

UNIT-5

UNIT VIOT SYSTEM DESIGN

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Basic building blocks of an IoT device – Raspberry Pi – Board – Linux on Raspberry Pi – Interfaces – Programming with Python – Case Studies: Home Automation, Smart Cities, Environment and Agriculture.

PART-A

1. What is an Embedded System Design?

A system designed with the embedding of hardware and software together for a specific function with a larger area is embedded system design.

2. What are the Elements of Embedded Systems

- Processor
- Microprocessor
- Microcontroller

Digital signal processor

3. Write the Types of Embedded Systems

- Stand-Alone Embedded System
- Real-Time Embedded System
- Networked Appliances

Mobile devices

4. What are the Challenges in Embedded System Design

- Environment adaptability
- Power consumption
- Area occupied
- Packaging and integration
- Updating in hardware and software
- Security

There are various challenges the designers face while testing the design like Embedded hardware testing, Verification stage, Validation Maintainability

5. Write Embedded System Design Examples

- Automatic chocolate vending machine (ACVM)
- Digital camera
- Smartcard
- Mobile phone
- Mobile computer..etc.

6. What are sensors?: Sensor used for sensing the change in environment condition and it generate the electric signal on the basis of change in environment condition. Therefore it is also called as transducers for providing electric input signal on the basis of change in environment condition.

7. Define Application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) is an integrated circuit designed to perform task specific operation inside an embedded system

8. What are Embedded System processors?

Processors are the major part in embedded systems that take response from sensors in digital form and processing of this response to produce output in real-time processing environment is performed using processors.

9. Write the Types of general purpose processor

- Microprocessor
- Microcontroller
- Digital signal processor
- Analog signal processor

10. What are Three main components of Embedded systems?

1. Hardware
2. Software
3. Firmware

11. Write the Disadvantages of Embedded System

- High development cost.
- Time-consuming design process.
- As it is application-specific, less market available.

12. Write the Advantages of Embedded System

- Enhanced real-time performance.

13. What Industrial Automation

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It is one of the areas where the quality of products is an essential factor for a more significant investment return. Anyone can re-engineer products and their packaging to provide superior performance in cost and **customer experience** with IoT applications

14. Write the applications of IOT in Healthcare

Healthcare do real-time monitoring with the help of smart devices. It gathers and transfers health data such as blood pressure, blood sugar levels, weight, oxygen, and ECG. The patient can contact the doctor by the smart mobile application in case of any emergency

15. Write the applications of IOT in Smart Retail

IoT applications in retail give shoppers a new experience. Customers do not have to stand in long queues as the checkout system can read the tags of the products and deduct the total amount from the customer's payment app with IoT applications' help.

16. Write the applications of IOT in Smart Supply Chain

Customers automate the delivery and shipping with a smart supply chain. It also provides details of real-time conditions and supply networks.

17. Write the applications of IOT in Smart Grid

The smart grid is the IoT that attends to energy systems. Utility companies use smart grid technologies to find energy efficiencies through various means, including monitoring energy consumption, predicting energy shortages and power outages, and gathering data on how different individuals and companies use energy

18. Write the applications of IOT in Smart Farming

Farmers can minimize waste and increase productivity. The system allows the monitoring of fields with the help of sensors. Farmers can monitor the status of the area.

Internet-connected devices go from 5 million to billions in just one year. Business Insider Intelligence estimates 24 billion IoT devices will install and generate more than 300 billion in revenue in the future.

19. What is MQTT Protocol?

This IoT based Home Automation Project uses MQTT protocol for exchanging data between server and client.

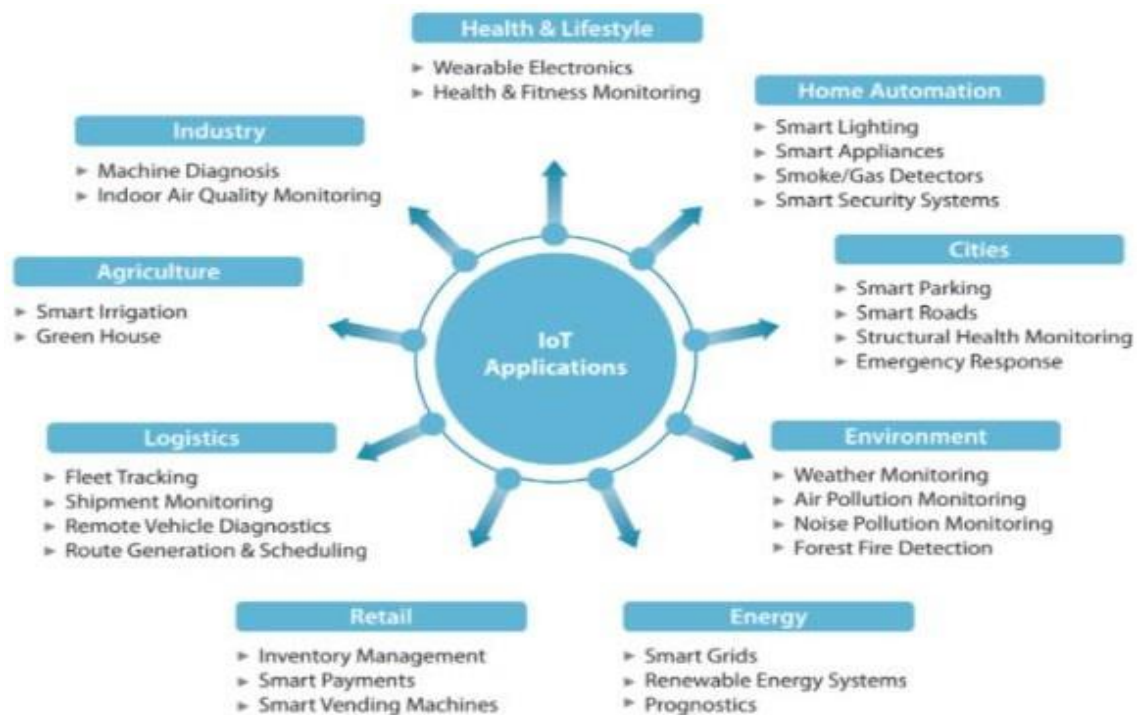
20. Define Signal Conditioning Unit.

This sensor is a cost-effective board used to measure the electrical activity of the heart. This electrical activity can be charted as an ECG or Electrocardiogram and output as an analog reading.

PART-B

Basic building blocks of an IoT device

The Internet of Things denotes the connection of devices, machines, and sensors to the Internet. An IoT system comprises four basic building blocks: sensors, processors, gateways, and applications. This article will thoroughly discuss what each component of the IoT architecture represents.



The architecture of IoT components:

1. **Sensors** convert a non-electrical input to an electrical signal. Sensors are classified into two types: active and passive sensors. Whereas active sensors use and emit their own energy to collect real-time data (ex.: GPS, X-ray, radars), passive sensors use energy from external sources (ex: cameras). Additionally, sensors differentiate themselves by position, occupancy, and motion, velocity and acceleration, force, pressure, flow, humidity, light, radiation, temperature, etc.
2. **Processors** are the brain, the main part of the IoT system. They process the raw data captured by the sensors and extract valuable information. Examples of processors are microcontrollers and microcomputers.
3. **Gateways** are the combination of hardware and software used to connect one network to another. Gateways are responsible for bridging sensor nodes with the external Internet or World Wide Web. The figure below depicts how using gateways works.

4. **Applications** provide a user interface and effective utilization of the data collected. The figure above illustrates some examples of IoT applications.

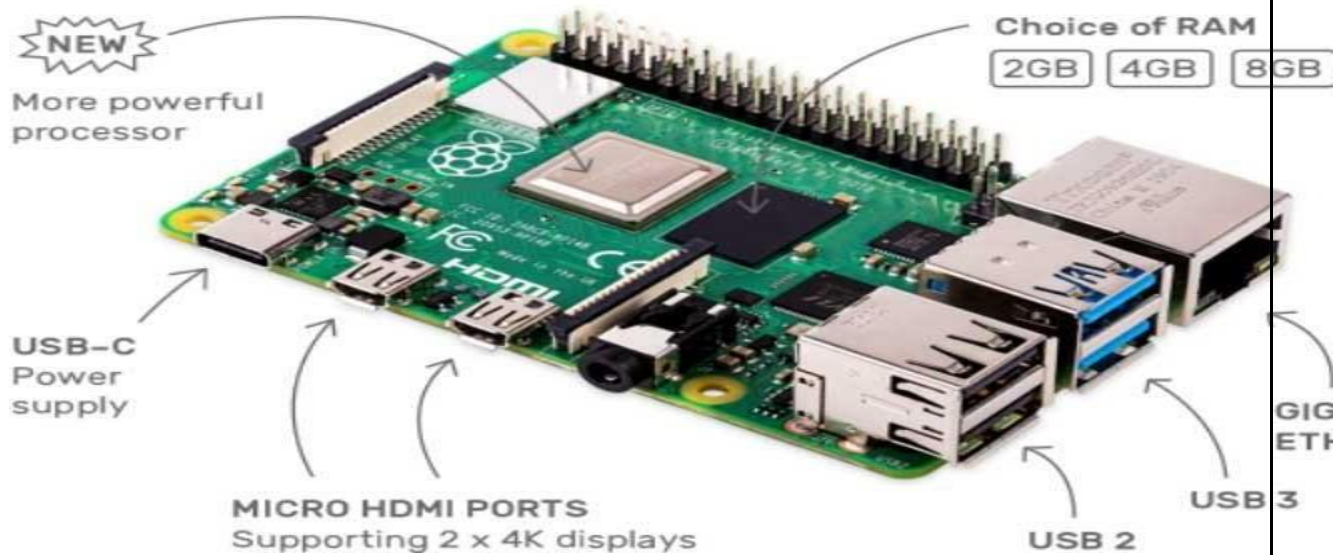
In summary, the IoT architecture comprises four basic building blocks: sensors, processors, gateways, and applications. Sensors are responsible for converting a non-electrical input to an electrical signal; processors handle the signals; gateways are used to connect a network to another, and, ultimately, an application offers a user interface and effective utilization of the data collected.

What Is A Raspberry Pi?

- The Raspberry Pi is a fully integrated computer (palm top) mounted on a circuit board measuring approximately 7 cm x 5.5 cm.
- It is a small, capable device that enables people of all ages to scan a computer and learn to edit in languages such as Scratch and Python. It can do everything you would expect a desktop computer to do, from browsing online and playing high-definition video, creating spreadsheets, word processing, and playing games.
- The Raspberry Pi has the ability to interact with the outside world and has been used in many digital maker projects, from music machines and parental finders to weather stations and tweeting birdhouses with infra-red cameras. We want to see the Raspberry Pi used by children all over the world to learn how to plan and understand how computers work.

