

Function Discovery

(IEEE1212 / IEEE 1394)

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The need for **Function Discovery**

- There is a need for a common (protocol/bus independent) method for finding (describing) a function in a multi-device(node) topology.

“How do we find a printer in a multi-device topology?”

- “We don’t want to utilize a specific protocol JUST to find a function in a topology”

- Approved as a need by IEEE MSC
(IEEE1212 task group)

- Other proposals addressing same issue
 - SDD , “Proposal to add mode_unit_id” etc.

Function Discovery scheme

- Objective

■ Objective:

- Provide a

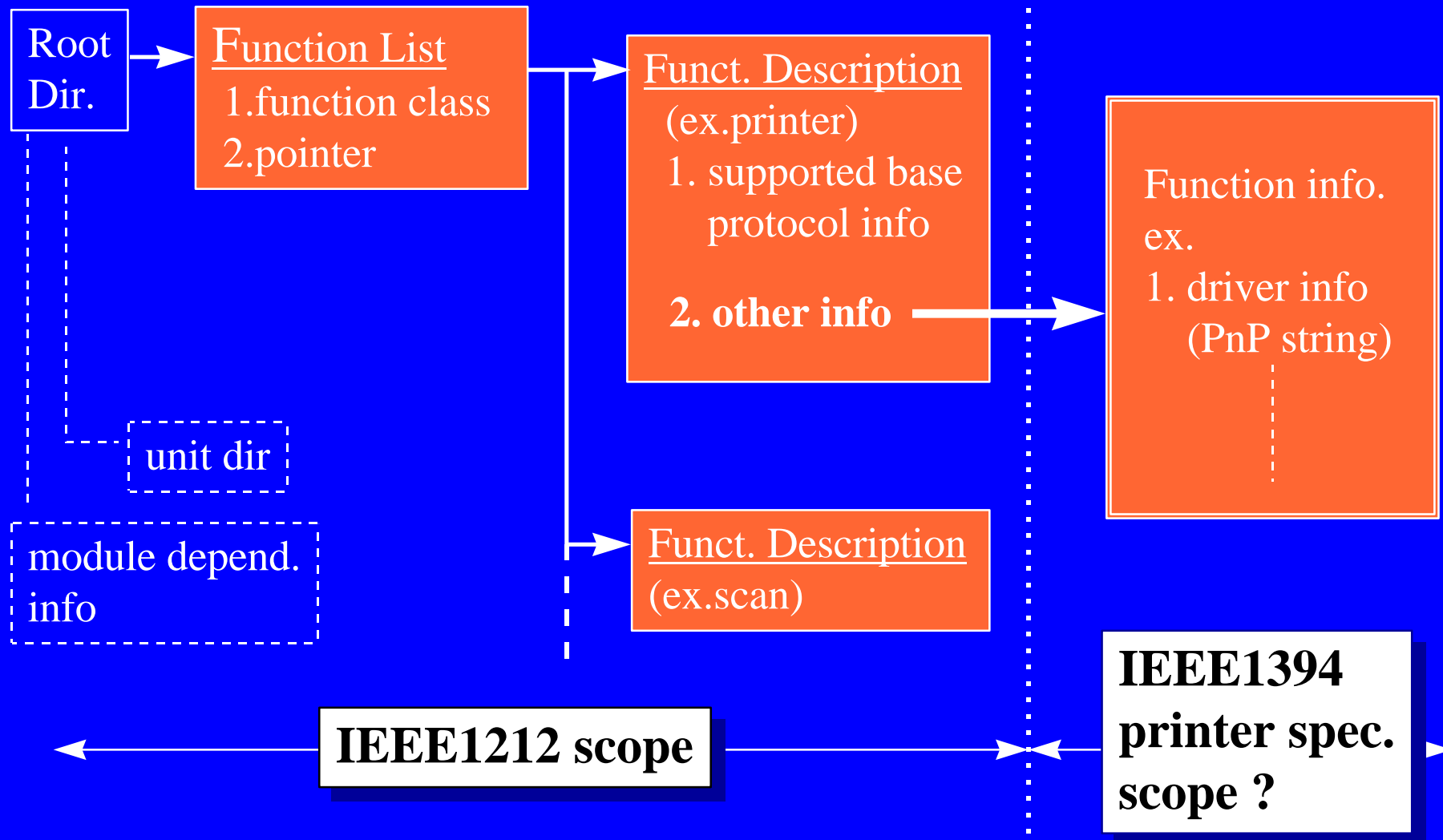
**protocol (1212 unit directory) independent
method for :**

Function Discovery.

