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NOTE

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SUMMARY

Recommendation X.800 provides an overview of security services allocated to the seven layers of the OSI Reference Model. Amendment 1, which is to be published as Annex D, extends the security services of the Data Link Layer to accommodate LAN security.

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Annex D

Layer Two Security Service and Mechanisms for LANs

(Geneva, 1996)

D.0 Introduction

This annex covers Layer 2 Security Services and Mechanisms for Local Area Networks (LANs).

The illustration of the placement of security services in Table 2 of clause 7 suggests that only confidentiality services should be available at layer 2. However, it is recognized that in some environments that deploy LANs, additional layer 2 security services and mechanisms may be required. For example, an organization may not deploy full OSI functionality or incorporating layer 2 relays may require security services other than confidentiality.

D.1 LAN security services

The security services that may be provided, singly or in combination, in the data link layer for LANs are:

- a) peer entity authentication;
- b) data origin authentication;
- c) access control;
- d) connection confidentiality;
- e) connectionless confidentiality;
- f) connection integrity without recovery; and
- g) connectionless integrity.

D.2 LAN security mechanisms

The identified security services can be provided as follows:

- a) the peer entity authentication service can be provided by an appropriate combination of cryptographically-derived or protected authentication exchanges, protected password exchange and signature mechanisms;
- b) the data origin authentication service can be provided by encipherment or signature mechanisms;
- c) the access control service can be provided through the appropriate use of specific access control mechanisms;
- d) the connection confidentiality service can be provided by an encipherment mechanism;
- e) the connectionless confidentiality service can be provided by an encipherment mechanism;
- f) the connection integrity without recovery service can be provided by using a data integrity mechanism, sometimes in conjunction with an encipherment mechanism; and
- g) the connectionless integrity service can be provided by using a data integrity mechanism, sometimes in conjunction with an encipherment mechanism.

D.3 Table modifications for LAN security

Table 2/X.800 has not been modified but would reflect the legend Y for layer 2 (LANs) for the following security services:

- Peer Entity Authentication;
- Data Origin Authentication;
- Access Control Service;
- Connection Integrity without Recovery; and
- Connectionless Integrity.

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