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# Chapter 1. Introduction to IoT

#### 1.1. Introduction

Building upon a complex network connecting billions of devices and humans into a multitechnology, multi-protocol and multi-platform infrastructure, the Internet-of-Things (IoT) main vision is to create an intelligent world where the real, digital and the virtual are converging to create smart environments that provide more intelligence to the energy, health, transport, cities, industry, buildings and many other areas of our daily life. It is expected to interconnect millions of islands of smart networks enabling access to the information not only "anytime" and "anywhere" but also using "anything" and "anyone" ideally through any "path", "network" and "any service". This will be achieved by having the objects that we manipulate daily to be outfitted with sensing, identification and positioning devices and endowed with an IP address to become smart objects capable of communicating with not only other smart objects but also with humans with the expectation of reaching areas that we could never reach without the advances made in the sensing, identification and positioning technologies. While being globally discoverable and queried, these smart objects can similarly discover and interact with external entities by querying humans, computers and other smart objects. The smart objects can also obtain intelligence by making or enabling context related decisions by taking advantage of the available communication channels to provide information about themselves and can access information that has been aggregated by other smart objects.

Figure 1: Internet-connected devices and the future evolution (Source: Cisco, 2011)

As revealed by Figure 1, the IoT is the new essential infrastructure which is predicted to connect 50 billion of smart objects in 2020 when the world population will reach 7.6 billion. As suggested by the ITU, such essential infrastructure will be built around a multi-layered architecture where the smart objects will be used to deliver different services through the four main layers depicted by Figure 2: a device layer, a network layer, a support layer and the application layer. In the device layer lies devices (sensors, actuators, RFID devices) and gateways used to collect the sensor readings for further processing while the network layer provides the necessary transport and networking capabilities for routing the IoT data to processing places. The service and application layer is a middleware layer that serves to hide the complexity of the lower layers to the application layer and provide specific and generic services such as storage in different forms (database management systems and/or cloud computing systems) and many other services such as translation.

Figure 2: IoT Layered Architecture (Source: ITU-T)

As depicted by Figure 3, the IoT can be perceived as an infrastructure driving a number of applications services which are enabled by a number of technologies. Its application services expand across many domains such as smart cities, smart transport, smart buildings, smart energy, smart industry and smart health while it is enabled by different technologies such as sensor, nanoeletronics, wireless sensor network (wsn), radio frequency identification (RFID), localization, storage and cloud. The IoT systems and applications are designed to provide security, privacy, safety, integrity, trust, dependability, transparency, anonymity and are bound by ethics constraints.

Figure 3: IoT-3Dimentional View (Source: [1])

Experts say we are heading towards what can be called a "ubiquitous network society", one in which networks and networked devices are omnipresent. RFID and wireless sensors promise a world of networked and interconnected devices that provide relevant content and information whatever the location of the user. Everything from tires to toothbrushes will be in communications range, heralding the dawn of a new era, one in which today's Internet (of data and people) gives way to tomorrow's Internet of Things. At the dawn of the Internet revolution, users were amazed at the possibility of contacting people and information across the world and across time zones. The next step in this technological revolution (connecting people any-time, anywhere) is to connect inanimate objects to a communication network. This vision underlying the Internet of things will be facilitated by implemented here the information will be accessed not only "anytime" and "anywhere" but also using "anything". This will be facilitated by using WSNs and RFID tags to extend the communication and monitoring potential of the network of networks, as will the introduction of computing power in everyday items such as razors, shoes and packaging. WSNs are an early form of ubiquitous information and communication networks. They are one of building blocks of the Internet of things.

#### 1.2. Wireless Sensor Networks

A Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) is a self-configuring network of small sensor nodes (so-called motes) communicating among them using radio signals, and deployed in quantity to sense the physical world. Sensor nodes are essentially small computers with extremely basic functionality. They consist of a processing unit with limited computational power and a limited memory, a radio communication device, a power source and one or more sensors. Motes come in different sizes and shapes, depending on their foreseen use. They can be very small, if they are to be deployed in big numbers and need to have little visual impact. They can have a rechargeable battery power source if they are to be used in a lab. The integration of these tiny, ubiquitous electronic devices in the most diverse scenarios ensures a wide range of applications. Some of the application areas are environmental monitoring, agriculture, health

and security. In a typical application, a WSN is scattered in a region where it is meant to collect data through its sensor nodes. These networks provide a bridge between the physical world and the virtual world. They promise unprecedented abilities to observe and understand large scale, real-world phenomena at a fine spatial-temporal resolution. This is so because one deploys sensor nodes in large numbers directly in the field, where the experiments take place. All motes are composed of five main elements as shown below:

- 1. Processor: the task of this unit is to process locally sensed information and information sensed by other devices. At present the processors are limited in terms of computational power, but given Moore's law, future devices will come in smaller sizes, will be more powerful and consume less energy. The processor can run in different modes: sleep is used most of the time to save power, idle is used when data can arrive from other motes, and active is used when data is sensed or sent to / received from other motes.
- 2. Power source: motes are meant to be deployed in various environments, including remote and hostile regions so they must use little power. Sensor nodes typically have little energy storage, so networking protocols must emphasize power conservation. They also must have built-in mechanisms that allow the end user the option of prolonging network lifetime at the cost of lower throughput. Sensor nodes may be equipped with effective power scavenging methods, such as solar cells, so they may be left unattended for months, or years. Common sources of power are rechargeable batteries, solar panels and capacitors.
- 3. Memory: it is used to store both programs (instructions executed by the processor) and data (raw and processed sensor measurements).
- 4. Radio: WSN devices include a low-rate, short-range wireless radio. Typical rates are 10-100 kbps, and range is less than 100 meters. Radio communication is often the most power-intensive omust incorporate energy-efficient techniques such as wake-up modes. Sophisticated algorithms and protocols are employed to address the issues of lifetime maximization, robustness and fault tolerance.
- 5. Sensors: sensor networks may consist of many different types of sensors capable of monitoring a wide variety of ambient conditions. Table 1 classifies the three main categories of sensors based on field-readiness and scalability. While scalability reveals if the sensors are small and inexpensive enough to scale up to many distributed systems, the field-readiness describes the sensor's engineering efficiency with relation to field deployment. In terms of the engineering efficiency, Table1 reveals high field-readiness for most physical sensors and for a few numbers of chemical sensors while most chemical sensors lie in the medium and low levels and biological sensors have low field-readiness.

Sensor Category	Parameter	Field-Readiness	Scalability
Physical	Temperature	High	High

Sensor Category	Parameter	Field-Readiness	Scalability
	Moisture Content	High	High
	Flow rate,Flow velocity	High	Med-High
	Pressure	High	High
	Light Transmission (Turb)	High	High
Chemical	Dissolved Oxygen	High	High
	Electrical Conductivity	High	High
	рН	High	High
	Oxydation Reduction Potential	Medium	High
	Major Ionic Species (Cl-, Na+)	Low-Medium	High
	Nutrientsa (Nitrate, Ammonium)	Low-Medium	Low-High
	Heavy metals	Low	Low
	Small Organic Compounds	Low	Low
	Large Organic Compounds	Low	Low
Biological	Microorganisms	Low	Low
	Biologically active contaminants	Low	Low

Common applications include the sensing of temperature, humidity, light, pressure, noise levels, acceleration, soil moisture, etc. Due to bandwidth and power constraints, devices primarily support low-data-units with limited computational power and a limited rate sensing. Some applications require multi-mode sensing, so each device may have several sensors on board.

Following is a short description of the technical characteristics of WSNs that make this technology attractive.

- 1. Wireless Networking: motes communicate with each other via radio in order to exchange and process data collected by their sensing unit. In some cases, nodes can use other nodes as relays, in which case the network is said to be multi-hop. If nodes communicate only directly with each other or with the gateway, the network is said to be single-hop. Wireless connectivity allow to retrieve data in real-time from locations that are difficult to access. It also makes the monitoring system less intrusive in places where wires would disturb the normal operation of the environment to monitor. It reduces the costs of installation: it has been estimated that wireless technology could eliminate up to 80 % of this cost.
- 2. Self-organization: motes organize themselves into an ad-hoc network, which means they do not need any pre-existing infrastructure. In WSNs, each mote is programmed to run a discovery of its neighborhood, to recognize which are the nodes that it can hear and talk to over its radio. The capacity of organizing spontaneously in a network makes them easy to deploy, expand and maintain, as well as resilient to the failure of individual points.
- 3. Low-power: WSNs can be installed in remote locations where power sources are not available. They must therefore rely on power given by batteries or obtained by energy harvesting techniques such as solar panels. In order to run for several months of years, motes must use low-power radios and processors and implement power efficient schemes. The processor must go to sleep mode as long as possible, and the Medium-Access layer must be designed accordingly. Thanks to these techniques, WSNs allow for long-lasting deployments in remote locations.

