OSS-7 AN OPEN SOURCE DASH7 STACK

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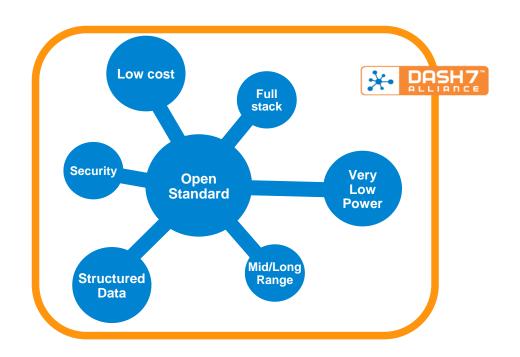


DASH7 ALLIANCE PROTOCOL WHEN ACTIVE RFID MEETS IOT

- Open standard
- Wireless Sensor and Actuator Network Protocol
- Originates from ISO 18000-7 ("dash7") active RFID std
- Extended to support IoT functionalities
- All subGHz bands
- Star or tree topology (no mesh)
- V1.1 of spec published in Q1 2017
- Research group active member in alliance and driving opensource implementation

DASH7 ALLIANCE PROTOCOL KEY ASPECTS

- Asynchronous
- Low power
- Full stack
- Everything is a file
 - Config
 - Sensor Data



APPLICATION LAYER PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

- ALP commands (request/response)
- Generic API to manage the filesystem
 - Not specific to D7AP
- Operations
 - Read file
 - Write file
 - Execute file
 - ..

GATEWAY NODE SERIAL D7 MODEM



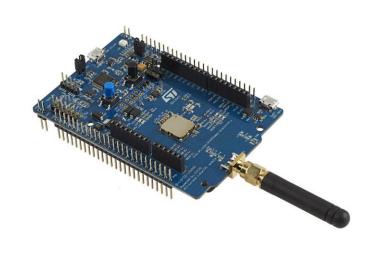
- STMicroelectronics devkit
- Laptop with pyd7a
- ALP over serial

DEMO

- Browse local FS using modem-webgui
- Execute local ALP command using modem-webgui

