

OPC UA Solution .NET Installation

Installation and Administration of .NET based OPC UA Applications





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Purpose and audience of document

This document describes how to deploy and administer OPC UA Applications from Technosoftware GmbH and applications build on either the OPC UA Client .NET or the OPC UA Server .NET. The target audience for this document are systems administrators.



Referenced OPC Documents

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This document partly uses extracts taken from the OPC UA specifications to be able to give at least a short introduction into the specifications. The specifications itself are available from: http://www.opcfoundation.org/Default.aspx/01_about/UA.asp?MID=AboutOPC#Specifications	
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SOAP Part 1: SOAP Version 1.2 Part 1: Messaging Framework

<http://www.w3.org/TR/soap12-part1/>

SOAP Part 2: SOAP Version 1.2 Part 2: Adjuncts

<http://www.w3.org/TR/soap12-part2/>

XML Encryption: XML Encryption Syntax and Processing

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlenc-core/>

XML Signature: XML-Signature Syntax and Processing

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmldsig-core/>

WS Security: SOAP Message Security 1.1

<http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/16790/wss-v1.1-spec-os-SOAPMessageSecurity.pdf>

WS Addressing: Web Services Addressing (WS-Addressing)

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WS Trust: Web Services Trust Language (WS-Trust)

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<http://specs.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/02/sc/WS-SecureConversation.pdf>

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:X509: X.509 Public Key Certificate Infrastructure

<http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.509-200003-I/e>

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HTTPS: RFC 2818: HTTP Over TLS

<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2818.txt>

IS Glossary: Internet Security Glossary

<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2828.txt>

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NIST 800-57: Part 3: Application-Specific Key Management Guidance

http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-57/sp800-57_PART3_key-management_Dec2009.pdf

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<http://www.nerc.com/page.php?cid=2|20>

IEC 62351: Data and Communications Security



http://www.iec.ch/heb/d_mdoc-e050507.htm

SPP-ICS: System Protection Profile
Industrial Control System, by Process Control Security Requirements Forum (PCSRF)

<http://www.isd.mel.nist.gov/projects/processcontrol/SPP-ICsv1.0.pdf>

SHA-1: Secure Hash Algorithm RFC

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3174>

PKI: Public Key Infrastructure article in Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_key_infrastructure

X509 PKI: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure

<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3280.txt>

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1 Installation .NET

The OPC UA Client & Server .NET can be used not only on Windows but also on Linux and macOS. The Solutions includes a client and server application targeting .NET Core 3.1, .NET 5.0 or .NET 6.0. To be able to use them you need to install .NET Core on your system.

Please follow instructions in this [article](#) to setup the dotnet command line environment for your platform. As of today, .Net Standard 2.1, .NET 5.0 or .NET 6.0 is required. The article describes the installation of .NET 6.0.202 for Windows, Linux and macOS. This version also works with the OPC UA Client and Server Solutions we provide in th GitHub repository at <https://github.com/technosoftware-gmbh/opcua-solution-net-samples>

Please follow at least the sections.

- [Intro](#)
- [Download and Install](#)

to install the .NET SDK. You find the different .NET versions also at <https://dotnet.microsoft.com/en-us/download/dotnet>

How to build and use the example applications provided is explained in the documents.

- [OPC UA Client Development with .NET](#)
- [OPC UA Server Development with .NET](#)



2 Installation OPC UA Solution .NET

For starting with OPC UA Development you can download the **OPC UA Solution .NET** from:

OPC UA Solution .NET

The OPC UA Solution .NET offers a fast and easy access to the OPC UA Client & Server technology. Develop OPC compliant UA Clients and Servers with C# targeting .NET 6.0, .NET 5.0, .NET Core 3.1 or .NET Standard 2.1. For backward compatibility we also provide .NET 4.8, .NET 4.7.2 and .NET 4.6.2 support.

You can download it from <https://github.com/technosoftware-gmbh/opcu-solution-net-samples>

This GitHub repository is automatically tested with the following environments:

- a. Linux Ubuntu 16.04
 - .NET 5.0.101
 - Mono 6.10.0
- b. Mac OS X 10.13
 - .NET 5.0.101
 - Mono 6.10.0
- c. Windows Server 2019
 - .NET 5.0.101

2.1 Directory Structure

The repository contains the following basic directory layout:

