EXAMPLE: Physical mapping: an Application Dedicated Node could reside in a constrained M2M Device.

**application entity:** represents an instantiation of Application logic for end-to-end M2M solutions.

**M2M application infrastructure:** equipment (e.g. a set of physical servers of the M2M Application Service Provider) that manages data and executes coordination functions of M2M Application Services

NOTE: The Application Infrastructure hosts one or more M2M Applications. Specification of Application Infrastructure is not subject of the current oneM2M specifications.

**M2M application service:** realized through the service logic of an M2M Application and is operated by the User or an M2M Application Service Provider

**application service node:** is a Node that contains one Common Services Entity and contains at least one Application Entity

NOTE: There may be zero or more ASNs in the Field Domain of the oneM2M System.

EXAMPLE: Physical mapping: an Application Service Node could reside in an M2M Device.

**M2M application service provider:** is an entity (e.g. a company) that provides M2M Application Services to the User

**authentication [i.7]:** process that establishes the source of information, or determines an entity's identity

**authorization [i.1]:** granting of rights, which includes the granting of access based on access rights

### 3.3 B

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### 3.4 C

**M2M common services:** is the set of oneM2M specified functionalities that are widely applicable to different application domains made available through the set of oneM2M specified interfaces

**common services entity:** represents an instantiation of a set of Common Service Functions of the M2M environments. Such service functions are exposed to other entities through reference points

**common services function:** is an informative architectural construct which conceptually groups together a number of sub-functions

NOTE: Those sub-functions are implemented as normative resources and procedures. A set of CSFs is contained in the CSE.

**confidentiality [i.1]:** property that information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities, or processes

**credentials:** data objects which are used to uniquely identify an entity and which are used in security procedures.

**credential-ID:** globally unique identifier for a credential that was used to establish a security association between entities (CSEs and/or AEs)

NOTE: The Credential-ID can be used to determine the identifying information about the authenticated entity, such as the CSE-ID or AE-ID(s) or App-ID(s).

### 3.5 D

**data:** in the context of oneM2M the term "Data" signifies digital representations of anything

NOTE: Data can or cannot be interpreted by the oneM2M System and/or by M2M Applications. See also Information.

**M2M device:** physical equipment with communication capabilities, providing computing and/or sensing and/or actuation services

NOTE: An M2M Device hosts one or more M2M Applications or other applications and can contain implementations of CSE functionalities.

EXAMPLE: Physical mapping: A M2M Device contains an Application Service Node or an Application Dedicated Node.

**device information model:** Information Model of the native protocol (e.g. ZigBee) for the physical device

**dynamic device/gateway context:** dynamic metrics, which may impact the M2M operations of M2M Devices/Gateways

### 3.6 E

**encryption [i.6]:** process of changing plaintext into ciphertext using a cryptographic algorithm and key

**event:** interaction or occurrence related to and detected by the oneM2M System

**event categories:** set of indicators that specify the treatment of Events for differentiated handling, based on policies

### 3.7 F

**field domain:** consists of M2M Devices, M2M Gateways, Sensing and Actuation (S&A) Equipment and M2M Area Networks

### 3.8 G

**M2M gateway:** physical equipment that includes, at minimum, the entities and APIs of a Middle Node

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### 3.10 I

**identification [i.9]:** process of recognizing an entity in a particular domain as distinct from other entities

NOTE 1: The process of identification applies verification to claimed or observed attributes.

NOTE 2: Identification typically is part of the interactions between an entity and the services in a domain and to access resources. Identification may occur multiple times while the entity is known in the domain.

**information:** in the context of oneM2M "Information" signifies data that can be interpreted by the oneM2M System

NOTE: Information has a defined syntax and semantic within the oneM2M System. See also Data.

**information model:** abstract, formal representation of entities that may include their properties, relationships and the operations that can be performed on them

**infrastructure domain:** consists of Application Infrastructure and M2M Service Infrastructure

**infrastructure node:** is a Node that contains one Common Services Entity and contains zero or more Application Entities

NOTE: There is exactly one Infrastructure Node in the Infrastructure Domain per oneM2M Service Provider.