- “**Discover the functions first,
then their supported protocols.
(and further function description...driver info.)**”
as an alternative to current “protocol-first” discovery.

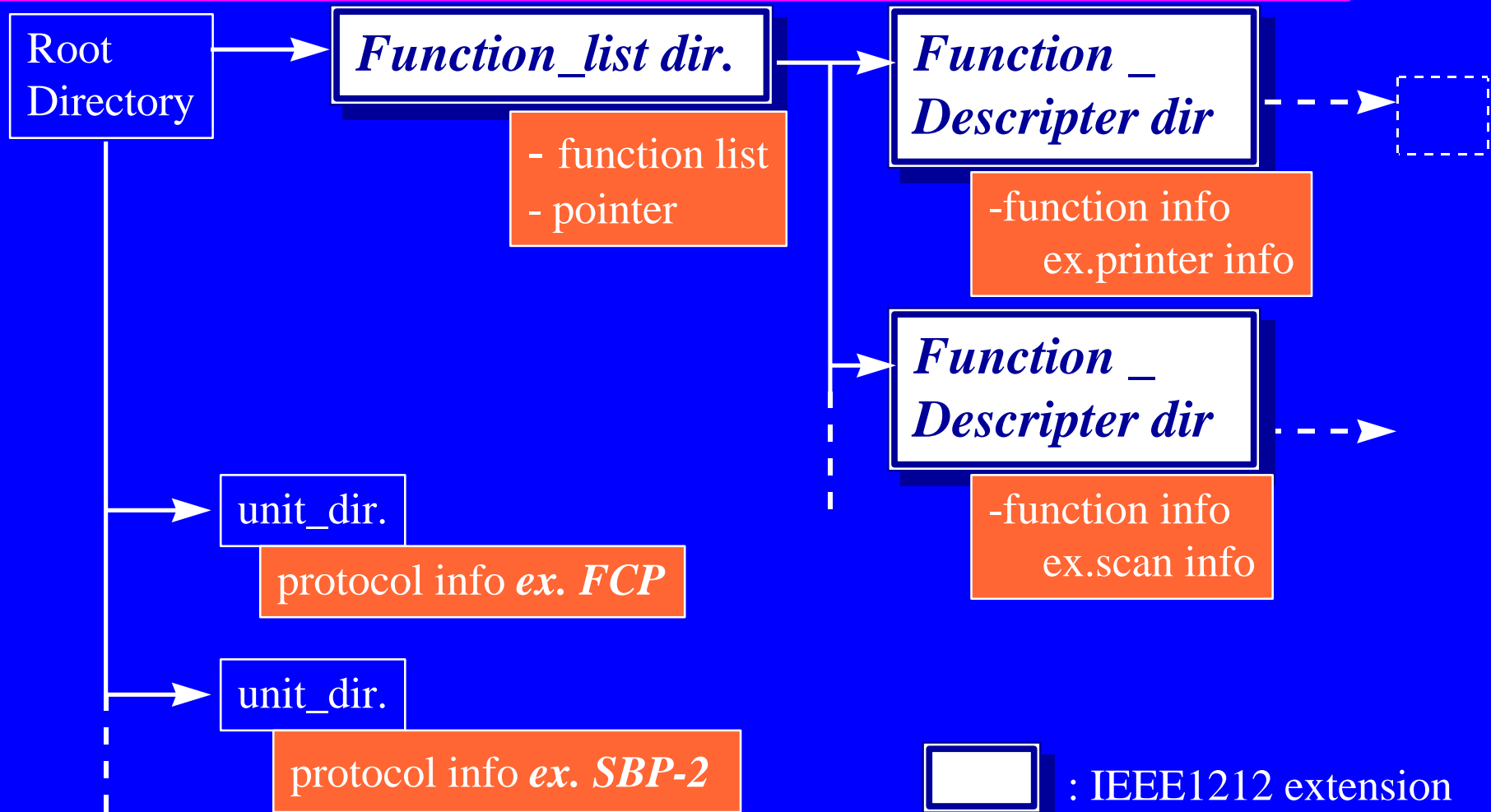
Function Discovery scheme

- What should be where ?