# 1.3. Applications

The integration of these tiny, ubiquitous electronic devices in the most diverse scenarios ensures a wide range of applications. Some of the most common application areas are environmental monitoring, agriculture, health and security. In a typical application, a WSN is scatteEnvironmental monitoring applications of WSN include:

- 1. Tracking the movement of animals. A large sensor network has been deployed to study the effect of micro climate factors in habitat selection of sea birds on Great Duck Island in Maine, USA. Researchers placed their sensors in burrows and used heat to detect the presence of nesting birds, providing invaluable data to biological researchers. The deployment was heterogeneous in that it employed burrow nodes and weather nodes.
- 2. Forest fire detection. Since sensor nodes can be strategically deployed in a forest, sensor nodes can relay the exact origin of the fire to the end users before the fire is spread uncontrollable. Researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, demonstrated the feasibility of sensor network technology in a fire environment with their FireBug application.

- Flood detection. An example is the ALERT system deployed in the US. It uses sensors that detect rainfall, water level and weather conditions. These sensors supply information to a centralized database system.
- 4. Geophysical research. A group of researchers from Harvard deployed a sensor network on an active volcano in South America to monitor seismic activity and similar conditions related to volcanic eruptions.
- 5. Agricultural applications of WSN include precision agriculture and monitoring conditions that affect crops and livestock. Many of the problems in managing farms to maximize production while achieving environmental goals can only be solved with appropriate data. WSN can also be used in retail control, particularly in goods that require being maintained under controlled conditions (temperature, humidity,light, etc).
- 6. An application of WSN in security is predictive maintenance. BP's Loch Rannoch project developed a commercial system to be used in refineries. This system monitors critical rotating machinery to evaluate operation conditions and report when wear and tear is detected. Thus one can understand how a machine is wearing and perform predictive maintenance. Sensor networks can be used to detect chemical agents in the air and water. They can also help to identify the type, concentration and location of pollutants.
- 7. An example of the use of WSN in health applications is the Bi-Fi, embedded system architecture for patient monitoring in hospitals and out-patient care. It has been conceived at UCLA and is based on the SunSPOT architecture by Sun. The motes measure high-rate biological data such as neural signals, pulse oximetry and electrocardiographs. The data is then interpreted, filtered, and transmitted by the motes to enable early warnings.

#### 1.4. Roles in a WSN

Nodes in a WSN can play different roles.

- Sensor nodes are used to sense their surroundings and transmit the sensor readings to a sink node also called "base station". They are typically equipped with different kinds of sensors. A mote is endowed with on-board processing, communication capabilities and sensing capabilities.
- 2. Sink nodes also referred to as "base stations" are tasked to collect the sensor readings of the other nodes and pass these readings to a gateway to which they are directly connected for further processing/analysis. A sink node is endowed with minimal on-board processing and communication capabilities but with no sensing capabilities.
- 3. Actuators are devices which are used to control the environment, based on triggers revealed by the sensor readings collected in the environment. An actuator may have the

same configuration as a mote but is also endowed with controlling capabilities: e.g switch a light on under low luminosity.

Gateways often connected to sink nodes are high energy devices usually connected to a stable power supply. These devices are normal computing devices such as laptops, notebooks, desktops, mobile phones or other emerging devices which are able to store, process and route the sensor readings to processing place. However, they may not be endowed with sensing capabilities. Being range-limited, sensor motes require multi-hop communication capabilities enabling 1) spanning distances much larger than the transmission range of a single node through localized communication between neighbor nodes 2) adaptation to network changes, for example, by routing around a failed node using a different path in order to improve performance and 3) using less transmitter power as a result of the shorter distance transmission mode enabled by the potential to achieve localized communication. They are deployed in three forms: (1) Sensor node used to sense the environment (2) Relay node used as relay for the sensor readings received from other nodes and (3) Sink node also often called base station which is connected to a gateway (laptop, iPad, iPod, Smart phone, desktop) with higher energy capable of either processing the sensor readings locally or to transmit these readings to remote processing places.

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# Chapter 3. Introduction to IPv6

IPv6 stands for Internet Protocol version 6, so the importance of IPv6 is implicit in its name, it's as important as Internet! The Internet Protocol (IP from now on) was a tentative solution to data network's needs, and has become the "de facto" standard. By now you just need to know that IP is present in all devices that are able to send and receive digital information using data networks, including the Internet. IP is standardized by the IETF, the organization in charge of all the Internet standards, what makes it easy to find, cheap, and interoperate properly between different vendor's products and software. The fact that IP is a standard is of vital importance, because today everything is getting connected to the Internet where IP is used. All available Operating Systems and networking libraries have IP available in order to send and receive data. Included in this "everything-connected-to-Internet" is the IoT, so now you know why you are reading this chapter about IPv6, the last version of the Internet Protocol. In other words, today, the easiest way to send and receive data is using the standards used in the Internet, including the IP.

The objectives of this chapter are:

- Briefly know about history of the Internet Protocol.
- Know what IPv6 is used for.
- Get the IPv6 related concepts that you will need to understand the rest of the book.
- Give you the first practical overview of IPv6, including addresses and how an IPv6 network looks like.

## 3.1. A little bit of History

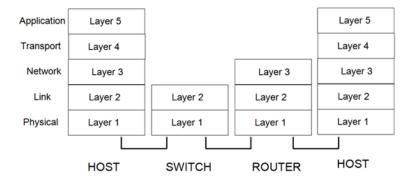
In the beginning of Internet, that started as a research network called ARPANET in early 1980's, the first Internet Protocol was defined, was called IPv4 (Internet Protocol version 4). First only research centers and Universities were connected, but after the U.S. Department of Defense decided to use IP as network protocol much more funding and vendors make it to develop and be much more widely used, including vendors that implemented it. The next step was that ARPANET became Internet and get open to everybody that wanted to connect to it, including companies and public services. The exponential growth of Internet happened when HTML and web sites appeared and started to be used world-wide in the beginning of 1990's. As a consequence there was a rapid reduction in the number of free IP addresses available under IPv4, which was never designed to scale to these levels.

In order to get more addresses, you need more bits, which means a longer IP address, which means a new architecture, which means changes to all of the routing and network software. After examining a number of proposals, the IETF settled on IPv6, recommended in January 1995 in RFC 1752, sometimes also referred to as the Next Generation Internet Protocol, or IPng. The IETF updated the IPv6 standard in 1998 with the current definition included in RFC 2460. By 2004, IPv6 was widely available from industry and supported by most new network equipment. Today IPv6 coexist with IPv4 in the Internet and the amount of IPv6 traffic is quickly growing as more and more ISPs and content providers have started to make IPv6 available.

As you can see the history of IP and Internet are almost the same, and because of this the growth of Internet has made IPv4 become insufficient for its needs, and has led to the need of a new version of IP, IPv6, that is clearly the future of Internet and the protocol to be used to interconnect devices to send and/or receive information. There are even some technologies that are being developed only with IPv6 in mind, a good example in the context of the IoT is 6LowPAN. From now on we will only center on IPv6. If you know something about IPv4, then you have half the way done, if not, don't worry we will cover the main concepts briefly and gently.

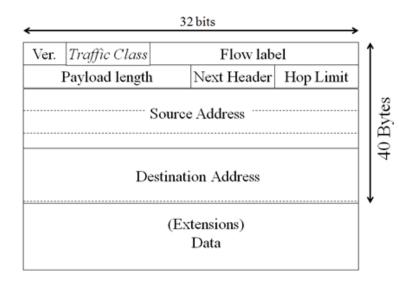
# 3.2. IPv6 Concepts

We will cover the basics of IPv6, the minimum you need to know about the last version of the Internet Protocol to understand why it's so useful for the IoT and how it's related with other protocols like 6LowPAN covered later in this book. You need to have understood the concepts covered in the Networking Basics chapter, so you are familiar with bits, bytes, networking stack, network layer, packets, IP header, etc. You should understand that IPv6 is the equivalent to IPv4, it is a different and non-compatible protocol, with respect to IPv4. In the following figure we represent the layered model used in the Internet.



IPv6 will operate in the layer 3, also called network layer. The pieces of data handled by layer 3 are called packets. We will have hosts that could be a PC, laptop or a sensor board, sending

and/or receiving data packets. Hosts will be the source or destination of the packets. Routers instead are in charge of packet forwarding, and are responsible of deciding to which other router send the packet it has received. Internet is composed of a lot of routers, interconnected between them, which receive data packets in one interface and send then as quick as possible using another interface towards another forwarding router. The first thing you have to know is how an IPv6 packet looks like:



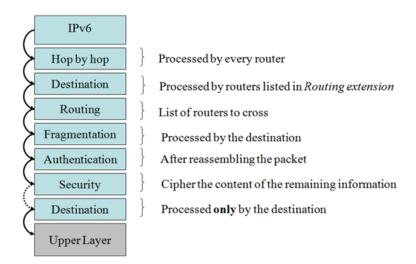
By one side you have the **basic IPv6 header** with a fixed size of 40 bytes, followed by upper layer data and optionally by some extensions headers, we will talk about extension headers later. As you can see there are several fields in the packet header, but compared with IPv4 header there are some improvements:

- Number of fields have been reduced from 12 to 8 fields.
- The basic IPv6 header has a fixed size of 40 bytes and is aligned with 64 bits, allowing a faster hardware-based packet forwarding on routers.
- · Addresses increased from 32 to 128 bits.

The most important fields are the source and destination addresses. As you already know, every IP device has a unique IP address that identifies it in the Internet. Also this IP address is used by routers to take their forwarding decisions.

