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Part 6: Assessment of system operability

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1998. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) reorganization of the material of IEC 61069-6:1998 to make the overall set of standards more organized and consistent;
- b) IEC TS 62603-1 has been incorporated into this edition.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61069 deals with the method which should be used to assess system properties of a basic control system (BCS). IEC 61069 consists of the following parts.

- Part 1: Terminology and basic concepts
- Part 2: Assessment methodology
- Part 3: Assessment of system functionality
- Part 4: Assessment of system performance
- Part 5: Assessment of system dependability
- Part 6: Assessment of system operability
- Part 7: Assessment of system safety
- Part 8: Assessment of other system properties

Assessment of a system is the judgement, based on evidence, of the suitability of the system for a specific mission or class of missions.

To obtain total evidence would require complete evaluation (for example under all influencing factors) of all system properties relevant to the specific mission or class of missions.

Since this is rarely practical, the rationale on which an assessment of a system should be based is:

- the identification of the importance of each of the relevant system properties;
- the planning for evaluation of the relevant system properties with a cost-effective dedication of effort to the various system properties.

In conducting an assessment of a system, it is crucial to bear in mind the need to gain a maximum increase in confidence in the suitability of a system within practical cost and time constraints.

An assessment can only be carried out if a mission has been stated (or given), or if any mission can be hypothesized. In the absence of a mission, no assessment can be made; however, evaluations can still be specified and carried out for use in assessments performed by others. In such cases, IEC 61069 can be used as a guide for planning an evaluation and it provides methods for performing evaluations, since evaluations are an integral part of assessment.

In preparing the assessment, it can be discovered that the definition of the system is too narrow. For example, a facility with two or more revisions of the control systems sharing resources, for example a network, should consider issues of co-existence and inter-operability. In this case, the system to be investigated should not be limited to the “new” BCS; it should include both. That is, it should change the boundaries of the system to include enough of the other system to address these concerns.

The series structure and the relationship among the parts of IEC 61069 are shown in Figure 1.

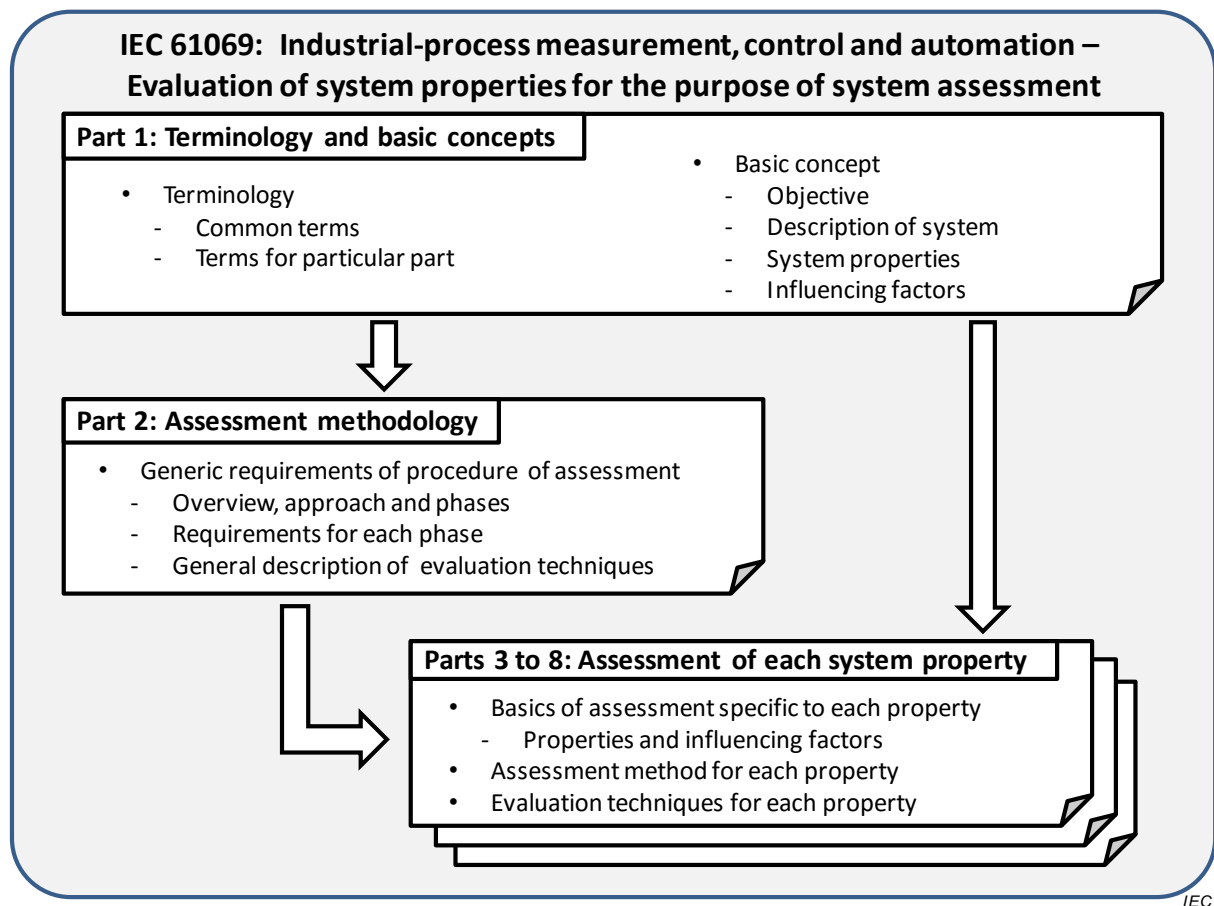


Figure 1 – General layout of IEC 61069

Some example assessment items are integrated in Annex C.

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Part 6: Assessment of system operability

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61069:

- specifies the detailed method of the assessment of operability of basic control system (BCS), based on the basic concepts of IEC 61069-1 and methodology of IEC 61069-2;
- defines basic categorization of operability properties;
- describes the factors that influence operability and which need to be taken into account when evaluating operability;
- provides guidance in selecting techniques from a set of options (with references) for evaluating the operability.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IEC 61069-2:2016, *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation – Evaluation of system properties for the purpose of system assessment – Part 2: Assessment methodology*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms, acronyms, conventions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61069-1 apply.

3.2 Abbreviated terms, acronyms, conventions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms, acronyms, conventions and symbols given in IEC 61069-1 the following apply.

4 Basis of assessment specific to operability

4.1 Operability properties

4.1.1 General

For a system to be operable the system provides the operator with a transparent and consistent window into the tasks to be performed, through its human-machine interface. The extent to which means for interaction with these tasks provided by the system are efficient,