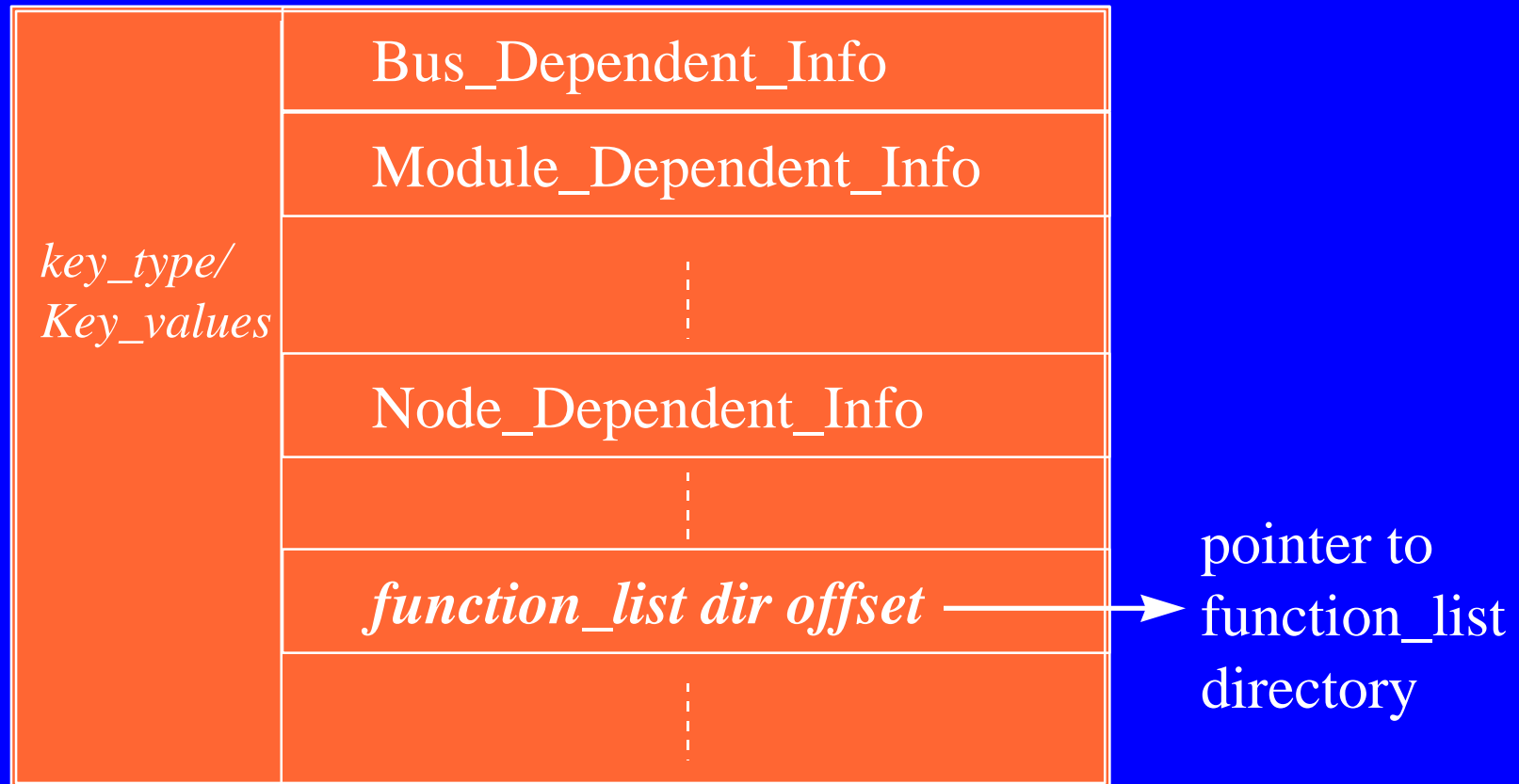


Part 1:
IEEE 1212 (reaffirmation)
Function Discovery Standard
- FDS

IEEE1212 FDS Extention



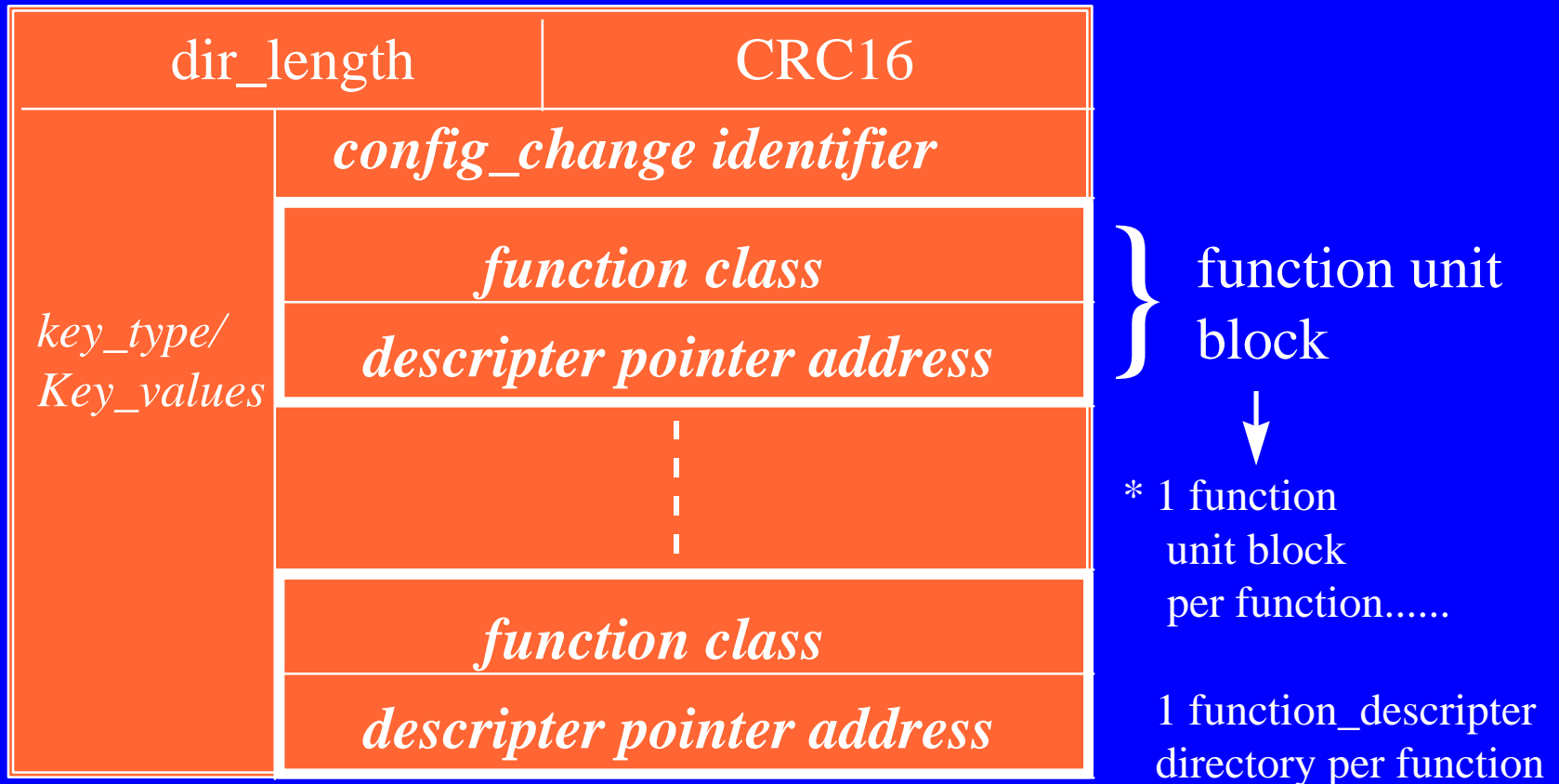
Root directory



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Function_list directory

-Basic Architecture