SENSOR NODES

STMICROELECTRONICS DEVKIT + SENSOR SHIELD





SENSOR APPLICATION ONLY MEASURE AND WRITE TO FILE

```
void execute_sensor_measurement()
{
  int16_t temperature = 0; // in decicelsius.
  HTS221_Get_Temperature(hts221_handle, &temperature);

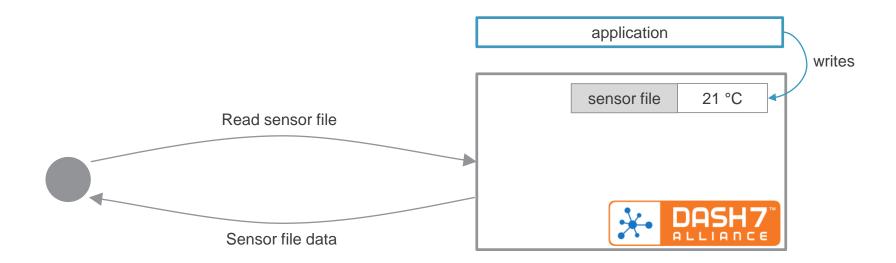
  fs_write_file(SENSOR_FILE_ID, 0, (uint8_t*)&temperature, SENSOR_FILE_SIZE);

  timer_post_task_delay(&execute_sensor_measurement, SENSOR_INTERVAL_SEC);
}
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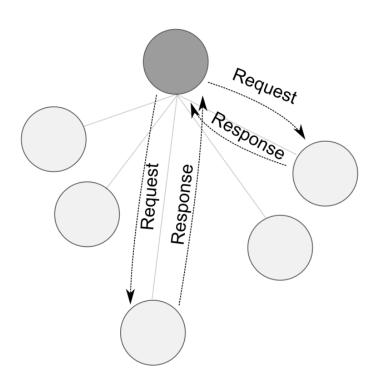
DEMO

Query remote nodes sensor files using modem-webgui

SENSOR APPLICATION PULL



COMMUNICATION SCHEMES PULL



- Request the data only when needed
- Interrogate multiple responders at once
- Ad-hoc synchronization
- Tradeoff latency versus energy consumption

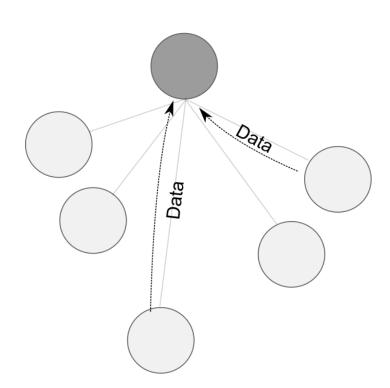
AD-HOC SYNCHRONIZATION

OR LOW-POWER LISTENING



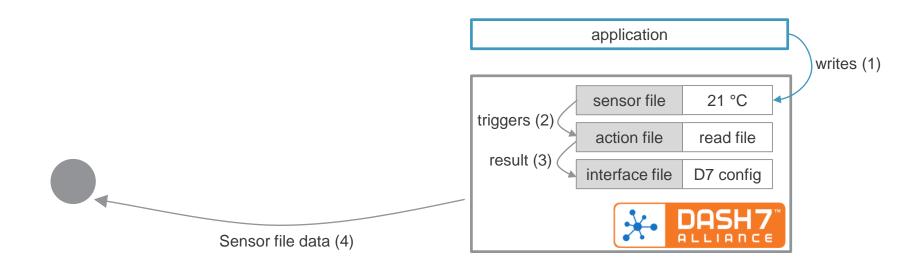
COMMUNICATION SCHEMES PUSH

- Tag talk first
 - Periodic data
 - Sensor triggered
- Unsolicited response
 - To a question never asked explicitely by requester
- D7A Action Protocol



D7A ACTION PROTOCOL

USE FILE TRIGGERS FOR FLEXIBLE PUSH COMMUNICATION



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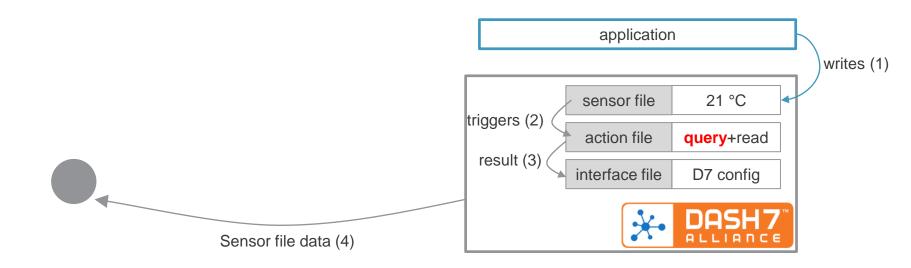
- Demo enable D7ActP on the remote nodes using pyd7a
 - Action is same as in pulling sensor file example (read file)
- Show incoming sensor values on thingsboard dashboard

ALP QUERY OPERATION

- Compare file data <> data in query or another file
 - Arithmetic (==, !=, <, >, ...)
 - String search
- Result determines further execution of command
- Sophisticated addressing
 - "All nodes with temperature > 25 degrees: return content of file x"

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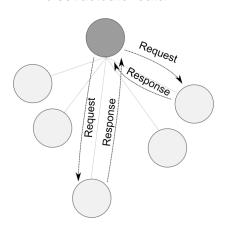
- Add query condition to D7ActP action (temp > x) on the remote nodes
- Show no new incoming values, until we increase temp on 1 node > x
