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ONTOLOGY-DRIVEN DEVICE DESCRIPTIONS FOR IOT NETWORK MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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CHALLENGES OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

- Heterogeneity of network devices
- Facilitate automatized network management
 - ability to discover device capabilities
 - notifications about changes

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MQTT AS A COMMON IOT PROTOCOL



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WHAT IS MISSING IN THIS APPROACH?

- MQTT is only a transport protocol
- IoT needs self-descriptive device configurations
- Semantics to avoid vendor lock-in
- Automatized network management

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NETCONF: NETWORK CONFIGURATION PROTOCOL

- version 1.1 by RFC 6241 in 2011
- mechanisms to install, manipulate, and delete the configuration of network devices
- operations are realized as remote procedure calls (RPCs)



Source: https://www.ietf.org/slides/slides-edu-network-configuration-with-netconf-00.pdf

NETCONF SERVER ON IOT DEVICE?

- A. Sehgal, V. Perelman, S. Kuryla, and J. Schönwälder, "Management of Resource Constrained Devices in the Internet of Things", IEEE Communications Magazine, vol. 50, no. 12, pp. 144–149, 2012.
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YANG: A DATA MODELING LANGUAGE FOR NETCONF

- RFC 6020 published in 2010
- YANG module defines a hierarchy of data for NETCONF-based operations
 - configurations
 - state data
 - Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs)
 - notifications
- balance between high-level data modeling and low-level encoding

WHAT IS MISSING IN YANG?

- Semantic expression is restricted
- XPath expressions are not that powerful as semantic web technologies
- YANG is a data modeling language

Idea: use an IoT ontology for device descriptions

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USED PART OF THE ONEM2M BASE ONTOLOGY



AN ONTOLOGY-BASED NETCONF-MQTT BRIDGE



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SYSTEM-ARCHITECTURE PUBLISH DEVICE DESCRIPTIONS



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SYSTEM-ARCHITECTURE CONTROL THE ACTUATOR



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NETCONF-MQTT BRIDGE SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE



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HARDWARE: CC2538 DEVELOPMENT KIT FROM TEXAS INSTRUMENTS



• 32 kiB RAM

- 512 kiB Flash Memory
- Low Power RF ARM Cortex M3based System 32-bit processor
- IEEE 802.15.4 compliant (6LoWPAN)

ONTOLOGY OPTIMIZATION RESULTS



FILE SIZE IN BYTES

- oneM2M ontology uses RDF/XML syntax
- we use JSON-LD
- CBOR achieved compressing rate about only 87.45% comparing to the optimized JSON-LD file

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CONCLUSION

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• Results

- Development of the NETCONF-MQTT Bridge
- Ontology parser and YANG data models generator
- Using oneM2M ontology on constrained devices
- Evaluation on ontology file size optimization for constrained devices

THANK YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?

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