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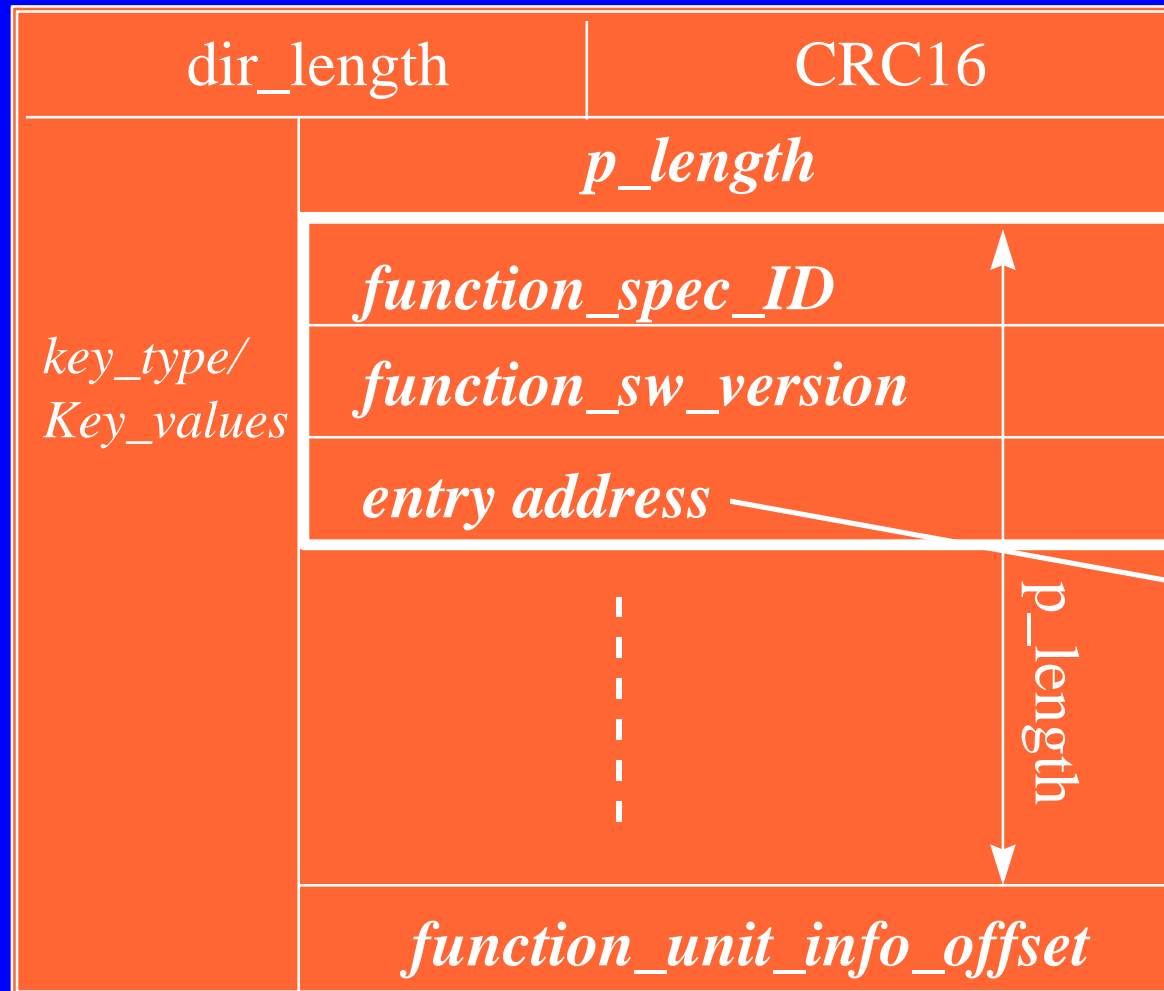
Function_list directory

-Field Definition

field	key_value	description
config change identifier	18 h	value of state change random counter
function_unit_class	19 h	function class of function (binary)
descriptor pointer address	1A h	pointer address to corresponding Function_descriptor directory

Function_descriptor directory

-Basic Architecture



} protocol descriptor block

Can be used as pointer to entry address of protocol.
...in case Unit_Location does not exist.

