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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 specifies value and structure of *Profiles* in the OPC Unified Architecture.

OPC UA *Profiles* are used to segregate features with regard to testing of OPC UA products and the nature of the testing. The scope of this document includes defining functionality that can only be tested. The definition of actual *TestCases* is not within the scope of this document, but the general categories of TestCases are covered by this document.

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