- Show we can still query the other nodes with temp < x</p>

COMMUNICATION SCHEMES

Pull

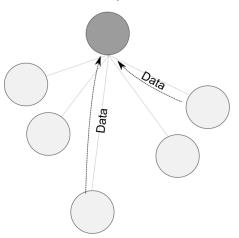
To obtain tag sensor data

To set actuator data



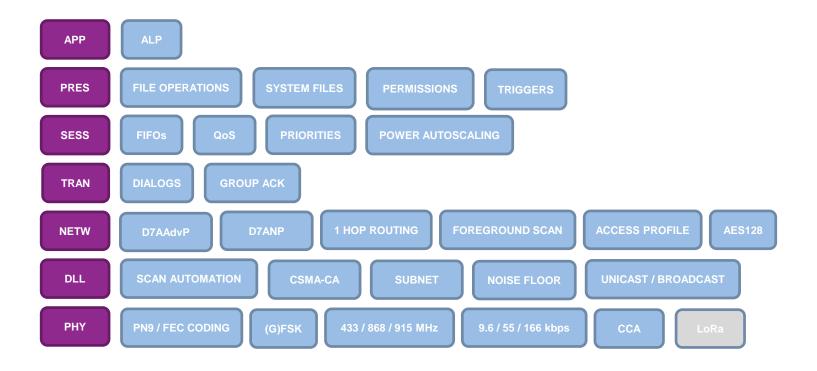
Push

For alarms and periodic data



Combinations possible. Other options: dormant sessions, push with frequency agility

FULL STACK SPECIFICATION



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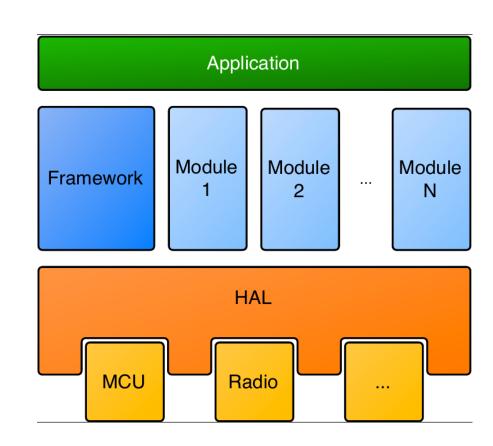
AN OPEN SOURCE D7AP IMPLEMENTATION

- Reference implementation for spec
- Generate interest in D7AP
- Support multiple hardware platforms
- Firmware + tools
- Apache License v2.0
 - Allows commercial products



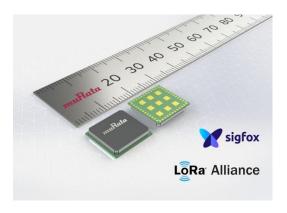
OSS-7 SIMPLE AND FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK

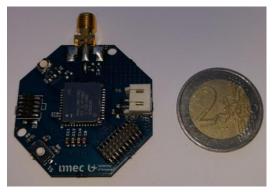
- HAL
- Drivers for peripherals and radio
- Platform: combination of drivers + wiring on board
- Low power cooperative scheduling
- Module
 - D7AP
 - LoRaWAN



MURATA LPWA MODULE EASY INTEGRATION OF D7 MODEM

- App MCU + modem
 - Serial connection (ALP)
 - App does not interfer with stack timings
 - Modem separately certified
- Murata Type ABZ
 - stm32l0 + semtech sx1276
 - Minimal external components





RELATED TOOLS

- pyd7a
 - Parser / generator for ALP / frames
 - Modem API
 - Examples + tools
 - webgui
- oss7-thingsboard-gateway
 - Integrate modem with ThingsBoard IoT platform
 - Digital twin
 - Up and downlink
 - Parse sensor data (plugins)
- oss7-testsuite
 - Integration tests on physical modems
 - driven by pyd7a + pytest
 - Jenkins CI

OSS-7 NEXT STEPS

- Feature completeness
- Move to D7AP v1.2 (under discussion)
- Over the air update
- C modem library
- Enable porting to other OSs
 - RIOT OS

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- @ossdash7
- https://github.com/MOSAIC-LoPoW/dash7-ap-open-source-stack
- http://groups.google.com/group/dash7-ap-oss
- http://www.dash7-alliance.org/

