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## **NOTES**

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2        In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### **1 General**

The aim of the glossary for the man-machine language is to include terms used in describing the man-machine language. It comprises, in alphabetical order, terms used in the Z.300-series Recommendations that have a special significance in the MML context and hence require definition. Terms comprising words used in their ordinary, every day sense, i.e. unambiguous and self-explanatory words, are not included.

The terms in italics in the text of the definitions are defined elsewhere in this glossary. If a term has one meaning within the context of Recommendations Z.321-Z.323, and another within the context of Recommendations Z.331-Z.333, then the meaning in the former context follows i), and the meaning in the latter follows ii).

### **2 List of terms**

#### **abnormal condition report**

*F: rapport de condition anormale*

*S: informe de condición anormal*

Information produced in the *network management centre* after detection of abnormal *network* status or performance.

#### **acceptance input**

*F: entrée d'acceptation*

*S: entrada de aceptación*

An *input* used to allow the *system* to *output* a high priority message, announced by a *message waiting indication*.

#### **acceptance output**

*F: sortie d'acceptation*

*S: salida de aceptación*

An *output* message indicating that an *input* to the *system* is syntactically correct and complete and that the appropriate *system actions* will be initiated, or have already been carried out. In the latter case, this indication may take the form of the actual result.

#### **accessible field**

*F: champ accessible*

*S: campo accesible*

A *field* for writing by the *user* and the *system*.

#### **action**

*F: action*

*S: acción*

The process of performing an *MML function*; usually represented by a verb.

#### **action modifier**

*F: modificateur d'action*

*S: modificador de acción*

A qualification of an *action*.

### **activate**

*F: activer*

*S: activar*

An *action* to initiate a *system* process that requires preliminary data entry, or an *action* to make previously entered *data set* available to the *system* for its intended use; opposite of *deactivate*.

### **additional header information**

*F: information supplémentaire d'en-tête*

*S: información adicional de encabezamiento*

Provides information supplementary to the to the actual *output header*, such as sequence number, processor number, *output device*, or day of the week.

### **additional information**

*F: information supplémentaire*

*S: información adicional*

- i) General information on how to proceed, e.g. how to select an item, a *form*, a *menu* or how to submit a *form* to the *system*.
- ii) List of possible values to be associated with one or more *information entities* in *information structure diagrams*.

### **administrative system**

*F: système d'administration*

*S: sistema administrativo*

A *system* which supports administration personnel in performing administrative *jobs*, e.g. billing, related to *SPC systems*.

### **alarm statement**

*F: instruction d'alarme*

*S: sentencia de alarma*

A statement providing information concerning an alarm condition, such as the degree (level) of alarm or the source of the alarm.

### **allow**

*F: autorisation*

*S: permitir*

An *action* to permit specified *system actions*, responses, or *functions* to occur; these *functions* may be inhibited by *system design* or by use of the *inhibit action*.

### **annotation**

*F: annotation*

*S: anotación*

An aspect of the *drawing convention* of the *syntax and decomposition meta-language* indicating how descriptive or explanatory notes may be presented for clarification purposes.

## **annotation symbol**

*F: symbole d'annotation*

*S: símbolo de anotación*

A *symbol* (--- [n where n is a number referencing a note) used in the syntax *meta-language* for *annotation* purposes.

## **application**

*F: application*

*S: aplicación*

A set of *functions* required to perform a *job*.

## **arithmetic delimiter**

*F: délimiteur arithmétique*

*S: delimitador aritmético*

A *symbol* used to delimit an *arithmetical expression*: ( (left parenthesis) for the opening *delimiter* and ) (right parenthesis) for the closing *delimiter*.

## **arithmetic operator**

*F: opérateur arithmétique*

*S: operador aritmético*

A *symbol* used to denote the arithmetic operation(s) to be performed in an *arithmetical expression*. Allowed operators are: + (plus sign), - (hyphen), / (solidus), \* (asterisk).

## **arithmetical expression**

*F: expression arithmétique*

*S: expresión aritmética*

A combination of *arithmetic operators*, *numerals* (decimal, hexadecimal, octal or binary) and *identifiers* enclosed by *arithmetic delimiters*.

## **auxiliary system**

*F: système auxiliaire*

*S: sistema auxiliar*

A *system* that supports *SPC systems* in performing their tasks. It may be either an *operation and maintenance system* or an *administrative system*.

## **Backus Naur Form (BNF)**

*F: forme de Backus Naur (FBN)*

*S: forma Backus Naur (FBN)*

A syntactic *meta-language* for use in specifying the syntax structure of *inputs* and *outputs* of an actual *man-machine interface*.

## **binary numeral**

*F: numéral binaire*

*S: numeral binario*

A *numeral* in the binary (base 2) *numbering system*, represented by the *characters* 0 (zero), 1 (one) and optionally preceded by B' (B apostrophe).

**block mode transmission**

*F: transmission en mode bloc*

*S: transmisión en modo bloque*

A transmission characteristic in which all of the regular typewriter keys and some of the special purpose keys are only transmitted to the controlling processor, in a block, when a “send” key is activated.

**block of parameters**

*F: bloc de paramètres*

*S: bloque de parámetro*

A set of *parameters* containing information necessary for the *system* to perform the *function* specified in the *command*.

**border area**

*F: zone périphérique*

*S: zona de marco (ó lateral)*

That part of a *visible display* which is physically unavailable for displaying or entering data.

**browse**

*F: lecture*

*S: hojear*

An *action* to display sequentially the current values of items in a *data set*; the *user* may examine the data items in either the forward or backward direction.

**CCITT MML**

*F: LHM du CCITT*

*S: LHM del CCITT*

The *man-machine language* (MML) developed by the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) for *stored program-controlled systems* and *operation and maintenance systems*.

**change**

*F: modifier*

*S: cambiar*

An *action* to modify specified data items in a *data set*.

**character mode transmission**

*F: transmission en mode caractère*

*S: transmisión en modo carácter*

A transmission characteristic in which each and every character *input* at the keyboard is sent to the controlling processor one at a time.

**character set**

*F: jeu de caractères*

*S: juego de caracteres*

The finite set of different characters used in *CCITT MML*.

**circuit**

*F: circuit*

*S: circuito*

Connection between two *exchanges* for one call at a time, including the junctors that terminate the circuit.

**circuit group**

*F: faisceau de circuits*

*S: haz de circuitos*

The set of all switched *circuits* which directly interconnect one exchange with another.

**circuit subgroup**

*F: sous-faisceau de circuits*

*S: subhaz de circuitos*

A group of *circuit* within a *circuit group* which are uniquely identifiable for operational or technical reasons. A *circuit group* may consist of one or more *circuit subgroups*.

**circuit subgroup**

*F: sous-groupe de circuits*

*S: subhaz de circuitos*

Group of *circuits* between two *exchanges* having the same traffic direction (incoming, outgoing, bidirectional), the same signalling characteristics and the same transmission medium characteristics.

**clarifying text**

*F: texte explicatif*

*S: texto aclaratorio*

A set of *information units* used to make the purpose and content of the *output* clearer.

**class A function**

*F: fonction de la classe A*

*S: función de clase A*

A *function* which provides the user with the means to control *system functions* via *MML inputs* and *outputs*; also known as an *MML function*. It can be viewed as an *action* upon an *object*.

**class B function**

*F: fonction de la classe B*

*S: función de clase B*

A *function* which can be controlled at least partially by the *user* by means of *class A* (or *MML*) *functions*.

**class C function**

*F: fonction de la classe C*

*S: función de clase C*

A *function* which is not controllable by the *user* in a given *system*.