IPv6 header have 128 bits for each IPv6 address, this allows for 2<sup>128</sup> addresses (approximately 3.4×1038,i.e., 3.4 followed by 38 zeroes), compared with IPv4 that have 32 bits to encode the IPv4 address allowing for 232 addresses (4,294,967,296).

We have seen the basic IPv6 header, and we already mentioned the **extensions headers**. To keep the basic header simple and of a fixed size, additional features are added to IPv6 by means of extensions header.



There are several extensions headers defined, as you can see in the previous figure, and they have to follow the shown order. Extensions headers:

- Provide flexibility, for example to provide security service by ciphering the data in the packet.
- Optimize the processing of the packet, because with the exception of the hop by hop header, they are only processed by end nodes, source and destination of the packet, not by all the routers in the path.
- They are located as a "chain of headers" starting always in the basic IPv6 header, that use the field next header to point the first extension header.

The use of 128 bits for addresses brings some benefits:

- Provide much more addresses, to satisfy actual and future needs, allowing for innovation.
- · Easy address auto-configuration mechanisms.
- · Easier address management/delegation.
- · Room for more levels of hierarchy and for route aggregation.
- · Ability to do end-to-end IPsec.

All IPv6 addresses could be classified into the following categories (these categories also exist for IPv4):

- **Unicast** (one-to-one): used to send a packet from one source to one destination. Are the commonest ones and we will talk more about them and the sub-classes that exist.
- Multicast (one-to-many): used to send a packet from one source to several destinations.
   This is possible by means of multicast routing that makes packets to replicate in some places.
- Anycast (one-to-nearest): used to send a packet from one source the nearest destination from a set of them.
- **Reserved**: Addresses or groups of them that have special use defined, for example addresses to be used on documentation and examples.

Before entering into more detail about IPv6 addresses and the types of unicast addresses, let's see how does they look like and what are the notation rules. You need to have them clear because probably this will be the first problem you will find in practice when using IPv6, how to write an address.

#### Notation rules are:

- 8 Groups of 16 bits separated by ":".
- · Hexadecimal notation of each nibble (4 bits).
- · No case sensitive.
- Network Prefixes (group of addresses) are written Prefix / Prefix Length, i.e., prefix length indicate the number of bits of the address that are fixed.
- Leftmost zeroes within each group could be eliminated.
- One or more all-zero-groups could be substituted by "::". This could be done only once.

Three first rules tell you the basis of IPv6 address notation. The first thing you should know is that hexadecimal notation is used, i.e., sixteen symbols between 0 and F. You will have eight groups of four hexadecimal symbols, each group separated by a colon ":". The last two rules are for address notation compression, we will see how they work with some examples.

#### Let's see some examples:

1) If we represent all the address bits we have the preferred form, for example: 2001:0db8:4004:0010:0000:0000:6543:0ffd

- 2) If we use squared brackets around the address we have the literal form of the address: [2001:0db8:4004:0010:0000:0000:6543:0ffd]
- 3) If we apply the fourth rule, allowing compression within each group eliminating leftmost zeroes, we have: 2001:db8:4004:10:0:0:6543:ffd
- 4) If we apply the fifth rule, allowing compression of one or more consecutive groups of all zeroes using "::", we have: 2001:db8:4004:10::6543:ffd

Last but not least you have to understand the concept of a **network prefix**, that indicates some fixed bits and some non-defined bits that could be used to create new sub-prefixes or to define complete IPv6 addresses.

Let's see some examples:

- 1) The network prefix 2001:db8:1::/48 (the compressed form of 2001:0db8:0001:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000) indicates that the first 48 bits will allways be the same (2001:0db8:0001) but that we can play with the other 80 bits, for example, to obtain two smaller prefixes: 2001:db8:1:a::/64 and 2001:db8:1:b::/64.
- 2) If we take one of the smaller prefixes defined above, 2001:db8:1:b::/64, where the first 64 bits are fixed we have the rightmost 64 bits to assign, for example, to an IPv6 interface in a host: 2001:db8:1:b:1:2:3:4. This last example allow us to introduce a basic concept in IPv6: In a LAN (Local Area Network) always a /64 prefix is used. The rightmost 64 bits, are called the interface identifier (IID) because they identify uniquely a host's interface in the local network defined by the /64 prefix. The following figure illustrates this statement:

	Network ID	Interface ID
-	64 hits	64 bits

Now you have seen your first IPv6 addresses we can enter into more detail about two types of addresses you will find when you start working with IPv6: reserved and unicast.

The following are some reserved or special purpose addresses:

- The **unspecified address**, used as a placeholder when no address is available: 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0:(::/128)
- The loopback address, for sending packets to itself: 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:1 (::1/128)
- **Documentation Prefix**: 2001:db8::/32. This prefix is reserved to be used in examples and documentation, you have already seen it in this chapter.

The following are some types of unicast addresses:

- Link-local: Link-local addresses are always configured in any IPv6 interface that is connected to a network. They all start with the prefix FE80::/10 and can be used to communicate with other hosts on the same local network, i.e., all hosts connected to the same switch. They couldn't be used to communicate with other networks, i.e., to send or receive packets through a router.
- **ULA** (Unique Local Address): All ULA addresses start with the prefix FC00::/7, what means in practice that you could see FC00::/8 or FD00::/8. Intended for local communications, usually inside a site, they are not expected to be routable on the Global Internet but routable inside of a more limited area such as a site.
- Global Unicast: Equivalent to the IPv4 public addresses, are unique in the whole Internet
  and could be used to send a packet from anywhere in the Internet to any destination in
  Internet as well.

#### 3.3. What is IPv6 used for

As we have seen IPv6 has some features that makes it easier different things like global addressing and hosts address autoconfiguration. Because IPv6 provides as much addresses as we may need for some hundreds of years, we can put a global unicast IPv6 address on almost anything we may think of. This brings back the initial Internet paradigm that every IP device could communicate with every IP device. This end-to-end communication allow for bidirectional communication all over the Internet and between any IP device, what could result in collaborative applications and new ways of storing, sending and accessing the information. In the context of this book we can, for example, think on IPv6 sensors all around the world collecting, sending and being accessed from different places to create a world-wide mesh of physical values measured, stored and processed.

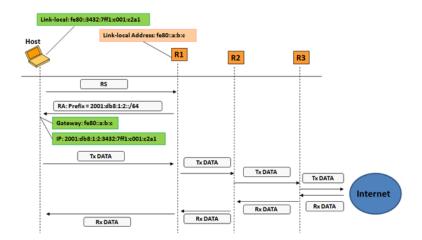
The availability of a huge amount of addresses have allowed a new mechanism called **stateless address autoconfiguration** (SLAAC) that didn't exist with IPv4. Following is a brief summary of the ways you can configure an address on an IPv6 interface:

- Statically: You can decide which address you will give to your IP device and then manually
  configure it into the device using any kind of interface: web, command line, etc. Commonly
  you also have to configure other network parameters like the gateway to use to send
  packets out of your network.
- DHCPv6 (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol for IPv6): This mechanism already existed for IPv4 and the idea is the same. You need to configure a dedicated server that after a brief negotiation with the IP device assigns an IP address to it. DHCPv6 allows IP

devices to be configured automatically, this is why you could find it named stateful address autoconfiguration, because the DHCPv6 server maintains an state of assigned addresses.

SLAAC: Stateless address autoconfiguration is a new mechanism introduced with IPv6
that allows to configure automatically all network parameters on an IP device using the
router that gives connectivity to a network.

The advantage of SLAAC is that it simplifies the configuration of "dumb" devices, like sensors, cameras or any other device with low processing power. You don't need to use any interface in the IP device to configure anything, just "plug and net". It also simplifies the network infrastructure needed to build a basic IPv6 network, because you don't need additional device/ server, you use the same router you need to send packets outside your network to configure the IP devices. We are not going to enter into details, but you just need to know that in a local network, usually called a LAN (Local Area Network), that is connected to a router, this router is in charge of sending all the information needed to the hosts using a RA (Router Advertisement) message. The router will send RAs periodically, but in order to make things happen quicker hosts can send a RS (Router Solicitation) message when its interface gets connected to the network. The router will send a RA immediately in response to the RS. The following figure show the packet exchange between a host that is just connected to a local network and some IPv6 destination in Internet:

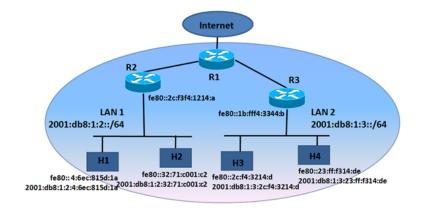


- 1) R1 is the router that gives connectivity to host's network nad is sending RAs periodically.
- 2) Both R1 and Host have a link-local address in their interfaces connected to the host's LAN, this address is configured automatically when the interface is ready. Our host creates it's link-local address by combining 64 leftmost bits of the link-local's prefix (fe80::/64) and the rightmost 64 bits of a locally generated IID (:3432:7ff1:c001:c2a1). These link-local addresses could be used in the LAN to exchange packets, but not to send packets outside the LAN.

