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open62541 - Secure by Design?

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Agenda

- Introduction
- What is OPC UA and why should you care?
- Security by design in the protocol
- Security by processes and tools used by the open62541 implementation
- Time for questions

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 - Flexible Production Control
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- PhD in *Distributed Planning for Self-Organizing Production Systems*

Activities (Excerpt)

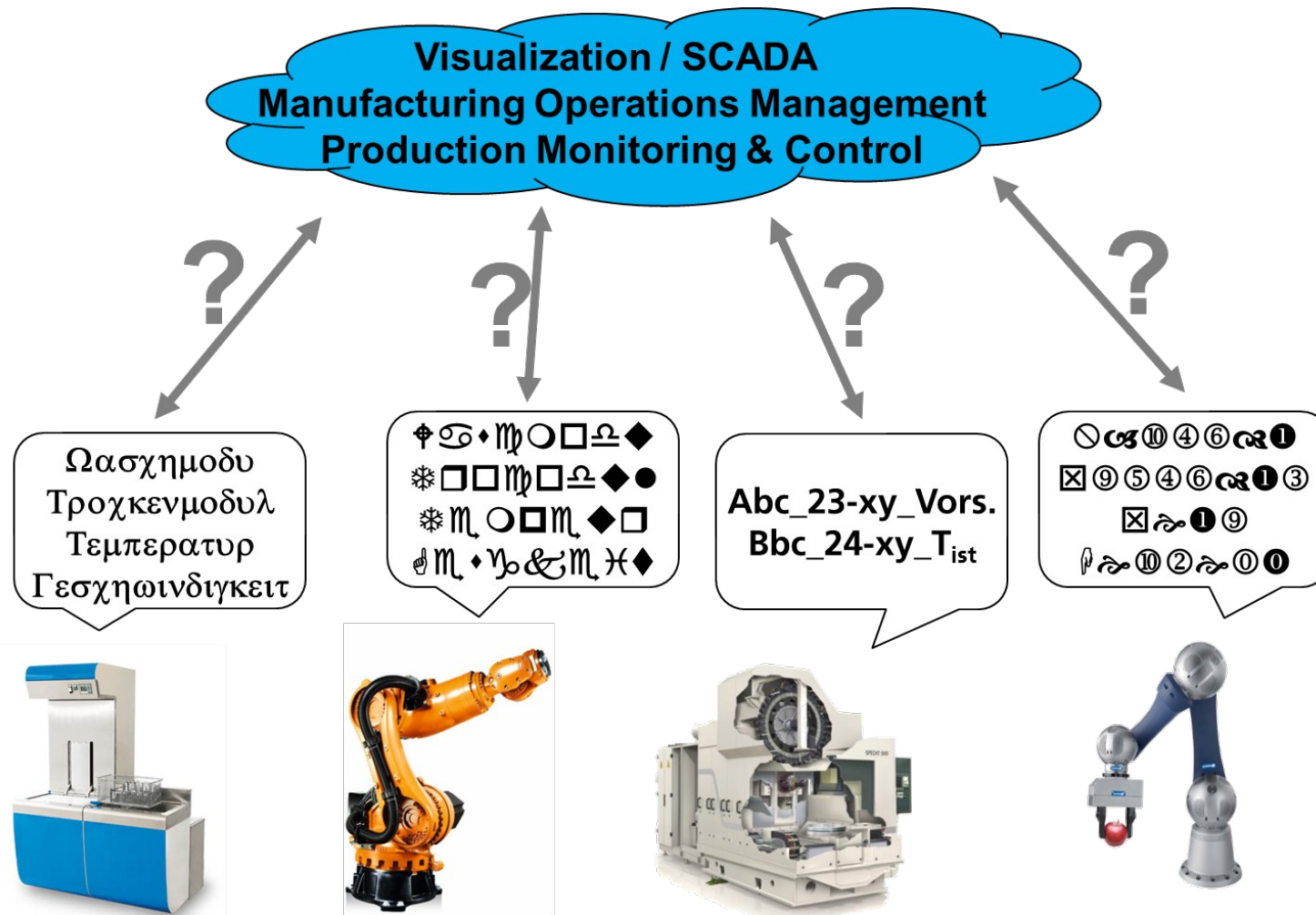
- Scientific Director of the *Competence Center for Artificial Intelligence in Engineering* (CC-KING) (<https://www.ki-engineering.eu/>)
- Scientific Head of the *Karlsruhe Research Factory* (<https://www.forschungsfabrik-ka.de>)
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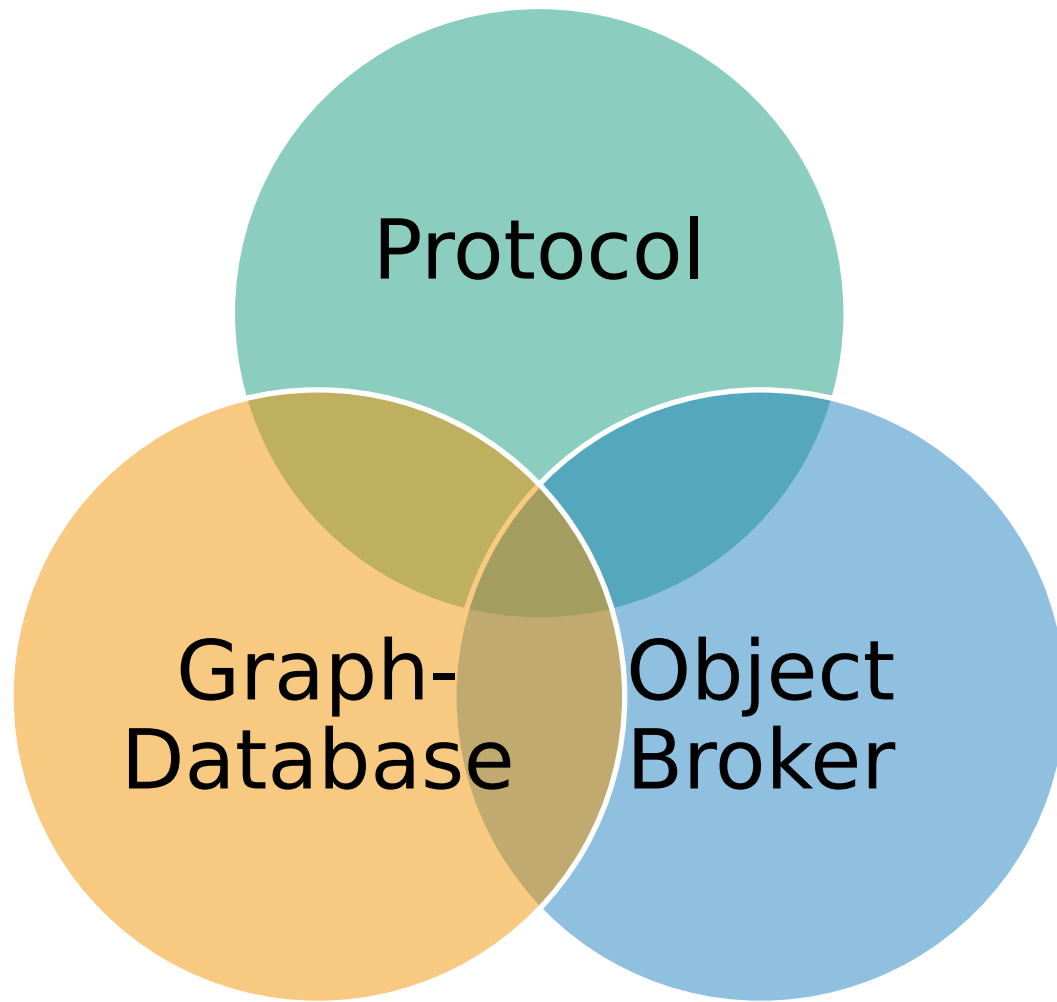
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The Bottleneck of Industrial Communication



