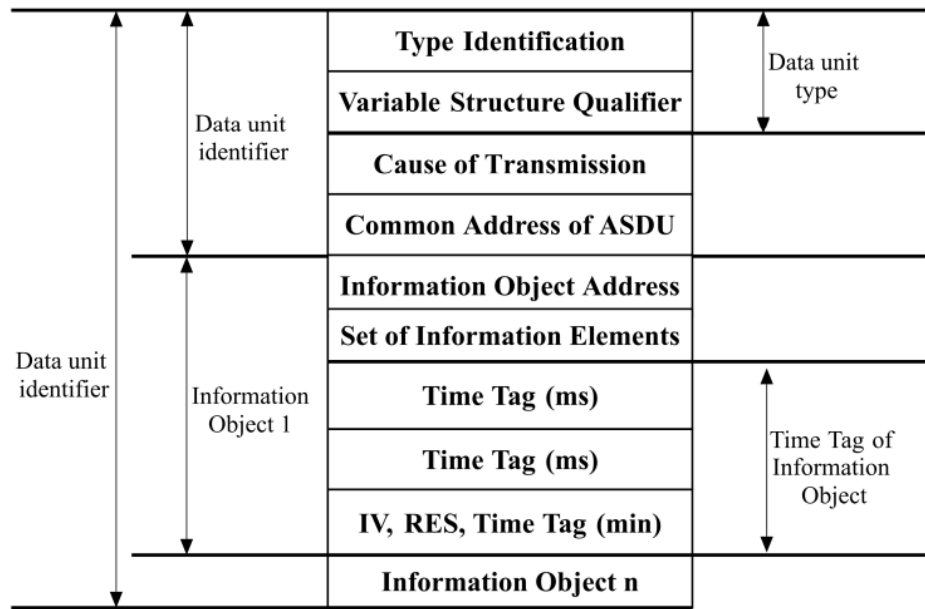


# 14.2 IEC 60870-5-101 Master

The IEC 60870-5-101 protocol is a companion standard for power system monitoring, control associated communications for telecontrol, teleprotection and associated telecommunications for electric power systems. Standard IEC 60870-5-101 was prepared by IEC technical committee 57 (Power system control and associated communications).

Standard IEC 60870-5-101 defines an **Application Service Data Unit (ASDU)** Figure below). In ASDU there is an ASDU identifier (with the type of ASDU in it) and information objects.

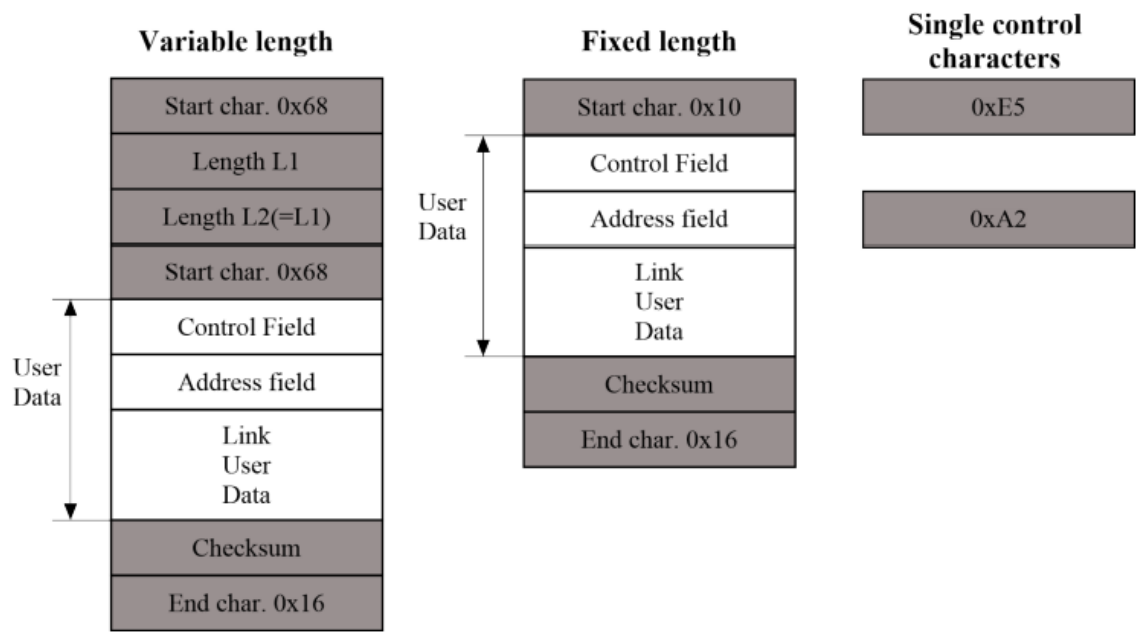


IEC 60870-5-101 ASDU structure

**Common Address of ASDU** Defines the stations' address and can be configured in Devices asdu\_address field for source and *Signals* common\_address field for the destination.

**Information Object Address** Used as destination object address in the control direction and as source object address in monitor direction can be configured in Signals info\_address field.

Standard IEC 60870-5-101 transmission frames are separated into 3 different types: **frame with variable length**, **frame with fixed length**, and **single control characters**



IEC 60870-5-101 ASDU structure

**Control field** provides information about the message direction, type of service, and checksum.

**Address field** specifies the link address which points to the message's destination. WCC Lite supports IEC 60870-5--

101 Master protocol over a serial link (according to EIA RS485). Its full functionality list can be found in an [IEC 60870-5-101 PID Interoperability List](#) which can be downloaded separately from this user manual.