History Of Raspberry Pi

- One-board Raspberry Pi computers have been developed in the United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation to promote basic computer science teaching in schools and developing countries.
- The original model became more popular than expected, selling out of its target market for use as robots. Includes peripherals (such as keyboards and mice) or cases. UK Relief Society registered in the UK (No. 1129409), May 2009.
- Supported by the University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory and technology firm Broadcom.
- Raspberry Pi Hardware has been upgraded with several versions that include memory capacity variations and peripheral compatibility device support.



Important Components Of Hardware

- The Raspberry Pi has a Broadcom BCM2835 system on chip (SoC), which includes the ARM1176JZF-S 700 MHz processor, which was later upgraded to Broadcom BCM2711, Quad-core Cortex-A72 (ARMv8) 64-bit SoC 1.5GHz.
- Originally shipped with 256 megabytes of RAM, later upgraded to 4GB.
- Does not include a built-in hard disk, but uses an SD card for boot and long-term storage.
- OS Support: Linux-based (Fedora, Raspbian, Debian, Arch Linux ARM, etc..).

Planning Languages

- By default, it supports Python as a language of instruction.
- Any integrated ARMv6 language can be used with Raspberry Pi.
- Automatically installed in Raspberry Pi:
 - C or C++ or Java or Ruby or Scratch

Application

- Can be used to make high-end computers.
- Raspberry Pi Medical Device Shield.
- Solar Raspberry Pi Power Pack.
- Voice Crafted Coffee Machine.
- Raspberry Pi Dynamic Bike Headlight Prototype.
- IoT Based Smart Application.

Raspberry Pi Interfaces

Raspberry Pi is most popular SBC(Single Board Computer). We can use Raspberry Pi as an IoT device and IoT Gateway. In this article we discuss Raspberry Pi interfaces. Interfaces used for connecting sensors and actuators.

What is Raspberry Pi?

The Raspberry Pi is a low cost, **credit-card sized computer** that plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to [learn how to program](#) in languages like Scratch and Python. It's capable of doing everything you'd expect a desktop computer to do, from browsing the internet and playing high-definition video, to making spreadsheets, word-processing, and playing games.

If you know about Raspberry Pi more, visit this: [Raspberry Pi Tutorials](#)

If you have a Raspberry Pi and you want to set up for use in Headless mode, visit this:

[:Raspberry Pi Headless Mode Setup](#)

Raspberry Pi has **Serial, SPI and I2C** interfaces for data transfer.

Serial : The Serial interface on Raspberry Pi has receive (Rx) and transmit (Tx) pins for communication with serial peripherals.

SPI : Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) is a synchronous serial data protocol used for communicating with one or more peripheral devices. In an SPI connection, there are five pins on Raspberry Pi for SPI interface:

- **MISO (Master In Slave Out)** – Master line for sending data to the peripherals.
- **MOSI (Master Out Slave In)** – Slave line for sending data to the master.
- **SCK (Serial Clock)** – Clock generated by master to synchronize data transmission
- **CE0 (Chip Enable 0)** – To enable or disable devices
- **CE1 (Chip Enable 1)** – To enable or disable devices

I2C:

The I2C interface pins on Raspberry Pi allow you to connect hardware modules. I2C interface allows synchronous data transfer with just two pins – **SDA (data line)** and **SCL (Clock Line)**.

WHAT IS A PYTHON PROGRAM?

Python is a very useful programming language that has an easy-to-read syntax, and allows programmers to use fewer lines of code than would be possible in languages such as assembly, C, or Java.

The Python programming language actually started as a scripting language for Linux. Python programs are similar to shell scripts in that the files contain a series of commands that the computer executes from top to bottom.

Compare a "hello world" program written in C to the same program written in Python:

Unlike C programs, Python programs don't need to be compiled before running them. However, you will need to install the Python interpreter on your computer to run them. The Python interpreter is a program that reads Python files and executes the code.

It is possible to run Python programs without the Python interpreter installed though. Programs like [Py2exe](#) or [Pyinstaller](#) will package your Python code into stand-alone executable programs.

WHAT CAN A PYTHON PROGRAM DO?

Like shell scripts, Python can automate tasks like batch renaming and moving large amounts of files. It can be used just like a command line with IDLE, Python's REPL (read, eval, print, loop) function. However, there are more useful things you can do with Python. For example, you can use Python to program things like:

- Web applications
- Desktop applications and utilities
- Special GUIs
- Small databases
- 2D games

Python also has a [large collection of libraries](#), which speeds up the development process. There are libraries for everything you can think of—game programming, rendering graphics, GUI interfaces, web frameworks, and scientific computing. Many (but not all) of the things you can do in C can be done in Python. Python is generally slower at computations than C, but its ease of use makes Python an ideal language for prototyping programs and designing applications that aren't computationally intensive.

HOW TO WRITE AND RUN A PROGRAM IN PYTHON

We'll only cover the basics of writing and executing a Python program here, but a great tutorial covering everything a programmer needs to know about Python is the book [Learning Python 5th Ed. \(O'Reilly\) by Mark Lutz](#).

INSTALLING AND UPDATING PYTHON

Python 2 and Python 3 come pre-installed on Raspbian operating systems, but to install Python on another Linux OS or to update it, simply use the command prompt:

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commandprompt:

```
sudo apt-get install python3
```

Installs or updates Python 3.

```
sudo apt-get install python
```

Installs or updates Python 2.

OPENING THE PYTHON REPL

To access the Python REPL (where you can enter Python commands just like the commandline) enter `python` or `python3` depending on which version you want to use:

Enter `Ctrl-D` to exit the REPL.

WRITING A PYTHON PROGRAM

To demonstrate creating and executing a Python program, we'll make a simple "hello world" program. To begin, open the Nano text editor and create a new file named `hello-world.py` by entering this at the command prompt:

```
sudo nano hello-world.py
```

Enter this code into Nano, then press `Ctrl-X` and `Y` to exit and save the file:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
print("Hello, World!");
```

All Python program files will need to be saved with a ".py" extension. You can write the program in any text editor such as Notepad or Notepad++, just be sure to save the file with a ".py" extension.

RUNNING A PYTHON PROGRAM

To run the program without making it executable, navigate to the location where you saved your file, and enter this at the command prompt:

```
python hello-world.py
```

MAKE A PYTHON FILE EXECUTABLE

Making a Python program executable allows you to run the program without entering `python` before the filename. You can make a file executable by entering this at the command prompt:

```
chmod+xfile-name.py
```

Now to run the program, all you need to enter is:

```
./file-name.py
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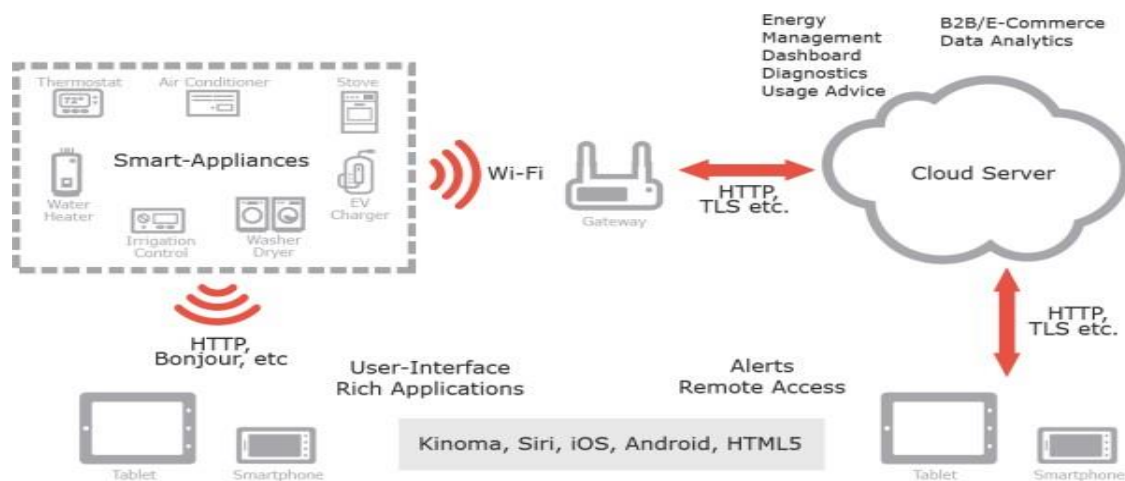
Here are some additional resources that will help you make the most out of programming in Python:

- [Complete list of Python syntax](#)
- [The Python Package Index \(PyPi\)](#)
- [Installing Python packages on the Raspberry Pi](#)

Case studies:

HOME AUTOMATION

IoT home automation is the ability to control domestic appliances by electronically controlled, internet-connected systems. It may include setting complex heating and lighting systems in advance and setting alarms and home security controls, all connected by a central hub and remote-controlled by a mobile app.



The rise of Wi-Fi's role in home automation has primarily come about due to the networked nature of deployed electronics where electronic devices (TVs and AV receivers, mobile devices, etc.) have started becoming part of the home IP network and due to the increasing rate of adoption of mobile computing devices (smartphones, tablets, etc.), see above Figure.

The networking aspects are bringing online streaming services or network playback, while becoming a means to control of the device functionality over the network. At the same time mobile devices ensure that consumers have access to a

portable _controller‘ forthe electronics connected to the network. Both types of devices can be used as gateways for IoT applications.

In this context many companies are considering building platforms that integrate the building automation with entertainment, healthcare monitoring, energy monitoring and wireless sensor monitoring in the home and building environments.

IoT applications using sensors to collect information about the operating conditions combined with cloud hosted analytics software that analyzes disparate data points will help facility managers become far more proactive about managing buildings at peak efficiency

THREE LEVELS OF HOME AUTOMATION

1. Monitoring:

Description: Monitoring is the foundational level of home automation. It involves the ability to observe and track the status and conditions of various devices and systems within the home.

Characteristics:

Sensors and Devices: Implementation of sensors to monitor environmental conditions, security, energy usage, and more.

Alerts and Notifications: Receive notifications or alerts based on monitored events. For example, receive a notification if a door is left open or if there's a sudden change in temperature.

Remote Viewing: Access real-time data and status updates remotely through a mobile app or web interface.

2. Control:

Description: The control level builds upon monitoring by allowing users to actively manage and manipulate connected devices and systems within the home.