Three Perspectives on OPC UA



Client-Server Protocol

- OPC UA defines a protocol for request/response message exchange
- Message Encoding: Binary, JSON, XML
- Transport Protocols: TCP/IP, Websockets, HTTP/S, (SOAP)
- TCP/IP + Binary Encoding is the most common transport mechanism

Object Broker

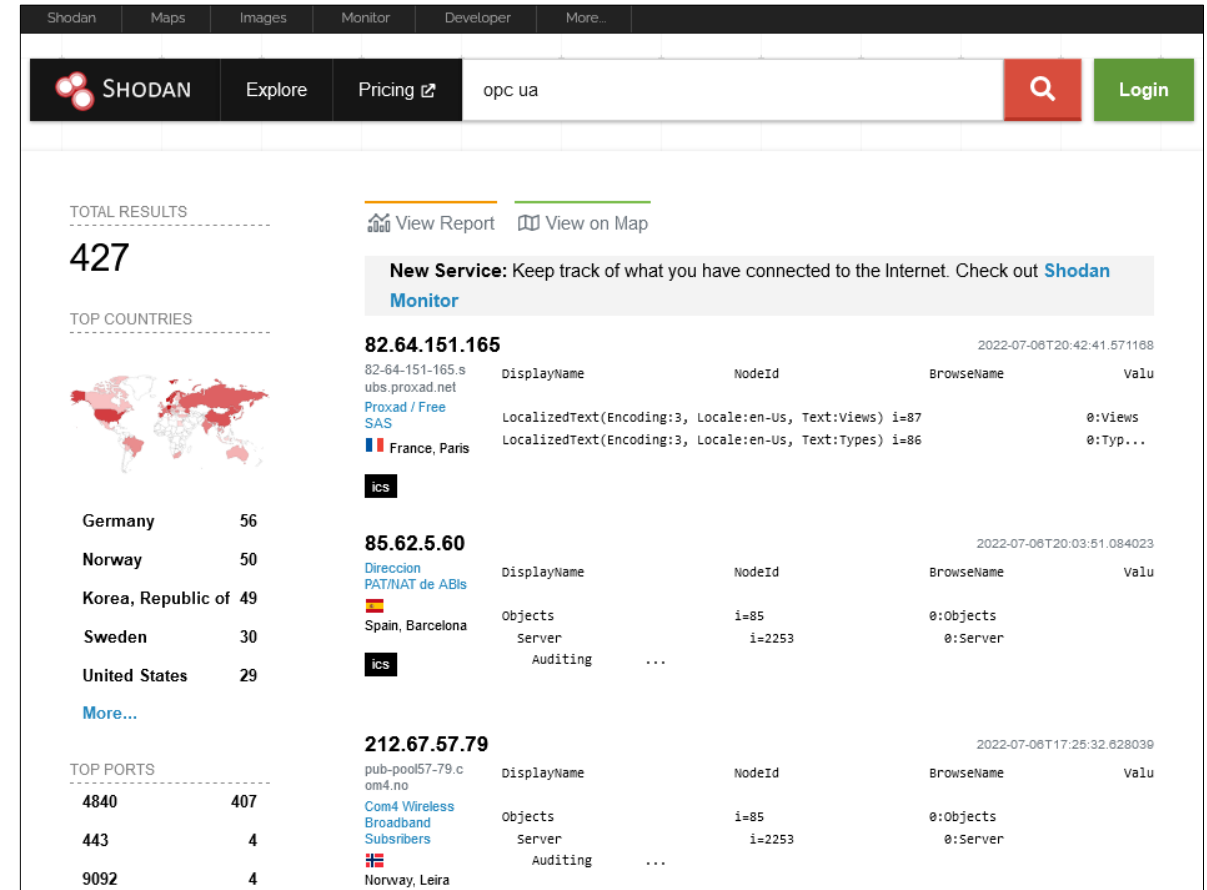
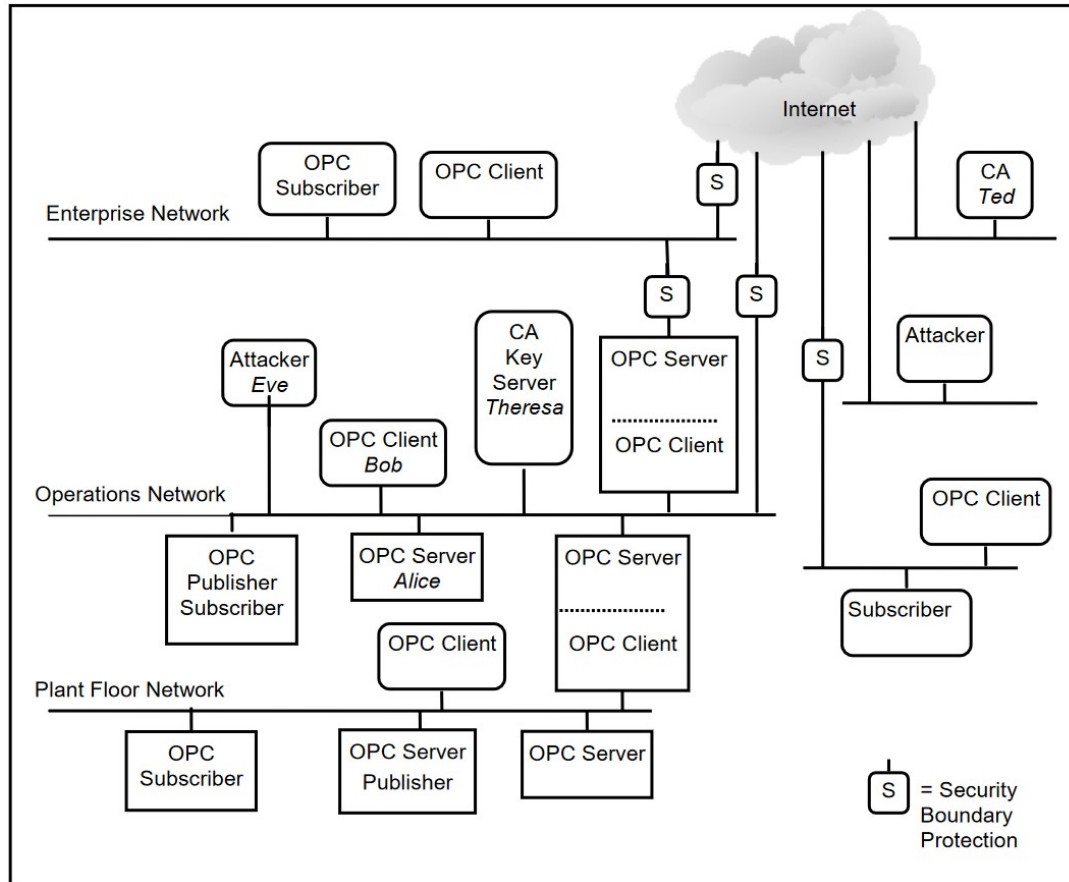
- Objects live in a server-side information model
- Dynamic changes to information model

Graph-Database

- Introspection of the information model

in a graph with typed relations

Why would you connect your robot to the outside world?



Security Objectives and Attacks [OPC UA Spec, Part 2]

Attacks	Authentication	Authorization	Confidentiality	Integrity	Auditability	Availability	Non-Repudiation
Denial of Service						X	
Eaves Dropping	X	X	X				
Message Spoofing		X					
Message Alteration	X	X		X	X		X
Message Replay	X	X					
Malformed Messages						X	
Server Profiling	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
System Hijacking	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rogue Server	X	X	X		X	X	
Compromising User Credentials	X	X	X				
Repudiation							

4.2.6 Non-Repudiation

Repudiation is the rejection or denial of something as valid or true. *Non-Repudiation* is assuring that something that actually occurred cannot be claimed as having not occurred. A security service that provides this protection can be one of two types:

- One in which the recipient of the data gets and stores information proving that the data came from the originator. This blocks the originator from claiming they never sent the data.
- One in which the sender of the data gets confirmation that the data was received by the recipient as intended.