EXAMPLE: Physical mapping: an Infrastructure Node could reside in an M2M Service Infrastructure.

**integrity [i.3], [i.4]:** safeguarding the accuracy and completeness of information and processing methods

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### 3.12 K

**key [i.6]:** parameter used in conjunction with a cryptographic algorithm that determines its operation in such a way that an entity with knowledge of the key can reproduce or reverse the operation, while an entity without knowledge of the key cannot

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### 3.14 M

**middle node:** is a Node that contains one Common Services Entity and contains zero or more Application Entities

NOTE 1: There may be zero or more Middle Nodes in the Field Domain of the oneM2M System.

NOTE 2: The CSE in a Middle Node communicates with one CSE residing in a Middle Node or in an Infrastructure Node and with one or more other CSEs residing in Middle Nodes or in Application Service Nodes. In addition, the CSE in the Middle Node can communicate with AEs residing in the same MN or residing in an ADN.

EXAMPLE: Physical mapping: a Middle Node could reside in an M2M Gateway.

**mutual authentication [i.11]:** entity authentication that provides both entities with assurance of each other's identity

### 3.15 N

**network operator:** is an entity (e.g. a company) that operates an Underlying Network

**node:** logical entity that is identifiable in the oneM2M System

### 3.16 O

**oneM2M system:** system developed by the oneM2M global initiative that enables deployable M2M Solutions

### 3.17 P

**privacy [i.2]:** right of individuals to control or influence what information related to them may be collected and stored and by whom and to whom that information may be disclosed

**privilege:** qualification given to an entity that allows a specific operation (e.g. Create/Retrieve/Update/Delete, etc.) on a specific resource within a specified context

### 3.18 Q

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### 3.19 R

**remote security provisioning:** process of providing a credential into a secure environment of a Node deployed in the field

**repudiation:** denial by an entity of a claimed event or action

NOTE: This definition applies to the security context only.

**role-based access control [i.3]:** permissions attributed to an Access Control Role granting access to an object

### 3.20 S

**secure [i.12]:** not vulnerable to most attacks, are able to tolerate many of the attacks that they are vulnerable to, and that can recover quickly with a minimum of damage from the few attacks that successfully exploit their vulnerabilities

**security [i.5]:** system condition that results from the establishment and maintenance of measures to protect the system

**security association:** set of shared security attributes necessary to perform secure communication between two entities (CSEs and/or AEs) which have performed mutual authentication

NOTE: The security attributes include a description of the algorithms to be applied, and derived keys which are applied for the lifetime of the security association.

**security association establishment:** procedure for establishing a Security Association between two entities (CSEs and/or AEs)

**security pre-provisioning:** process of providing a credential into a secure environment of the Node prior to device deployment, e.g. during manufacturing

**security provisioning:** process of configuring a credential into a secure environment of a Node to enable access to a service provided by a target entity, such as communication services or M2M Services

NOTE: This involves putting in the device and target entity the security Credentials that will be used for Mutual Authentication.

**Sensing and Actuation (S&A) equipment:** equipment that provides functionality for sensing and/or influencing the physical environment by interacting with one or more M2M Application Services

NOTE: Sensing and Actuation Equipment can interact with the oneM2M System, however does not host an M2M Application. The specification of S&A Equipment is not considered in the current oneM2M specifications. S&A Equipment may, but does not need to, be co-located with an M2M Device.

**sensitive data:** is a classification of stakeholder's data that is likely to cause its owner some adverse impact if either:

- It becomes known to others when not intended.
- It is modified without consent of the affected stakeholder.

**M2M service:** consists of one or more M2M Application Services and one or more M2M Common Services

**M2M service administrative state of a M2M device:** indicates whether the M2M Service is enabled by the M2M Service Provider to be run for this device

**M2M service infrastructure:** physical equipment (e.g. a set of physical servers) that provides management of data and coordination capabilities for the M2M Service Provider and communicates with M2M Devices

NOTE: An M2M Service Infrastructure may communicate with other M2M Service Infrastructures. An M2M Service Infrastructure contains a CSE. It can also contain M2M applications.