**command**

*F: commande*

**S: instrucción**

The complete specification of a *function* that the *system* is required to perform. It comprises a *command code* followed generally (but not necessarily) by one or more *blocks of parameters*.

**command code**

*F: code de commande*

*S: código de instrucción*

A set of up to 3 *identifiers*, each separated by a - (hyphen), used to define the nature of the *command*.

**command entry sequence**

*F: séquence d'introduction de commande*

*S: secuencia de introducción de instrucción*

The sequence of operations required to input a *command* or a series of *commands*.

**command reference**

*F: référence de commande*

*S: referencia de instrucción*

A reference to a previously given *command*, appearing in *output outside dialogue* and *dialogue procedures*, in the form of a *command sequence number* and, possibly, *clarifying text*.

**command sequence number**

*F: numéro de séquence de commande*

*S: número secuencial de instrucción*

A reference number uniquely identifying a *command* recognized by the *system*.

**comment**

*F: commentaire*

*S: comentario*

A character string enclosed between the *separators* /\* (solidus asterisk) and \*/ (asterisk solidus). It has no MML syntactical or semantical meaning.

**component**

*F: composant*

*S: componente*

A *decomposition meta-language* symbol for an *information entity* that cannot be divided further.

**composite part**

*F: partie composite*

*S: parte compuesta*

A *decomposition meta-language* symbol for an *information entity* that can be divided into smaller parts.

**compound parameter argument**

*F: argument de caractère composé*

*S: argumento de parámetro compuesto*

A *parameter argument* made up of more than one *information unit*. It is used to specify a multidimensional *object* or value, e.g. a date can be expressed as 1979-12-31.

### **concealment**

*F: masquage*

*S: ocultación*

A *video attribute* by which information is hidden, e.g. secret parts of a password.

### **condition**

*F: condition*

*S: condición*

An *identifier* and a (group of) *parameter argument(s)* separated by a *relational operator*. Used in data base queries.

### **connectivity rules**

*F: règles de connectivité*

*S: reglas de conectividad*

An aspect of the *drawing convention* of the *decomposition meta-language* indicating *symbol* interrelationship.

### **connector**

*F: connecteur*

*S: conector*

An aspect of the *drawing convention* of the *decomposition meta-language* indicating how *flowlines* may be broken.

### **continuation character**

*F: caractère suite*

*S: carácter de continuación*

A special *execution character* implying a similar *command code* for the next *command* and hence allowing the *system* to *prompt* directly for the next *block of parameters*.

### **control character**

*F: caractère de commande*

*S: carácter de control*

A character whose occurrence in a particular context initiates, modifies, or stops an *action* that affects the recording, processing or interpretation of data.

### **control functions**

*F: fonctions de commande*

*S: funciones de control*

*Functions* related to the *man-machine interface* that are applied by the *user* independently while in a *dialogue* with the *system application functions*. *Control functions* have no direct impact on the *system functions*.

### **control key**

*F: touche de commande*

*S: tecla de control*

A key which when pressed performs a *control function*.

### **correction character**

*F: caractère de correction*

*S: carácter de corrección*

A character used to invoke correction facilities prior to analysis of *input* by the *system*.

### **cursor control functions**

*F: fonctions de commande de curseur*

*S: funciones de control de cursor*

*Functions* influencing the position or movement of the *cursor*.

### **create**

*F: créer*

*S: crear*

An *action* to establish in the *system* a new *data set*; opposite of *delete*.

### **cursor**

*F: curseur*

*S: cursor*

The item in the *display area* which identifies the position appropriate to the task at hand, e.g. where the next character will appear.

### **data set**

*F: ensemble de données*

*S: conjunto de datos*

A user-accessible set of one or more data items characterized by a particular use and also by the constraints on data format and/or values that make it suitable for this use.

### **deactivate**

*F: désactiver*

*S: desactivar*

An *action* to terminate a *system* process initiated by an *activate action*, or an *action* to make a *data set* unavailable for use by the *system*; opposite of *activate*.

### **decimal numeral**

*F: numéral décimal*

*S: numeral decimal*

A *numeral* in the decimal (base 10) *numbering system*, represented by the characters 0 (zero), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 optionally preceded by D' (D apostrophe).

### **decomposition meta-language**

*F: métalangage de subdivision*

*S: metalenguaje de descomposición*

A graphical *meta-language* to describe the structure of the *information entities* associated with an *MML function*.

**default option**

*F: option par défaut*

*S: opción por defecto*

A symbol of the *decomposition meta-language* which indicates that the value taken by an *information entity* will be provided automatically if the user does not supply a value in the *input* for such an *information entity*.

**default value**

*F: valeur par défaut*

*S: valor por defecto*

The value given to any *parameter* by the *system* in the absence of a specific value in the *user's input*.

**delete**

*F: suppression*

*S: borrar*

An *action* to eliminate a *data set* from the *system*; opposite of *create*.

**delimiter**

*F: délimiteur*

*S: delimitador*

A character that organizes and separates items of data.

**destination identifier**

*F: identificateur de destination*

*S: identificador de destino*

Identifies, after *input*, the system (destination) that, from the *user's* perspective, becomes the new partner in a *dialogue*.

**destination prologue**

*F: prologue de destination*

*S: prólogo de destino*

An operating sequence causing subsequent *inputs* to be processed in the *system* defined by the *destination identifier*.

**dialogue**

*F: dialogue*

*S: diálogo*

See *dialogue procedure*.

**dialogue element**

*F: élément de dialogue*

*S: elemento de diálogo*

Element of a set of three types of *information entry* in a *man-machine communication*: viz. *direct information entry*, *information entry* through *menu-item selection* or through *form filling*.

**dialogue procedure**

*F: procédure de dialogue*

*S: procedimiento de diálogo*

The complete interactive procedure for interchanging data between *user* and *system* comprising *procedure prologue*, *procedure body* and *procedure epilogue*. In the Z.300-series Recommendations, the terms *dialogue* and *dialogue procedure* are interchangeable.

**digit**

*F: chiffre*

*S: cifra; dígito*

A character of the *character set* representing an integer listed in Table 1/Z.314, column 3, positions 0 (zero) to 9.

**direct information entry**

*F: introduction directe d'information*

*S: introducción directa de información*

A *dialogue element* whereby the *input* of a *command* or *destination identifier* is done without the aid of *menus* and/or *forms*.

**directive**

*F: directive*

*S: directriz*

*Input* to direct the *system* to present information rather than to execute a *command*; can also be used in the interaction between the *user* and *system* prior to *command* execution. Directives can never cause any change in the state of the *system*.

**display area**

*F: zone de visualisation*

*S: zona de visualización*

That part of a *visible display* which is available for displaying or entering data.

**displayed form**

*F: formulaire affiché*

*S: formulario visualizado*

A *form* filled out and displayed by the *system* upon request by the *user*.

**documents A through G**

*F: documents A à G*

*S: documentos A a G*

Specially formatted information generated during various *phases* of the *methodology* for the specification of the *man-machine interface*.

**drawing convention**

*F: convention de tracé*

*S: convenio de representación*

A set of rules provided by the *decomposition meta-language* to indicate the allowed use of the *symbols* and their interconnection.

### **edit**

*F: éditer*

*S: editar*

An *action* to display a specified *data set* and subsequently to modify the *data set*.

### **end of dialogue**

*F: fin de dialogue*

*S: fin de diálogo*

The indication that *dialogue* has finished.

### **end of input indication**

*F: fin d'indication d'entrée*

*S: fin de indicación de entrada*

An indication to mark the end of *input* in order to have the information interpreted by the *system*.

### **end of output**

*F: fin de sortie*

*S: fin de salida*

The indication that *output outside dialogue* has finished.