Characteristics:

Remote Control: Enable users to remotely control devices and systems. This includes turning lights on/off, adjusting thermostat settings, or locking/unlocking doors.

Manual Input: Users have direct control through interfaces such as mobile apps, voice commands, or dedicated control panels.

Customization: Users can set preferences and customize the behavior of devices based on their needs. For instance, adjusting the brightness and color of smartlights.

3. Automation:

Description: Automation represents the highest level of sophistication in home automation. It involves creating predefined scenarios or rules that trigger automated actions based on certain conditions or events.

Characteristics:

Scenes and Routines: Users can define scenes or routines that involve multiple devices. For example, a "Good Morning" routine might turn on lights, adjust the thermostat, and start the coffeemaker.

Event Triggers: Automation rules can be triggered by specific events, such as motion detection, a door opening, or a scheduled time.

Adaptive Behavior: Intelligent automation that learns from user behavior and adjusts settings over time without explicit user input. For example, learning when to adjust the thermostat based on occupancy patterns.

SMARTHOMEAUTOMATION

All smart home devices can communicate using openHAB.11. HAB drives from **Home Automation Bus**. The developer deploys Java and OSGi services and uses the open source development environment and deployment platform. Its accompanying cloud platform is **my.openHAB** provides communication between that with the cloud. **The my.openHAB cloud-connector also provides REST and cloud-based services.**

Figure 12.7 shows architectural layers in openHAB development environment. A service in figure refers to service capabilities, which can be called upon whenever needed. The figure shows the following:

1. Core openHAB Objects—REST service and repository; base library

2. openHAB add-on objects—

Item provider, protocol bindings, automation logics, user interfaces and libraries

3. OSGi framework services—

Configuration administration, event administration service, declarative services, logback, runtime and HTTP services

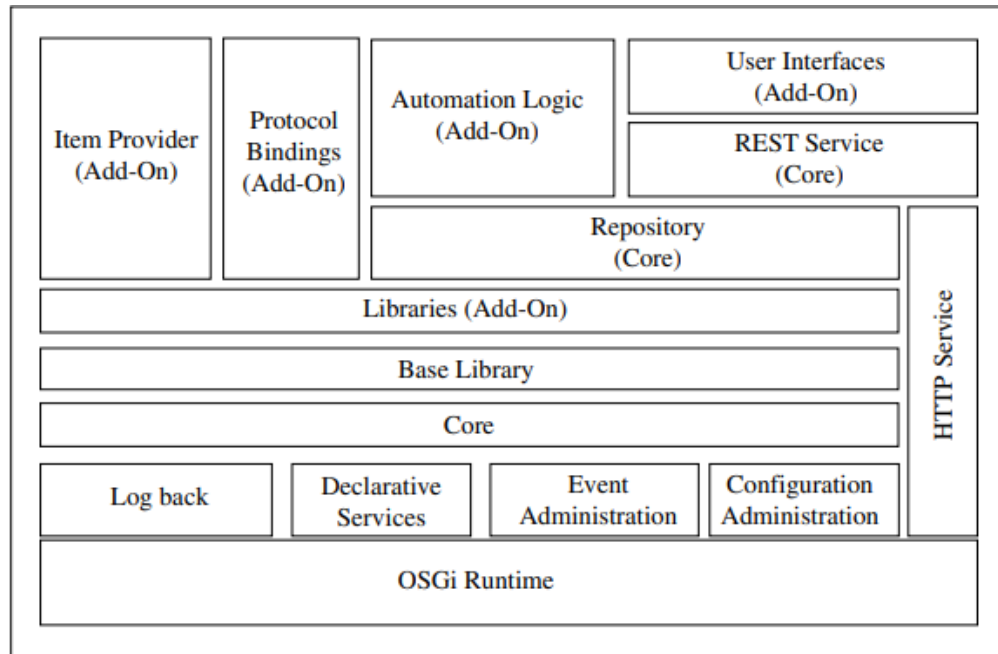


Figure 12.7 Architectural layers in openHAB development environment

4. **OpenHAB** deploys event administration service of OSGi with pub/sub mode.
5. A stateful repository is for querying and for use by **automation logics**. Some functions are stateless and do not depend on previous action(s). Remaining actions are stateful and dependent on previous chain of actions. State of items in repository is as per the actions.

Two domains and their high-level service capabilities in the home automation system in IoT architecture reference model are:

1. Device and Gateway Domain: Assume that the system deploys lighting devices, each with a proximity sensor. Automation logic provides that if no change is found in proximity due to presence of person(s) then the devices switch off. Assume that the system also deploys skin intrusion sensors and appliances. Automation logic provides on intrusion, communicate trigger(s) to local or remote web-service as per configuration setting at the configuration administration service of OSGi framework.

2. Application and Network Domain: Applications and network domain deploys applications and services and have high-level capabilities. Domain Architectural Reference Model.

Figure 12.8 shows the data-flow diagram and domain architecture referencemodel for homeautomation lighting,appliancesand intrusion monitoringservices.

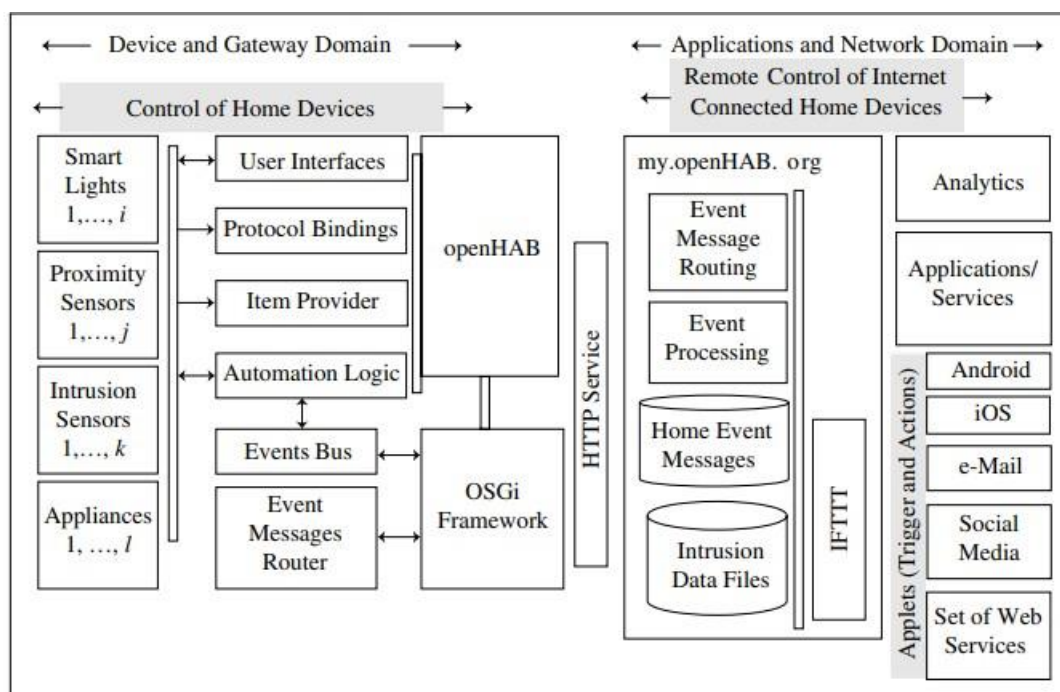


Figure 12.8 Data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for home automation lighting, appliances and intrusion monitoring services

Figure shows that openHAB has an event bus. The bus is asynchronous. The event bus refers to a communication bus for all protocol bindings. The bindings link to the hardware. The event bus is the base service of openHAB.

Example of the event is command, which triggers an action or a state change of some item or device. Another example of event is **status update** which informs about a status change of some item or device.

For example, in response to a command. The openHAB service is **integration-hub between such devices and bindings between different protocols used for networking the home devices, OSGi and HTTP service.**

Usually just one instance of openHAB runs on a central coordinator (computer) at home. Event Administration Service of OSGi service is used for remote services. Several distributed openHAB instances can connect and deploy the event bus.

SMARTCITY

- Smartcity applications and services connect people, process, data and things.
- A smart city can be defined as a vision which integrates multiple ICT and IoT solutions in a secure fashion to manage city's assets such as information systems, schools, libraries, transportation systems, hospitals, power plants, water supply networks, waste management, law enforcement and other community services.
- Sectors that have been developing smart city technology include government services, transport and traffic management, energy, healthcare, water, innovative urban agriculture and waste management.

Smart-city solutions integrate a number of city services and can include the following:

1. Smart parking spaces
2. Smart street lightings and smart lighting solutions
3. Smart traffic solutions
4. Smart water management,
5. Smart connected bike share services
6. Smart health services
7. Smart structures
8. Smart city system integrator

Four-layer architectural framework developed at CISCO cloud IoT for a city. Layers consist of:

- (i) devices network and distributed nodes,
- (ii) distributed data capture, processing and analyzing,
- (iii) data centers and cloud and
- (iv) applications, such as waste containers monitoring.

Figure shows data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the smart city applications and services.

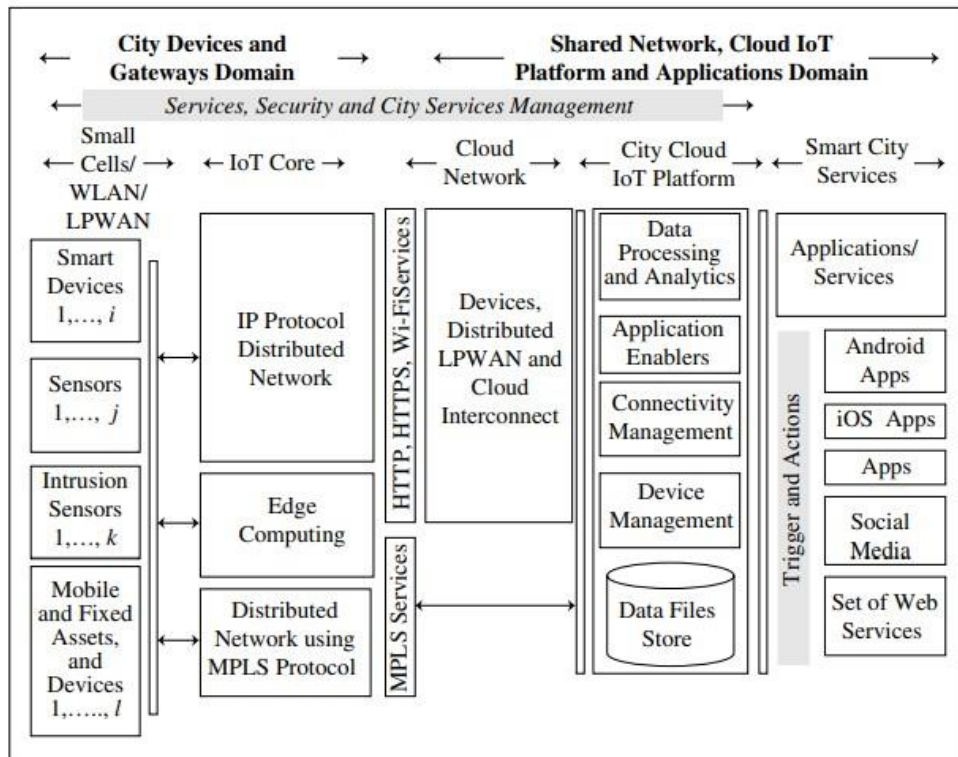


Figure 12.9 Data flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the smart City Applications and Services

Twodomainsare

(i) CitydevicesandGatewaysdomain,

(ii) sharednetwork, cloudIoTplatformandapplicationsdomains.