- **bin/**
 - **modelcompiler/**
Executable of OPC Foundation Modelcompiler
- **documentation/**
Additional documentation like:
 - **OPC_UA_Solution_NET_Installation_Guide.pdf**
Installation of development and run-time system
 - **OPC_UA_Solution_NET_Introduction.pdf**
Introduction in Developing OPC UA Clients and OPC UA Servers with C# / VB.NET
 - **OPC_UA_Client_Development_with_NET.pdf**
Tutorial for Developing OPC UA Clients with C# for of .NET 5.0 and .NET Core 3.1
 - **OPC_UA_Server_Development_with_NET.pdf**
Tutorial for Developing OPC UA Servers with C# for of .NET 5.0 and .NET Core 3.1
- **examples/**
Sample applications
- **schema/**
XSD files like the UAModelDesign.xsd used for the Model Designer.
- **Workshop/**
OPC UA Workshop content as PDF



2.2 DLL's used by applications.

The solution consists of the following main components.

- **Opc.Ua.Core.dll**
- **Opc.Ua.Security.Certificates.dll**
- **Opc.Ua.Bindings.Https.dll**
- **Technosoftware.UaConfiguration.dll**

These two DLL's are used by all applications using the solution. In addition, one or several of the following DLL's might be required:

- **Technosoftware.UaClient.dll**
Client Applications require this DLL.
- **Technosoftware.UaServer.dll**
Server Applications require this DLL.

These DLL's are delivered via NuGet Packages:

- Technosoftware.UaSolution.UaClient
The OPC UA Client .NET offers a fast and easy access to the OPC UA Client technology. Develop OPC UA 1.00, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 and 1.04 compliant UA Clients with C#.
- Technosoftware.UaSolution.UaServer
The OPC UA Server .NET offers a fast and easy access to the OPC Unified Architecture (UA) technology. Develop OPC UA 1.00, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 and 1.04 compliant Servers with C#.

2.3 OPC UA Local Discovery Server

The Local Discovery Server (LDS) is a DiscoveryServer that maintains a list of all UA Servers and Gateways available on the host/PC that it runs on and is the UA equivalent to the OPC Classic OPCENUM interface.

An LDS is a service that runs in the background. UA Servers will periodically connect to the LDS and Register themselves as being available. This periodic activity means that the list of available UA servers is always current and means that a Client can immediately connect to any of them (security permissions pending).

The OPC UA Local Discovery Server is an installation from the OPC Foundation and delivered as installation executable and as merge module. You can download it via

<https://opcfoundation.org/developer-tools/samples-and-tools-unified-architecture/local-discovery-server-lds/>



3 Test your installation with .NET Core

The main OPC UA Solution can be found in the root of the repository and is named.

- NetCoreSamples.sln

The solution contains two sample clients, as well as two sample server examples used by these clients.

3.1 Prerequisites

Once the *dotnet* command is available, navigate to the following folder:

/

and execute

```
dotnet restore NetCoreSamples.sln
```

This command restores the tree of dependencies.

3.2 Start the server

1. Open a command prompt.
2. Navigate to the folder `examples/Workshop/SimpleServer`.
3. To run the server sample type

```
dotnet run --no-restore --framework netcoreapp3.1 --project Technosoftware.SimpleServer.csproj -a
```

- The server is now running and waiting for connections.
- The `-a` flag allows to auto accept unknown certificates and should only be used to simplify testing.

3.3 Start the client

1. Open a command prompt.
2. Navigate to the folder `examples/Workshop/SimpleClient`.
3. To run the client sample type

```
dotnet run --no-restore --framework netcoreapp3.1 --project Technosoftware.SimpleClient.csproj -a
```

- The client connects to the OPC UA console sample server running on the same host.
 - The `-a` flag allows to auto accept unknown certificates and should only be used to simplify testing.
4. If not using the `-a` auto accept option, on first connection, or after certificates were renewed, the server may have refused the client certificate. Check the server and client folder `%LocalApplicationData%/OPC Foundation/pki/rejected` for rejected certificates. To approve a certificate copy it to the `%LocalApplicationData%/OPC Foundation/pki/trusted`.



3.4 Check the output

If everything was done correctly the client should show the following lines:

```
Technosoftware .NET Core OPC UA Simple Client
1 - Create an Application Configuration.
2 - Discover endpoints of opc.tcp://localhost:55550/TechnosoftwareSimpleServer.
   Selected endpoint uses: Aes256_Sha256_RsaPss
3 - Create a session with OPC UA server.
4 - Browse address space.
5 - Read a single value.
Node Value:1.020668067406195E-26
6 - Read multiple values.
Status of Read of Node ns=2;s=Scalar_Simulation_Number is: Good
```

You can abort the running application with Ctrl-C.

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