### **end statement**

*F: instruction de fin*

*S: sentencia de fin*

Terminates *output* information from the *system* in an operating sequence where termination is not obvious.

### **error correction**

*F: correction d'erreur*

*S: corrección de error*

The activity of correcting *input* which has been offered to but not accepted by the *system*.

### **escape indication**

*F: indication d'échappement*

*S: indicación de escape*

A mechanism to indicate that following character(s) are not to be interpreted according to the normal *syntax* rules.

### **exchange**

*F: central*

*S: central*

*SPC switching system*.

**exchange group**

*F: groupe de centraux*

*S: grupo de centrales*

A set of *exchanges* which handles traffic forwarded to or coming from a specific geographic area (e.g. area code, switching centre, etc.).

**execution character**

*F: caractère d'exécution*

*S: carácter de ejecución*

A character which requests that the *command* be executed.

**field**

*F: champ*

*S: campo*

A part of a *window* area (sometimes the entire *window* area), which is used either for entering or displaying information.

**filter**

*F: filtre*

*S: filtro*

An action to form a subset of a *data set* consisting of all data items in the *data set* meeting specified criteria; the original *data set* is unaffected by this *action*.

**flowline**

*F: ligne de liaison*

*S: línea de flujo*

A line representing a connection between *symbols* in:

- i) a *syntax diagram*;
- ii) an *information structure diagram*.

**form**

*F: formulaire*

*S: formulario*

A list of *parameters*, including empty positions for insertion of *parameter values* by the *user*.

**form filling**

*F: remplissage de formulaire*

*S: cumplimentación de formulario*

The activity of inserting *parameter values* into a *form*, and submitting the completed *form* to the *system* under *user* control.

**form identity**

*F: identité de formulaire*

*S: identidad de formulario*

An identity unique to a *form* so that it can be distinguished from other *forms*.

**form output**

*F: sortie de formulaire*

*S: salida de formulario*

An *output* of a *form* belonging to a *command*, used in certain *information entry* procedures.

**format effector**

*F: caractère de mise en page*

*S: determinante de formato*

Any character(s) used to control the position of printed, displayed or recorded data.

**function**

*F: fonction*

*S: función*

A *system* activity necessary to the performance of a duty for which the *system* was designed (see also *class A, B, and C functions*).

**functional area (or sub-area)**

*F: domaine fonctionnel (ou sous-domaine)*

*S: área (o sub área) funcional*

A set of related operation, maintenance, installation or acceptance testing *functions* to be controlled by means of *MML* (*class B functions*).

**function key**

*F: touche de fonction*

*S: tecla de función*

A key which when pressed causes a modification in the *man-machine terminal* or causes the *system* to perform a specific *function*.

**function model**

*F: modèle de fonction*

*S: modelo de función*

A formal or informal representation of one or more aspects of those parts of telecommunication systems which should be controlled by means of *MML*.

**general option**

*F: option générale*

*S: opción general*

A *symbol* of the *decomposition meta-language* which indicates either that an *information entity* exists in the *system* in a predetermined manner or that it is not needed.

**general information window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre d'information générale*

*S: zona de ventana de información general*

This *window area* can contain system identification and/or application identification, date, time, and other relevant information.

**graphic characters**

*F: caractères graphiques*

*S: caracteres gráficos*

A collection of characters within the *character set* used to improve readability of *output*.

**graphic terminals**

*F: terminaux graphiques*

*S: terminales gráficos*

*Terminals* which provide graphic capability (line drawing, circles, etc.) using other than alphanumeric means.

**guidance output**

*F: sortie de guidage*

*S: salida de orientación*

*Output* providing assistance to the *user* in a *man-machine* communication.

**guidelines**

*F: lignes directrices*

*S: líneas directrices*

- i) Information that gives general direction in the implementation of *CCITT MML*.
- ii) General directions by which the purpose of one or more phases of the *methodology* may be accomplished.

**header**

*F: en-tête*

*S: encabezamiento*

General information which could comprise identification information, date and time, etc.

**help request**

*F: demande d'assistance*

*S: petición de ayuda*

*User input* to ask for assistance.

**help output**

*F: sortie d'assistance*

*S: salida de ayuda*

The *output* resulting from a request for *user* assistance.

**hexadecimal numeral**

*F: numéral hexadécimal*

*S: numeral hexadecimal*

A *numeral* in the hexadecimal (base 16) *numbering system*, represented by the characters 0 (zero), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, optionally preceded by H' (H apostrophe).

**highlighting**

*F: renforcement*

*S: resaltación*

Techniques used to emphasize visually a portion of the *display area* to make it stand out from adjacent portions, i.e. to call the viewer's attention to it.

### **identification invitation**

*F: invitation à identification*

*S: invitación a la identificación*

A prompt to request the *user* to identify himself by means of a *password* and/or an identity card.

### **identifier**

*F: identificateur*

*S: identificador*

A representation of an entity, typically consisting of one or more *characters*. It is used to identify or name a unique item of data. In the *man-machine language*, the first character is a letter.

### **inaccessible field**

*F: champ inaccessible*

*S: campo inaccesible*

A field for writing only by the *system*.

### **index number**

*F: indice*

*S: número índice*

A character combination consisting of one or more *digits*. Used in compound *parameter names*.

### **indicator**

*F: indicateur*

*S: indicador*

A *character input* by a *user* or *output* by a *system* to indicate a state or to request *user* or *system* action.

### **information entity**

*F: entité d'information*

*S: entidad de información*

An information element associated with an *MML function* and usually represented in an *information structure diagram*.

### **information entry**

*F: introduction d'information*

*S: introducción de información*

General term for each of the three *dialogue elements*.

### **information entry through form filling**

*F: introduction d'information par remplissage de formulaire*

*S: introducción de información por cumplimentación de formulario*

A *dialogue element* whereby the *input* of *parameter values* is done by means of *form filling*.

## **information entry through menu-item selection**

*F: introduction d'information par sélection en mode menu*

*S: introducción de información por selección de elemento de menú*

A *dialogue element* whereby the *input* of a *command* or *destination identifier* is done by means of *menu-item selection*.

## **information structure (diagram)**

*F: structure d'information (diagramme)*

*S: estructura de información (diagrama de)*

A representation of the *information entities* associated with an *MML function* and their interrelationships.

## **information structure meta-language**

*F: métalanguage de structure d'information*

*S: metalenguaje de estructura de información*

See *decomposition meta-language*.

## **information unit**

*F: unité d'information*

*S: unidad de información*

The smallest part of data in the *input* or *output*.

## **inhibit**

*F: interdire*

*S: inhibir*

An *action* to prevent the specified *system actions*, *system responses* or *functions* from occurring; these *functions* may normally be allowed by the *system design* or by the *allow action*.

## **initialize**

*F: initialiser*

*S: inicializar*

An *action* to put specified data or equipment into a predefined initial (normal) condition or value.

## **input**

*F: entrée*

*S: entrada; introducir*

- i) Information that is transferred to the *system* by the *user*, e.g. *commands*, *directives*, *menu-item selections*, *form identities*, etc.
- ii) An *action* to enter data by means of a *man-machine terminal* into the *system*.

## **input acknowledgement**

*F: accusé de réception d'entrée*

*S: acuse de entrada*

Termination of *information entry* through *menu-item selection* or *form filling*.

## **input error**

*F: erreur d'entrée*

*S: error de entrada*

A *system-detected error* in *input* information.

## **input error information**

*F: information d'erreur d'entrée*

*S: información de error de entrada*

Information describing the location and nature of an *input error*.

## **input field**

*F: champ d'entrée*

*S: campo de entrada*

See *accessible field*.