- 3) The hosts needs to basic things to be able to send packets to other networks: a global IPv6 address and the address of a gateway, i.e., a router to which send the packets it wants to get routed outside its network.
- 4) Although R1 is sending RAs periodically (usually each several seconds) when the host get connected and has configured its link-local address, it sends a RS to which R1 responds immediately with a RA containing two things: 4.1) A global prefix of length 64 that is intended for SLAAC. The host takes the received prefix and add to it a locally generated IID, usually the same as the one used for link-local address. This way a global IPv6 address is configured in the host and now can communicate with the IPv6 Internet 4.2) Implicitly included is the link-local address of R1, because is the source address of the RA. Our host could use this address to configure the default gateway, the place to which send the packets by default, for example, to reach an IPv6 host somewhere in Internet.
- 5) Once both the gateway and global IPv6 address are configured, the host can receive or send information. In the figure it has something to send (Tx Data) to a host in Internet, so it creates an IPv6 packet with IPv6 destination address the one of the destination host and source address it's recently autoconfigured global address, and sends it to its gateway, R1's link-local address. The destination host could answer with some data (Rx Data).

# 3.4. Network Example

Following we will show how a simple IPv6 network will look like, including IPv6 addresses for all the networking devices.



We have four hosts, or sensors, or whatever IP device you have, and we want to put two of them in two different places, for example two floors in a building. We have just put four IP devices but you can have up to 264 (18,446,744,073,709,551,616) devices connected on the same LAN.

We create two LANs with a router on each one, both routers connected to a central router (R1) that provides connectivity to Internet. LAN1 is served by R2 (with link-local address fe80::2c:f3f4:1214:a on that LAN) and uses the prefix 2001:db8:1:2::/64 announced by SLAAC. LAN2 is served by R3 (with link-local address fe80::1b:fff4:3344:b on that LAN) and uses the prefix 2001:db8:1:3::/64 announced by SLAAC.

All hosts have both a link-local IPv6 address and a global IPv6 address autoconfigured using the announced prefix by the corresponding router by means of RAs. In addition, remember that each host also configure the gateway using the link-local address used by the router for the RA. Link-local address could be used for communication between hosts inside a LAN, but for communicating with hosts in other LAN or any other network outside its own LAN a global IPv6 address is needed.

#### 3.5. IPv6 Excercises

Let's test your IPv6 knowledge with the following excercises:

- 1) What size are IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, respectively?
- a. 32-bits, 128-bits
- b. 32-bits, 64-bits
- c. 32-bits, 112-bits
- d. 32-bits, 96-bits
- e. none of these
- 2) Which of the following is a valid IPv6 address notation rule?
- a. Zeroes on the right inside a group of 16 bits could be eliminated
- b. The address is divided in 5 groups of 16 bits separated by ":"
- c. The address is divided in 8 groups of 16 bits separated by "."
- d. One or more groups of all zeroes could be substituted by "::"
- e. Decimal notation is used grouping bits in 4 (nibbles)
- 3) Interface Identifiers (IID) or the rightmost bits of an IPv6 address used on a LAN will be 64 bits long.
- a. True
- b. False
- 4) Which of the following is a correct IPv6 address?

- a. 2001:db8:A:B:C:D::1
- b. 2001:db8:000A:B00::1:3:2:F
- c. 2001:db8:G1A:A:FF3E::D
- d. 2001:0db8::F:A::B
- 5) Which ones of the following sub-prefixes belong to the prefix 2001:db8:0A00::/48? (Choose all that apply)
- a. 2001:db9:0A00:0200::/56
- b. 2001:db8:0A00:A10::/64
- c. 2001:db8:0A:F:E::/64
- d. 2001:db8:0A00::/64
- 6) IPv6 has a basic header with more fields than IPv4 header?
- a. True
- b. False
- 7) Extension headers could be added in any order
- a. True
- b. False
- 8) Autoconfiguration of IP devices is the same in IPv4 and IPv6
- a. True
- b. False
- 9) Which one is not an option for configuring an IPv6 address in an interface?
- a. DHCPv6
- b. Fixed address configured by vendor
- c. Manually
- d. SLAAC (Stateless Address Autoconfiguration)
- 10) Which packets are used by SLAAC to autoconfigure an IPv6 host?
- a. NS/NA (Neighbor Solicitation / Neighbor Advertisement)
- b. RS/RA (Router Solicitation / Router Advertisement)

- c. Redirect messages
- d. NS / RA (Neighbor Solicitation / Router Advertisement)

# 3.6. Addressing Exercises

A) Use the two compression rules to compress up to the maximum the following addresses:

1. 2001:0db8:00A0:7200:0fe0:000B:0000:0005

2. 2001:0db8::DEFE:0000:C000

3. 2001:db8:DAC0:0FED:0000:0000:0B00:12

B) Decompress up to the maximum (representing all the 32 nibbles in hexadecimal) the following addresses:

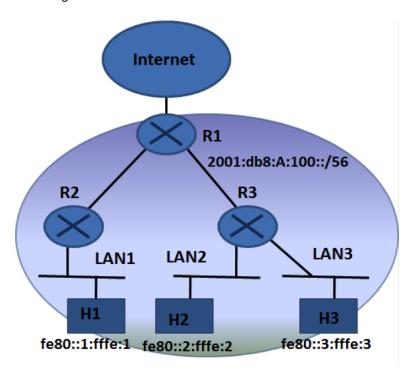
1. 2001:db8:0:50::A:123

2. 2001:db8:5::1

3. 2001:db8:C00::222:0CC0

C) You receive the following IPv6 prefix for your network: 2001:db8:A:0100::/56

You have the following network:



You have to define the following:

- a. IPv6 prefix for LAN1, a /64 prefix taken from the /56 you have.
- b. IPv6 prefix for LAN2, a /64 prefix taken from the /56 you have.
- c. IPv6 prefix for LAN3, a /64 prefix taken from the /56 you have.
- d. A global IPv6 address using the LAN1 prefix for H1 host (added to the link-local address already used).
- e. A global IPv6 address using the LAN2 prefix for H2 host (added to the link-local address already used).
- f. A global IPv6 address using the LAN3 prefix for H3 host (added to the link-local address already used).



Hint: To divide the /56 prefix into /64 prefixes, you have to change the value of the bits 57 to 64, i.e., the XY values in 2001:db8:A:01XY::/64.

# Chapter 4. Short introduction to Contiki

How to install (orientative, everything should be pre-installed)

- Know the Z1 mote: identify sensors, connectors, antenna.
- Check the installation: toolchain location, hello world example

My first application: hello world with LEDs

- Use the LEDs and printf to debug, use printf arguments.
- · Change timer values, triggers.

Adding sensors: analogue and digitals

- · Difference between both, basics.
- · How to connect and read: ADC, I2C
- How to debug: enable modules printf macro, logic analyser (quick show, no hands-on for this)

# Chapter 5. How to install

# 5.1. Install VMWare for your platform

On Win and Linux: https://my.vmware.com/web/vmware/free#desktop\_end\_user\_computing/vmware\_player/6\_0

On OSX you can download VMWare Fusion: http://www.vmware.com/products/fusion

#### 5.2. Download Instant Contiki:

Instant Contiki is an entire Contiki development environment in a single download. It is an Ubuntu Linux virtual machine that runs in VMWare player and has Contiki and all the development tools, compilers, and simulators used in Contiki development installed. http://www.contiki-os.org/start.html

#### 5.3. Start Instant Contiki

In VM, use 32 bit version, Instant\_Contiki\_Ubuntu\_12.04\_32-bit.vmdk Start Instant Contiki by running InstantContiki2.7.vmx. Wait for the virtual Ubuntu Linux boot up. Log into Instant Contiki. The password and user name is **user**. Don't upgrade right now.

## 5.4. Update Contiki

## What is GIT

**Git** is a free and open source distributed version control system designed to handle everything from small to very large projects with speed and efficiency. The main difference with previous change control tools like Subversion, is the possibility to work locally as your local copy is a repository, and you can commit to it and get all benefits of source control. Making branches and merging between branches is really easy.

To learn more about GIT there are some great tutorials online:

http://try.github.io

http://excess.org/article/2008/07/ogre-git-tutorial/

A nice graphical introduction to Git is available here: http://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide/



GitHub is a GIT repository web-based hosting service, which offers all of the distributed revision control and source code management (SCM) functionality of Git as well as adding its own features. Unlike Git, which is strictly a command-line tool, GitHub provides a web-based graphical interface and desktop as well as mobile integration. It also provides access control and several collaboration features such as wikis, task management, and bug tracking and feature requests for every project.

Contiki source code is maintained and hosted at Github: https://github.com/contiki-os/contiki.

The advantage of using GIT and hosting the code at github is allowing people to fork the code, develop on its own, and then contribute back and share your progress.

To update our code to the latest available contiki code, open a terminal and write:

```
cd $HOME/contiki
git fetch origin master
git pull origin master
git log to see the latest log
```

#### ADD GIT FOR EXAMPLES

#### 5.5. Check installation: toolchain location

Open a terminal and write:

```
msp430-gcc --version
```

Check if you have version 4.7. If not, download the latest toolchain version here: http://sourceforge.net/projects/zolertia/files/Toolchain/

## 5.6. Check installation: examples

Open a terminal and write:

```
cd examples/hello-world
make TARGET=z1 savetarget
```

so it know that when you compile you do so for the z1 mote. You need to do this only once per application.

```
make hello-world
```

it starts compiling (ignore the warnings)

#### 5.7. Check z1 connection to the virtual machine

Connect the mote via USB.

