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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2020. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) addition of a "Quantity Model" which can be referenced from EngineeringUnit Properties. The model defines quantities and assigned units. In addition it provides alternative units and the conversion to them.

b) addition of rules for ValuePrecision Property:

- can also be used for other subtypes like Duration and Decimal.
- rules have been added when ValuePrecision has negative values.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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The *italicized terms and names* are, with a few exceptions, written in camel-case (the practice of writing compound words or phrases in which the elements are joined without spaces, with each element's initial letter capitalized within the compound). For example, the defined term is *AddressSpace* instead of Address Space. This makes it easier to understand that there is a single definition for *AddressSpace*, not separate definitions for Address and Space.

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– reconfirmed,

– withdrawn, or

– revised.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 is part of the overall OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) standard series and defines the information model associated with Data Access (DA). It particularly includes additional *VariableTypes* and complementary descriptions of the *NodeClasses* and *Attributes* needed for Data Access, additional *Properties*, and other information and behaviour.

The complete address space model, including all *NodeClasses* and *Attributes* is specified in IEC 62541-3. The services to detect and access data are specified in IEC 62541-4.

Annex A specifies how the information received from OPC COM Data Access (DA) Servers is mapped to the Data Access model.

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

IEC 62541-4, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 4: Services*

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

IEC 62541-19, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 19: Dictionary References*

UN/CEFACT: UNECE Recommendation N°20, *Codes for Units of Measure Used in International Trade*
https://www.unece.org/cefact/codesfortrade/codes_index.html

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https://ctan.org/pkg/siunitx
https://www.texdev.net/

QUDT, *Quantities, Units, Dimensions and Data Types Ontologies*, available at
https://QUDT.org
https://github.com/qudt/qudt-public-repo

UCUM, *Unified Code for Units of Measure*, available at https://ucum.org

UNECE, Recommendation N° 20, *Codes for Units of Measure Used in International Trade*, available at https://www.unece.org/cefact/

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