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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 specifies how OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) *Clients* and *Servers* interact with *DiscoveryServers* when used in different scenarios. It specifies the requirements for the *LocalDiscoveryServer, LocalDiscoveryServer-ME and GlobalDiscoveryServer.* It also defines information models for *Certificate* management*, KeyCredential* management and *AuthorizationServices*.

Annex A informatively discusses deployment and configuration aspects.

Annex B defines NodeSet and numeric NodeIds.

Annex F provides installation rules for the LDS.

Annex H compares the *Certificate* management defined in this document with IETF RFC 7030.

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