In VM player: Player → Removable Devices → Signal Integrated Zolertia Z1 → Connect

In VMWare Fusion: Devices → USB Devices → Silicon Labs Zolertia Z1

Open a terminal and write:

Save the reference ID for next lab sessions (Z1RC0336). Each mote has a unique reference number. The port name is useful for programming and debugging.

Upload the preloaded Hello World application to the Z1 mote

Open a terminal and write:

```
make hello-world.upload MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0
```

if you don't use the MOTE part, the system will install on the first device it finds. It is OK if you only have one device.

If you get this error:

```
serial.serialutil.SerialException: could not open port /dev/ttyUSB0: [Errno 13] Permission denied: '/dev/ttyUSB0'
```

you need to add yourself to the dialout group of Linux. You do it this way:

```
sudo usermod -a -G dialout user
```

enter the root password, which is user

```
sudo reboot
```

password is user.

open terminal and go again to /contiki/examples/hello-world and enter again

```
make hello-world.upload MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0
make z1-reset && make login
```

the first command resets the mote and the second one connects to the serial port and displays the result on the screen

Sceenshot missing

Note that the node ID is displayed.

# Chapter 6. My first applications

#### 6.1. Hello world with LEDs

Let's see the main components of the Hello World example. View the code with:

```
gedit hello-world.c
```

When starting Contiki, you declare processes with a name. In each code you can have more processes. You declare the process like this:

```
PROCESS (hello_world_process, "Hello world process");  

AUTOSTART_PROCESSES (&hello_world_process);
```

- hello\_world\_process is the name of the process and "Hello world process" is the readable name of the process when you print it to the terminal.
- 2 The AUTOSTART\_PROCESSES(&hello\_world\_process); tells Contiki to start that process when it finishes booting.

- You declare the content of the process in the process thread. You have the name of the process and callback functions (event handler and data handler).
- 2 Inside the thread you begin the process,
- 3 do what you want and
- 4 finally end the process.

The next step is adding a LED and the user button. Add picture.

Let's create a new file. Go to: /home/user/contiki/examples/z1 with

```
cd /home/user/contiki/examples/z1
```

Let's name the new file test led.c with

```
gedit test_led.c.
```

You have to add the <code>dev/leds.h</code> which is the library to manage the LED lights. To check the definition go to <code>/home/user/contiki/core/dev</code>.

Available LEDs commands:

```
unsigned char leds_get(void);
void leds_set(unsigned char leds);
void leds_on(unsigned char leds);
void leds_off(unsigned char leds);
void leds_toggle(unsigned char leds);
Available LEDs:
LEDS_GREEN
LEDS_RED
LEDS_BLUE
LEDS_ALL
```

Now try to turn ON only the red LED and see what happens

We now need to add the project to the makefile. So edit Makefile and make sure you have:

```
CONTIKI_PROJECT = test-phidgets blink test-adx1345 test-tmp102 test-light-ziglet test-battery test-sht11 test-relay-phidget test-tlc59116
```

```
CONTIKI_PROJECT += test_led
```

Now let's compile and upload the new project with:

```
make clean && make test_led.upload MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0
```

the make clean is used to erase previously compiled objects. Now the LED is red!

Missing pictures.



Exercise: try to switch on the other LEDs.

# 6.2. Printf

You can use prinf to visualize on the console what is happening in your application. It is really useful to debug your code, as you can print values of variables. Let's try to print the status of the LED, using the <code>unsigned char leds\_get(void);</code> function that is available in the documented functions (see above). Get the LED status and print its status on the screen.

If one LED is on, you will get the LED number (LEDs are numbered 1,2 and 4).



Exercise: what happens when you turn on more than one LED? What number do you get?

# 6.3. Button

We now want to detect if the user button (see picture) has been pushed.

```
#include "contiki.h"
#include "dev/leds.h"
#include "dev/button-sensor.h"
#include <stdio.h>
//-----
PROCESS(button_process, "button process");
AUTOSTART_PROCESSES(&button_process);
//-------
PROCESS_THREAD(button_process, ev, data)
{
    PROCESS_BEGIN();
    SENSORS_ACTIVATE(button_sensor);
    while(1) {
    PROCESS_WAIT_EVENT_UNTIL((ev=sensors_event) && (data == &button_sensor));
    printf("I pushed the button! \n");
    }
    PROCESS_END();
}
```

Let's modify the Makefile to add the new file.

```
CONTIKI_PROJECT += test_button
```

You can leave the previously created test\_led in the makefile. This process has an infinite loop (given by the wait()) to wait for the button the be pressed. The two conditions have to be met (event from a sensor and that event is the button being pressed) As soon as you press the button, you get the string printed.



Exercise: switch on the LED when the button is pressed. Switch off the LED when the button is pressed again.

# 6.4. Timers

Create a new file in /home/user/contiki/examples/z1 called test\_timer.c. You don't need any new library as the timer is part of Contiki's core. We create a timer structure and we set the timer to expire after a given number of seconds. Then when the timer is expired we execute the code and restart the timer. This is the basic type of timer. Contiki has three types of timers.

```
#include "contiki.h"
#include "dev/leds.h"
#include "dev/button-sensor.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#define SECONDS 2
//----
PROCESS (hello timer process, "hello world with timer example");
AUTOSTART PROCESSES (&hello timer process);
//----
PROCESS THREAD(hello timer process, ev, data)
 PROCESS BEGIN();
 static struct etimer et;
 while(1) {
 etimer set(&et, CLOCK SECOND*SECONDS);
 PROCESS WAIT EVENT(); 2
 if(etimer_expired(&et)) {
   printf("Hello world!\n");
   etimer reset(&et);
 }
 PROCESS END();
}
```

- CLOCK\_SECOND is a variable that relates to the microcontroller ticks. As Contiki runs on different platforms, the value of CLOCK\_SECOND is different in different devices. This is related to the frequency of the processor. In Z1 it is 128.
- 2 PROCESS\_WAIT\_EVENT(); waits for any event to happen.



Excercise: can you print the value of CLOCK\_SECOND to count how many ticks you have in one second? Try to blink the LED for a certain number of seconds. A new application that starts only when the button is pressed and when the button is pressed again it stops.

# Chapter 7. Sensors

The Z1 has two built in digital sensors: temperature and 3 axis acceleration. The main difference between analog and digital sensors are the power consumption (lower in digital) and the protocol they use. Analog sensors require being connected to ADC (analog to digital converters) which translate the analog (continuous) reading to a digital value (in millivolts). The quality and resolution of the measure depends on both the ADC (resolution is 12 bits in the Z1) and on the sampling frequency. As a rule of thumb, you need to have double sampling frequency as the phenomena you are measuring. As an example, if you want to sample human sound (8 kHz) you need to sample at twice that frequency (16 kHz minimum).

# 7.1. Analog Sensors

There is one analog sensor in the Z1, and it provides the battery level expressed in milliVolts. There is an example in the Contiki example folder called <code>test-battery.c</code>. The example includes the battery level driver (<code>battery-sensor.h</code>). It activates the sensor and prints as fast as possible (with no delay) the battery level. When working with the ADC you need to convert the ADC integers in milliVolts. This is done with the following formula:

```
float mv = (bateria * 2.500 * 2) / 4096;
```

We are powering the Z1 with 5 Volts (this is why we multiply by 5). We divide the raw value by 4096 as it is a 1 shifted to 12 positions on the left (as the precision of the ADC is 12 bits). The internal power of the Z1 is 3V. There is an internal voltage divider that converts from 5V to 3.3V. If you connect the Z1 to the USB port, you will always get the highest value (around 3V). Two value are printed by the code in two columns: the raw value from the ADC and the converted value in milliVolts.

# 7.2. External analog sensor:

We can connect an external analog sensor. As an example, let's connect the precision light sensor. It is important to know the voltage required by each sensor. If the sensor can be powered at 3V, it should be connected to the phidgets connector in the top row. If the sensor is powered at 5V it can be safely connected to the phidgets bottom row. Only if the mote is powered by USB, then you can use the 5V sensor. Insert phidgets Insert picture. If you use the phidgets cable, there is a single way to connect the node. Insert datasheet of the light sensors.

You need to convert the values coming from a 5V sensors as there is an internal voltage divider.

There is an example called <code>test-phidgets.c</code> . This will read values from an analog sensor and print them to the terminal. Connect the light sensor to the 3 V phidget connector. As this is an official example, there is no need to add it to the Makefile (it is already there!). Let's compile the example code:

```
make clean && make test-phidgets.upload MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0
```

#### and connect to the node:

```
make z1-reset && make login
```

#### This is the result:

```
Starting 'Test Button & Phidgets'
Please press the User Button
Phidget 5V 1:123
Phidget 5V 2:301
Phidget 3V 1:1710
Phidget 3V 2:2202
```

The light sensor is connected to Phidget 3V 2, so the raw value is 2202. Try to illuminate the sensor with a flashlight (from your mobile phone, for example) and then to keep it in your hand so that no light can reach it. http://www.phidgets.com/products.php?product\_id=1127\_0

Sensor Properties Sensor Type Light Sensor Output Type Non-Ratiometric Response Time Max 20 ms Measurement Error Max  $\pm$  5 % Peak Sensitivity Wavelength 580 nm Light Level Min 1 lx Light Level Max (3.3V) 660 lx Light Level Max (5V) 1 klx

As you can see, the light sensor can be connected to both the 5 V and 3.3 V phidget connector. The max measurable value changes depending where you connect it. The formula to translate SensorValue into luminosity is: Luminosity(lux)=SensorValue



Exercise: make the sensor take sensor readings as fast as possible. Print on the screen the ADC raw values and the millivolts (as this sensor is linear, the voltage corresponds to the luxes). What are the max and min values you can get? What is the average light value of the room? Create an application that turns the red LED on when it is dark. When it

is light, turn the green LED on. In between, switch off all the LEDs. Add a timer and measure the light every 10 seconds.

