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Kepware's KEPServerEX Passes New OPC Certification with Ease

Portland, ME – [Kepware Technologies](#), the leader in Communications for Automation, announced today that its KEPServerEX communications solution has passed the latest OPC certifications tests administered by the OPC Foundation independent test laboratory.

KEPServerEX, Kepware's primary offering for communications in automation has been [OPC compliant](#) based on self certification guidelines. In February of 2008, the OPC Foundation introduced a new level of compliance testing administered through an authorized and independent test lab in Germany. Kepware submitted its current product for testing and won certification without alteration. [Modbus](#) and [Siemens](#) protocols were evaluated as part of KEPServerEX compliance testing. All other KEPServerEX protocols will behave similarly, and as such, KEPServerEX certification will apply regardless of protocol in use.

"The OPC Certification process is extremely thorough," says Tony Paine, Executive VP and CTO for Kepware. "We have a very high degree of confidence in our product and we are thrilled to have achieved certification without having to make changes. In actuality, the process did highlight two areas of ambiguity, nothing that has ever affected our customers – to the best of our knowledge. They have been addressed, primarily to enable Kepware to claim the first perfect score in the certification process."

"The architecture and design of the Kepware products is outstanding," says Thomas Burke, President of the OPC Foundation. "Kepware truly understands delivering quality products that facilitate the deployment of totally interoperable and reliable solutions. Many vendors resell and rebrand versions of the KEPServerEX product. Kepware's OPC certification automatically applies to all these products. Future vendors that partner with Kepware, and leverage [KEPServerEX](#), will also instantly benefit from the outstanding product quality and OPC certification that Kepware offers."

About Kepware

Kepware is the world leader in communication software for automation and offers a unique experience in both OPC and [embedded device communications](#). Since 1995, Kepware has focused on the development of communication drivers to automation controllers, I/O and field devices. Applications include M2M (Machine to Machine) and M2C (Machine to Computer) communications. Operating system support includes; Microsoft Windows Desktop, Windows Server and Windows Embedded (Windows CE and Windows Embedded NT/XP). Today, with over 130 communication protocols, and through the efforts of our direct sales, distribution and embedded partners, Kepware is the leading provider of communications with annual shipments exceeding 100,000 units. Kepware's responsiveness to customer needs and strong partnerships with other leading automation suppliers ensures that your next application will be a success. Ask around and you'll hear why automation professionals everywhere consider Kepware Technologies "Automation's Best Friend". www.kepware.com

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