- Services,securityandcityservicesmanagementarecross-domainfunctions.
- Assume the edge sensorsand devicesconsist of, say i -smart devices, j -sensors, k -intrusionsensorsand l -mobileandfixedassetsanddeviceswhereas i , j , k and l canbeverylargenumbers.
- Theedgesensorsanddeviceswirelessly connectwithinsmallcells;systems connectwithWLAN(WirelessLAN).TheycommunicateusingLPWAN.
- Thedistributednetworkofedge-computingsystemsconnectsusingIPprotocolsorusingtheMultiprotocolLabelSwitching(MPLS).
- TheMPLSassignsthe labelstodata packetsandforwardthelabelstocity cloud IoT platform. City cloud IoT platform collects messages, triggers,alertsanddatafilesat data store.
- Theplatform does device and connectivity management functions, applicationenablerfunctions,anddataprocessingandanalytics.

- The platform generates triggers which follows actions, such as connect to social media, set of web services, applications, iOS apps and Android apps. The platform connects to a number of city applications and services.
- Smart city applications and services can deploy CISCO IoT, IOx and Fog. This is because of usages of shared networks and distributed access point nodes, and the need of an ecosystem with ability to transform sensor data and perform the control functions within the distributed network nodes.
- This enables development of applications, such as site asset management, energy monitoring, and smart parking infrastructure and connected cities.

SMARTCITYPARKING

A growing problem in cities is of vehicular traffic congestion and parking spaces. A modern city, therefore, provides a number of multilevel parking spaces which spread all over the city.

A driver needs a mobile app. Significant fuel saving can result from provisioning of smart parking spaces in a city. **A smart parking-service should enable the following:**

1. Guide the drivers for the available parking slots and spaces
2. Provides a mobile app, and the app assists a driver and enables him/her to obtain the appropriate parking-slot information remotely.
3. Publishes messages in real time for available slots and alerts for slot unavailability at the parking utility
4. Consists of a central supervisory control and monitoring system (CSS) which connects the edge sensors and devices, accurately senses the slots available for occupancy of vehicles in real time, and predicts the expected availability time in case of non-availability of slots
5. Optimizes the usages of parking spaces and reaching time
6. Provides display boards at road traffic junctions for status of availability
7. Provides good parking experience to users
8. Adds value for all parking stakeholders, drivers and service providers

Sensors play vital role in the smart parking. The application is ranked as top most among sensor-applications for a smarter world.

Figure 12.10 shows data-flow diagram, domains and architecture reference model for smart parking applications and services.

The figure shows four layers at two domains.

- **Parking spaces are at layer 1.** They are sensed using coordinators at each level in multilevel parking spaces. An actuator for the light at each slot is used. Lighting control module at the coordinator actuates the parking space lights. The lightings can be switched on and off as per requirement for each space.
- **A Parking Assistance System (PAS) is at layer 2.** This includes CCS and three modules for monitoring, control and display.
- Layers 1 and 2 communication protocols are ZigBee, LWM2M and UDP. The CSS maintains a real-time database of time-series data of the parking spaces.
 - **The system connects layer 3, which includes the SMS gateway and cloud IoT platform.**

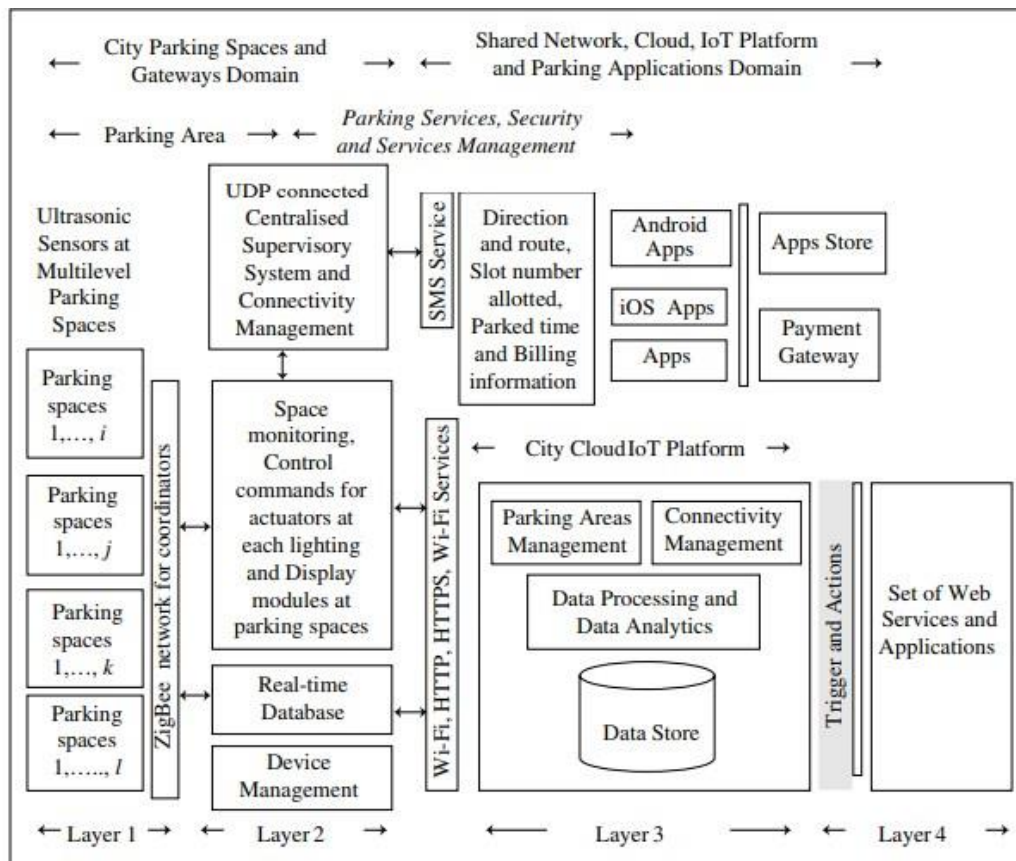


Figure 12.10 Data flow diagram, domain architecture reference model and four layers for the design of smart parking applications and services

Layer 2 connects CSS with all coordinators. Layer 2 includes a real-time time-series database.

Layer 2 also connects with three modules for (i) displaying, (ii) space monitoring and (iii) control commands for actuators for each parking slot.

Layer 3 consists of SMS gateway and City cloud IoT platform that connects CSS, modules and database using the Wi-Fi, HTTP and HTTPS services.

The platform has data store, data processing and analytics, and parking areas and connectivity management modules. The CSS sends the UDP packets using MPLS and uses a SMS service to communicate with the mobile app.

The SMS service communicates parking information. A packet provides information such as slot available, slot allocated, time parked, billing information and directional and parking space routed details to the user's mobile phone.

The user downloads a PaaS app from the App store. The user's mobile also connects to a payment gateway for parking service bill payment.

Layer 4 web services connect the cloud data store, and use the PaaS cloud for the analytics.

Hardware Prototype Development and Deployment describes sensors for ultrasonic pulse detectors.

When a car parking slot is occupied, then the parked car reflects back ultrasonic pulses to the source. The sensor measures the reflected directional intensity and delay period for the reflections. The coordinator updates the parked slots status on each alert from a circuit. The sensor associated circuit at coordinator alerts the CSS for status change and generates time-series messages from the sensor data and communicates to the CSS for saving at the real-time database.

Figure 12.11 shows the design principle for a set up for identifying vacant spaces and slot IDs using ultrasonic pulses and back reflections to the transceiver (emitter and sensors) at the coordinator.

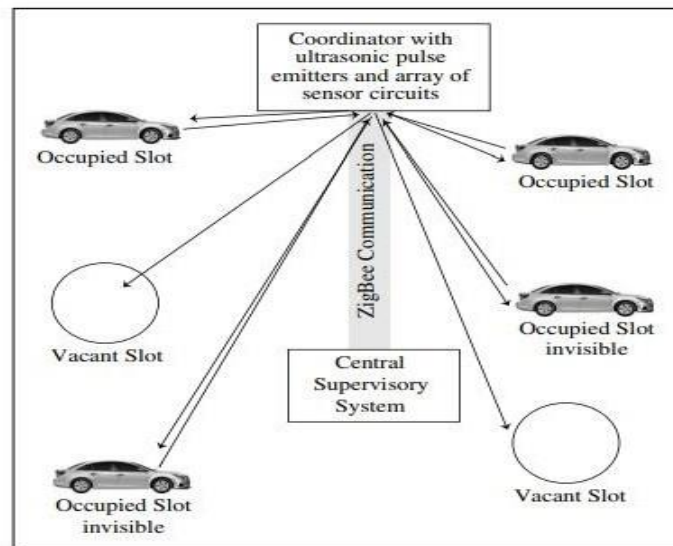


Figure 12.11 Design principle for the set up for identifying vacant spaces using ultrasonic pulses and back reflections from cars to the transceiver at the coordinator

SMARTENVIRONMENT

SmartEnvironment-

MonitoringEnvironmentmonitoringreferstoactionsthatarerequiredforcharacterizingandmonitorthequalityoftheenvironment.

A smart environment monitoring system should enable the following:

1. Preparationsforassessmentofenvironmentimpact
2. Establishthetrendsinenvironmentalparametersandcurrentstatusoftheenvironment
3. Interpretationofdataandevaluateenvironmentalqualityindices
4. Monitortheair,soilandwaterqualityparameters
5. Monitorharmfulchemicals,biological,microbiological,radiologicalandotherparameters

WeatherMonitoringSystem

A smart weather monitoring system should enable the following:

1. Each **measuring node** for weather parameters is assigned an ID. Each lamppost deploys a wireless sensor node. Each node measures the T, RH and other weather parameters at assigned locations. A group of WSNs communicates using ZigBee and forms a network. Each network has an access point, which receives the messages from

each node. They depicted interconnections between nodes, coordinators, routers and access points. Each access point associates a gateway.