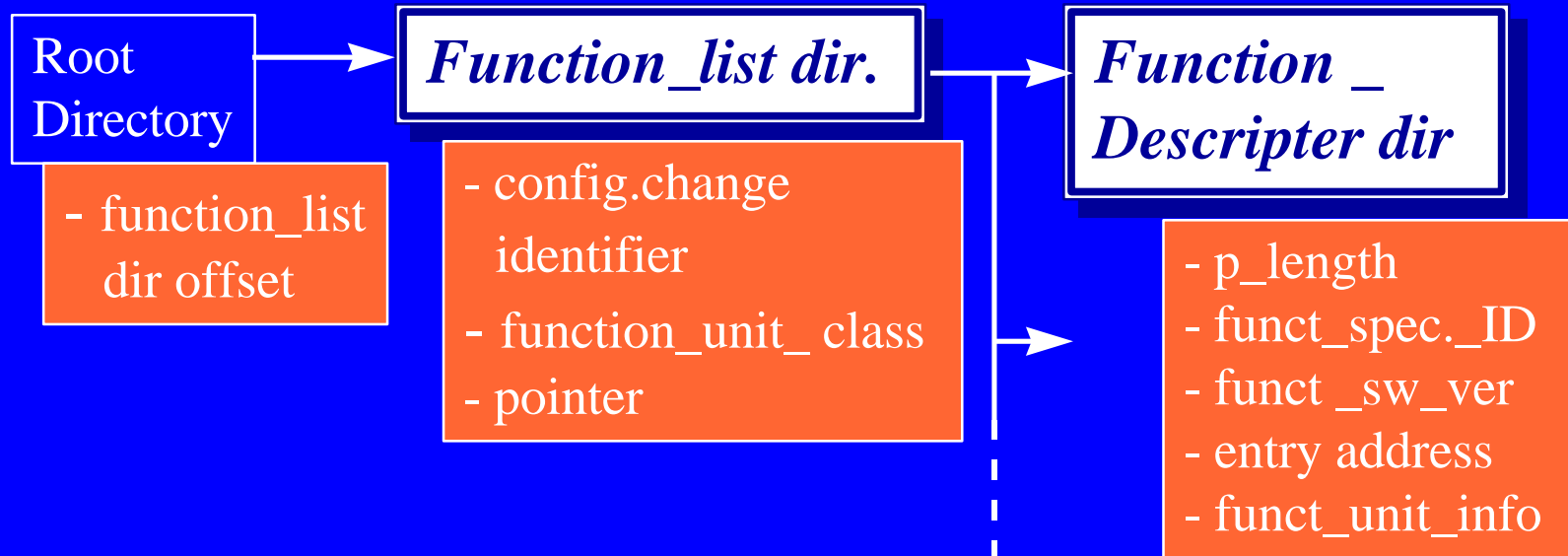
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Function_descriptor directory

-Field Definition

field	key_value	description
p_length	1B h	length of protocol block
function_specID	1C h	spec ID of protocol supported by this function.
function_sw_ver	1D h	sw_version of protocol supported by this function.
entry address	1E h	pointer address to corresponding protocol entry
function_unit_info offset	1F h	pointer address information block of this function

IEEE1212 FDS Summary



Total of:

* **9** new entry field (and key_values)

* **2** new defined directories

defined as IEEE 1212 extension (addition).

(NO change to current IEEE1212 definitions.)

Issues for Part1 (IEEE1212part)

- Categorization of function unit “types”!
 - Does any suitable (global) registry exist?
 - Do we make the registry extensible?
 - Do we make the registry bus dependent?

