

# Semantic Proxy

Semantic Interoperability Demonstration using  
OneDM SDF, iotschema RDF, and W3C WoT TD

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- A Proxy for Semantic Interoperability
  - Proxy to enable translation from device protocol to application protocol
  - Provides for many-to-many mapping of application protocols to device protocols
  - many-to-one and one-to-many through a common semantic model
  - Could implement a "universal" IoT gateway

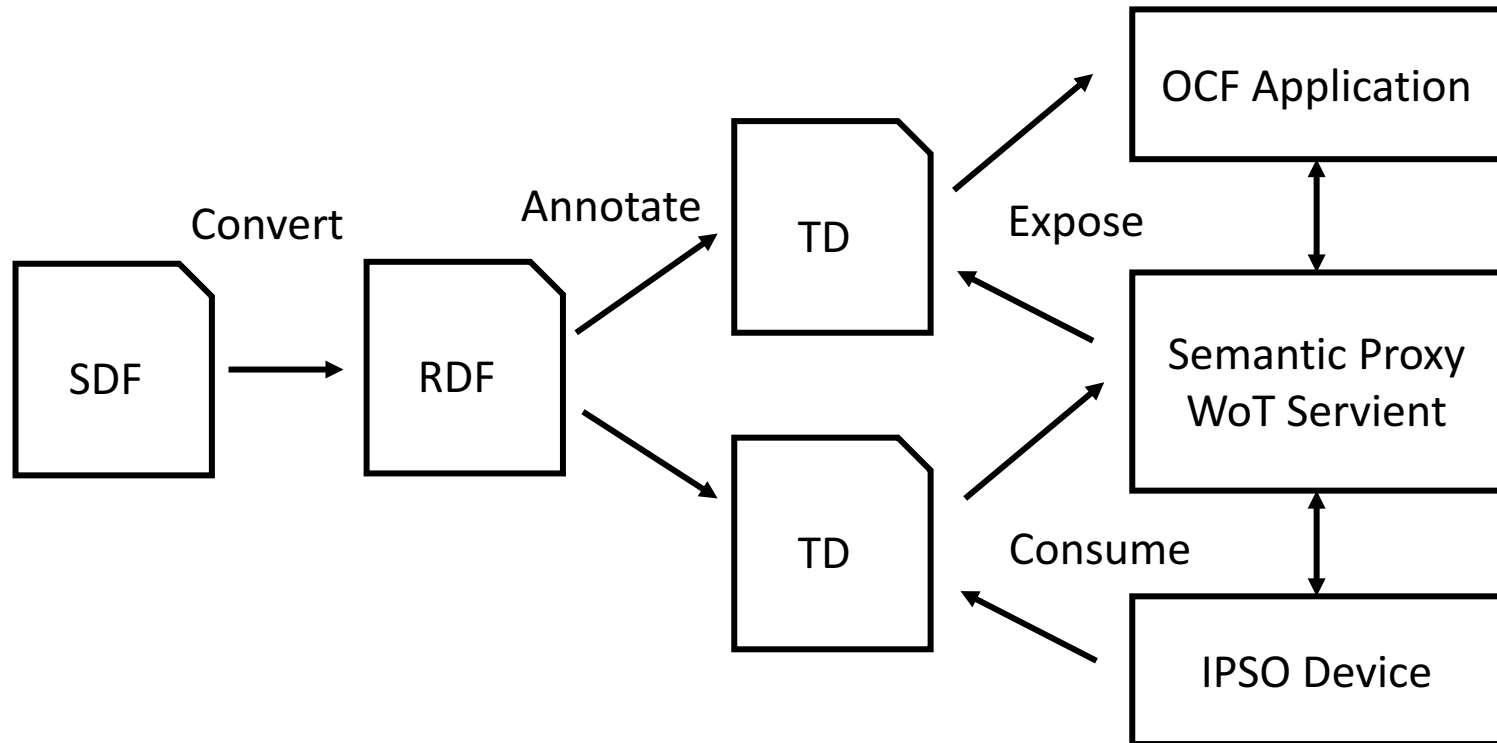
# Semantic Proxy – Protocol Binding

- Uses a common semantic model to connect applications to things over diverse network protocols and communication patterns
- Proxy maps the meta-model operations to network messages in the target protocol using protocol bindings
- Flavors of REST, Pub/Sub, RPC messages
- Example using W3C Web of Things Architecture