2. The **nodes communicate** the parameters up to the access point using WSNs at multiple locations.
3. Forward and store the parameters on an Internet cloud platform
4. Publishes weather messages for the display boards at specific locations in the city and communicate to weather API at mobile and web users
5. Publishes the messages in real time and send alerts using a weather reporting application
6. Analyze and assess the environment impact.
7. Enables intelligent decisions using data and historical analytics reports at city cloud weather data store

Two domains and their high-level service capabilities in the weather monitoring services in IoT architecture reference mode are:

1. Device and Gateway Domain: Assume that the system deploys weather-sensor embedded devices, each with a location-data sensor and n access-points for the WSNs. A sensor node does minimum required computations, gathers sensed information and communicates with other connected nodes in the network

A data adaptation layer for the data, messages, triggers and alerts does the main computations and puts the result in real time updated database. The items identified for communication from gateway are queried from the database.

The items communicate from gateway using network protocols and HTTP/HTTPS services.

- (i) **Device subdomain:** Hardware WSN board consists of sensors for weather parameters. A board example is Waspmote.
- (ii) **Gateway Subdomain:** The parameters and alerts communicate to a local or remote web service, time- and location-stamping service, item provider, protocol bindings and 6LoWPAN/IP v6 modules as per configuration setting at the configuration administration service of OSGi framework. The bindings between

ZigBee LANs, 6LoWPAN and LPWAN and IP

v6 protocols are used for networking of the devices, WSNs, OSGi with the HTTP/HTTPS services.

2. Application and Network

Domain: Applications and network domain deploys the applications and services and has high-level capabilities, such as analytics, data visualization, display-board feeds, weather reporting application

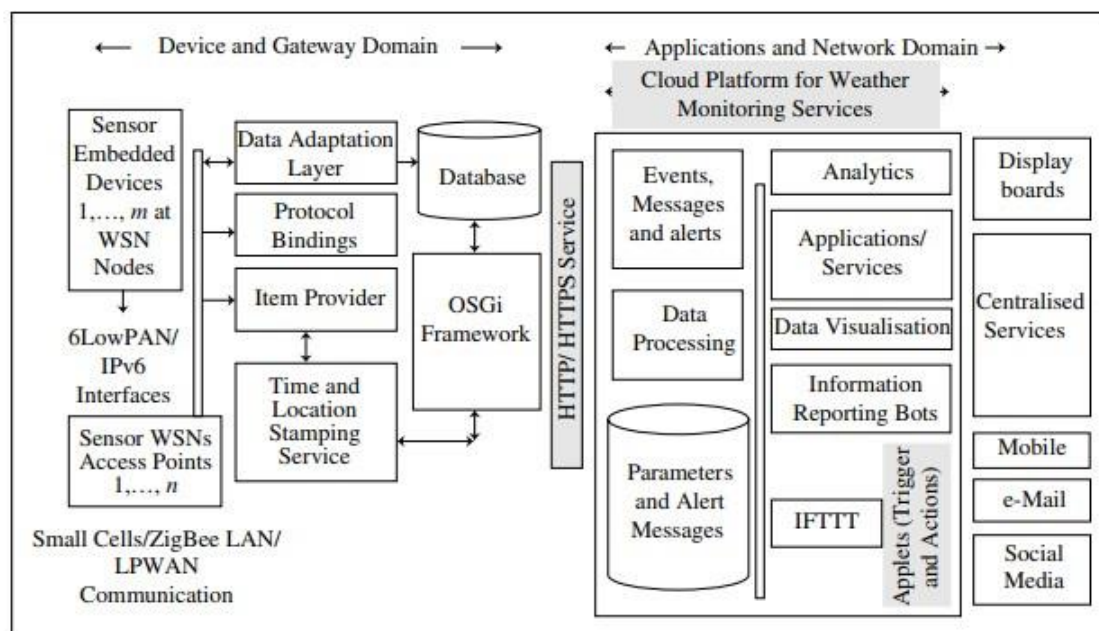


Figure 12.12 Data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the WSNs based monitoring services

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A microcontroller circuit consists of memory, over the air programmability (OTP) and transceiver associated with each sensor or node. The weather monitoring circuit deploys sensors for T, RH and atmospheric pressure (P_{atm}) and may include solar visible radiation, wind speed and direction, and rainfall. Hardware design of the sensor and WSN node can use Arduino board with ZigBee shield.

Weather Reporting Bot

A bot is an application that runs automated or semi-

automated scripts for specific sets of tasks and communicates the results over the Internet. A bot generally

performsthetask

which are simple and structurally repetitive, such as a weather reporting bot. The word `_bot` is derived from the word robot. A bot can communicate with an API using Instant Messaging (IM) or Internet Relay Chat (IRC) or to Twitter or Facebook.

A bot can also chat and give responses to the questions from user API. The bot uses the weather parameters and generates the alert messages from the database and messages for forecast by a cloud analytics service

A mobile app can display the report in two succeeding frames repeatedly. The first frame shows the weather condition of the current day, as:

1. First line: conditions such as clear, rain, partly rain, cloudy or partly cloudy
2. Second line, first part text gives the day current T and four or five spaces
3. Second line, second part text gives superscripted text for the maximum T expected and subscripted text for minimum T expected, followed by four or five spaces
4. Second line, third part text gives superscripted text for current RH% value and subscripted text for wind-speed in kmph (kilometer per hour).

Thus, first reporting frame displays the current condition and day's forecast for T_{max} and T_{min}. Second frame shows the forecast for today, tomorrow and day after for weather as:

1. First line: -Sat Sun Mon ||
2. Second line shows a symbol which is completely unfilled circle for sunny, or cloud image with sun for partly cloudy, or cloud sign for fully cloudy below each day Sat, Sun and Mon.

After the sign, a superscripted word gives maximum T, and a subscripted word, the minimum expected on that day. Thus, forecast for three days is reported, viz. today, tomorrow and day after. Example of creating a weather bot is Slack weather bot API.

The bot uses the codes given on a Farnciskim site.

The API is a node.js module for the bot. It displays Second frame shows the forecast for today, tomorrow and day after days for weather, for example as follows:

1. First line: Botname Current Runtime (such as 09:15 A.M.)

2. Second line shows – Condition for City Name, Place Name, Current Time, Standard (such as IST, GMT)
3. Third line shows – Today (such as SAT): T, condition (such as sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy or rain) ||
4. Fourth line shows – Tomorrow (such as SUN) Current: T, condition ||
5. Fifth line shows – Day after (such as MON) Current: T, condition ||

Air Pollution Monitoring

A growing problem for all residents is air pollution from cars, toxic gases generated in factories and farms, such as carbon monoxide (CO). Pollution needs monitoring and to ensure the safety of workers and goods inside chemical plants.

The monitoring does the following tasks:

1. Monitoring and measuring levels of CO, a gas dangerous above 50 – 100 ppm level; carbon dioxide (CO₂), a gas causes which greenhouse effect; and ozone (O₃), a gas dangerous above 0.1 mg/per kg air level, for controlling air pollution
2. Monitoring and measuring levels of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), a highly toxic gas. It is a greenhouse gas so its increase may contribute to global warming as well.
3. Monitoring and measuring levels of hydrocarbons, such as ethanol, propane.
4. Measure T, RH and P_{atm} parameters for calibrations of sensed gaseous parameters of each node
5. Investigate air quality and the effects of air pollution.
6. Compute Air Quality Index (AQI) from the parameters, such as hourly or daily averages of air pollutant concentration, particulate matter (such as dust or carbon particle)
7. Compute source and spatial dispersion of pollutants as a function of day conditions, wind speed and direction, air temperature and air temperature gradient with altitude and topography using analytics.
8. Data visualization

9. Report the pollution status to monitoring authorities

Sensors play a vital role in air-quality monitoring. The application has eleven ranking among sensor-applications for a smarter world.

A data-

flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for air pollution monitoring services are similar to Figure 12.12.

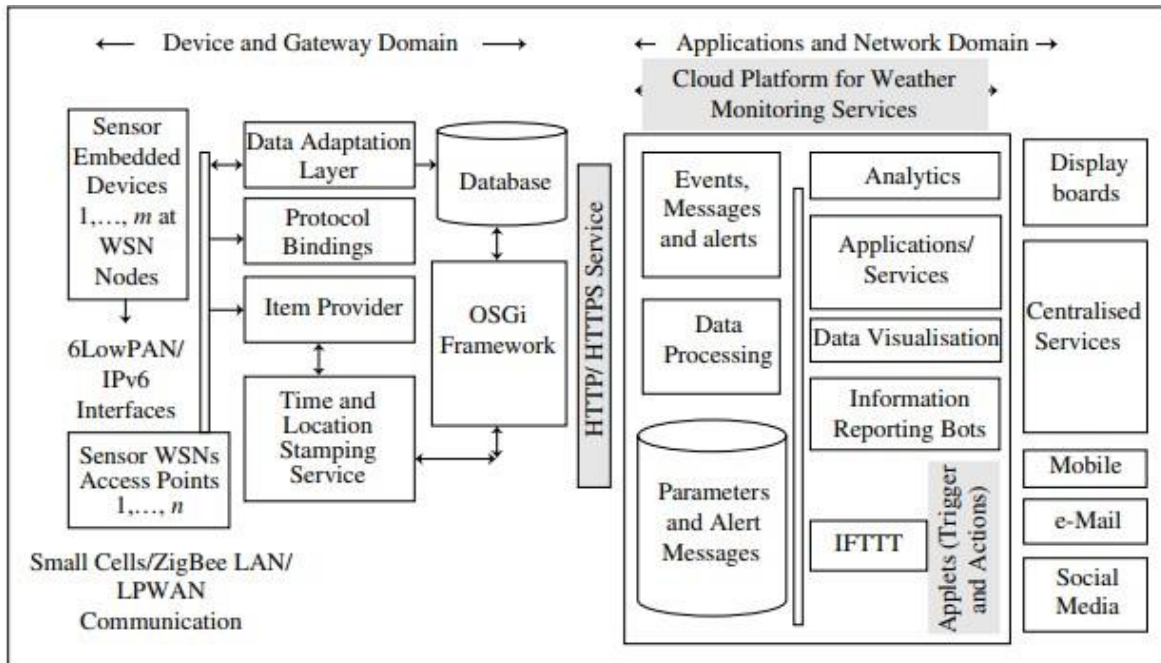


Figure 12.12 Data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the WSNs based monitoring services

Two domains and their high-level service capabilities in the air quality and pollution monitoring services in IoT architecture reference model are:

1. Device and Gateway Domain: Assume that the system deploys m gas sensor embedded devices at each WSN with a location-data sensor and n access-points for the WSNs (Figures 7.17).