## **input window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre d'entrée*

*S: zona de ventana de entrada*

See *output* and *input window area*.

## **interaction request output**

*F: sortie de demande interactive*

*S: salida de petición de interacción*

*System output* inviting further *user actions*.

## **interactive**

*F: interactive*

*S: interactiva*

A condition where *information entry* can be done by the *user*.

## **interactive operating sequence**

*F: séquence d'exploitation interactive*

*S: secuencia operativa interactiva*

A *sequence* which may consist of a single *command entry sequence* terminated by an optional *end statement* or of a series of *command entry sequences* and/or *manual responses*. The latter occurs when, as a result of partial execution of a *function*, the *system* requests the *user* to supply it with further information in the form of *manual responses* or further *commands* for which *user judgement* and/or *decision* is required.

## **interface control functions**

*F: fonctions de commande d'interface*

*S: funciones de control de interfaz*

*Functions* used to force specific *actions* relating to the interface.

## **interrogate**

*F: interroger*

*S: interrogar*

An *action* to provide a display of the current value of the items of one or more *data sets*.

### **inverse video**

*F: inversion vidéo*

*S: inversión video*

A *video attribute* by which information can be displayed by inverting the image of the characters, such as going from light characters on a dark background to dark characters on a light background.

### **item description**

*F: description de rubrique*

*S: descripción de elemento*

A brief description of the nature of the item in a *menu*.

### **item selection procedure**

*F: procédure de sélection de rubrique*

*S: procedimiento de selección de elemento*

A procedure to select an item out of a list of items on a *menu output*.

### **iteration**

*F: itération*

*S: iteración*

A symbol of the *decomposition meta-language* which indicates that a repetitive use of one or more *information entities* is possible.

### **I/O device**

*F: dispositif d'E/S*

*S: dispositivo de E/S*

Device for entering or receiving data to or from a *system*. Can be controlled manually for entering or receiving data.

### **job**

*F: tâche*

*S: trabajo*

A discrete administrative activity within a telecommunications business which is designated as a part of the overall plan for running the business and characterized by *man-machine communication*.

### **job area**

*F: domaine de tâches*

*S: área de trabajo*

A collection of jobs particular to a given *functional area*, e.g. subscriber line maintenance, trunk line maintenance, call routing administration, etc.

### **key parameter**

*F: paramètre clé*

*S: parametro clave*

A term used in data base techniques to uniquely identify a data record.

### **keyed numeral**

*F: numéral clavier*

*S: numeral de teclado*

A *numeral* in a *numbering system* based on keypad *input*, represented by the characters 0 (zero), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \*, #, A, B, C, D, optionally preceded by K' (K apostrophe).

### **layout option**

*F: option de présentation*

*S: opción de estructuración (de la presentación)*

A combination of *format effectors* and/or *graphic characters* used to bound elements of the *output* in a clear and readable form.

### **letter**

*F: lettre*

*S: letra*

A character of the *character set* representing the alphabet, listed in Table 1/Z.314, columns 4, 5, 6, and 7 excluding table positions 5/15 and 7/15.

### **line group**

*F: groupe de lignes (ligne groupée)*

*S: grupo de líneas*

A line group is a group of lines of a multi line subscriber with some common line characteristics, e.g. incoming, outgoing, bothway.

### **machine**

*F: machine*

*S: máquina*

See *system*.

### **man**

*F: homme*

*S: hombre*

See *user*.

### **man-machine communication**

*F: communication homme-machine*

*S: comunicación hombre-máquina*

The interchange of data between *user* and *system*.

### **man-machine interface**

*F: interface homme-machine*

*S: interfaz hombre-máquina*

The set of *inputs*, *outputs*, and special *actions* as well as the man-machine interaction mechanism, including *dialogue procedures* and the interrelationships identified for these entities in the various *functional areas*.

**man-machine language (MML)**

*F: langage homme-machine (LHM)*

*S: lenguaje hombre-máquina (LHM)*

The means of expression used in communication between the *user* and the *system*.

**man-machine terminal**

*F: terminal homme-machine*

*S: terminal hombre-máquina*

An *input/output device*, that enables the *user* and the *system* to communicate with each other, e.g., visual display terminal, printer.

**manual response**

*F: réponse manuelle*

*S: respuesta manual*

A *user* response to a *system* invitation that may comprise the actuation of keys on *terminals* or switch frames, replacement of equipment, etc.

**menu**

*F: menu*

*S: menú*

A list of items, from which a selection can be made by the *user*.

**menu identity**

*F: identité de menu*

*S: identidad de menú*

An identity unique to a *menu* so that it can be distinguished from other *menus*.

**menu item**

*F: rubrique de menu*

*S: elemento de menú*

A brief description of an item in a *menu*, optionally accompanied by a *selection identity*, in order to allow a choice to be made by inputting such an identity.

**menu-item selection**

*F: sélection en mode menu*

*S: selección de elemento de menú*

The activity of selecting an item using the item selection procedure and the repetition of this activity for subsequent *menus* until ultimately the procedure results in something other than further *menu output*.

**menu output**

*F: sortie de menu*

*S: salida de menú*

An *output* of a *menu*, used in *information entry* procedures.

### **message waiting indication**

*F: indication de message en instance*

*S: indicación de mensaje en espera*

A means of announcing, within a *dialogue procedure*, the presence of a high priority *output* addressed to this *man-machine terminal*.

### **meta-language**

*F: métalangage*

*S: metalenguaje*

Formal means of representation using defined *symbols* according to specific rules.

### **methodology (for the specification of the man-machine interface)**

*F: méthodologie (pour la spécification de l'interface homme-machine)*

*S: metodología (para la especificación del interfaz hombre-máquina)*

A five-phase general working procedure that (1) provides for the generation of *MML function semantics* and (2) provides for the creation of an actual *man-machine interface* using *syntax*, *dialogue procedures*, and *MML function semantics*.

### **MML**

*F: LHM*

*S: LHM*

See *man-machine language*.

### **MML function**

*F: fonction LHM*

*S: función LHM*

See *class A function*.

### **MML function decomposition**

*F: subdivision de fonction LHM*

*S: descomposición de función LHM*

The division of a *function* into its constituent parts.

### **MML function semantics**

*F: sémantique de fonction LHM*

*S: semántica de función LHM*

Semantics peculiar to one or more *MML functions* within the *functional areas* (or sub-areas) that were generated by the application of the *methodology* for the specification of the *man-machine interface*. It is based upon *actions*, *objets*, *information entities* and their interrelationships.

### **MML syntax and dialogue procedures meta-language**

*F: syntaxe et métalangage de procédure de dialogue LHM*

*S: metalenguaje de sintaxis y de procedimiento de diálogo del LHM*

A graphical *meta-language* for representing *MML input* and *output syntax* as well as *dialogue procedures*.

**monologue output**

*F: sortie de monologue*

*S: salida de monólogo*

*Output from the system which occurs outside a dialogue.*

**multi-line (subscriber line)**

*F: multiligne (ligne d'abonné)*

*S: línea de abonado multilínea*

A line between a public *exchange* and a P(A)BX or a line between a public *exchange* and a subscriber set belonging to a *subscriber line group*.

**Named-defined parameter**

*F: paramètre défini par nom*

*S: parámetro definido por el nombre*

A *parameter* which is identified by its *parameter name*.

**network**

*F: réseau*

*S: red*

All the *exchanges* which are relevant from the service standpoint operated by an Administration in a country.

**network element**

*F: élément de réseau*

*S: elemento de red*

Telecommunication equipment which may perform signalling, switching and transmission functions.

**network group**

*F: groupe de réseaux*

*S: grupo de redes*

A group of telecommunication networks relevant to the service standpoint (e.g. different operating companies offering the same service in the same country).