OPC UA Security Architecture

TCP/IP

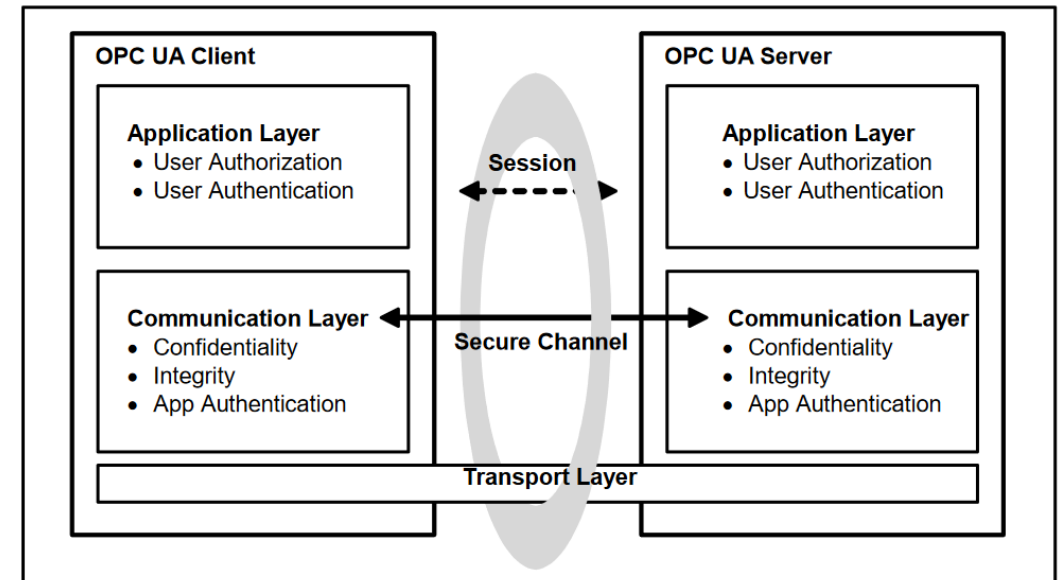
- Possibility to use Software-Defined Networking, VPN Tunnels, etc.

SecureChannel

- Security Modes
 - None / Sign / Sign+Encrypt
- RSA for the handshake, AES at runtime
 - Profiles with crypto suites updated over time
 - ECC-based encryption upcoming
- Validation of x509 Certificates
 - Typical PKI backend similar to TLS

Session

- Different Authentication Mechanisms
 - Anonymous / Username+PW / Certificate
- Sessions are bound to a SecureChannel
- Sessions can switch to a new

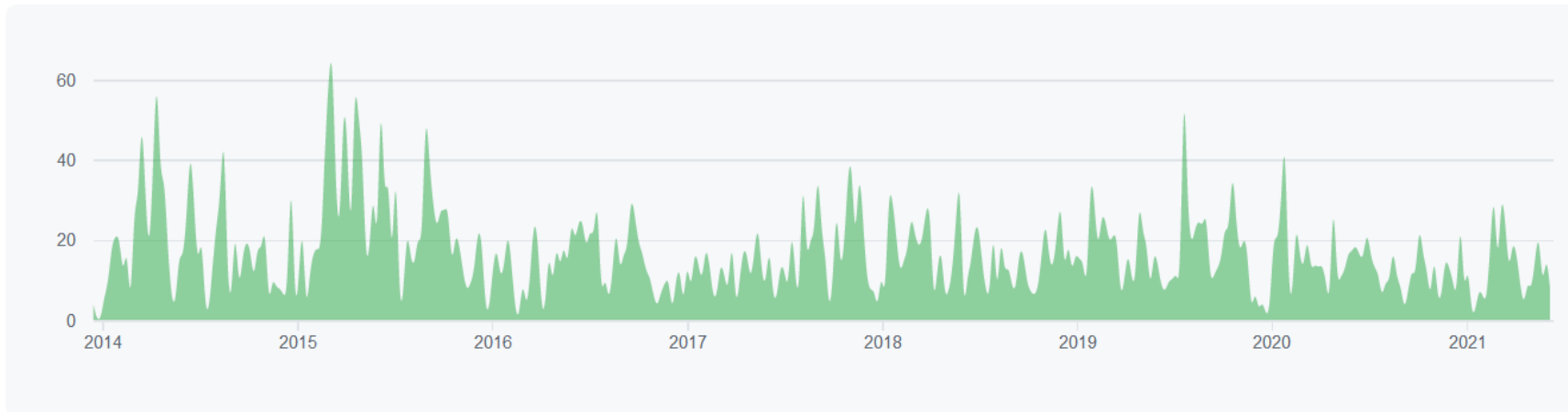


Protocol Audit (BSI)

<i>Security-Mode</i>	<i>Layer or Service</i>	<i>Denial of Service</i>	<i>Eaves-dropping</i>	<i>Message Spoofing</i>	<i>Message Alteration</i>	<i>Message Replay</i>	<i>Mal-formed Messages</i>	<i>Server Profiling</i>	<i>Session Hijacking</i>	<i>Rogue Server</i>	<i>Compromising User credentials</i>	<i>Repudiation</i>
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	Session	14	0	2	0	26	3	4	23	0	2	2
	Dis-covery	20	0	4	4	35	9	8	30	6	0	6
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	Session	14	0	12	8	31	12	14	28	6	4	18
	Dis-covery	21	0	5	5	36	9	20	31	7	1	10
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	Session	14	18	12	8	31	12	14	46	6	22	18
	Dis-covery	21	13	5	5	36	9	20	43	7	13	10

The open62541 41 Open Source OPC UA SDK

- Open Source OPC UA SDK (Server / Client / PubSub)
- Written in platform-independent C
 - Linux, Windows, MacOS, Embedded, ...
- Distributed as a open62541.c/.h file pair for easy integration
- License: MPLv2 (can be used in commercial projects)
- Large community, consistent development over time



We are doing everything wrong!