# 7.3. Internal digital sensor

The Z1 has an internal digital sensor: the 3 axis accelerometer. There is an example called test-adx1345.c. You don't need to add it to the Makefile. Once uploaded, this is the result:

```
~~[37] DoubleTap detected! (0xE3) -- DoubleTap Tap
x: -1 y: 12 z: 223
~~[38] Tap detected! (0xC3) -- Tap
x: -2 y: 8 z: 220
x: 2 y: 4 z: 221
x: 3 y: 5 z: 221
x: 4 y: 5 z: 222
```

The accelerometer can give data in x,y and z axis and has three types of interrupts: when you do a single tap, when you do a double tap and when you let the sensor free-fall (pay attention not to damage the mote!). Try tapping once and twice. The code has two threads, one for the interruptions and the other for the LEDs. When Contiki starts, it triggers both the processes. The led\_process thread triggers a timer that waits before turning off the LEDs. This is mostly done to filter the rapid signal coming from the accelerometer. The other process is the acceleration one. It assigns the callback for the led\_off event. Interrupts can happen at any given time, are non periodic and totally asynchronous. They can be triggered by external sources (sensors, interrupt pins, etc) and should be cleared as soon as possible. When an interrupts happens, the interrupt handler (which is a process that checks the interrupt registers to find out which is the interrupt source) manages it and forwards it to the subscribed callback. In this example, I first start the accelerometer and then map the interrupts from the accelerometer to a specific callback function. Interrupt source 1 is mapped to the free fall callback handler and the tap interrupts are mapped to the interrupt source 2.

```
/* Start and setup the accelerometer with default values, eg no interrupts
enabled. */
accm_init();
/* Register the callback functions for each interrupt */
ACCM_REGISTER_INT1_CB(accm_ff_cb);
ACCM_REGISTER_INT2_CB(accm_tap_cb);
/* Set what strikes the corresponding interrupts. Several interrupts per pin is
possible. For the eight possible interrupts, see adx1345.h and adx1345
datasheet. */
```

We then need to enable the interrupts like this:

```
accm_set_irq(ADXL345_INT_FREEFALL, ADXL345_INT_TAP + ADXL345_INT_DOUBLETAP);
```

What happens in the while cycle is that we read the values from each axis every second. If there are no interrupts, this will be the only thing shown in the terminal.



Exercise: put the mote in different positions and check the values of the accelerometer. Try to understand what is x, y and z. Measure the max acceleration by shaking the mote. Turn on and off the LED according to the acceleration on one axis. Image with axis

# 7.4. External digital sensor

The ZIG001-mini is a digital temperature sensor. The advantage of using digital sensors is that you don't have to do calibration of your own as they come factory-calibrated. They usually have a low power current consumption compared to their analog peers. They allow a more extended set of commands (turn on, turn off, configure interrupts). If you have a digital light sensor, you can set a threshold value when the sensor sends an interrupt, without the need for continuous polling. The example is available as <a href="test-sht11.c">test-sht11.c</a>. The light digital sensor is also given as example in the same folder.

Temperature: 27 degrees Celsius
Rel. humidity: 67%
Temperature: 27 degrees Celsius
Rel. humidity: 66%
Temperature: 27 degrees Celsius
Rel. humidity: 65%



Exercise: convert the temperature to Fahrenheit. Try to get the temperature and humidity as high as possible (without damaging the mote!). Try to print only "possible" values (if you disconnect the sensor, you should not print anything, or print an error message!).

# Chapter 8. Sending Data to Ubidots:

What is Ubidots Get API key and variable ID

We can send data from the sensors to Ubidots to visualize and generate events. We need two software components to send data. We will modify an existing Z1 example from today. We will send data from the temperature sensor to the serial port of the PC. The PC will then parse the data and send it to Ubidots using their API with a python script. For the data to be parsed correctly it must follow a certain format (like tab separated, comma separated or others).

In this case we will use a Contiki application that handles the serial formatting to be sent to the python script. Apps are created to provide extra features that can be used directly by other applications. Apps are placed in the apps folder of Contiki. The Makefile of an APP has the following naming convention:

```
Makefile.serial-shell
```

And inside you must specify which are the source codes that will be used, in this case:

```
serial-ubidots_src = serial-ubidots.c
```

This is what the serial-ubidots serial will look like:

```
#include <string.h>
#include "serial-ubidots.h"

void
send_to_ubidots(const char *api, const char *id, uint16_t val)
{
   unsigned char buf[6];
   snprintf(buf, 6, "%d", val);
   printf("\n\r%s\t", api);
   printf("%s\t", id);
   printf("%s\n\r", buf);
}
```

You need to declare a header file serial-ubidots.h as well:

```
#define VAR_LEN 24
#define UBIDOTS_MSG_LEN (VAR_LEN + 2)
```

```
struct ubidots_msg_t {
  char var_key[VAR_LEN];
  uint8_t value[2];
};
void send_to_ubidots(const char *api, const char *id, uint16_t val);
```

We have also created a data structure which will simplify sending this data over a wireless link, we will talk about this a bit later.

Now that we have created this APP, we should add it to our example code (that sends temperature to Ubidots), the proper way is to edit the Makefile we have already know at <code>examples/z1</code> and add serial-ubidots to the APPS argument:

```
APPS = serial-shell serial-ubidots
```

And now let's edit the test-tmp102.c example to include the serial-ubidots application, first add the serial-ubidots header as follows:

```
#include "serial-ubidots.h"
```

Then we should create 2 new constants with the API key and Variable ID, obtained at Ubidots site as follows:

```
static const char api_key[] = "fd6c3eb63433221e0a6840633edb21f9ec398d6a";
static const char var_key[] = "545a202b76254223b5ffa65f";
```

It is a general good practice to declare constants values with as "const", this will save some valuable bytes for the RAM memory :) Change the polling interval to avoid flooding Ubidots and kicking us out :)

```
#define TMP102_READ_INTERVAL (CLOCK_SECOND * 15)
```

Then we are ready to send our data to Ubidots, first change the call to the tmp102 sensor to have the value with 2 digits precision, and send it over to Ubidots, replace as follows:

```
PRINTFDEBUG("Reading Temp...\n");
raw = tmp102_read_temp_x100();
send_to_ubidots(api_key, var_key, raw);
```

Upload the code to the Z1:

```
\label{eq:make_MOTES} $$ make MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0 test-tmp102.upload && make MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0 z1-reset && make MOTES=/dev/ttyUSB0 login $$
```

This is what you will see on the screen:

```
fd6c3eb63433221e0a6840633edb21f9ec398d6a
545a202b76254223b5ffa65f 2718
```

Notice that you must divide by 100 to get the 27.18°C degree value, this can be done easily on Ubidots.

Ubidots Python API Client

The Ubidots Python API Client makes calls to the Ubidots Api. The module is available on PyPI as "ubidots". To follow this quickstart you'll need to have python 2.7 in your machine (be it a computer or an python-capable device), which you can download at http://www.python.org/download/.

You can install pip in Linux and Mac using this command:

```
$ sudo easy_install pip
```

Installing the Python library Ubidots for python is available in PyPI and you can install it from the command line:

```
$ sudo pip install ubidots==1.6.1
```

The python script on the PC is called <code>UbidotsPython.py</code> and is located in the <code>tools/z1</code> directory. The script parses the serial data and sends it to Ubidots. to execute it, run:

```
user@instant-contiki:~/contiki/tools/z1$ python UbidotsPython.py -p /dev/ttyUSB0
```

In which -p is the argument to tell the Python script to connect to our mote at the given port. If you connect to Ubidots, you will immediately see the values coming in. To enable printing debug information from the Python script to the console, enable the following value at the <code>UbidotsPython.py</code> file:

```
# Enable to print extended information
DEBUG_APP = 1
```

The data is sent to Ubidots as long as the pyhton script is running. You can have it working in the background by adding at the end of the script call. While the python script is running, you cannot program the node! As the temperature sensor is located next to the USB connector, it tends to heat up. A realistic value is few degrees lower than the measured on. To get more reliable temperature measurements while connected to the USB, use an external temperature sensor! Don't forget that Ubidots will not accept more than one measurement every 15 seconds. If you send data more frequently, you will lose the connection.

To divide the incoming data by 100, you should name it as derived variable as follows: create a temperature variable with the raw data and then the derived variable by dividing the temperature variable by 100.

In Ubidots your data will show up as follows:

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# Chapter 10. Set up Node ID, MAC address, ID used by Contiki.