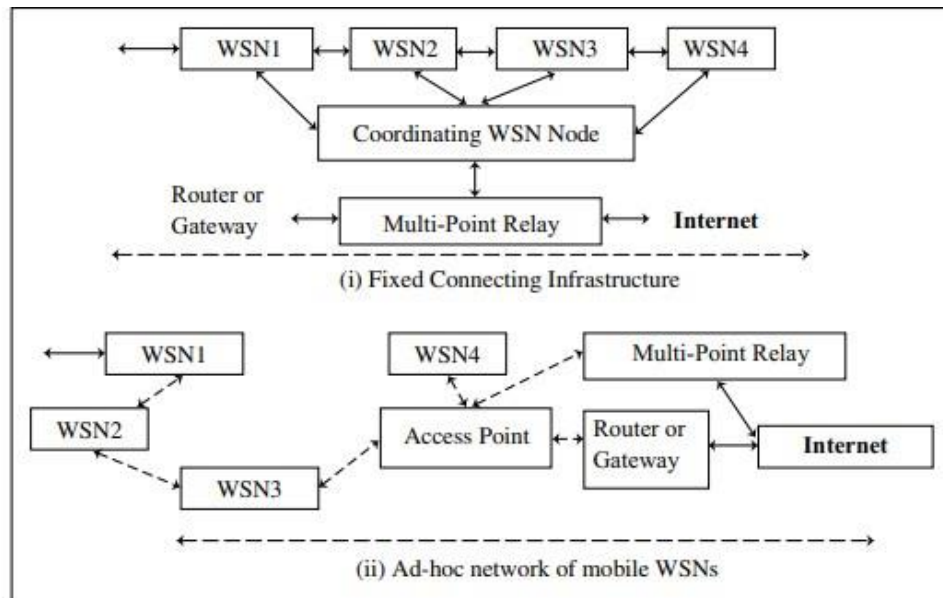


Figure 7.17 Architecture for connecting WSN nodes: (i) Fixed connecting infrastructure of WSN nodes, coordinators, relays, gateways and routers and (ii) Mobile ad-hoc network of moving WSNs

The data-adaptation layer at gateway does the aggregation, compaction and fusion computations for each sensor node data. The queries gather sensed information from the database and the items selected communicate using HTTP/HTTPS/MPLS services. WSN board IO ports connect the sensors for gaseous, particulate matter and weather parameters. Each sensor node is configured by assigning a node ID. A node ID maps with the GPS location found earlier from GPS modules at the data adaptation layer at the gateway.

A sensor ID is configured for each sensor at the node. Each sensor associated circuit is also configured for frequency of measurement every day and interval between two successive measurements. The sensor circuit is configured to activate only for measurement duration at a measuring instance followed by long inactive intervals.

An example is Wasp mote board which can be used with sensors such as city pollution CO, NO, NO₂, O₃, SO₂ and dust particle sensors and air-quality finding sensors for SO₂, NO₂, dust particles, CO, CO₂, O₃ and NH₃. The Arduino or Eclipse IDE can be used to develop codes for the Wasp mote.

2. The Applications and Network Domain: The applications and network domain deploys the applications and services and have high-level capabilities, such as events, messages, alerts and data processing, databases, applications and services, analytics, data

visualization, display-board feeds, pollution reporting applications and services, and IFTTT triggers and actions. The cloud platform can be TCUP, AWS IoT, IBM Blue mix or Nimbits.

Forest Fire Detection

A big problem for countries with large forest areas is forest fires. A fire monitoring service does the following tasks:

1. Uses OTP features for programmable WSNs and gateways
2. Measures and monitors the T, RH, CO, CO₂ and infrared light (fire generated) intensity in real time at preset intervals
3. Each WSN uploads the program and preset measured interval soft1 (say, 300s) each and the preset measured interval soft2 (say, on 1 or 5s) on sensed parameters values exceeding threshold can instantaneously trigger the fire-alarm algorithm
4. Configures the data-adaptation layers with calibration parameters
5. Communicates the WSN messages at the preset interval to the access point associated for specific network area
6. Communicates alerts, triggers, messages and data at data-adaptation layer using an uploaded program at associated gateway
7. Uploads connectivity programs for gateways
8. Runs at the data-adaptation layer the faulty or inaccessible sensors at periodic intervals
9. Integrates data with the node locations found from mapping with node IDs, compute, and activate the alarms using an algorithm, input-sensed and calibrated coefficients
10. Processes the layer data and database information, and communicates instantaneously to nearest mobiles and fire-fighting services near the access point gateway
11. Updates the database and communicates to a cloud platform, such as Nimbits, my.openHAB, TCUP, AWS or Bluemix platform

12. Modifies the preset measured interval to 20 on activation of the fire alarm after value changes above the configured threshold values
13. Uses analytics to evaluate reliability index of the preset, threshold and configuration values and need to update alarm-algorithm and if needs improvement then upload new algorithms
14. Uses analytics to generate and communicate topological maps for the currently fire infected forest area and reachability maps for fire-fighting service equipment's. Sensors play a vital role in forest-fire monitoring.

The application has tenth ranking among 50 sensor-applications for a smarter world.

Figure 12.13 shows a data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the monitoring service.

The figure shows that the service deploys m embedded-sensor devices at each of n WSN associated with x access points.

Device and gateway domain functions in the fire monitoring service for forests in IoT architecture reference model is as follows:

A lookup table enables mapping of two entities. Location-data stamping uses sensor IDs at a lookup table. Data adaptation of each sensor is at the layer. Data aggregates, compacts and fuses, computes, gathers sensed information and the algorithms use that for alarm and faulty sensor identification and configuration management. Data store at the database, updates in real time. The alerts and messages communicate to IoT cloud platform. Hardware WSN board and sensors can use Waspmote board.²⁴ Each WSN communicates to access points using a multi-protocol wireless router

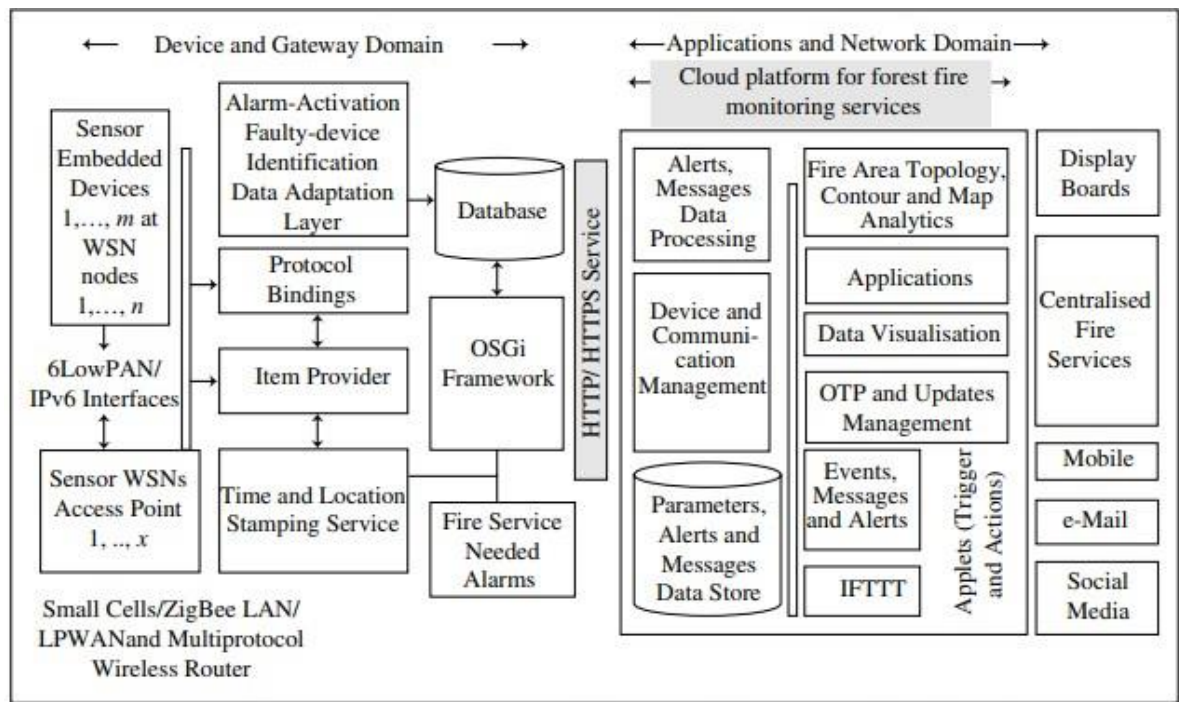


Figure 12.13 Data flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the WSNs based Forest Fire monitoring service

SMARTAGRICULTURE

Following section describes two applications viz., smart irrigation in crop fields and smart wine quality enhancing

Smart Irrigation

Smart irrigation deploys sensors for moisture.