## Configuring datapoints (master)

To use IEC 60870-5-101 Master in WCC Lite, it has to be configured via an Excel configuration. This configuration contains two Excel sheets where parameters have to be filled in Devices and Signals.

### IEC 60870-5-101 master parameters for *Devices* tab

Parameter	Type	Description	Required	Default value (when not specified)	Range	
					Min	Max
name	string	User-friendly name for a device	Yes			
description	string	Description of a device	No			
device_alias	string	Alphanumeric string to identify a device	Yes			
enable	boolean	Enabling/disabling of a device	No	1	0	1
protocol	string	Protocol to be used	Yes		IEC 60870-5-101 master	
device	string	Communication port	Yes		PORT1	PORT2
baudrate	integer	Communication speed (bauds/s)	No	9600	600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200	
databits	integer	Data bit count for communication	No	8	6	9
stopbits	integer	Stop bit count for communication	No	1	1	2
parity	string	Communication parity option	No	none	none, even, odd	
flowcontrol	string	Number of requests, before link is considered lost (device status signals are changed) and reconnect attempt will be issued	No	none	none	
link_address	integer	Destination address when in transmit and source address when broadcasting	Yes		0	65535

link_size	integer	Link address size in bytes	No	1	1	2
asdu_address	integer	Application Service Data Unit address	Yes		0	65535
asdu_size	integer	Common address size in bytes	No	1	1	2
ioa_size	integer	Information object address (IOA) size in bytes	No	2	1	3
cot_size	integer	Cause of transmission (COT) size in bytes	No	1	1	2
time_sync_interval_sec	integer	Defines how often (in seconds) slave will request time synchronization. <b>If greater than 0</b> - slave will request synchronizations, will reset the timer if the master did it earlier. <b>If 0</b> - slave won't request timesyncs, but will allow them. <b>If 1</b> - timesyncs are not supported - requests will be dropped.	No	60		
gi_interval_sec	integer	Time frame between General Interrogation requests in seconds, if 0 requests are disabled	No	300		
scan_rate_ms	integer	Polling interval in milliseconds. Time frame between two telegrams from master	Yes	100		
timeout_ms	integer	Response timeout in milliseconds	Yes	1000		
retry_count	integer	Number of retries of failed requests before announcing that device is in Error state	Yes	1		

### IEC 60870-5-101 master parameters for Signals tab

Parameter	Type	Description	Required	Default value (when not specified)	Range	
					Min	Max
signal_name	string	User-friendly signal name	Yes			
device_alias	string	Alphanumeric string to identify a device	Yes			
signal_alias	string	Unique alphanumeric name of the signal to be used	Yes			

source_device_alias	string	device_alias of a source device	For commands			
source_signal_alias	string	signal_alias of a source signal	For commands			
enable	boolean	Enabling/disabling of an individual signal	No	1	0	1
log	integer	Allow signal to be logged. If <b>log is 0</b> signal will not be logged. If <b>log is more than 0</b> signal will be logged	No	0		
gi	boolean	Including/excluding (1 or 0) signal from General Interrogation	No	0	0	1
common_address	integer	Address of a destination device	Yes	1		
info_address	integer	Information object address	Yes			
data_type	integer	ASDU type identifier	Yes			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50

## Device status signals

IEC 60870-5-101 has an additional signal which can be configured to show communication status. It is used to indicate if the slave device has disconnected from master (WCC Lite). To configure such signal for IEC 60870-5-101 protocol, job\_todo and tag\_job\_todo fields with string values are required. For IEC 60870-5-101 master required parameters for status signal will be: **signal\_name device\_alias, signal\_alias, common\_address, info\_address, data\_type, job\_todo** and **tag\_job\_todo**. Job\_todo value must be *device\_status* and for tag\_job\_todo there are 4 variations: communication\_status, device\_running, device\_error, unknown\_error. Each signal has 4 possible values and are based on the same logic. If signal returns value of 0, it means unknown error has appeared, 1 – device or protocol connection is on and working properly, 2 – device is off or protocol is disconnected, 3 – error or service is down.

# Debugging a IEC 60870-5-101 Master application

If configuration for IEC 60870-5-101 devices is set up, handler for protocol will start automatically. If the configuration is missing parameters or contains errors, protocol will not start. It is done intentionally decrease unnecessary memory usage.

If IEC 60870-5-101 does not work properly (e.g. no communication between devices, data is corrupted, etc.), a user can launch a debug session from command line interface and find out why link is not functioning properly. To launch a debugging session, a user should stop *iec101-master* process and run *iec101-master* command with respective flags as shown in the table below.

Procedure for IEC 60870-5-101 master service debugging:

- Step 1:** Service must be stopped by entering the following command into the WCC Lite:  
**/etc/init.d/iec101-master stop**
- Step 2:** After service is stopped it must be started with the preferred configuration file (JSON files found in /etc/ folder) and a debug level 7:**iec101-master -c /etc/iec101-master/iec101master.json -d7**  
Additional output forming options described here: Command line arguments.
- Step 3:** Once the problem is diagnosed normal operations can be resumed with the following command: **/etc/init.d/iec101-master start**

## IEC 60870-5-101 command line debugging options

```
-h [ -help ] Display help information
-V [ -version ] Show version
-d<debug level> Set debugging level
-c [ -config ] Config path
-r [ -raw ] Show raw telegram data
-f [ -frame ] Show frame data
-R [ -readyfile ] Ready notification file
```

★ Created 11 January 2024 09:21:49 by Gabriele  
✎ Updated 27 August 2024 09:10:27 by Augustas