open62541 is an open source and free implementation of OPC UA (OPC Unified Architecture) written in the common subset of the C99 and C++98 languages. The library provides the necessary tools to implement dedicated OPC UA clients and servers, or to integrate OPC UA-based communication into existing applications. The open62541 library is platform independent. All platform-specific functionality is implemented via exchangeable plugins.

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Product Features

**Server**
- Support for all OPC UA services (except the Query service – not implemented by any SDK)
- Support for generating information models and types from standard XML definitions (Nodeset Compiler)
- Highly configurable with default plugins e.g. for encryption (OpenSSL, mbedTLS), access control, historizing, logging
- Support for editing nodes and references at runtime
- Support for subscriptions (data-change and event notifications)

**Client**
- Support for all OPC UA services
- Support for asynchronous service requests
- Background handling of subscriptions

**PubSub**
- PubSub message encoding (binary and JSON)
- Transport over UDP-multicast, Ethernet, MQTT
- Runtime configuration via the information model

Professional Services

**Community (Free Tier)**
- Open Source development (Issues, Pull Requests)
- Support on Github and the Mailing List
- Regular community call for the coordination of ongoing development

**Professional**
- Long term support for past releases
- Access to certification artifacts
- Security Patch Management (Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure)
- Access to developer training material (videos and slides)
- Included developer-days/year for fast-tracked Open Source development

**Enterprise**
- Assistance in certification efforts using open62541
- Backporting of requested features to past release families
- On-Site Developer Training for open62541
- Included developer-days/year for fast-tracked Open Source development

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**open62541 Plugin API**
Customization and Integration of Server/Client/PubSub into an overall application. Access Control, Crypto (OpenSSL, mbedTLS), Information Model Storage, Historical Data, Network EventLoop

**open62541 Server SDK**
- Service Implementation
- Namespace Zero
- Application Information Model

**open62541 Client SDK**
- Service Calls
- Subscription Handling
- Async API

**open62541 PubSub SDK**
- UDP, MQTT, Ethernet Runtime
- Configuration in Information Model
- Encryption (SKS possible)

**open62541 Core Stack**
OPC UA DataType Handling, Encoding (Binary, JSON), SecureChannel

**open62541 Architecture Integration**
Processor Architecture, Clock, Networking, etc.

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