**network management action**

*F: action de gestion du réseau*

*S: acción de gestión de red*

The activity performed, not necessarily in the *network elements*, to regulate traffic flow.

**network management centre**

*F: centre de gestion du réseau*

*S: centro de gestión de red*

A centre where network management functions are performed (e.g., 0 and M centre, switching centre).

**network management control**

*F: commande de gestion du réseau*

*S: control de gestión de red*

The capabilities in *network elements* to regulate traffic flow and network operation in order to insure the maximum utilization of the network capacity in all situations of traffic overload and *network element* failure.

### **network management data**

*F: données de gestion du réseau*

*S: datos de gestión de red*

The set of information necessary to monitor, detect and identify a network problem.

### **network management indicator**

*F: indicateur de gestion du réseau*

*S: indicador de gestión de red*

Logical result of the comparison of *Network Management Parameters* and thresholds comparison.

### **network management information**

*F: information de gestion du réseau*

*S: información de gestión de red*

The set of information produced in the *network management centre* describing the network status and performance, the abnormal conditions detected, the problems identity and the active *network management controls*.

### **network management object**

*F: objet de gestion du réseau*

*S: objeto de gestión de red*

A set of *network elements* under control of network management *functions* and/or subject to measurement for network purposes.

### **network management parameters**

*F: paramètres de gestion du réseau*

*S: parámetros de gestión de red*

Information produced in the *network management centre* to be used for the production of *Abnormal Condition Report* and for display on alerting devices.

### **network management system**

*F: système de gestion du réseau*

*S: sistema de gestión de red*

A system which performs network management functions.

### **network problem identity**

*F: identité de problème du réseau*

*S: identidad de problema de red*

Information produced in the *network management centre* to indicate the type of problem detected and the portion of the network and/or services affected.

### **network raw data**

*F: données brutes de réseau*

*S: datos de red en bruto (sin procesar)*

Network information provided by *network elements* and used for the production of *Network Management Parameters* and for display on alerting devices.

### **network reference data**

*F: données de référence du réseau*

*S: datos de referencia de la red*

Information on the *network elements* and structure (e.g., *circuit groups*, number of *circuits* in a circuit group, routing information, type and quantity of switching system *components*).

### **non-decimal numeral**

*F: numéral non décimal*

*S: numeral no decimal*

A *numeral* in a *numbering system* other than *decimal*.

### **non-terminal symbol**

*F: symbole non terminal*

*S: símbolo no terminal*

Representation, within a *syntax diagram*, of another *syntax diagram* by name. It is an abbreviated *symbol* for a more complex construct.

### **numbering system**

*F: système de numération*

*S: sistema de numeración*

Any notation for the representation of numbers.

### **numeral**

*F: numéral*

*S: numeral*

A discrete representation of a number within a *numbering system*.

### **objet**

*F: objet*

*S: objeto*

An *information entity*, usually the *system* part towards which the *action* of a *function* is directed.

### **octal numeral**

*F: numéral octal*

*S: numeral octal*

A *numeral* in the octal (base 8) *numbering system*, represented by the characters 0 (zero), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, optionally preceded by O' (letter O apostrophe).

### **on-line documentation**

*F: documentation en ligne*

*S: documentación en línea*

A comprehensive body of information provided a user on-line about a given subject related to a *function*.

**on-line help**

*F: assistance en ligne*

*S: ayuda en línea*

See *solicited guidance*.

**on-line training**

*F: formation en ligne*

*S: adiestramiento en línea*

A comprehensive body of information provided a user on-line to supplement or replace other training methods such as classroom instruction, training manuals or video courses.

**operation and maintenance system**

*F: système d'exploitation et de maintenance*

*S: sistema de operación y mantenimiento*

A *system* which supports administration personnel in performing operation and maintenance *jobs* related to *SPC systems*.

**operational procedure**

*F: procédure d'exploitation*

*S: procedimiento operacional*

A process illustrating the interrelationship of *user* and *system* in performing an operation, maintenance, installation or acceptance testing *job*.

**Operation and Maintenance Centre (OMC)**

*F: centre d'exploitation et de maintenance (CEM)*

*S: centro de operación y mantenimiento (COM)*

A physical location staffed by administration personnel responsible for operation and maintenance (O&M) of *SPC systems*.

**other information**

*F: autre information*

*S: otra información*

General information which may accompany the *function models* and the lists of *MML functions* in the documents B and C.

**output**

*F: sortie*

*S: salida; extraer*

- i) Information that is transferred from the *system* to the *user*, e.g., *help output*, etc.
- ii) An *action* to transfer specified data from the *system* to a *man-machine terminal*.

**output field**

*F: champ de sortie*

*S: campo de salida*

See *inaccessible field*.

## **output outside dialogue**

*F: sortie hors dialogue*

*S: salida fuera de diálogo*

A spontaneous *output* indicating a certain event, e.g., an alarm situation, or an output in response to a *command* previously entered in an *interactive operating sequence*, e.g., a traffic measurement result.

## **output parameters**

*F: paramètres de sortie*

*S: parámetros de salida*

Data determining *output* routing and scheduling.

## **output and input window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre de sortie et d'entrée*

*S: zona de ventana de salida y de entrada*

These two *window areas* should support scrolling and should be user controllable in size. The input *window area* should be used for *direct information entry*. Response to the *direct information entry* as well as *output outside dialogue* should appear in the output *window area*. Input acknowledgements may also appear directly following the command in the input *window area*. The *scrolling* should occur in *two window areas* separately, or both *window areas* may be combined into one *window area*.

## **parameter**

*F: paramètre*

*S: parámetro*

Data which identifies and contains pieces of information necessary to execute a *command*.

## **parameter argument**

*F: argument de paramètre*

*S: argumento de parámetro*

The smallest portion of a *parameter value* which specifies an appropriate object or value. It can be a *simple* or a *compound* structure and may be used singularly or as part of a group.

## **parameter block**

*F: bloc de paramètres*

*S: bloque de parámetros*

See *block of parameters*.

## **parameter block entry sequence**

*F: séquence d'introduction d'un bloc de paramètres*

*S: secuencia de introducción de bloque de parámetros*

A procedure used to input a *block of parameters*.

## **parameter block request indication**

*F: indication de demande de bloc de paramètres*

*S: indicación de petición de bloque de parámetros*

An indication from the *system* to the *user* to proceed with *input* of *parameters*.

**parameter identity**

*F: identité de paramètre*

*S: identidad de parámetro*

The *parameter label* and optional *parameter position* identifying a *parameter* in a form.

**parameter label**

*F: étiquette de paramètre*

*S: etiqueta de parámetro*

A *text string* used in *forms* to identify a *parameter*.

**parameter name**

*F: nom de paramètre*

*S: nombre de parámetro*

An *identifier* which indicates unambiguously the meaning and structure of the subsequent *parameter value*.

**parameter position**

*F: position de paramètre*

*S: posición de parámetro*

The sequence number of a *parameter* in a *block of parameters* or in a *form*.

**parameter value**

*F: valeur de paramètre*

*S: valor de parámetro*

The part of a *parameter* that contains the information required to specify any appropriate object(s) or value(s). It consists of one or a group of *parameter arguments*.

**parameter value input field**

*F: champ d'entrée de valeur de paramètre*

*S: campo de entrada de valor de parámetro*

An *accessible field* that is normally empty or filled in by the *system* and should be filled in or overwritten by the *user*.

**password**

*F: mot de passe*

*S: contraseña*

A character string used for identification and authorization of a *user*.