# Protocol Binding – Meta Operations

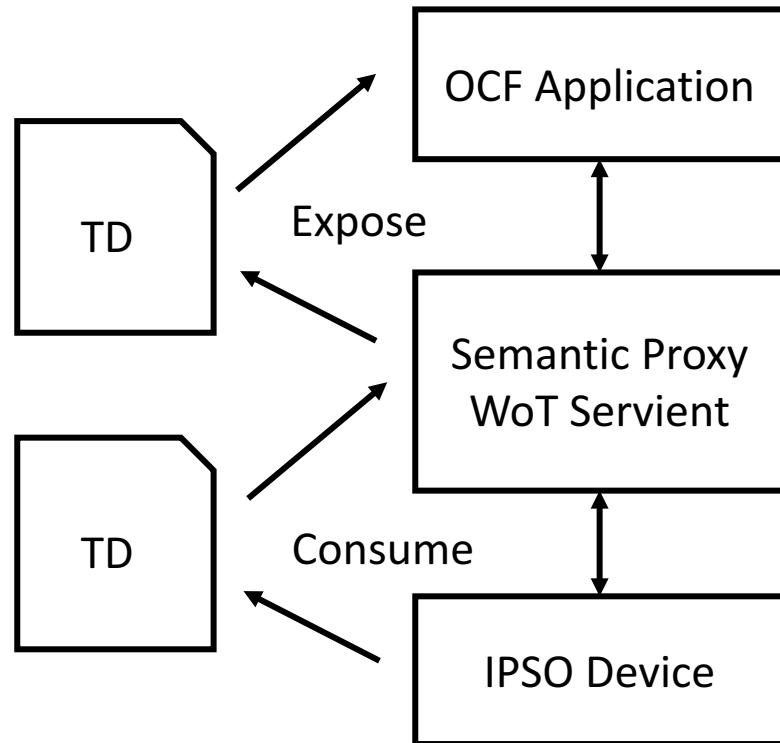
- Property
  - value = Read(), Write(value)
- Action
  - status response(s) = Invoke(parameters)
- Event
  - event occurrence responses = Subscribe()

# Semantic Proxy - Schematic



# Semantic Proxy - Schematic

- Exposed Thing TDs have OCF protocol binding
- Consumed Thing TDs have IPSO protocol binding
- Both TDs have the same meta interactions and operations defined in OneDM models



# Semantic Proxy – W3C Web of Things Integration

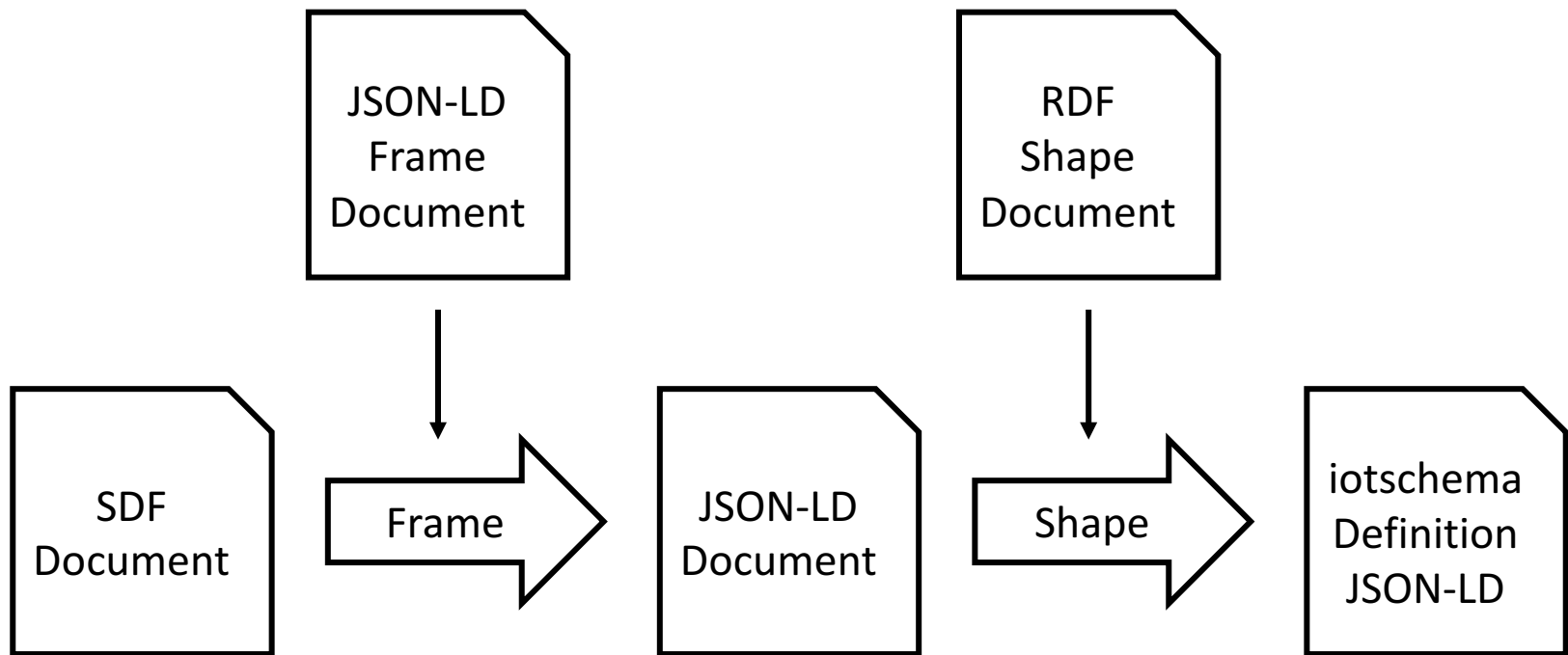
- "Thing Description" associates semantic identifiers for Properties, Actions, and Events with affordance descriptions consisting of data schemas and protocol bindings
- Protocol bindings associate network operations with meta-operations in the semantic model
- "Incoming" Consumed TD and "Outgoing" Exposed TD have the same affordances in the semantic model, and customized data schemas and protocol bindings