- Don't roll your own crypto
- Don't roll your own database
- Don't expose systems to the Internet
- Regularly update and maintain your deployed system
- Don't write software in C!

* Use processes and tools to ensure code quality

The origin of open62541



Picture: OPC UA Workshop & open62541 User Meeting (September 2015)

- Developed since late 2013
- Core maintainers from 4 German research institutes
- ~8,500 commits from >200 individual contributors



Support Partners

open62541 (example server) officially certified



The certified feature set of open62541 v1.0 is in conformance with the 'Micro Embedded Device Server' Profile of OPC Foundation supporting OPC UA client/server communication, subscriptions, method calls and security (encryption) with the security policies 'Basic128Rsa15', 'Basic256' and 'Basic256Sha256' and the facets 'method server' and 'node management'. open62541 also implements OPC UA publisher/subscriber communication.

open62541 is maintained by a community of developers and users. The certified release v1.0 was prepared by Fraunhofer IOSB and Kalycito Infotech with funding from an industry consortium via the Open Source Automation Development Lab (OSADL) eG.

open62541 is developed and maintained by a community of contributors from a wide range of backgrounds. The certification is the result of the joint work of all contributors to open62541. The following organizations are mentioned explicitly for leading the certification effort on behalf of the overall community.



Fraunhofer IOSB is responsible for the overall architecture of open62541 and maintains the project jointly with a cross-organizational team from research and industry.

<https://www.iosb.fraunhofer.de/>



Kalycito Infotech provides consulting, software integration services and commercial support for customers interested in integrating open62541 into their products and getting them certified.

<https://www.kalycito.com/opc-ua-sdk/>



The Open Source Automation Development Lab (OSADL)eG based in Heidelberg, Germany provides support for industry when using Open Source software in products.

<https://www.osadl.org/>

- The example server from the v1.0 release was officially certified in 2019 by the OPC Foundation
- Hence, solutions based on that release are certifiable (not automatically certified)
- Certified Feature Set:
 - Micro Embedded Server
 - Encryption
 - Methods
 - Node Management
- Certification for the next set of profiles intended for 2022

Extensive Documentation (~250 pages PDF or HTML)

The image displays the open62541 documentation website on the left and a PDF viewer on the right. The website's sidebar lists various topics, with 'Adding Variables to a Server' highlighted. The main content area shows the tutorial's title and a brief description. Below this, there are two code snippets in C. The first snippet defines a variable and its attributes, while the second snippet demonstrates how to write a value to the variable using the write service. The PDF viewer on the right shows the same content in a PDF format, with a table of contents on the left and the main text on the right. The PDF is titled 'open62541-current.pdf' and is page 29 of 154. The table of contents lists chapters from Introduction to Internals, with 'CHAPTER 4' and 'Protocol' highlighted.

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Adding Variables to a Server

This tutorial shows how to work with data types and how to add variable nodes to the server. In this tutorial, we add a new variable to the server. Take a look at the definition of the `UA_Variable` structure to see the list of all attributes defined for `VariableNodes`.

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "open62541.h"

static void
addVariable(UA_Server *server) {
    /* Define the attributes of the myInteger variable node */
    UA_VariableAttributes attr;
    UA_VariableAttributes_init(&attr);
    UA_Int32 myInteger = 42;
    UA_Variant_setScalar(&attr.value, &myInteger, &UA_TYPES[UA_TYPES_INT32]);
    attr.description = UA_LOCALIZEDTEXT("en_US", "the answer");
    attr.displayName = UA_LOCALIZEDTEXT("en_US", "the answer");
    attr.dataType = UA_TYPES[UA_TYPES_INT32].typeId;

    /* Add the variable node to the information model */
    UA_NodeId myIntegerNodeId = UA_NODEID_STRING(1, "the.answer");
    UA_QualifiedName myIntegerName = UA_QUALIFIEDNAME(1, "the.answer");
    UA_NodeId parentNodeId = UA_NODEID_NUMERIC(0, UA_NS0ID_OBJECTSFOLDER);
    UA_NodeId parentReferenceNodeId = UA_NODEID_NUMERIC(0, UA_NS0ID_ORGANIZES);
    UA_Server_addVariableNode(server, myIntegerNodeId, parentReferenceNodeId,
        parentReferenceNodeId, myIntegerName,
        UA_NODEID_NULL, attr, NULL, NULL);
}

Now we change the value with the write service. This uses the same service as the read service. This can also be reached over the network by an OPC UA client.
```

```
static void
writeVariable(UA_Server *server) {
    UA_NodeId myIntegerNodeId = UA_NODEID_STRING(1, "the.answer");

    /* Write a different integer value */
    UA_Int32 myInteger = 43;
    UA_Variant myVar;
    UA_Variant_init(&myVar);
    UA_Variant_setScalar(&myVar, &myInteger, &UA_TYPES[UA_TYPES_INT32]);
    UA_Server_writeValue(server, myIntegerNodeId, myVar);