**periodicity pattern**

*F: schéma de périodicité*

*S: esquema de periodicidad*

A pattern which indicates which days are recording (or results *output*) days and which are not. The start day positions this time span. Once activated, the execution of the measurements (or of the results *output*) is performed according to this pattern, until disabled by a deactivation *command*.

**phase**

*F: phase*

*S: fase*

One of five steps of the general working produce that forms the *methodology* for the specification of a *man-machine interface*.

**position-defined parameter**

*F: paramètre défini par position*

*S: parámetro definido por la posición*

A *parameter* whose nature is identified by its position in the *parameter block* of a *command*.

**procedure body**

*F: corps de procédure*

*S: cuerpo de procedimiento*

That part of a *dialogue procedure* where *commands* can be entered and new physical areas can be addressed, dependent on the authority of the *user*.

**procedure description**

*F: description de procédure*

*S: descripción de procedimiento*

A method of representing an *operational procedure*.

**procedure epilogue**

*F: épilogue de procédure*

*S: epílogo de procedimiento*

The procedure used to terminate the *dialogue procedure*. It consists of an *action* by the *user* to deactivate the *dialogue* and/or an *output* from the *system* to indicate the *end of dialogue*.

**procedure prologue**

*F: prologue de procédure*

*S: prólogo de procedimiento*

A set of *actions* to activate the *man-machine terminal*, to call the *system* and to identify the *user*.

**prompting**

*F: proposition*

*S: sugerencia*

A method used by the *system* to request *input* from the *user* in a *dialogue procedure*.

**promotion output**

*F: sortie de proposition*

*S: salida de sugerencia*

An *output* from the *system* providing guidance on the next *input* requirement.

**ready indication**

*F: indication “prêt”*

*S: indicación de preparado*

An *output* element used in a *dialogue procedure* to indicate that the direction of the dialogue has changed and that the *system* is ready to receive a *command* or a *destination identifier*. It is also used as the *identification invitation*.

### **ready indicator**

*F: indicateur “prêt”*

*S: indicador de preparado*

An *indicator* used in the *ready indication* to indicate that the *system* is ready to receive information.

### **recording**

*F: enregistrement*

*S: registro*

Performance of the operations implied by the measurement entities in order to collect the required data.

### **recording day**

*F: jour d’enregistrement*

*S: día de registro*

Day when a *recording* is performed. Several *recording periods* are allowed within a *recording day*. No overlap of *recording periods* is allowed for the same measurement. Each *recording period* can have a different length.

### **recording period**

*F: période d’enregistrement*

*S: periodo de registro*

A period of *recording* during a *recording day*.

### **rejection output**

*F: sortie de rejet*

*S: salida de rechazo*

An *output* message indicating that an *input* to the *system* is valid and will not be acted upon, and corrections cannot be applied.

### **relational operator**

*F: opérateur de relation*

*S: operador relacional*

An operator (see Table 2/Z.314) in a *selection argument*. Used in data base queries.

### **remove**

*F: retirer*

*S: retirar*

An *action* to request the *system* to take specified equipment units out of service; the system still retains knowledge of the units so that they may be returned to service by the *restore* action.

### **request**

*F: demande*

*S: petición*

A manual *action* used to activate a *man-machine terminal* and the *system*.

### **request output**

*F: sortie de demande*

*S: salida de petición*

A type of *response output* requesting further *input action* from the *user*, e.g., correction of an erroneous *parameter*, or supplying further information.

### **response output**

*F: sortie de réponse*

*S: salida de respuesta*

An *output message* in the *dialogue procedure* which gives information about the state of an *input*. The output can be any one of the following types: *acceptance output*, *rejection output* and *request output*.

### **restore**

*F: rétablir*

*S: restablecer*

An *action* to return specified equipment units to service; opposite of *remove*.

### **results accumulation period**

*F: période d'accumulation des résultats*

*S: período de acumulación de resultados*

Time interval within a *recording period* during which the required measurement entities are processed and at the end of which results are stored for immediate or later output.

### **results output routing**

*F: acheminement de la sortie des résultats*

*S: encaminamiento de salida de resultados*

Data defining the media to which results *output* is to be directed.

### **results output schedule**

*F: calendrier de sortie de résultats*

*S: calendario de salida de resultados*

Data specifying a set of days (or a periodicity pattern) and of times during these days when the output of the results is to be made.

### **route**

*F: acheminement*

*S: encamar*

An *action* to instruct the system that any subsequent *output* of a certain type should be routed to specified media.

### **route**

*F: route*

*S: ruta*

Collection of *circuit sub-groups* between two *exchanges* that are equivalent for routing purposes. The term route in Recommendation Z.335 is equivalent to the concept of “*Circuit Group*” as used in Recommendation Z.337 and in E-Series Recommendations.

### **route group**

*F: groupe de voies (d'acheminement)*

*S: grupo de rutas*

The set of all the possible *routes* on which a call may be forwarded to the appropriate destination.

### **scrolling**

*F: défilement*

*S: desplazamiento vertical*

The ability to display the part of the data not currently visible in the *window area*.

### **selection**

*F: sélection*

*S: selección*

A *symbol* of the *decomposition meta-language* which indicates that the choice among several *information entities* is possible.

### **selection argument**

*F: argument de sélection*

*S: argumento de selección*

An argument comprising one or more conditions. Used in data base queries.

### **selection identity**

*F: identité de sélection*

*S: identidad de selección*

An identity unique to a *menu item* so that it can be distinguished from other *menu items* within the same *menu*.

### **semantics**

*F: sémantique*

*S: semántica*

The rules and conventions governing the interpretation and assignment of meaning to constructions in a language.

### **separator**

*F: séparateur*

*S: separador*

A character used to delimit *syntax elements*.

### **sequence**

*F: séquence*

*S: secuencia*

A *symbol* of the *decomposition meta-language* which indicates a left-to-right ordering of *information entities*.

**session**

*F: session*

*S: sesión*

See *dialogue procedure*.

**session status**

*F: état de session*

*S: estado de sesión*

Information reflecting the current status of the *session* in terms of *user* identity, destination identity, etc.

**set**

*F: positionnement*

*S: poner*

An *action* to place equipment units in a specified state (number of possible states greater than 2); possible states include in service and out of service.

**single line (subscriber line)**

*F: ligne individuelle (ligne d'abonné)*

*S: línea de abonado unilínea; línea individual*

A line between a public *exchange* and a subscriber set.

**simple parameter argument**

*F: argument de paramètre simple*

*S: argumento de parámetro simple*

A *parameter argument* made up of only one *information unit*.

**solicited guidance**

*F: guidage sollicité*

*S: orientación solicitada*

System's capability to provide a user with information on how to use the system while using it.

**sort**

*F: trier*

*S: clasificar*

An *action* to rearrange the order of a *data set* according to specified (or default) criteria; the contents of the original set is not affected by this *action*, only its order.

**source identifier**

*F: identificateur d'origine*

*S: identificador de origen*

One or more *information units* indicating the physical area where an *output* was generated.

**SPC system**

*F: système SPC*

*S: sistema CPA*

See *stored program controlled (SPC) system*.

#### **special keys and directives information window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre d'information sur les touches spéciales et les directives*

*S: zona de ventana de información sobre teclas especiales y directrices*

This *window area* should display *function key labels* and specifies about the use of *directives*.

#### **Specification and Description Language (SDL)**

*F: langage de description et de spécification (LDS)*

*S: lenguaje de especificación y descripción*

The specification and description language specified in the Z.100-series Recommendations.

#### **spontaneous menu**

*F: menu spontané*

*S: menú espontáneo*

A *menu* that is automatically given at the start of an *information entry*.