# Semantic Proxy – RDF Converter

- WoT Thing Description can use iotschema definitions for annotation
  - WoT TD only has Thing and affordance (P/A/E) classes
- iotschema style RDF definitions are aligned with the OneDM SDF meta-model
- Create RDF statements from OneDM definitions for use in semantic tooling
- odmObject maps to iotschema Capability
- odmThing and odmView don't directly map but can extend iotschema Capability



# Convert SDF Documents to an iotschema style Definitions



# OneDM SDF Example Mapping

```
{
  "namespace": {
    JSON-LD Context → "iot": "http://iotschema.org/#"
  },
  "defaultnamespace": "iot",
  iotschema Capability → "odmObject": {
    "Switch": {
      iotschema Property → "odmProperty": {
        "State": {
          "type": "string",
          "enum": ["on", "off"]
        }
      },
      iotschema Action → "odmAction": {
        "On": {},
        "Off": {}
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# Expected Result (1)

```
{
  "@id": "iot:SwitchCapability",
  "@type": "rdfs:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "SwitchCapability",
  "rdfs:subClassOf": {
    "@id": "iot:Capability"
  },
  "iot:providesInteractionPattern": [
    {
      "@id": "iot:SwitchStateProperty",
      "@id": "iot:SwitchOnAction",
      "@id": "iot:SwitchOffAction"
    }
  ]
}
```

## Result (2)

```
{
  "@id": "iot:SwitchStateProperty",
  "@type": "rdfs:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "SwitchStateProperty",
  "rdfs:subClassOf": {
    "@id": "iot:Property"
  },
  "iot:providesOutputData": {
    "@id": "iot:SwitchStateData"
  }
},
{
  "@id": "iot:SwitchStateData",
  "@type": "rdfs:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "SwitchStateData",
  "rdfs:subClassOf": {
    "@id": "schema:PropertyValue"
  },
  "schema:propertyType": {
    "@id": "schema:String"
  }
}
```

# Result (3)

```
{
  "@id": "iot:SwitchOnAction",
  "@type": "rdfs:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "SwitchOnAction",
  "rdfs:subClassOf": {
    "@id": "iot:Action"
  }
},
{
  "@id": "iot:SwitchOffAction",
  "@type": "rdfs:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "SwitchOffAction",
  "rdfs:subClassOf": {
    "@id": "iot:Action"
  }
}
```

# Result(4)

- How do we describe the enum in iotschema style RDF?

# Semantic Proxy – WoT TD

```
{
  "@context": [
    "https://www.w3.org/2019/wot/td/v1",
    {"iot": "http://iotschema.org/"}
  ],
  "@type": [ "Thing", "iot:SwitchCapability" ],
  "properties": {
    "switchState": {
      "@type": ["iot:SwitchStateProperty", "iot:SwitchStateData"],
      "type": "string",
      "enum": ["on", "off"],
      "writeOnly": false,
      "readOnly": false,
      "observable": false,
      "forms": [
        {
          "href": "/example/switch/state",
          "op": ["readproperty", "writeproperty"],
          "contentType": "application/json"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
},
```

# Semantic Proxy – WoT TD

```
"actions": {
  "switchOn": {
    "@type": ["iot:SwitchOnAction"],
    "input": {},
    "forms": [
      {
        "href": "/example/switch/on",
        "op": ["invokeaction"],
        "contentType": "application/json"
      }
    ]
  },
  "switchOff": {
    "@type": ["iot:SwitchOffAction"],
    "input": {},
    "forms": [
      {
        "href": "/example/switch/off",
        "op": ["invokeaction"],
        "contentType": "application/json"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```



# Semantic Proxy – Semantic API

- Names of affordances are resolved through Semantic Discovery
  - `PropertyName=discover(FilterParameters)`
- Applications use meta-model affordances and operations
  - `data=readProperty(PropertyName)`
  - `writeProperty(PropertyName, data)`
  - `result=invokeAction(ActionName, parameters)`
  - `data=subscribeEvent(EventName)`
- Supports modular, declarative programming models – Node-RED

# References

One Data Model SDF and Model work in progress

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Semantic Proxy and W3C WoT

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