    /* Set the status code of the value to an error code. The function
     * UA_Server_write provides access to the raw service. The above
     * UA_Server_writeValue is syntactic sugar for writing a specific node
     * attribute with the write service. */
    UA_WriteValue wv;
    UA_WriteValue_init(&wv);
    wv.nodeId = myIntegerNodeId;
    wv.attributeId = UA_ATTRIBUTEID_VALUE;
    wv.value.status = UA_STATUSCODE_BADNOTCONNECTED;
}
```

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CHAPTER 4

Protocol

In this section, we give an overview on the OPC UA binary protocol. We focus on binary since that is what has been implemented in open62541. The TCP-based binary protocol is by far the most common transport layer for OPC UA. The general concepts also translate to HTTP and SOAP-based communication defined in the standard. Communication in OPC UA is best understood by starting with the following key principles:

Request/Response All communication is based on the Request/Response pattern. Only clients can send a request to a server. And servers can only send responses to a request. Usually, the server is hosted on the (physical) device, such as a sensor or a machine tool.

Asynchronous Responses A server does not have to immediately respond to requests and responses may be sent in a different order. This keeps the server responsive when it takes time until a specific request has been processed (e.g. a method call or when reading from a sensor with delay). Furthermore, Subscriptions (aka push-notifications) are implemented via special requests where the response is delayed until a notification is generated.

4.1 Establishing a Connection

A client-server connection in OPC UA consists of three nested levels: The raw connection, a `SecureChannel` and the Session. For full details, see Part 6 of the OPC UA standard.

Raw Connection The raw connection is created by opening a TCP connection to the corresponding hostname and port and an initial HEJ/ACK handshake. The handshake establishes the basic settings of the connection, such as the maximum message length.

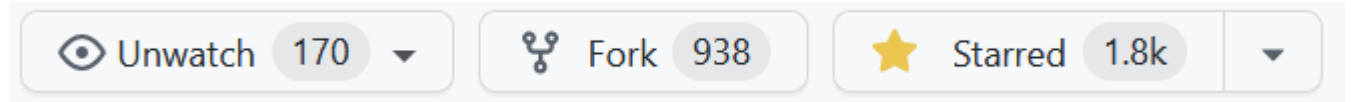
SecureChannel `SecureChannels` are created on top of the raw TCP connection. A `SecureChannel` is established with an `OpenSecureChannel` request and response message pair. **Attention!** Even though a `SecureChannel` is mandatory, encryption might still be disabled. The `SecurityMode` of a `SecureChannel` can be either `None`, `Sign`, or `SignAndEncrypt`. As of version 0.2 of open62541, message signing and encryption is still under ongoing development.

With message signing or encryption enabled, the `OpenSecureChannel` messages are encrypted using an asymmetric encryption algorithm (public-key cryptography)¹. As part of the `OpenSecureChannel` messages, client and server establish a common secret over an initially unsecured channel. For subsequent messages, the common secret is used for symmetric encryption, which has the advantage of being much faster.