#### **spontaneous output**

*F: sortie spontanée*

*S: salida espontánea*

An *output* generated by internal events of the *system*, e.g., an alarm.

#### **start date**

*F: date de début*

*S: fecha de comienzo*

Start day for the measurement execution.

#### **start time**

*F: heure de début*

*S: hora de comienzo*

Time for beginning the *recording period* in a *recording day*.

#### **status window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre d'état*

*S: zona de ventana de estado*

This *window area* should contain alarm indicators of the system being controlled, trouble reporting information from connected equipment, and message waiting indicators.

#### **stop date**

*F: date de fin*

*S: fecha de terminación*

Stop day for the measurement execution.

#### **stop time**

*F: heure de fin*

*S: hora de terminación*

Time for terminating a *recording period* in a *recording day*.

### **stored program controlled (SPC) system**

*F: système de commande par programme enregistré (SPC)*

*S: sistema de control por programa almacenado (CPA)*

A system (this includes switching *systems*) that provides telecommunication services.

### **subdivision**

*F: subdivision*

*S: subdivisión*

A symbolic means in the *decomposition meta-language* of indicating the division of an entity into its constituent parts.

### **subscriber line group**

*F: groupe de lignes d'abonné*

*S: grupo de líneas de abonado*

A *group of line groups* which are recognized and managed by a public *exchange* as a logical group.

### **supplementary information**

*F: information supplémentaire*

*S: información adicional*

Information presenting an explanation to the *user* if required so as to ease the *input* of the *parameter value*.

### **symbol**

*F: symbole*

*S: símbolo*

A conventional representation of a concept or a representation of a concept upon which agreement has been reached.

### **symbolic name**

*F: nom symbolique*

*S: nombre simbólico*

A character string used for the representation of an entity.

### **syntax**

*F: syntaxe*

*S: sintaxis*

The rules for the formation of permissible constructions (e.g., character strings) in a language, without regard to meaning.

### **syntax diagram**

*F: diagramme de syntaxe*

*S: diagrama sintáctico*

A representation either of the syntactic structure of the construct or of a portion of the *dialogue procedure*.

**system**

*F: système*

*S: sistema*

Computer-based equipment and the *applications* used in telecommunications to provide service to the subscriber or to support administration personnel in their *jobs*.

**system information**

*F: information du système*

*S: información del sistema*

Information related to the status of the system. It may contain items such as: system status *indicators*, alarm *indicators*, and a *message waiting indicator*.

**table**

*F: tableau*

*S: cuadro; talla*

An ordered presentation of interrelated information.

**terminal**

*F: terminal*

*S: terminal*

Abbreviation for *man-machine terminal*.

**terminal symbol**

*F: symbole terminal*

*S: símbolo terminal*

A *symbol* containing a character or string of characters which actually appear in the *input* or *output*.

**terminology harmonization**

*F: harmonisation de la terminologie*

*S: armonización de la terminología*

Standardization of the terminology to be used in the generation of *MML function semantics*.

**text block**

*F: bloc de texte*

*S: bloque de texto*

Any combination of *clarifying texts*, *named-defined parameters* and/or *tables* which gives *output* information wherever it is needed or requested.

**text string**

*F: chaîne de texte*

*S: cadena de texto*

A character string (excluding " (quotation mark) and *correction characters*) not interpreted within the *man-machine language* but stored in the *system* for later *output* in its original form.

**tool***F: outil**S: instrumento*

A means by which the task of one or more *phases* of the *methodology* for the specification of the *man-machine interface* may be accomplished.

**user***F: usager**S: usuario*

The human being in *man-machine communication*.

**user guidance***F: guidage de l'usager**S: orientación del usuario*

Información displayed by the *system* to help the *user* to perform the task.

**variable text***F: texte variable**S: texto variable*

A string of *information units* which contains information unique to the event caused the *output*.

**video attributes***F: attributs vidéo**S: atributos video*

Attributes to distinguish certain important information (e.g., a title, a message, a chosen item) in order to attract the attention of the *user*. They work on the characters of the information shown within an entire *window*, a part of a *window area*, an entire *field* or within a part of a *field*.

**visible display***F: zone visible**S: zona visible*

The entire physical screen of a visual display terminal.

**window***F: fenêtre**S: ventana*

A *window* is a collection of one or more *window areas*. Collection depends on the *application*. A *window* is dedicated to an application.

**window area***F: sous-fenêtre**S: zona de ventana*

A *window area* is a named part of a *window* (sometimes the entire window) that is dedicated for a specific purpose depending upon the *application*.

## **work window area**

*F: sous-fenêtre de travail*

*S: zona de ventana de trabajo*

This *window area* should be used for *information entry through form filling* and *information entry through menu-item selection*. The *window area* may also be used as a graphic display and screen editor area, and should support scrolling.

## **ANNEX A**

(to Recommendation Z.341)

### **Classification of terms**

#### **A.1    *Introduction***

This annex classifies the MMI terms according to the following classification scheme.

The purpose of this classification is to partition MMI terms into conceivable collections:

- a) to users of the MMI Recommendations;
- b) to those who can benefit from the knowledge of MMI terms, such as programmers; and
- c) to developers of the MMI Recommendations, for the identification of new work items, the organization of future work and new Recommendations.

The classes are intended to aid the identification and delimitation of the scope of the terms and therefore enhance the readability of the Recommendations and specifications. For example, an MMI designer who wants to document the terms to be used at the MMI can use this classification to organize the MMI documentation. The following defines MMI terms and describes their use.

This classification scheme is inspired by the conceptual scheme work [1] within ISO. The application area and scope are, however, different.

#### **A.2    *Overview***

The totality of MMI terms is divided into classes shown in Figure A-1/Z.341. The classes can form a hierarchical structure. If a term is applicable to more than one class, it may appear in the most general class.

The classes can very well be divided into subclasses.

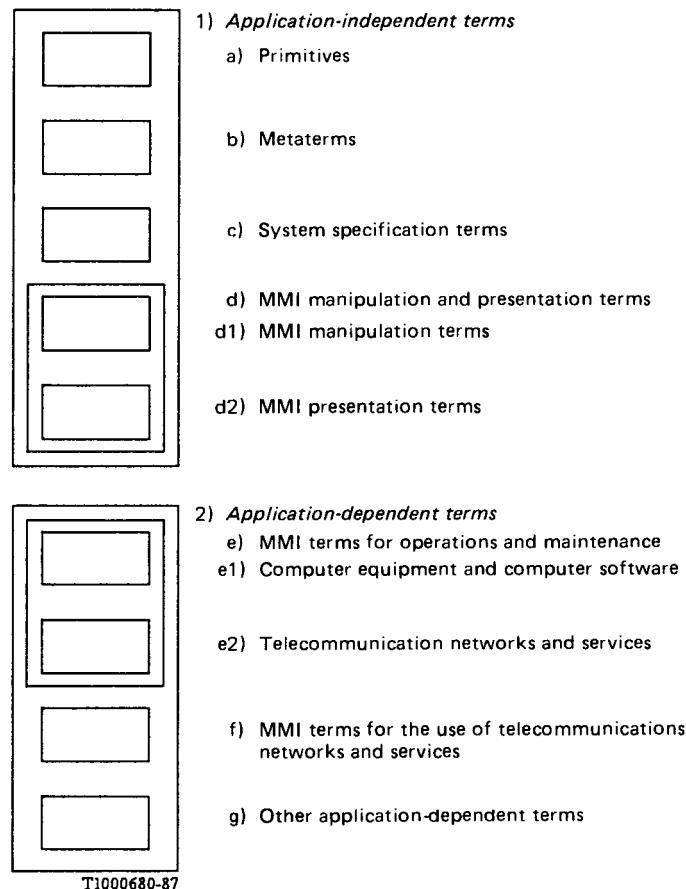


FIGURE A-1/Z.341

**Classification scheme**

### A.3 Classes and their usage

The following text defines different classes, explains their usage and gives examples of their contents. Terms are classified as application-independent and application-dependent terms. These classes are classified into subclasses.

