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Introduction

This standard encompasses the following:

Clause 1 describes the scope.

Clause 2 provides normative references for the entire standard.

Clause 3 provides definitions, abbreviations, and conventions used within the entire standard.

Clause 4 describes the general operating requirements of the command layer.

Clause 5 describes the ATA protocols used by the commands in this standard.

Clause 6 describes Normal and Error Output fields.

Clause 7 describes commands.

Clause 8 describes the SCT Command Transport.

Clause 9 describes command normal and error outputs.

Annex A describes logs.

Annex B provides command summaries.

Annex C provides a tutorial on how to use SCT.

Annex D provides implementation guidelines for 1 024/4 096 byte sectors.

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ATA/ATAPI Command Set - 3 (ACS-3)

1 Scope

The set of AT Attachment standards consists of this standard and the ATA implementation standards described in AT Attachment - 8 ATA/ATAPI Architecture Model (ATA8-AAM). The ATA/ATAPI Command Set - 3 (ACS-3) standard specifies the command set host systems use to access storage devices. It provides a common command set for systems manufacturers, system integrators, software suppliers, and suppliers of intelligent storage devices. Figure 1 shows the relationship of this standard to the other standards and related projects in the ATA and SCSI families of standards and specifications.

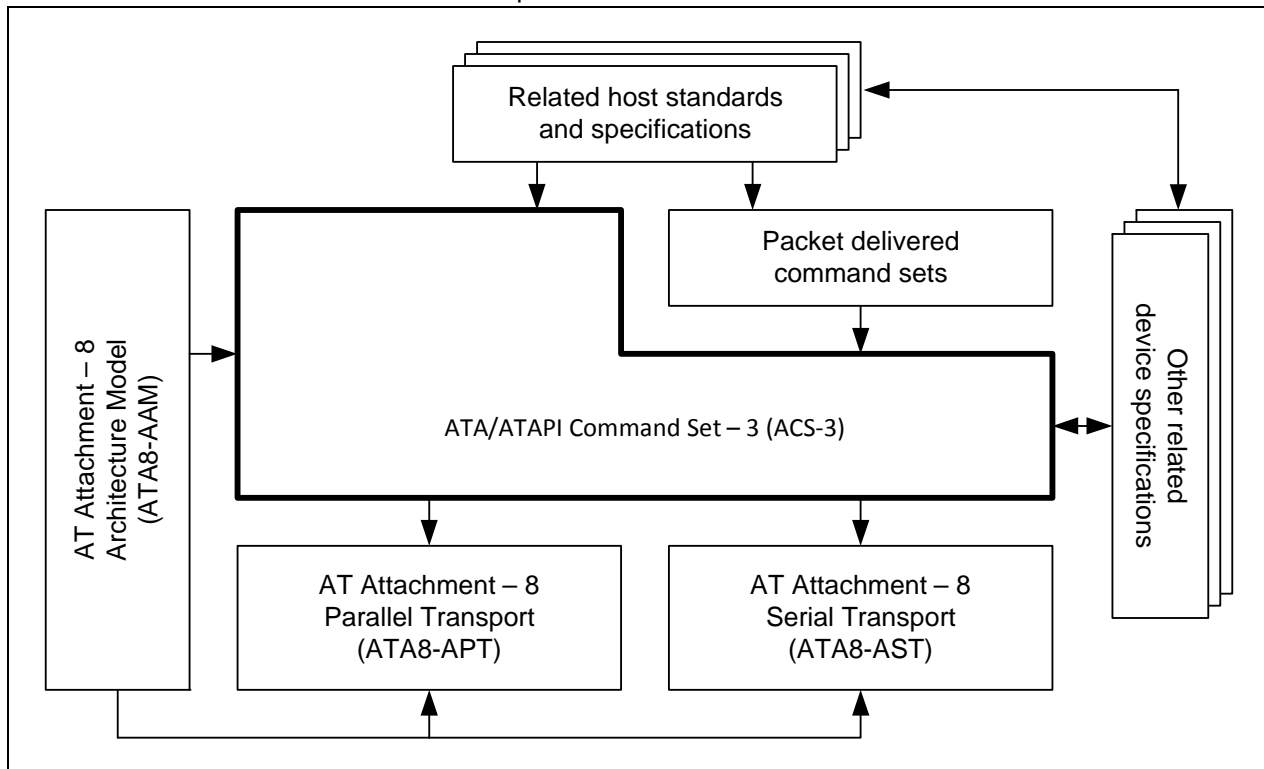


Figure 1 — ATA document relationships

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