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Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC)  
and  
Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications**

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## Foreword

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This standard is part of a family of standards for Local Area Networks (LANs)..... TBD

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## Wireless Medium Access Control and Physical Layer Specification

### 1. General

#### 1.1 Purpose. TBD

#### 1.2 Definitions.

(Editor's note: Extracted from P802.11-92/57 doc., otherwise indicated in each definition))

**access point (AP).** Any entity that has station functionality and provides access to the distribution system.

**authentication.** A higher layer process by which one station convinces other stations of its 'identity'.

**basic service area (BSA).** The area within which members of a basic service set can communicate.

**basic service set (BSS).** A set of stations controlled by a single coordination function.

**channel.** (Editor's note - From work done by the PHY Group in 07/92) - An instance of medium use for the purpose of passing packet data units that can coexist with other instances of medium use.

Example	<u>single channel</u>	<u>n-channel</u>
	1 narrowband channel	FDM channels
	DSS with 1 code	DSSS with CDMA

**coordination function (CF).** That logical function which determines when a station operating within a basic service set transmits and received via the wireless medium.

**distributed coordination function (DCF).** A class of possible coordination functions where the same coordination function logic is active in every station at any given time.

**distribution system (DS).** A system used to interconnect a set of basic service sets to create an extended service set.

**distribution system medium (DSM).** The medium used by a distribution system (for basic service set interconnections).

**distribution system services (DSS).** The set of services provided by the distribution system which enable the MAC to transport MAC service data units between basic service sets within an extended service set.

**extended service area (ESA).** The area within which members of an extended service set can communicate. An extended service area is larger or equal to a basic service area.

**extended service set (ESS).** A set of interconnected basic service sets which appear as a single basic service set to the logical link control (LLC).

**MAC service data unit (MSDU).** The MAC service data unit is information that is delivered as a unit between MAC service access points.

**point coordination function (PCF).** A class of possible coordination functions where the coordination function logic is active in only one station at any given time.

**registration.** A process by which a station gets its 'identity' (address signature, certificates, etc.).

**sign-on.** The process by which one station identifies (and possibly authenticates) itself, and exchanges operational parameters in order to participate in a basic service set.

**Station (STA).** Any device which contains an 802.11 conformant MAC and PHY interface to the wireless medium.

**Wireless Medium (WM).** The medium used to implement a wireless LAN.

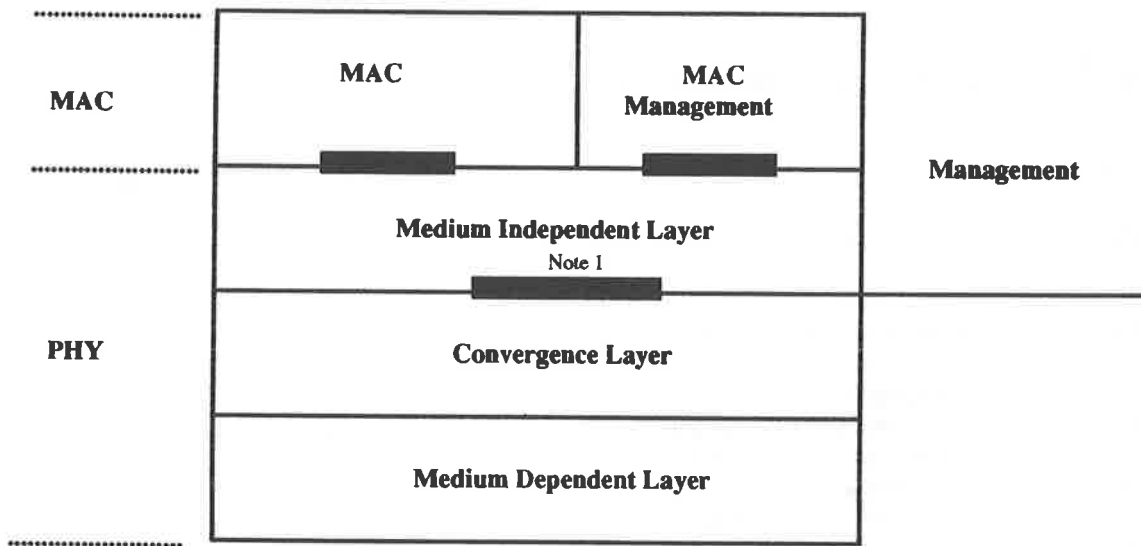
### 1.3 Abbreviations

(Editor's note: Extracted from section 1.2)

