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- an improved description of the principles for use; and
- a strict separation between the physical aspect of a signal and its associated information, focusing on the latter.

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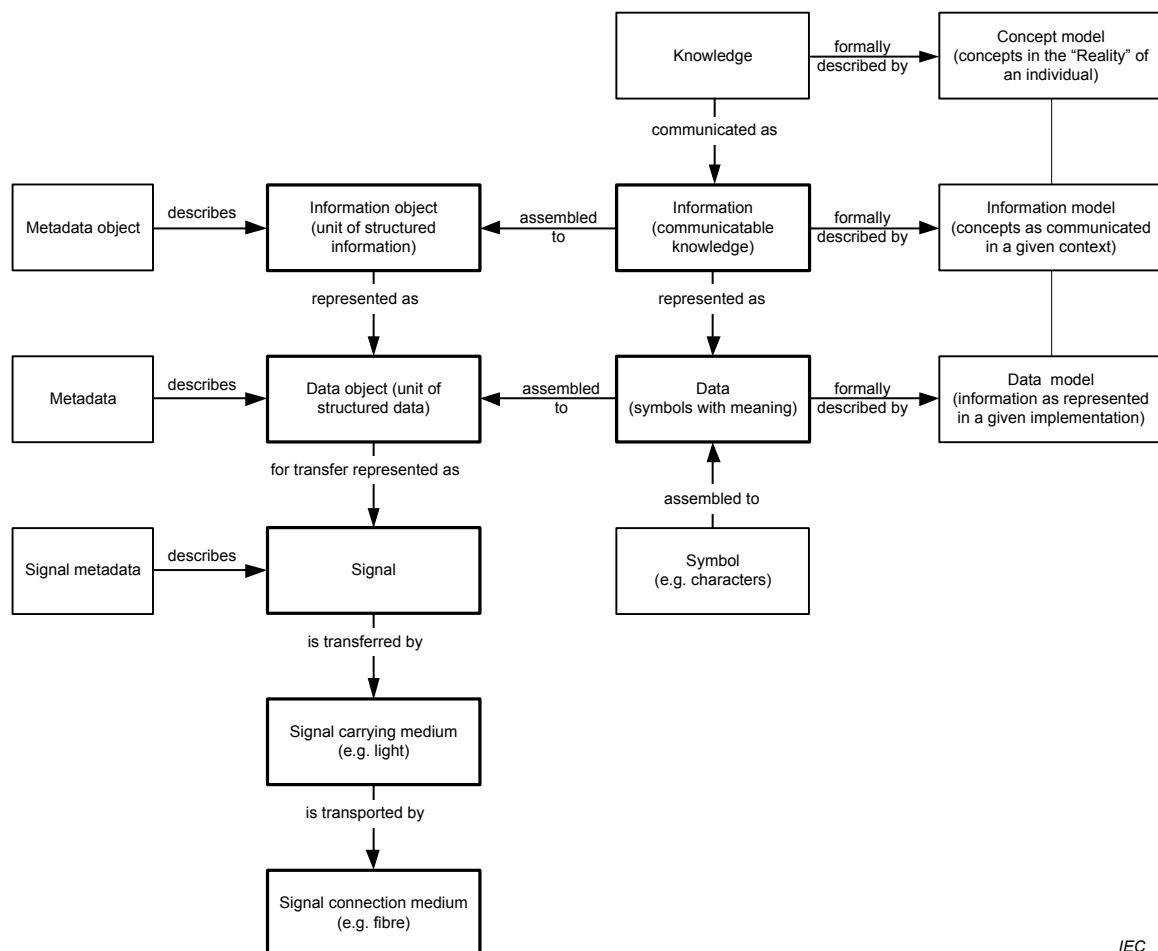
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INTRODUCTION

The intention of this part of IEC 61175 is to establish rules and requirements for the designation of signals, and furthermore to make recommendations on useful presentations of these.

Basically, a signal designation is associated with the signal over its whole lifetime, which means from the beginning of the design stage until the signal is no longer needed.

The change of medium for the transfer of a signal because of a physical rebuilding of an installation will not cause a change of the identification of this signal if its semantic meaning is maintained. Signals represent information. For communication purposes the information has to be represented as data. The information can be more or less complex. In simple cases, the information can be represented as a single Boolean variable, without internal structure. In more complex cases, like in computer communication via data networks, the information can be packaged in more complex objects, with internal structure, which are transferred with suitable protocols. The implementation can be done in different ways depending on which technology, protocol, etc. is being used. Figure 1 illustrates the terminology.



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Figure 1 – Illustration of relationship of terminology

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61175 provides rules for the composition of designations for the identification of signals and signal connections. This includes the designation of power supply.

This part of IEC 61175 is applicable to all types of signals within an industrial system, installation and equipment and industrial products. It deals with the information aspect of signals and not with their physical implementation.

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IEC 62720, *Identification of units of measurement for computer-based processing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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