#### 1) Application-independent terms

Terms which can be common for all MMI applications:

##### a) Primitives

Terms which cannot be further defined but are used to define other terms.

Users: Everyone, in particular, language designers. End users can read system documentation which applies these terms.

Examples: Predicates, logical connectors, quantifiers, terms, etc.

##### b) Metaterms

General terms which are not restricted to the classes listed below.

This class includes common terms from mathematics and logic as well as general terms such as time and space.

Users: Everyone, in particular, language designers. End users can read system documentation which applies these terms.

Examples: Arithmetics, algebra, etc.  
Space, time, terminology, phenomenon, etc.

##### c) System specification terms

Terms restricted to one system description language, often aimed at one application area.

- Users: Everyone, in particular, applications system designers including MMI designers. End users can read system documentation which applies these terms.
- Examples: Block channel, signal, etc. n basic SDL.  
 Flow line, non-terminal input symbol, etc., in the MML metalanguage.  
 Entity, relationship, domain, cardinality, etc., in the Entity-relationship approach.
- d) Application-independent MMI manipulation and presentation terms.  
 Terms needed to manipulate all MMI terms and to present terms common for all MMI applications.
- d1) MMI manipulation terms  
 Terms which can be used to manipulate other terms.
- Users: Everyone who applies a man-machine interface, both end users and system developers.
- Examples: Next page, delete window, etc.  
 Retrieve (from database to screen), insert (from screen to database).
- d2) MMI presentation terms  
 Terms which are needed to present other terms.  
 Presentation terms are intended to present other terms.
- Users: Everyone who observes a man-machine interface, both end users and system developers.
- Examples: Window, window area, field, pixel, etc.  
 Common field, work window area, etc.

## 2) *Application-dependent terms*

- Terms which are not common for all MMI applications.
- e) MMI terms for operations and maintenance
- e1) computer equipment and computer software  
 Terms used for the management of software and equipment through their whole life cycle.
- Users: Everyone who explicitly accesses, installs or supports computer resources, or administers their availability including access administration.
- Examples: Machine, terminal, program, program statement database, etc.  
 Logon, backup, suspend, etc.
- e2) telecommunications networks and services  
 Terms for the Administrations' manipulation and presentation of telecommunications networks and services.
- Users: Everyone in the Administrations who administers telecommunications networks or services.
- Examples: Subscriber, multiplex group, traffic intensity, installation plan, subscriber equipment, etc.  
 Subscriber identity, circuit identity, etc.  
 Insertion of routing data, etc.
- f) MMI terms for the use of telecommunications networks and services  
 Terms which are specific for the subscribers' manipulation and presentation of telecommunications networks and services.
- Users: Everyone who applies telecommunications networks or services.
- Examples: Dial up, send Teletex, electronic envelope, etc.
- g) Other application-dependent terms  
 Any application-dependent term which is not listed above.
- Users: Everyone who applies MMIs for manipulating or presenting data concerned with the actual topics.
- Examples: Employee number, salary information, etc.

#### A.4 Classification of terms

##### 1) Application-independent terms

###### b) application metaterms

application  
arithmetic delimiter  
arithmetic operator  
arithmetic expression  
binary numeral  
decimal numeral  
digit  
graphic characters  
hexadecimal numeral  
keyed numeral  
letter  
non-decimal numeral  
numbering system  
numeral  
octal numeral  
semantics  
symbol  
syntax

###### c) System specification terms

annotation  
annotation symbol  
Bachus Naur Form (BNF)  
character set  
component  
composit part  
connectivity rules  
connector  
decomposition meta-language  
default option  
documents A through G  
drawing convention  
flowline  
general option  
guidelines  
information entity  
information structure (diagram)  
information structure meta-language  
iteration  
meta-language

- methodology (for the specification of the man-machine interface)
- MML function decomposition
- MML function semantics
- MML syntax and dialogue procedures meta-language
- non-terminal symbol
- object
- other information
- phase
- procedure description
- selection
- separator
- sequence
- Specification and Description Language (SDL)
- subdivision
- syntax diagram
- terminal symbol
- terminology harmonization
- d) Application-independent MMI manipulation and presentation terms
  - CCITT MML
  - man-machine communication
  - man-machine interface
  - man-machine language (MML)
  - MML
  - d1) MMI manipulation terms
    - action
    - action modifier
    - activate
    - browse
    - change
    - command
    - command code
    - command entry sequence
    - continuation character
    - control character
    - control functions
    - control key
    - correction character
    - create
    - cursor control functions
    - deactivate
    - delete
    - dialogue

dialogue element  
dialogue procedure  
direct information entry  
directive  
edit  
error correction  
escape indication  
execution character  
filter  
form filling  
format effector  
function  
function key  
indicator  
information entry  
information entry through form filling  
information entry through menu-item selection  
inhibit  
initialize  
input  
interactive  
interactive operating sequence  
interface control functions  
interrogate  
item selection procedure  
manual response  
menu-item selection  
MML function  
operational procedure  
output  
parameter block entry sequence  
procedure body  
procedure epilogue  
procedure prologue  
scrolling  
session  
sort

d2) MMI presentation terms

acceptance input  
acceptance output  
accessible field  
additional header information

additional information  
block of parameters  
border area  
clarifying text  
command reference  
command sequence number  
comment  
compound parameter argument  
concealment  
cursor  
data set  
default value  
delimiter  
display area  
end of dialogue  
end of output  
end statement  
field  
form  
form identity  
form output  
general information window area  
guidance output  
header  
help output  
highlighting  
identification invitation  
identifier  
inaccessible field  
information unit  
input acknowledgement  
input error  
input error information  
input field  
input window area  
interaction request output  
inverse video  
item description  
layout option  
menu  
menu identity  
menu item

menu output  
message waiting indication  
monologue output  
name-defined parameter  
on-line documentation  
on-line help  
on-line training  
output and input window area  
output field  
output outside dialogue  
parameter  
parameter argument  
parameter block  
parameter block request indication  
parameter identity  
parameter name  
parameter position  
parameter value  
parameter value input field  
password  
position-defined parameter  
prompting  
prompting output  
ready indication  
ready indicator  
rejection output  
request output  
response output  
selection identity  
session status  
simple parameter argument  
solicited guidance  
special keys and directives information window area  
spontaneous menu  
spontaneous output  
status window area  
supplementary information  
symbolic name  
table  
text block  
text string  
user guidance

variable text  
video attributes  
visible display  
window  
window area  
work window area

2) *Application-Dependent Terms*

- e) MMI terms for operations and maintenance
  - e1) Computer equipment and computer software
    - block mode transmission
    - character mode transmission
    - destination identifier
    - destination prologue
    - graphic terminals
    - I/O device
    - man-machine terminal
    - remove
    - request
    - restore
    - route
    - route
    - set
    - source identifier
    - terminal
    - tool
  - e2) Telecommunication networks
    - administrative system
    - alarm statement
    - allow
    - auxiliary system
    - class A function
    - class B function
    - class C function
    - exchange
    - functional area (or sub-area)
    - function model
    - job
    - job area
    - machine
    - operation and maintenance system
    - Operation and Maintenance Centre (OMC)
    - SPC system

- Stored Program Control (SPC) system
- system
- system information
- f) MMI terms for the use of telecommunications networks and services
- g) Other application-dependent terms
  - man
  - user

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