<b>AP</b>	=	access point
<b>BSA</b>	=	basic service area
<b>BSS</b>	=	basic service set
<b>CF</b>	=	coordination function
<b>DCE</b>	=	data communication equipment
<b>DCF</b>	=	distributed coordination function
<b>DS</b>	=	distribution system
<b>DSM</b>	=	distribution system medium
<b>DSS</b>	=	distribution system services
<b>DTE</b>	=	data terminal equipment
<b>ESA</b>	=	extended service area
<b>ESS</b>	=	extended service set
<b>LLC</b>	=	logical link control
<b>MAC</b>	=	medium access control
<b>MSDU</b>	=	MAC service data unit
<b>PAR</b>	=	project authorization request
<b>PCF</b>	=	point coordination function
<b>PHY</b>	=	physical layer
<b>STA</b>	=	station
<b>WM</b>	=	wireless medium

## 2. General Description

(Editor's note: Model approved as the 'starting point' for further work - 07/92)



Note 1 - Optional exposed DTE/DCE interface

General Overview of the 802.11 MAC and PHY Layers



## **8. PHY Layer Functional Description**

### **8.1 PHY Layer Architecture. TBD**

### **8.2 Exposed DTE-DCE Interface Specification. TBD**

### **8.3 PHY Layer State Machines. TBD**

#### **8.3.1 Medium Independent Sub-layer Functions.**

(Editor's note: From work done by the PHY Group in 07/92)

All PHYs shall support a single channel. Support of additional channel is optional. If more than one channel is implemented a method of informing the MAC about the number of channels, the channel in use and to allow the MAC to change channels will be implemented.

All PHYs shall support a single level of transmit power. Support of additional transmit power levels is optional. If more than one transmit power level is implemented a method of informing the MAC about the number of levels available and the value of these levels and to allow the MAC to modify these levels will be implemented.

All PHYs shall report the status of receive signal strength relative to one threshold. Additional thresholds are optional. If more than one level is supported a method of informing the MAC regarding the number of levels, and the values of these levels will be implemented. The indication of receive power will be delivered on a frame by frame basis.

## **Appendix - I. Functional Requirements**

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### **I.1 Externally Imposed Requirements.**

Documents which contain functional requirements that are hereby incorporated as 802.11 functional requirements:

- 802 Functional Requirements (document number P802-91/152).
- 802.11 PAR (P802.11-91/58)
- The 802.11 PAR supersedes the 802 Functional Requirements (P802-91/152) where they conflict.

### **I.2 General Requirements.**

The primary service provided by 802.11 is to deliver MSDUs between LLCs.

Continuity of service to the layers within an ESS will be supported.

The MAC must accommodate any PHY transmission rate between 1 and 20 Mbit/s.

The 802.11 MAC and PHY will support the application described in the 802.11 Market Requirements Document.

Any function or service unique to wireless networks will be handled within the 802.11 standard.

802.11 will support multicast services (including broadcast services).

The standard will support network management services.

### **I.3 Data Service Types.**

802.11 will provide two classes of MSDU delivery service:

- 1) An asynchronous MSDU delivery service.
- 2) a Time-bounded MSDU delivery service.

All 802.11 implementations will support the asynchronous class service.

Stations using the asynchronous and/or time-bounded service must coexist within the same BSS.

### **I.4 Coordination Functions.**

All 802.11 implementations will support a common default coordination function.

There will be a method for dynamically switching from the default coordination function and any other defined coordination function.

A single MAC shall be used to support all coordination functions.  
There shall be mechanisms defined to resolve medium use conflicts.

**I.5 MAC / PHY Interface.**

A single MAC will be used to support multiple PHYs.

A single MAC/PHY interface will be defined.

If the MAC/PHY interface is exposed, a conformant implementation must adhere to the defined MAC/PHY interface.

**I.6 Security.**

The standard shall support registration services.

The standard shall support authentication services.

