

Industrial communication



Industrial Communication Protocols



▶ OPC UA = Open Platform Communications Unified Architecture.

▶ It is defined by the OPC Foundation (not tied to any specific manufacturer).

Features:

- 1- encryption, authentication
- 2- Scalability
- 3- supports IIoT

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▶ S7comm is the Siemens native protocol.

▶ It operates over TCP/IP (usually port 102).

▶ Non-Siemens (third-party) devices can interface with it using drives and libraries.

Example:

Snap7 Library for C/C++ / Python and node-red-contrib-s7 for Node-RED.

This enables direct communication with Siemens S7 PLCs and allows you to read/write data blocks, inputs, outputs, and memory bits from PLCs.

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Features:

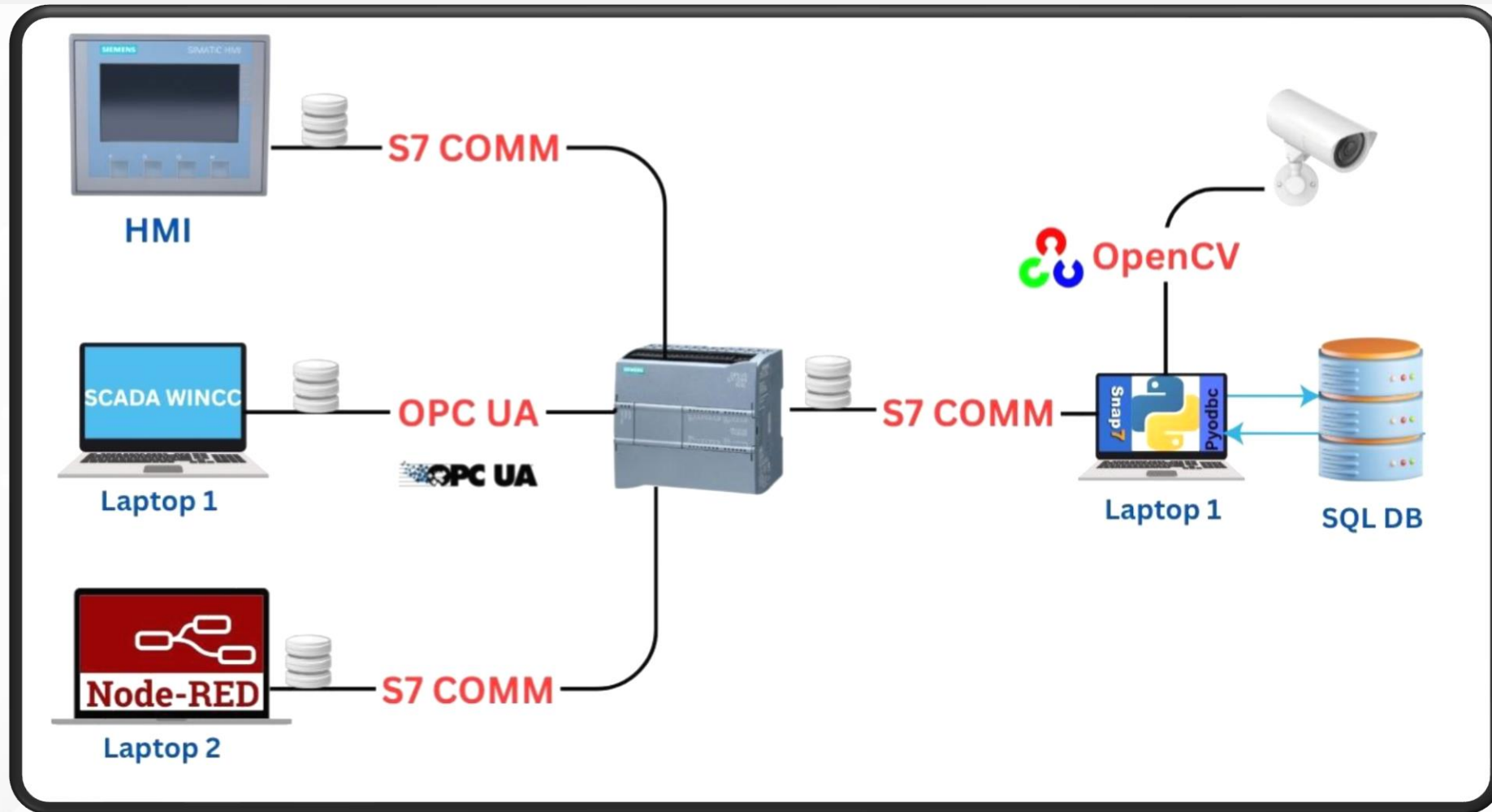
- 1- lightweight
- 2- the lowest latency access to S7-1200 data
- 3- simple to set up
- 4- simply access variables by block number and offset

Disadvantages:

- 1- not scale to large distributed networks
- 2- no encryption
- 3- The limits of interoperability

OSI Reference Model	TCP/IP Architecture Layers
Application	Application
Presentation	
Session	
Transport	Transport
Network	Internet
Data Link	Link
Physical	

Data Flow



System Network