A smart irrigation monitoring service does the following tasks:

1. Sensors for moisture and actuators for watering channels are used in smart irrigation.
2. Use soil moisture sensors with a sensor circuitry board with each one installed at certain depth in the fields.
3. Uses an array of actuators (solenoid valves) which are placed along the water channels and that control deficiencies in moisture levels above thresholds during a given crop period.
4. Use sensors placed at three depths for monitoring of moisture in fruit plants such as grapes or mango, and monitor evapotranspiration (evaporation and transpiration)
5. Measures and monitors actual absorption and irrigation water needs

6. Each sensor board is in a waterproof cover and communicates to an access point using ZigBee protocol. An array of sensor circuits forms a WSN.
7. Access point receives the data and transfers it to an associated gateway. Data adapts at the gateway and then communicates to a cloud platform using LPWAN.
8. The cloud platform may be deployed such as Nimbits, my.openHAB, AWS or Bluemix. 9. Analytics at the platform analyses the moisture data and communicates to the actuators of water irrigation channels as per the water needs and past historical data
10. Measurements at the sensors are at preset intervals and actuators activate at analysed required values of the intervals.
11. The platform uploads the programs to sensors and actuators circuitry and sets preset measurement intervals of T_1 (say, 24 hour) each and the preset actuation interval of t_2 (say, on 120 hour)
12. Sensed moisture values when exceed preset threshold then trigger the alarm
13. An algorithm uploads and updates the programs for the gateways and nodes.
14. Runs at the data-adaptation layer and finds the faulty or inaccessible moisture sensors at periodic intervals
15. Open source SDK and IDE are used for prototyping the monitoring system

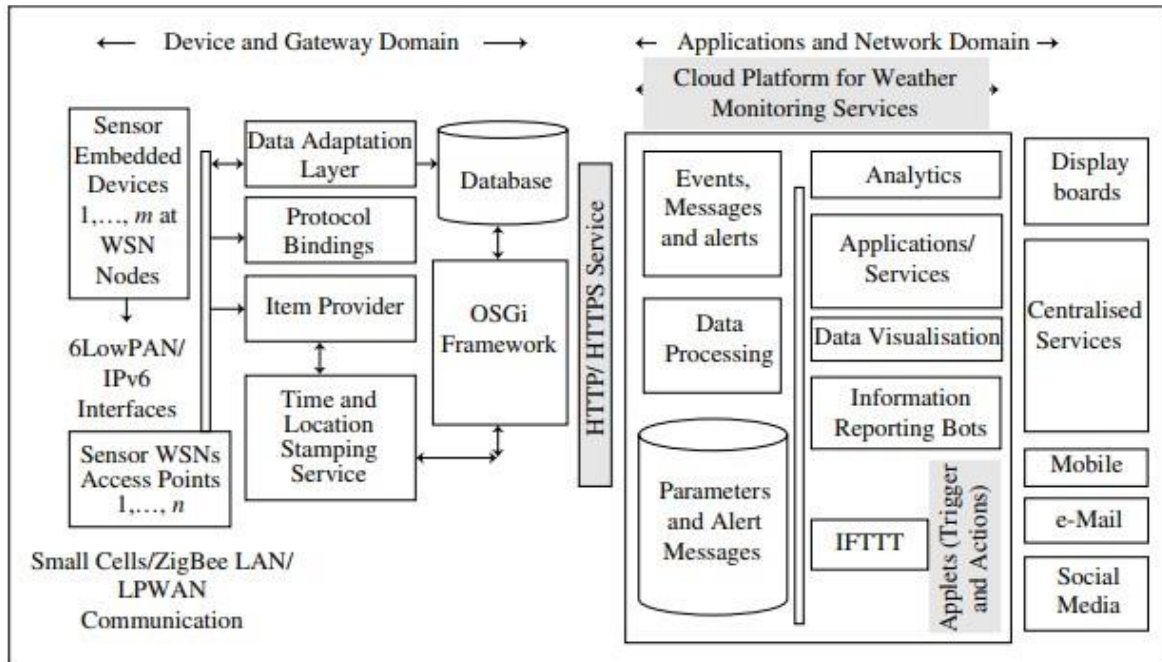


Figure 12.12 Data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference model for the WSNs based monitoring services

SmartWineQualityEnhancing

The sensors monitor the soil moisture and trunk diameter in vineyards. The monitoring controls the sugar content in grapes and health of grapevines. Data-flow diagram and domain architecture reference-model for the monitoring service are similar to ones shown in **Figure 12.12**.

Device and Gateway Domain

A WSN measures moisture and other parameters and has an ID. Each node is a WSN. Each WSN measures at assigned places in a crop or vineyard at certain depth(s) inside the soil. Sensors at three equally spaced depths are used for the vineyard grapes sugar-control.

A group of WSNs communicate among themselves using ZigBee and form a network. Each network has an access point, which receives the messages from each node using LPWAN. **Figures 7.17 show the WSNs.** They show interconnections between nodes, coordinators, routers and access points. Each access point associates a gateway. Each gateway communicates to the cloud using LPWAN

ENERGY

Energy IoT Applications for smart energy systems:

a). Smart Grid b). Renewable Energy Systems c). Prognostics

SMARTGRIDS

Smart grid technology provides predictive information and recommendations to utilize, their suppliers, and their customers on how best to manage power.

Smart grid collects the data regarding:

- Electricity generation
 - Electricity consumption
 - Storage
 - Distribution and equipment health data
- By analyzing the data on power generation, transmission and consumption of smart grids can improve efficiency throughout the electric system. Storage collection and analysis of smart grids data in the cloud can help in dynamic optimization of system operations, maintenance, and planning.
- Cloud-based monitoring of smart grids data can improve energy usage levels via energy feedback to users coupled with real-time pricing information.
- Condition monitoring data collected from power generation and transmission systems can help in detecting faults and predicting outages.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM

- Due to the variability in the output from renewable energy sources (such as solar and wind), integrating them into the grid can cause grid stability and reliability problems.
- IoT based systems integrated with the transformer at the point of interconnection measure the electrical variables and how much power is fed into the grid
- To ensure the grid stability, one solution is to simply cut off the overproductions.
- Communications systems for grid integration of renewable energy resources [IEEE Network, 2011] - provided the closed-loop controls for wind energy system that can be used to regulate the voltage at point of interconnection which coordinate wind turbine outputs and provides reactive power support.

PROGNOSTICS

- IoT-based prognostic real-time health management systems can predict performance of machines of energy systems by analyzing the extent of deviation of a system from its normal operating profiles.
- In the systems such as power grids, real-time information is collected using specialized electrical sensors called Phasor Measurement Units (PMU)
- Analyzing massive amounts of maintenance data collected from sensors in energy systems and equipment can provide predictions for impending failures.
- OpenPDC is a set of applications for processing of streaming time-series data collected from Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) in real-time.

Applications of IoT in Logistics

Implementation of IoT

in the logistics industry can boost the constituents of these pillars and help the logistics industry augment by leap and bounds. Below are some of the advantages that a conventional logistics company can enjoy from the application of Internet of Things.

1) Location and Route Management:

Trucks are the lifeline of any logistics company. In the US alone, more than 70% of all the goods are transported by trucks. In fact, around 95% of all the manufactured



goods at one point are transported via trucks. Logistics and fleet companies hence require systems that can help them manage their truck operations.

The location and route management solution of IoT for the logistics industry is hence quite popular. This solution enables a logistics manager to monitor the location of their trucks in real-time. By using GPS tracking systems and geofencing techniques, the route taken by the trucks can also be monitored from remote locations. This further helps the logistics companies to track driver activities and ensure timely cargo delivery.

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2) Inventory Tracking and Warehousing

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3) CBM and Breakdown Prevention:

IoT applicationsinlogisticssegmentarenotonlylimitedtothemonitoringandmanag

ement of assets. However, its most beneficial application is the identification of bottlenecks that may result in the breakdown of these assets. Internet of Things has helped industries to jump on predictive maintenance and condition-based maintenance instead of depending on scheduled inspection procedures.

By measuring and analyzing parameters that define the performance of the trucks, companies can predict patterns related to common truck breakdown. Similarly, real-time alerts systems can be used to gain alerts about probable unexpected malfunctions that can be prevented via condition-based maintenance.



These predictive applications of IoT will help companies to identify defects before they become catastrophic. Logistics companies will be able to improve their decision-making processes and create effective inspection/repair strategies. Moreover, these preventive insights about their assets will help companies reduce risks and downtime that will further result in seamless process execution and timely delivery operations.

4) IoT and Blockchain for Digital BOL:

Applications of IoT in logistics industry when blended with the technology of Blockchain create a digital Bill of Lading (BOL) that creates whole new transparency in the supply chains. This BOL allows a company and its customer to trace the transportation cycle of the products being shipped.

The amalgamation of both these technologies has resulted in the creation of smart contract solutions (BOL being one of its many constituents) that enable monitoring of all the stages between the origin of the goods and their final delivery in the customer's hands. Sensors and GPS trackers play a crucial role in this solution as well. Both parties can measure temperature, humidity, location, and other parameters from

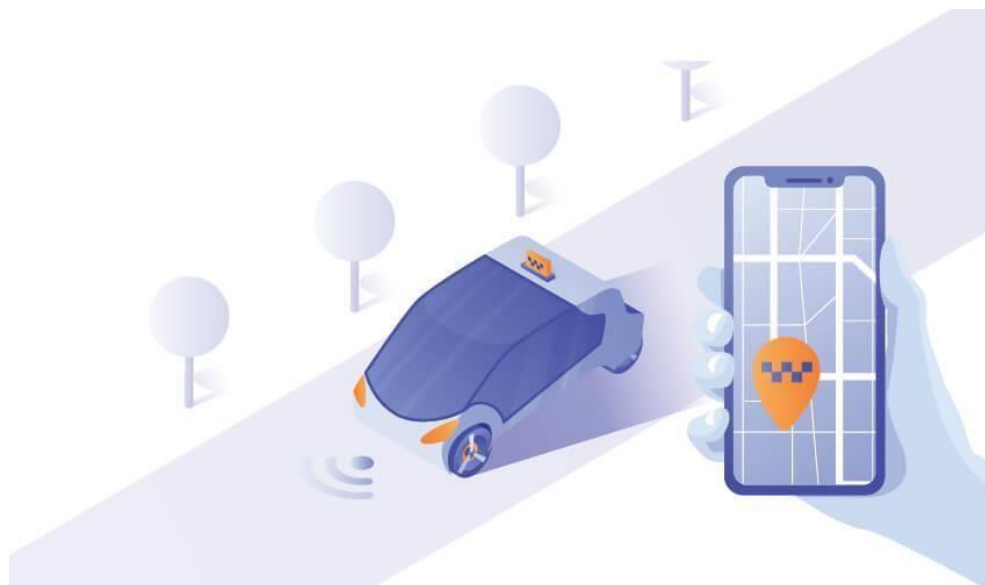


remote locations in real-time during the shipment and makes sure that all the conditions of the contract are fulfilled.

As data is stored in a Blockchain, the probability of data theft or cyber-attack is considerably reduced. Hence, transactions are instantly released from the customer's account if all the pre-described conditions comply. The customer can also cancel the contract if the contract is breached due to reasons like spoiled cargo or delivery delay. This maintains a two-way authority over the contract specifications further enforcing the security, transparency, and traceability of the supply chain.