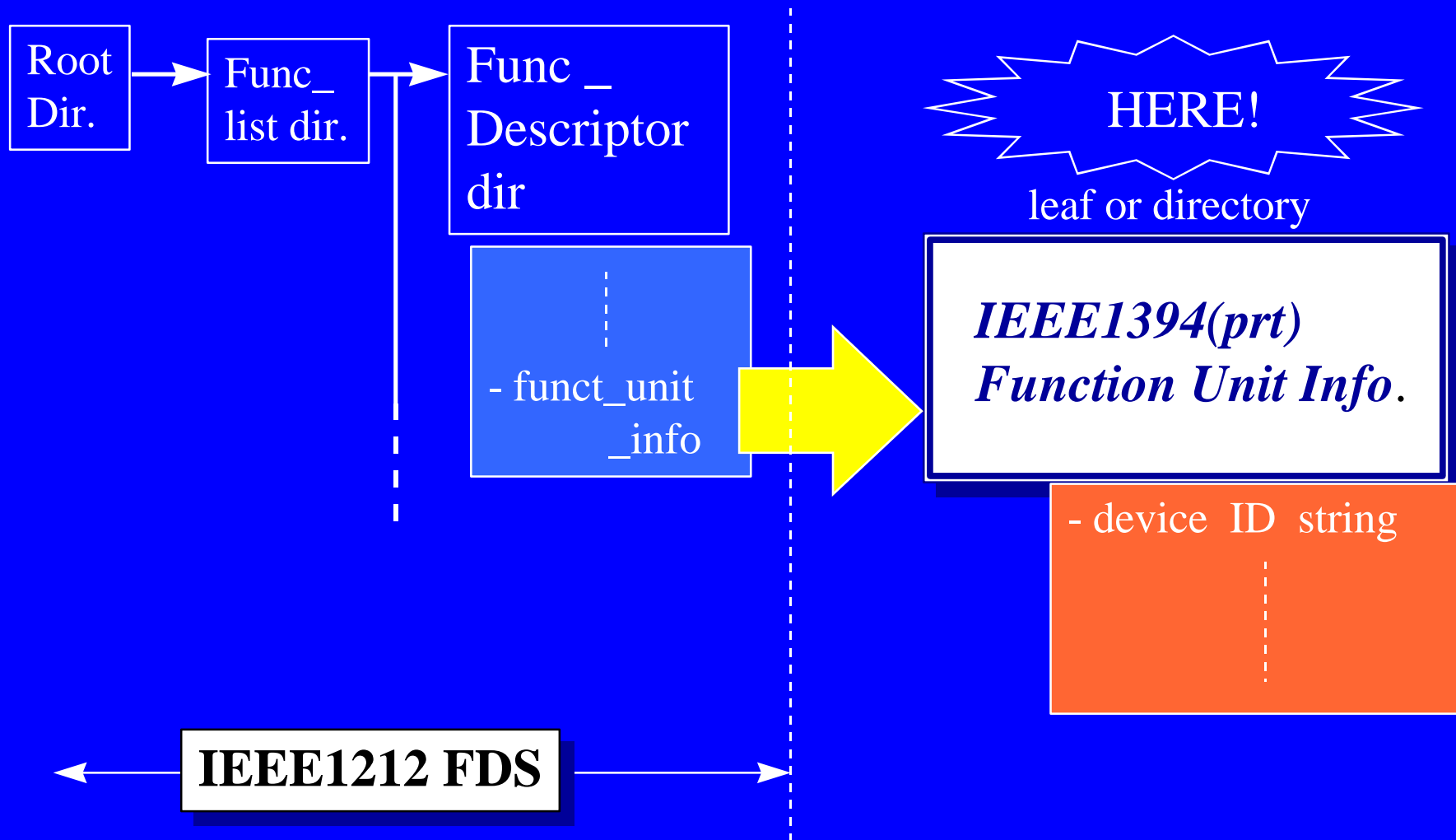
(IEEE1394)

Part 2:
IEEE 1394 (Printer)
Function Discovery

Usage of Function_unit Info dir/leaf

- Can store information per function.
- Definition will be 1212-independent
(must follow 1212 directory/leaf formats)
- Can define printer-specific information
 - Plug and Play strings....OS vendor (participation) issue?
 - Printer information
- Can apply for IEEE1394 (not 1212) key _ value here.
 - “31h - ” ? (30h: 1394 power management)

IEEE1394 Function Unit Info



Issues for Part2

- Specify Scope (IEEE1394?, IEEE1394prt spec ?)
- List up of contents to be included in this block.
- IEEE1394 printer Plug and Play string definition
 - legacy 1284 device ID strings ?
- Defining minimum required fields

Contact

- Proposal document at
 - [ftp://ftp.tokyoweb.or.jp/pwgc1394/pub/
proposals/sub-wg/Fds05.pdf](ftp://ftp.tokyoweb.or.jp/pwgc1394/pub/proposals/sub-wg/Fds05.pdf)
- PWG-C requests this document to become the IEEE1212 function discovery (task) proposal from PWG/PWG-C