

OPC UA

Softing Roadmap

Softing fully committed to OPC UA with Toolkits, Servers, End-User Utilities, Training

Softing, a leading supplier of industrial communication technology and OPC specialist, announces its full support of the OPC Unified Architecture for all three of its OPC product families – toolkits, servers, and end-user utilities and its OPC trainings program:

Toolkits

Softing's OPC Toolbox, a comprehensive suite of toolkits for the development of high performance OPC client and servers for Windows, Windows CE, Linux, and other embedded operating systems, are currently being extended with OPC UA functionality. Providing a fast and easy upgrade path for Softing's 1,300+ OPC Toolbox customers to the new Unified Architecture is a high priority goal.

Servers

Softing's industrial OPC servers (Modbus/TCP, Siemens S5/S7 PLCs, PROFIBUS, etc.) have been developed with the Softing OPC Toolbox. With the upgrade to the new OPC UA server toolkit, all of Softing's off-the-shelf OPC servers will fully support OPC UA.

End-User Utilities

The next version of Softing's OPC Easy Connect Suite will support OPC UA and help the OPC user to easily and quickly integrate existing OPC products into the new world of the OPC Unified Architecture. Softing's OPC Easy Connect products are a set of utilities designed to assist end-users to commission and operate OPC clients and servers in projects. They simplify and optimize the setup and use of OPC clients and servers in complex network architectures. They help to combine different OPC-enabled products and to provide solutions for particular use cases. Examples are OPC Client-to-Client connections, OPC Filters, OPC communication through firewalls and across the Internet, archiving OPC data in data bases and solve OPC redundancy requirements.

Training

In the past ten years, Softing has hosted several thousand people at its OPC events for decision makers, end-users, or developers. Since 2007 Softing is offering a developer course for the OPC

Information



Unified Architecture. This class will help manufacturers to design and implement OPC UA clients and servers into their products and to define concepts on how to best migrate existing DCOM OPC servers to the Unified Architecture.

Literature

Softing's renowned book **OPC – Fundamentals, Implementation, and Application** is available in its third edition, containing one chapter on the OPC Unified Architecture. This OPC book for developers, students, and automation experts, is the international standard reference on OPC with more than 8,000 copies sold in its first and second editions.

For additional product information:

<http://www.softing.com/en/communications/products/opc.htm>

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