5) Autonomous and Self-Driving Cars:

Logistics managers are not only responsible to manage the management of assets being transported. They are also supposed to ensure the safety of truckers and the cargo being shipped. This can be accomplished by the implementation of self-



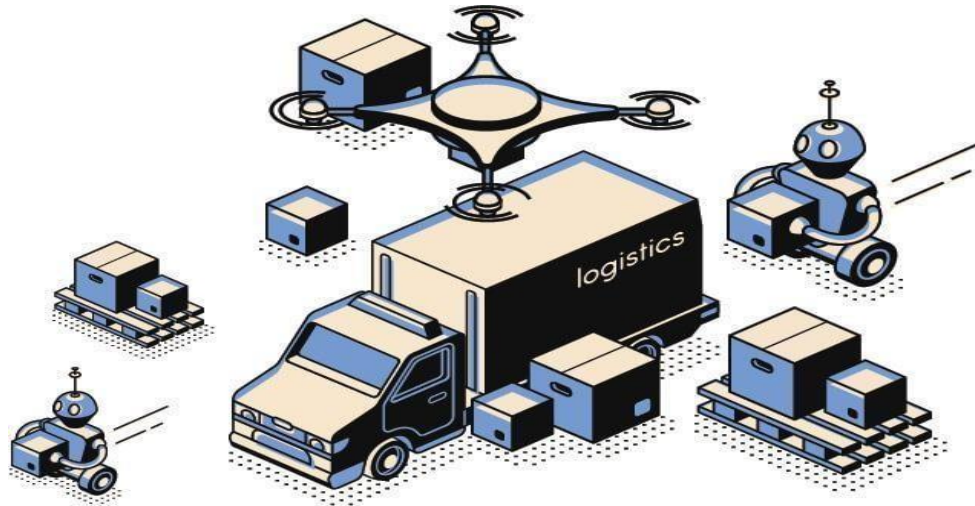
driving vehicles.

The hype of autonomous and self-driving vehicles is at an all-time high. Intelligent technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning are being blended by connected infrastructures formed by the Internet of Things. Using such infrastructures of IoT in logistics will be the first step for businesses to include the concept of autonomous vehicles. Data corresponding to various shipment parameters will be analyzed and processed to develop smart driving routes and directions. Logistics will hence be able to reduce their operation costs, minimize car accidents, and ensure timely cargo delivery based on traffic conditions.

6) Drone-Based Delivery:

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones are the new medium to deliver packages. Their potential lies strongly in the field of retail, logistics, agriculture, and e-commerce. Amazon, one of the Big 4 tech companies in the world has also unveiled the use of drones for delivering ordered items to people located in remote areas.

Drones applications and implementation of Internet of Things in logistics can ensure automated process execution and quick delivery of goods. The market of drones based delivery systems is growing at a rapid rate and is expected to reach a market valuation



of

\$11.2 billion by the end of 2020.

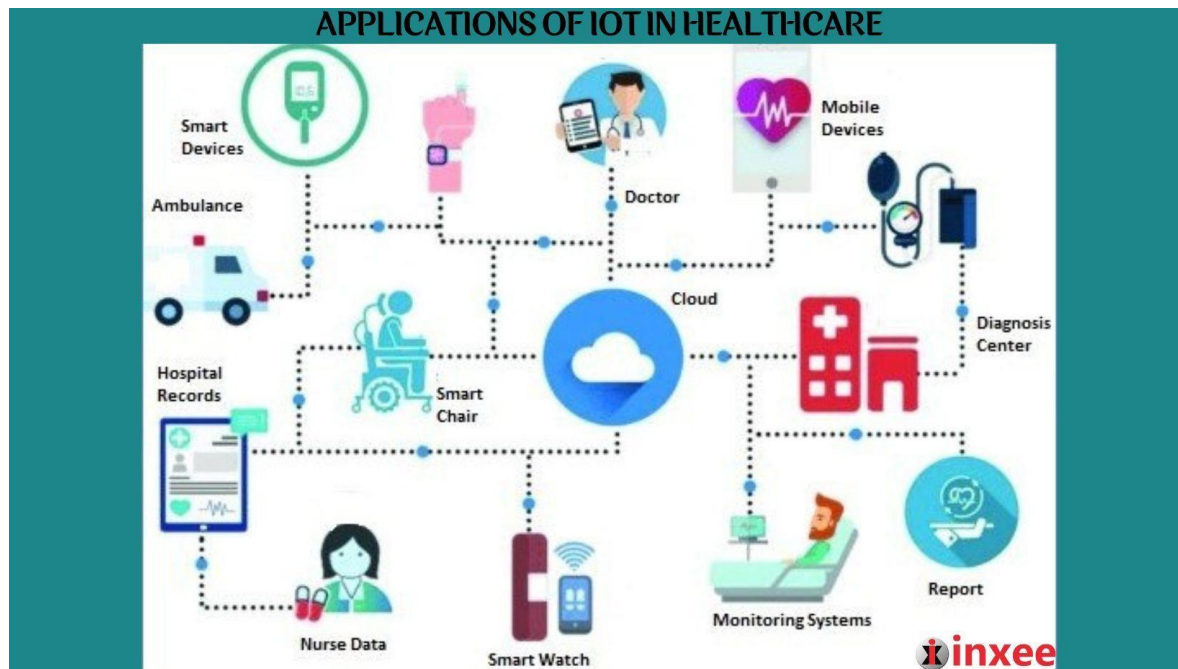
IoT in Health and lifestyle

IoT devices offer a number of new opportunities for healthcare professionals to monitor patients, as well as for patients to monitor themselves. By extension, the varieties of wearable IoT devices provide an array of benefits and challenges, for healthcare providers and their patients alike.

Remote patient monitoring

Remote patient monitoring is the most common application of IoT devices for healthcare. IoT devices can automatically collect health metrics like heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and more from patients who are not physically present in a healthcare facility, eliminating the need for patients to travel to the providers, or for patients to collect it themselves.

When an IoT device collects patient data, it forwards the data to a software application where healthcare professionals and/or patients can view it. Algorithms may be used to analyze the data in order to recommend treatments or generate alerts. For example, an IoT sensor that detects a patient's unusually low heart rate may generate an alert so that healthcare professionals can intervene.



A major challenge with remote patient monitoring devices is ensuring that the highly personal data that these IoT devices collect is secure and private.

Glucose monitoring

For the more than 30 million Americans with diabetes, glucose monitoring has traditionally been difficult. Not only is it inconvenient to have to check glucose levels and manually record results, but doing so reports a patient's glucose level only at the exact time the test is provided. If levels fluctuate widely, periodic testing may not be sufficient to detect a problem.

IoT devices can help address these challenges by providing continuous, automatic monitoring of glucose levels in patients. Glucose monitoring devices eliminate the need to keep records manually, and they can alert patients when glucose levels are problematic.

Challenges include designing an IoT device for glucose monitoring that:

- Is small enough to monitor continuously without causing a disruption to patients
- Does not consume so much electricity that it needs to be recharged frequently.
- These are not insurmountable challenges, however, and devices that address them promise to revolutionize the way patients handle glucose monitoring.

Heart-rate monitoring

Like glucose, monitoring heart rates can be challenging, even for patients who are present in healthcare facilities. Periodic heart rate checks don't guard against rapid fluctuations in heart rates, and conventional devices for continuous cardiac monitoring used in hospitals require patients to be attached to wired machines constantly, impairing their mobility.

Today, a variety of small IoT devices are available for heart rate monitoring, freeing patients to move around as they like while ensuring that their hearts are monitored continuously. Guaranteeing ultra-accurate results remains somewhat of a challenge, but most modern devices can deliver accuracy rates of about 90 percent or better.

Hand hygiene monitoring

Traditionally, there hasn't been a good way to ensure that providers and patients inside a healthcare facility washed their hands properly in order to minimize the risk of spreading contagion.

Today, many hospitals and other healthcare operations use IoT devices to remind people to sanitize their hands when they enter hospital rooms. The devices can even give instructions on how best to sanitize to mitigate a particular risk for a particular patient.

A major shortcoming is that these devices can only remind people to clean their hands; they can't do it for them. Still, research suggests that these devices can reduce infection rates by more than 60 percent in hospitals.

Depression and mood monitoring

Information about depression symptoms and patients' general mood is another type of data that has traditionally been difficult to collect continuously. Healthcare providers might periodically ask patients how they are feeling, but were unable to anticipate sudden mood swings. And, often, patients don't accurately report their feelings.

-Mood-aware IoT devices can address these challenges. By collecting and analyzing data such as heart rate and blood pressure, devices can infer information about a patient's mental state. Advanced IoT devices for mood monitoring can even track data such as the movement of a patient's eyes.

The key challenge here is that metrics like these can't predict depression symptoms or other causes for concern with complete accuracy. But neither can a traditional in-person mental assessment.

Parkinson's disease monitoring

In order to treat Parkinson's patients most effectively, healthcare providers must be able to assess how theseverity of their symptoms fluctuate through the day.

IoT sensors promise to make this task much easier by continuously collecting data about Parkinson's symptoms. At the same time, the devices give patients the freedom to go about their lives in their own homes, instead of having to spend extended periods in a hospital for observation.

Other examples of IoT/IoMT

While wearable devices like those described above remain the most commonly used type of IoT device in healthcare, there are devices that go beyond monitoring to actually providing treatment, or even living in or on the patient. Examples include the following.

Connected inhalers

Conditions such as asthma or COPD often involve attacks that come on suddenly, with little warning. IoT-connected inhalers can help patients by monitoring the frequency of attacks, as well as collecting data from the environment to help healthcare providers understand what triggered an attack.

In addition, connected inhalers can alert patients when they leave inhalers at home, placing them at risk of suffering an attack without their inhaler present, or when they use the inhaler improperly.

Ingestible sensors

Collecting data from inside the human body is typically a messy and highly disruptive affair. No one enjoys having a camera or probe stuck into their digestive tract, for example.

With ingestible sensors, it's possible to collect information from digestive and other systems in a much less invasive way. They provide insights into stomach pH levels, for instance, or help pinpoint the source of internal bleeding.

These devices must be small enough to be swallowed easily. They must also be able to dissolve or pass through the human body cleanly on their own. Several companies are hard at work on ingestible sensors that meet these criteria.

Connected contact lenses

Smart contact lenses provide another opportunity for collecting healthcare data in a passive, non-intrusive way. They could also, incidentally, include microcameras that allow wearers effectively to take pictures with their eyes, which is probably why companies like Google have patented connected contact lenses.

Whether they're used to improve health outcomes or for other purposes, smart lenses promise to turn human eyes into a powerful tool for digital interactions.

Robotics surgery

By deploying small Internet-connected robots inside the human body, surgeons can perform complex procedures that would be difficult to manage using human hands. At the same time, robotic surgeries performed by small IoT devices can reduce the size of incisions required to perform surgery, leading to a less invasive process and faster healing.