**M2M service operational status of a M2M device:** indicates whether the M2M Service is currently running for this device

**M2M service provider:** is an entity (e.g. a company) that provides M2M Common Services to a M2M Application Service Provider or to the User

**M2M service subscriber:** one of the M2M Stakeholders that subscribes to M2M Service(s)

**M2M service subscription:** agreement between a provider and a subscriber for consumption of M2M Services for a period of time

NOTE: An M2M Service Subscription is typically a commercial agreement.

**M2M session:** service layer communication relationship between endpoints managed via M2M Common Services consisting of session authentication, connection establishment/termination, transmission of information and establishment/termination of Underlying Network services

**M2M solution:** set of deployed systems satisfying all of the following criteria:

- 1) it satisfies the end-to-end M2M communication requirements of particular users; and
- 2) some part of the M2M Solution is realized by including services compliant to oneM2M specifications.

**M2M stakeholder:** entities who facilitate and/or participate in the legitimate operation of the oneM2M system

NOTE: Examples of stakeholders, in alphabetical order, are:

- M2M Application Service Provider;
- Manufacturer of M2M Devices and/or M2M Gateways;
- Manufacturer of oneM2M system and its components;
- M2M Device/Gateway Management entities;
- M2M Service Provider; Network Operator;
- User/Consumer of the M2M solution;
- etc.

**static device/gateway context:** static metrics, which may impact the M2M operations of M2M Devices/Gateways

## 3.21 T

**thing:** element which is individually identifiable in the oneM2M system

**trust [i.8]:** relationship between two elements, a set of activities and a security policy in which element x trusts element y if and only if x has confidence that y will behave in a well defined way (with respect to the activities) that does not violate the given security policy

## 3.22 U

**underlying network:** functions, networks, busses and other technology assisting in data transport/connectivity services

**user:** entity which utilizes the services of the M2M Solution

NOTE: The User may or may not be a subscriber to an M2M Application Service or an M2M Service. The User may or may not be identifiable in the oneM2M System.

## 3.23 V

**verification [i.10]:** confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that specified requirements have been fulfilled

**virtual device:** logical device (implemented as software) that acts similar to physical M2M device and provides derived data

EXAMPLE: Average temperature of a room, number of vehicles that passed during the last minute.

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## 3.25 X

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## 3.27 Z

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# 4 Abbreviations

## 4.1 0-9

3GPP            3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project

## 4.2 A

ACL            Access Control List  
ADN            Application Dedicated Node  
AE             Application Entity  
API            Application Programming Interface  
ASN            Application Service Node

## 4.3 B

BBF            Broad Band Forum

## 4.4 C

CHA            Continua Health Alliance  
CPU            Centralized Processing Unit  
CSE            Common Services Entity  
CSF            Common Services Function

## 4.5 D

DM            Device Management

## 4.6 E

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## 4.8 G

GBA            Generic Bootstrapping Architecture  
GSM            Global System for Mobile communications  
GSMA          GSM Association

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## 4.10 I

IN	Infrastructure Node
IP	Internet Protocol

## 4.11 J

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## 4.13 L

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## 4.14 M

M2M	Machine to Machine
MN	Middle Node
MSISDN	Mobile Subscriber Integrated Services Digital Network-Number
MTC	Machine Type Communications

## 4.15 N

NSE	Network Service Entity
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## 4.16 O

OMA	Open Mobile Alliance
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## 4.18 Q

QoS	Quality of Service
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## 4.19 R

RBAC...Role-Based Access Control

## 4.20 S

S&A	Sensing and Actuation
SDO	Standards Developing Organization
SMS	Short Message Service

**4.21 T**

TR            Technical Report  
TS            Technical Specification

**4.22 U**

UICC         Universal Integrated Circuit Card  
USIM         Universal Subscriber Identity Module  
USSD         Unstructured Supplementary Service Data

**4.23 V**

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**4.24 W**

WAN            Wide Area Network

**4.25 X**

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**4.26 Y**

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**4.27 Z**

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