¹ This entails that the client and server exchange so-called public keys. The public keys might come with a certificate from a key signing authority or be verified against an external key repository. But we will not discuss certificate management in detail in this section.

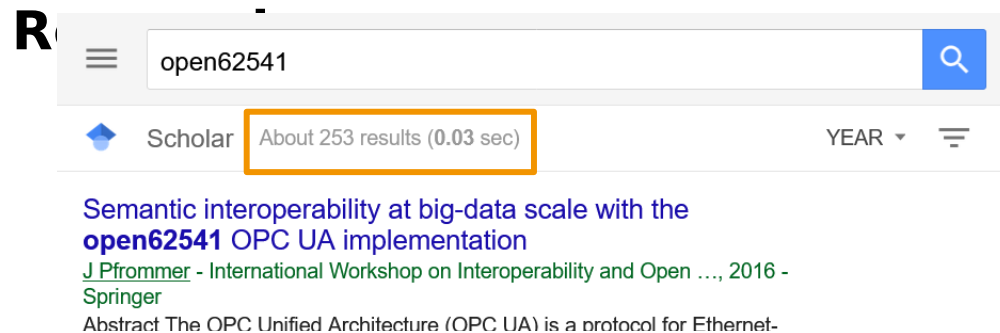
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Usage of open62541



Prototyping and Product Development

- ~100k Downloads + git clones + Package Managers
- Commercial Support Partners
- BSI Survey 2021: *Which OPC UA stack / SDK is your product's OPC UA implementation based on?*
* 17.86% open62541



Language Bindings

- Perl
- TCL
- C++
- Python (unreleased)
- Lua (unreleased)

Standardization

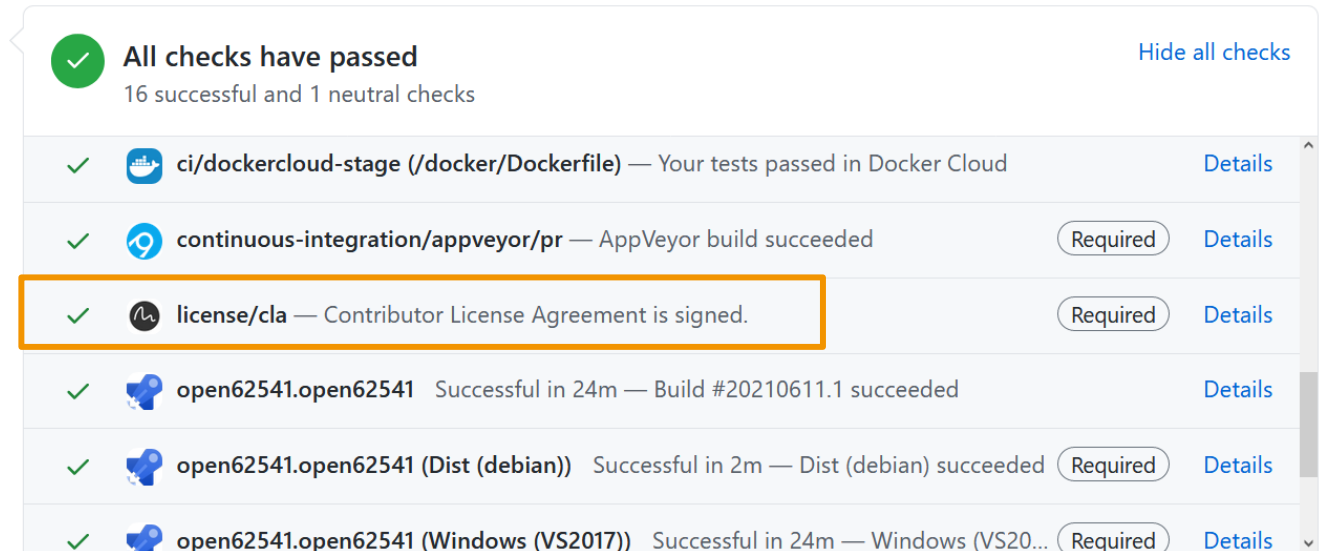
- OPC Foundation – FLC Prototyping
- umati

Large-Scale Physics Experiments

- Helmholtz ELBE
 - CERN LHC
 - European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope
- Particle Accelerators

Community Contributions

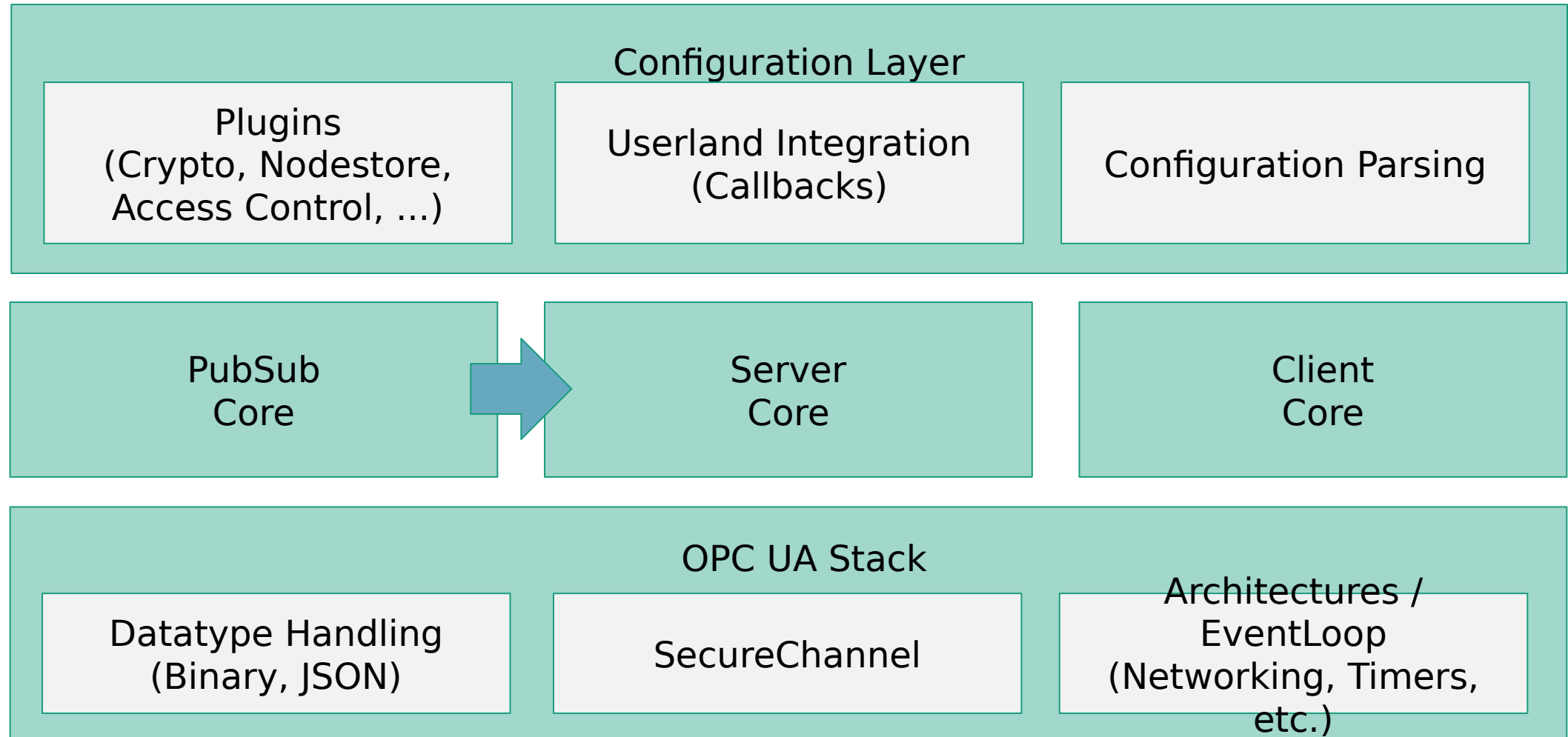
- Outside contributions are highly welcome
- No Copyright Assignment Form or membership required to contribute code
 - Signing of the CLA required to assure legal backing of the contribution
- Code reviews
 - Changing the code is easy. Changing the public API is hard.
 - Talk to us early about the API!
- Regular community conference calls to sync, align priorities and avoid double work
- Code Style & Commit Hygiene Guideline (CONTRIBUTING.md)



The screenshot displays a GitHub Actions workflow status page. At the top, a green checkmark icon is followed by the text "All checks have passed" and "16 successful and 1 neutral checks". A link "Hide all checks" is visible in the top right. Below this, a list of checks is shown, each with a green checkmark icon, a status icon, a description, and a "Details" link. The third item, "license/cla — Contributor License Agreement is signed.", is highlighted with an orange border. It also includes a "Required" label. Other items include "ci/dockercloud-stage (/docker/Dockerfile)", "continuous-integration/appveyor/pr", and several "open62541.open62541" builds for different platforms (dist, windows).

Status	Check Name	Description	Required	Details
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The Technical Architecture of open62541



Keeping open62541 lean and mean (w/o generated code, tools)

Statistics	files	blank	comment	code

/include/*	21	1092	3370	4808
/src	16	1461	1286	8904
/src/client	6	626	388	3515
/src/server	32	2888	3107	16446
/src/pubsub	12	1214	1099	7762

/plugins	13	651	742	3861
/plugins/crypto/mbedtls	7	778	301	3350
/plugins/crypto/openssl	7	715	222	3583

/tests	117	6710	3272	33753
/examples	77	2226	2704	13207

Code Quality Measures

- Every Pull Request has to pass the CI pipeline
- Unit and integration tests (80% coverage)
 - Compilers: GCC, Clang, TCC, MSVC 2008+,
No warnings allowed
 - Compiles both as C and C++
 - Different standard libs: glibc, musl, MSVC CRT