To start working you must first define the addresses of each node, you can either use the same product reference ID as your node address (the same using the make z1-motelist command) or program and store to flash your own.

The first option relies on:

And the node ID should be 3301 (decimal) if not previously saved node ID is found in the flash memory.

Let's see how Contiki uses this to derive a full IPv6 and MAC address. At platforms/z1/Contiki-z1-main.c

```
#ifdef SERIALNUM
 if(!node id) {
   PRINTF("Node id is not set, using Z1 product ID\n");
   node id = SERIALNUM;
#endif
 node mac[0] = 0xc1; /* Hardcoded for Z1 */
 node mac[1] = 0x0c; /* Hardcoded for Revision C */
 node mac[2] = 0x00; /* Hardcoded to arbitrary even number so that
                         the 802.15.4 MAC address is compatible with
                         an Ethernet MAC address - byte 0 (byte 2 in
                         the DS ID) */
 node mac[3] = 0x00; /* Hardcoded */
 node mac[4] = 0x00; /* Hardcoded */
 node mac[5] = 0x00; /* Hardcoded */
 node mac[6] = node id >> 8;
 node mac[7] = node id & 0xff;
```

So the node's addresses the mote should have will be:

```
MAC c1:0c:00:00:00:00:0c:e5 where c:e5 is the hex value corresponding to 3301. Node id is set to 3301. Tentative link-local IPv6 address fe80:0000:0000:c30c:0000:0000:0ce5
```

The global address is only set when an IPv6 prefix is assigned (more about this later).

If you wish instead to have your own addressing scheme, you can edit the node\_mac values at Contiki-z1-main.c file. If you wish to assign a different node id value than the obtained from the product id, then you would need to store a new one in the flash memory, luckily there is already an application to do so:

Go to examples/z1 location and replace the 158 for your own required value:

```
make clean && make burn-nodeid.upload nodeid=158 nodemac=158 && make z1-reset && make login
```

#### You should see the following:

```
MAC c1:0c:00:00:00:00:0c:e5 Ref ID: 3301

Contiki-2.6-1803-g03f57ae started. Node id is set to 3301.

CSMA ContikiMAC, channel check rate 8 Hz, radio channel 26

Tentative link-local IPv6 address fe80:0000:0000:c30c:0000:0000:0ce5

Starting 'Burn node id'

Burning node id 158

Restored node id 158
```

As you can see, now the node ID has been changed to 158, when you restart the mote you should now see the changes are applied:

```
MAC c1:0c:00:00:00:00:00:9e Ref ID: 3301
Contiki-2.6-1803-g03f57ae started. Node id is set to 158.
CSMA ContikiMAC, channel check rate 8 Hz, radio channel 26
Tentative link-local IPv6 address fe80:0000:0000:c30c:0000:0000:009e
```

# Chapter 11. UDP Broadcast

In this example, we will show how nodes can send data over the air using multicast addressing and get to know the basics of Contiki IPv6/RPL implementation.

We will use a simple version of UDP called simple-UDP. UDP uses a simple connectionless transmission model with a minimum of protocol mechanism. It has no handshaking dialogues, and thus exposes any unreliability of the underlying network protocol to the user's program. There is no guarantee of delivery, ordering, or duplicate protection. UDP is suitable for purposes where error checking and correction is either not necessary or is performed in the application, avoiding the overhead of such processing at the network interface level. Time-sensitive applications often use UDP because dropping packets is preferable to waiting for delayed packets, which may not be an option in a real-time system.

Wireless sensor networks often use UDP because it is lighter and there are less transactions (which can be translated in less energy consumption). A protocols using UDP is COAP (see later).

#### Go to:

```
user@instant-Contiki:~/Contiki/examples/ipv6/simple-udp-rpl
```

and open the broadcast-example.c and the Makefile. Let's see the contents of the Makefile:

```
UIP_CONF_IPV6=1
CFLAGS+= -DUIP_CONF_IPV6_RPL
```

The above adds the IPv6 stack and RPL routing protocol to our application.

The broadcast-example.c contains:

```
#include "net/ip/uip.h"
```

this is the main IP library. (it is microIP)

```
#include "net/ipv6/uip-ds6.h"
// Use simple-udp library, at core/net/ip/
// The simple-udp module provides a significantly simpler API.
```

```
#include "simple-udp.h"
static struct simple_udp_connection broadcast_connection;
```

this structure allows to store the UDP connection information and mapped callback in which to process any received message. It is initialized below in the following call:

```
simple_udp_register(&broadcast_connection, UDP_PORT, NULL, UDP_PORT, receiver);
```

This passes to the simple-udp application the ports from/to handle the broadcasts, the callback function to handle received broadcasts. We pass the NULL parameter as the destination address to allow packets from any address. The receiver callback function is shown below:

This application first sets a timer and when the timer expires it sets a randomly generated new timer interval (between 1 and the sending interval) to avoid flooding the network. Then it sets the IP address to the link local all-nodes multicast address as follows:

```
uip_create_linklocal_allnodes_mcast(&addr);
```

And then use the broadcast\_connection structure (with the values passed at register) and send our data over UDP.

```
simple_udp_sendto(&broadcast_connection, "Test", 4, &addr);
```

To extend the available address information, theres a library which already allows to print the IPv6 addresses in a friendlier way, add this to the top of the file:

```
#include "debug.h"
#define DEBUG_PRINT
#include "net/ip/uip-debug.h"
```

So we can now print the multicast address, add this before the simple\_udp\_sendto(...) call:

```
PRINT6ADDR(&addr);
printf("\n");
```

Now let's modify our receiver callback and print more information about the incoming message, replace the existing receiver code with the following:

Before uploading your code, override the default target by writing in the terminal:

```
make TARGET=z1 savetarget
```

Now clean any previous compiled code, compile, upload your code and then restart the z1 mote, and print the serial output to screen (all in one command!):



Upload this code to at least 2 motes.

### You will see the following result:

```
Rime started with address 193.12.0.0.0.0.158

MAC c1:0c:00:00:00:00:9e Ref ID: 3301

Contiki-2.6-1803-g03f57ae started. Node id is set to 158.
```

```
CSMA ContikiMAC, channel check rate 8 Hz, radio channel 26
Tentative link-local IPv6 address fe80:0000:0000:0000:c30c:0000:0000:0009e
Starting 'UDP broadcast example process'
Sending broadcast to -> ff02::1

Data received from: fe80::c30c:0:0:309
At port 1234 from port 1234 with length 4
Data Rx: Test
Sending broadcast to -> ff02::1
```



Excercise: replace the "Test" string with your group's name and try to identify others. Also write down the node ID of other motes. This will be useful for later.

## To change the sending interval you can also modify the values at:

```
#define SEND_INTERVAL (20 * CLOCK_SECOND)
#define SEND_TIME (random_rand() % (SEND_INTERVAL))
```

# Chapter 12. Setting up a sniffer

# 12.1. Short intro to Wireshark

This example uses Wireshark to capture or examine a packet trace. A packet trace is a record of traffic at some location on the network, as if a snapshot was taken of all the bits that passed across a particular wire. The packet trace records a timestamp for each packet, along with the bits that make up the packet, from the low-layer headers to the higher-layer contents. Wireshark runs on most operating systems, including Windows, Mac and Linux. It provides a graphical UI that shows the sequence of packets and the meaning of the bits when interpreted as protocol headers and data. The packets are color-coded to convey their meaning, and Wireshark includes various ways to filter and analyze them to let you investigate different aspects of behavior. It is widely used to troubleshoot networks.

A common usage scenario is when a person wants to troubleshoot network problems or look at the internal workings of a network protocol. An important feature of Wireshark is the ability to capture and display a live stream of packets sent through the network. A user could, for example, see exactly what happens when he opens up a website or set up a wireless sensor network. t is also possible to filter and search on given packet attributes, which facilitates the debugging process.

When you open Wireshark, there's a couple of toolbars at the top, an area called Filter, and a few boxes below in the main window. Online directly links you to Wiresharks site, a handy user guide, and information on the security of Wireshark. Under Files, you'll find Open, which lets you open previously saved captures, and Sample Captures. You can download any of the sample captures through this website, and study the data. This will help you understand what kind of packets Wireshark can capture.

Lastly is the Capture section. This will let you choose your Interface. You can see each of the interfaces that are available. It'll also show you which ones are active. Clicking details will show you some pretty generic information about that interface.

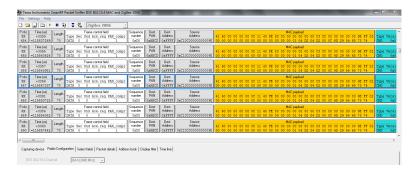
Under Start, you can choose one or more interfaces to check out. Capture Options allows you to customize what information you see during a capture. Take a look at your Capture Options – under here you can choose a filter, a capture file, and more. Under Capture Help, you can read up on how to capture, and you can check info on Network Media about what interfaces work on what platforms.

Let's select an interface and click Start. To stop a capture, press the red square in the top toolbar. If you want to start a new capture, hit the green triangle which looks like a shark fin next to it. Now that you have got a finished capture, you can click File, and save, open, or merge the capture. You can print it, you can quit the program, and you can export your packet capture in a variety of ways.

