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- a) protection-targets definition change;
- b) threat type clarifications;
- c) expanded best practices;

- d) added Websockets;
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Part 2: Security Model

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 describes the OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) security model. It describes the security threats of the physical, hardware, and software environments in which OPC UA is expected to run. It describes how OPC UA relies upon other standards for security. It provides definition of common security terms that are used in this and other parts of the OPC UA specification. It gives an overview of the security features that are specified in other parts of the OPC UA specification. It references services, mappings, and *Profiles* that are specified normatively in other parts of the OPC UA Specification. It provides suggestions or best practice guidelines on implementing security. Any seeming ambiguity between this part and one of the other normative parts does not remove or reduce the requirement specified in the other normative part.

It is important to understand that there are many different aspects of security that have to be addressed when developing applications. However, since OPC UA specifies a communication protocol, the focus is on securing the data exchanged between applications. This does not mean that an application developer can ignore the other aspects of security like protecting persistent data against tampering. It is important that the developers look into all aspects of security and decide how they can be addressed in the application.

This part is directed to readers who will develop OPC UA *Client* or *Server* applications or implement the OPC UA services layer. It is also for end Users that wish to understand the various security features and functionality provided by OPC UA. It also offers some suggestions that can be applied when deploying systems. These suggestions are generic in nature since the details would depend on the actual implementation of the *OPC UA Applications* and the choices made for the site security.

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IEC 62541-14, *OPC Unified Architecture – Part 14: PubSub*

IEC 62351 (all parts), *Power systems management and associated information exchange*

3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

Access Restriction

limit on the circumstances where an operation, such as a read, write or a call, can be performed on a *Node*

Note 1 to entry: Operations can only be performed on a *Node* if the *Client* has the necessary *Permissions* and has satisfied all of the *Access Restrictions*.

3.1.2

Access Token

digitally signed document that asserts that the subject is entitled to access a *Resource*

Note 1 to entry: The document includes the name of the subject and the *Resource* being accessed.

3.1.3

Application Instance

individual installation of a program running on one computer²¹

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Note 1 to entry: There can be several *Application Instances* of the same application running at the same time on several computers or possibly the same computer.

3.1.4

Application Instance Certificate

Certificate of an individual *Application Instance* that has been installed in an individual host

Note 1 to entry: Different installations of one software product would have different *Application Instance Certificates*. The use of an *Application Instance Certificate* for uses outside of what is described in the specification could greatly reduce the security provided by the *Application Instance Certificate* and should be discouraged.

3.1.5

Asymmetric Cryptography

Cryptography method that uses a pair of keys, one that is designated the *Private Key* and kept secret, the other called the *Public Key* that is generally made available

Note 1 to entry: Asymmetric Cryptography is also known as "public-key cryptography". In an Asymmetric Encryption algorithm when an entity "A" requires *Confidentiality* for data sent to entity "B", then entity "A" encrypts the data with a *Public Key* provided by entity "B". Only entity "B" has the matching *Private Key* that is needed to decrypt the data. In an asymmetric Digital Signature algorithm when an entity "A" requires message Integrity or to provide *Authentication* for data sent to entity "B", entity A uses its *Private Key* to sign the data. To verify the signature, entity B uses the matching *Public Key* that entity A has provided. In an asymmetric key agreement algorithm, entity A and entity B each send their own *Public Key* to the other entity. Then each uses its own *Private Key* and the other's *Public Key* to compute the new key value.' according to IS Glossary.

3.1.6

Asymmetric Encryption

mechanism used by *Asymmetric Cryptography* for encrypting data with the *Public Key* of an entity and for decrypting data with the associated *Private Key*

3.1.7**Asymmetric Signature**

mechanism used by *Asymmetric Cryptography* for signing data with the *Private Key* of an entity and for verifying the data's signature with the associated *Public Key*

3.1.8**Auditability**

security objective that assures that any actions or activities in a system can be recorded

3.1.9**Auditing**

tracking of actions and activities in the system, including security related activities where *Audit* records can be used to review and verify system operations

3.1.10**Authentication**

security objective that assures that the identity of an entity such as a *Client*, *Server*, or user can be verified

3.1.11**Authorization**

ability to grant access to a system resource

Note 1 to entry: Authorization of access to resources should be based on the need-to-know principle. It is important that access is restricted in a system.

3.1.12**AuthorizationService**

Server which validates a request to access a *Resource* and can return an *Access Token* that grants access to the *Resource*

Note 1 to entry: The *AuthorizationService* is also called STS (Security Token Service) in other standards.

3.1.13**Availability**

security objective that assures that the system is running normally, that is, no services have been compromised in such a way to become unavailable or severely degraded

3.1.14**Certificate Authority**

entity that can issue *Certificates*, also known as a CA

Note 1 to entry: The *Certificate* certifies the ownership of a *Public Key* by the named subject of the *Certificate*. This allows others (relying parties) to rely upon signatures or assertions made by the *Private Key* that corresponds to the *Public Key* that is certified. In this model of trust relationships, a CA is a trusted third party that is trusted by both the subject (owner) of the *Certificate* and the party relying upon the *Certificate*. CAs are characteristic of many *Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)* schemes

3.1.15**CertificateStore**

persistent location where *Certificates* and *Certificate* revocation lists (CRLs) are stored

Note 1 to entry: It may be a disk resident file structure, or, on Windows platforms, it may be a Windows registry location.

3.1.16**Claim**

statement in an *Access Token* that asserts information about the subject which the *Authorization Service* knows to be true

Note 1 to entry: Claims can include username, email, and *Roles* granted to the subject.