 - Crypto: mbedTLS, OpenSSL
- Static code analysis: Clang Analyzer, Cppcheck
- Runtime sanitizers: Valgrind, Address Sanitizer,
Memory Sanitizer, UB Sanitizer, ...
- ¹⁹ Fuzzing (Google oss-fuzz)
- Official Conformance Testing Tools
 - Provided by the OPC Foundation for corporate members
- Security audit performed as part of a BSI project



Code Audit Results

German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI)

Claroty Research Responsible Disclosure

- **Dynamische Codeanalyse von open62541:** Die Sicherheit des OPC UA Protokolls in Version 1.04 wurde anhand von open62541 als zertifizierte Serverimplementierung auf drei Arten dynamisch untersucht. Es wurden zwei Fuzzing-Ansätze verfolgt, ein Blackbox- und ein Whitebox-Ansatz, sowie ein Test auf Zertifikatsvalidierung umgesetzt. Das Whitebox-Fuzzing hat einen reproduzierbaren Fehler in der open62541-Bibliothek identifiziert der gemeldet und vor Ablauf der Studie bereits behoben wurde.

e Codeanalyse von open62541: Zur Analyse von open62541 wurden sowohl automatische Pro- eingesetzt, als auch eine manuelle Codeanalyse für sicherheitskritische Bereiche der Implemen- durchgeführt. Als automatische Codeanalysetools kamen dabei Cppcheck, FramaC und Clang satz. Zusammenfassend lässt sich festhalten, dass bei der Analyse keine schwerwiegenden stellen gefunden wurden und der Code allgemein auf einem sehr hohen Sicherheitsniveau ist. andenen Punkte wurden dem open62541 Projekt gemeldet. Diese Punkte wurden entsprechend rt und werden in zukünftigen Versionen von open62541 ausgebessert.

TLP:RED



OPCUA Stack open62541 Vulnerability Report

Claroty Research

Vera Mens, Uri Katz, Sharon Brizinov of [Team82 \(Claroty Research\)](#)

Executive Summary

Claroty has researched the [OPC UA Protocol Stack - open62541](#) and found denial of service vulnerability. The vulnerability is exploitable remotely and can lead to denial of service conditions by crashing the server remotely via OPC UA.

Vulnerabilities

- Issue #1: Long Message Via Endless Chunks - Resource Exhaustion

Affected Products

We confirmed the vulnerabilities exist in the latest master branch as of **May 25, 2022**. This includes tag v1.3.

<https://github.com/open62541/open62541>

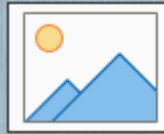
Automated Fuzzing Infrastructure

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44428	Bug	---	New	open62541	2022-02-05	---	open62541:fuzz_binary_message: Null-dereference READ in UA_KeyValueMap_set ClusterFuzz Reproducible	
44429	Bug-Security	---	New	open62541	2022-02-05	---	open62541:fuzz_binary_message: Use-of-uninitialized-value in removeFromMap ClusterFuzz Reproducible	
45405	Bug	---	New	open62541	2022-03-09	---	open62541:fuzz_json_decode_encode: ASSERT: UA_order(&value, &value2, &UA_TYPES[23]) == UA_ORDER_EQ ClusterFuzz Reproducible	
45410	Build-Failure	---	New	open62541	---	---	open62541: Fuzzing build failure	

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Thank you for the attention!

