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- a) addition of new definitions to Method Call Service to allow optional Method arguments;
- b) addition of reference to SystemStatusChangeEventTypes for event monitored item error scenarios;
- c) enhancement of the general description of how determining if a Certificate is trusted;
- d) addition of support for ECC;

- e) addition of revisedAggregateConfiguration to AggregateFilterResult structure;
- f) addition of INVALID to the BrowseDirection enumeration data type;
- g) addition of INVALID to the TimestampsToReturn enumeration data type;
- h) addition of definitions that make sure the subscription functionality works if retransmission queues are optional;
- i) addition of client checks has been added to be symmetric to the Server Certificate check has been added;
- j) clarification that 'local' top level domain is not appended by server into certificate and not checked by client when returned from LDS-ME;
- k) addition of a definition for expiration behaviour of IssuedIdentityTokens;
- l) addition of status code Good_PasswordChangeRequired to ActivateSession;
- m) restriction of AdditionalInfo to servers in debug mode;
- n) addition of new status code Bad_ServerTooBusy;
- o) addition of definition for cases where server certificate must be contained in GetEndpoints response.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 defines the OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) *Services*. The *Services* defined are the collection of abstract Remote Procedure Calls (RPC) that are implemented by OPC UA *Servers* and called by OPC UA *Clients*. All interactions between OPC UA *Clients* and *Servers* occur via these *Services*. The defined *Services* are considered abstract because no particular RPC mechanism for implementation is defined in this document. IEC 62541-6 specifies one or more concrete mappings supported for implementation. For example, one mapping in IEC 62541-6 is to UA-TCP UA-SC UA-Binary. In that case the *Services* described in this document appear as OPC UA Binary encoded payload, secured with OPC UA Secure Conversation and transported via OPC UA TCP.

Not all OPC UA *Servers* implement all of the defined *Services*. IEC 62541-7 defines the *Profiles* that dictate which *Services* must be implemented in order to be compliant with a particular *Profile*.

A BNF (Backus-Naur form) for browse path names is described in Annex A.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62541-1, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 1: Overview and Concepts*

IEC 62541-2, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 2: Security Model*

IEC 62541-3, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 3: Address Space Model*

IEC 62541-5, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 5: Information Model*

IEC 62541-6, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 6: Mappings*

IEC 62541-7, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 7: Profiles*

IEC 62541-8, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 8: Data Access*

IEC 62541-9, *OPC unified architecture - Part 9: Alarms and Conditions*

IEC 62541-11, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 11: Historical Access*

IEC 62541-12, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 12: Discovery*

IEC 62541-13, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 13: Aggregates*

IEC 62541-18, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 18: Role-Based Security*

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