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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Clarified that deadband has to be between 0.0 and 100.0. Violations result in error `Bad_DeadbandFilterInvalid` (6.2)
- b) Added `VariableTypes` handling `ArrayItems` and `DataTypes` supporting this, including complex number types. These data types are required for complex analyzer devices but seem useful for other domains as well.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62451 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.

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IEC TR 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*

UN/CEFACT: **UNECE Recommendation N° 20**, *Codes for Units of Measure Used in International Trade*, available at http://www.unece.org/cefact/recommendations/rec_index.htm

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TR 62541-1, IEC 62541-3, and IEC 62541-4 as well as the following apply.

3.1.1

Dataltem

link to arbitrary, live automation data, that is, data that represents currently valid information

Note 1 to entry: Examples of such data are

- device data (such as temperature sensors),
- calculated data,
- status information (open/closed, moving),
- dynamically-changing system data (such as stock quotes),
- diagnostic data.