

# OMG: OPC-UA/DDS Gateway (DDS-OPCUA)

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## Scope

*data\_distribution\_service\_dds* is a family of standards from the *omg* that provide connectivity, interoperability, and portability for Industrial Internet, cyber-physical, and mission-critical applications.

The DDS connectivity standards cover *Publish-Subscribe* (DDS), Service Invocation (*DDS-RPC*), Interoperability (*DDS-RTSPS*), Information Modeling (*DDS-XTYPES*), Security (*DDS-SECURITY*), as well as programming APIs for C, C++, Java and other languages.

The *opc* Unified Architecture (OPC-UA) is an information exchange standard for Industrial Automation and related systems created by the OPC Foundation. The *opc\_ua* standard provides an Addressing and Information Model for Data Access, Alarms, and Service invocation layered over multiple transport-level protocols such as Binary *tcp* and Web-Services.

DDS and OPC-UA exhibit significant deployment similarities:

- Both enable independently developed applications to interoperate even when those applications come from different vendors, use different *programming languages*, or run on different platforms and operating systems.
- Both have significant traction within Industrial Automation systems.
- Both define standard protocols built on top of the *TCP/UDP/IP* Internet stacks. The two technologies may coexist within the same application domains; however, while there are solutions that *bridge* between DDS and OPC-UA, these are based on custom mappings and cannot be relied to work across vendors and products.

This specification overcomes this situation by defining a standard, vendor-independent, configurable *gateway* that enables interoperability and information exchange between systems

*that use DDS and systems that use OPC-UA.*

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