Under edit, you can find a certain packet, with the search options, you can copy packets, you can mark (highlight) any specific packet, or all the packets. Another interesting thing you can do under Edit, is resetting the time value. You'll notice that the time is in seconds incrementing. You can reset it from the packet you've clicked on. You can add a comment to a packet, configure profiles and preferences.

A packet sniffer is a must-have tool for any wireless network application, a sniffer allows to actually see what are you transmitting over the air, verifying both the transmissions are taking place, the frames/packets are properly formatted, and the communication is being done on a given channel.

There are commercial options available, such as the Texas Instruments SmartRF packet Sniffer (http://www.ti.com/tool/packet-sniffer), which can be executed using a CC2531 USB dongle (http://www.ti.com/tool/CC2531EMK) and allows capturing outgoing packets like the one below.



A preferred option is to use the SenSniff application (https://github.com/g-oikonomou/sensniff) paired with a Z1 mote and Wireshark (https://www.wireshark.org), already installed in instant Contiki.

To program the Z1 mote as a packet Sniffer go to the following location:

```
user@instant-Contiki:~/alignan-Contiki/examples/z1/sniffer
```

In the project-conf.h select the channel to sniff, by changing the RF\_CHANNEL and CC2420 CONF CHANNEL definitions. At the moment of writing this tutorial changing channels

from the Sensniff application was not implemented but proposed as a feature, check the Sensniff's README.md for changes and current status.

Compile and program:

```
make sniffer.upload
```

Do not open a login session because the sniffer application uses the serial port to send its findings to the sensniff python script. Open a new terminal, and clone the sensniff project in your home folder:

```
cd $HOME
git clone https://github.com/g-oikonomou/sensniff
cd sensniff/host
```

And launch the sensniff application with the following command:

```
python sensniff.py --non-interactive -d /dev/ttyUSB0 -b 115200
```

Sensniff will read data from the mote over the serial port, dissect the frames and pipe to /tmp/sensniff by default, now we need to connect the other extreme of the pipe to wireshark, else you will get the following warning:

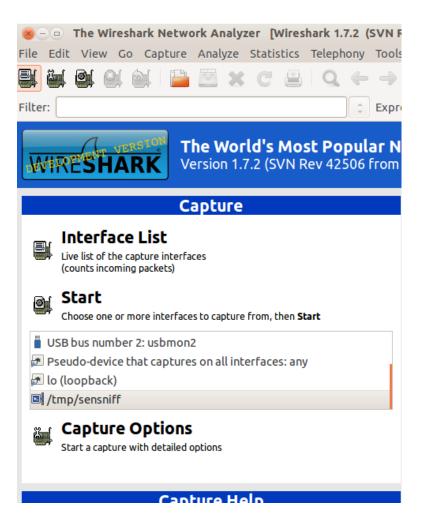
```
"Remote end not reading"
```

Which is not severe, only means the other pipe endpoint is not connected. You can also save the sniffed frames to open later with wireshark, adding the following argument to the above command <code>-p name.pcap</code>, which will save the session output in a <code>name.pcap</code> file. Change the naming and location in where to store the file accordingly.

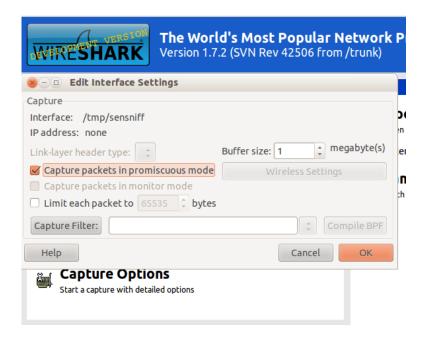
Open another terminal and launch wireshark with the following command, which will add the pipe as a capture interface:

```
sudo wireshark -i /tmp/sensniff
```

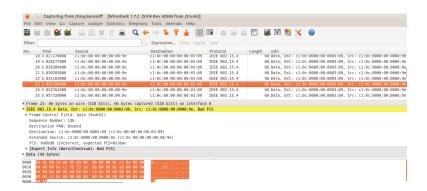
Select the /tmp/sensniff interface from the droplist and click Start just above.



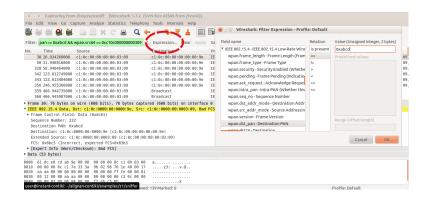
Be sure the pipe is configured to capture packets in promiscuous mode, alternatively you can increase the buffer size, but 1Mb is sufficient enough.



And the captured frames should start to appear on screen.



You can add specific filters to limit the frames being shown on screen, for this example make click at the <code>Expression</code> button and a list of available attributes per protocol are listed, scroll down until the <code>IEEE 802.15.4</code> and check the available filters. You can also chain different filter arguments using the <code>Filter</code> box, in this case we only wanted to check the frames belonging to the <code>PAN 0xABCD</code> and coming from node <code>c1:0c::0309</code>, so we used the <code>wpan.dst\_pan</code> and <code>wpan.src64</code> attributes.



When closing the Sensniff python application, a session information is provided reporting the statistics:

```
Frame Stats:

Non-Frame: 6

Not Piped: 377

Dumped to PCAP: 8086

Piped: 7709

Captured: 8086
```



Excercise: sniff the traffic! try to filter outgoing and incoming data packets using your own custom rules.

# 12.2. Foren6

Another must-to-have tool for analyzing and debugging 6loWPAN/IPv6 networks is Foren6 (http://cetic.github.io/foren6/), It uses a passive sniffer devices to reconstruct a visual and textual representation of network information, with a friendly graphical user interface and customizable layout, and allows amongst others to rewind the packet capture history and replay a previous packet trace.



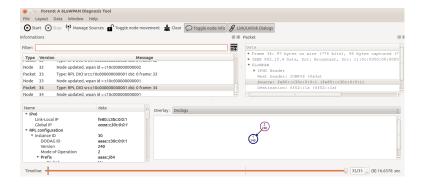
To install follow the instructions at http://cetic.github.io/foren6/install.html

# Then to program a Z1 mote as sniffer:

git clone https://github.com/cetic/Contiki
cd Contiki
git checkout sniffer
cd examples/sniffer
make TARGET=z1.upload

Then to connect to Foren6,

### **MISSING**



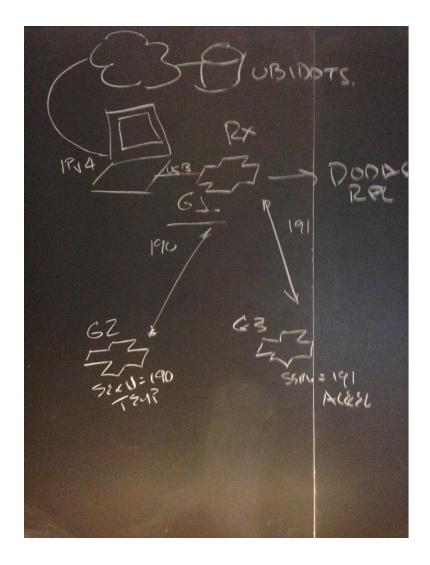
# Chapter 13. Simple application: UDP Server and client

Normal UDP or TCP transactions require a server-client model, in which the communication is made in sockets, which is an IP address and a port number. What we will do in this example is to forward to the receiver connected to a PC (via USB) temperature sensor data to be published to Ubidots.



You will need two nodes. The one sending the temperature data is the server, while the one connected to the PC via USB is the client.

This example relies on a service ID, which allows registering, disseminating, and looking up services. A service is identified by an 8-bit integer between 1 and 255. Integers below 128 are reserved for system services. When setting up the example, we need to decide a service ID for the temperature data. The advantage is that the servers (sending data) don't need to know the address of the receiver. It is a subscription model where we only need to agree on the service number ID.



We have three groups. Group 1 hosts the client that received the data from Group 2 and Group 3. Group 2 and 3 are the servers that transmit data. Group 2 sends temperature data and has service ID number 190. Group 3 sends acceleration data and has service ID number 191.

#### Server side:

Open /home/user/Contiki/examples/ipv6/simple-udp-rpl/unicastsender.c

## At first we are going to add

#include "serial-ubidots.h"

```
#include "dev/i2cmaster.h"
```

#### Group 2:

```
#include "dev/tmp102.h"
#define SERVICE_ID 190
#define UDP_PORT 1234
```

#### Group 3:

```
#include "dev/adx1345.h"
#define SERVICE_ID 190
#define UDP_PORT 5678
```

Change the poll rate to something faster:

```
#define SEND_INTERVAL (15 * CLOCK_SECOND)
```

We have declared a structure at apps/serial-ubidots.h to store the Variable ID and data to be pushed to Ubidots, this will be helpful when sending data wirelessly to the receiver. This is already declared at serial-ubidots.h, do not add this to the example.

```
struct ubidots_msg_t {
  char var_key[VAR_LEN];
  uint8_t value[2];
};
```

Declare a structure in our code and a pointer to this structure as below:

```
static struct ubidots_msg_t msg;
static struct ubidots_msg_t *msgPtr = &msg;
```

These structures are used to send Ubidots specific information.

In this application we are going to use global IPv6 addresses besides the link-local ones, the function set\_global\_address initializes our IPv6 address with the prefix aaaa::, and generates also the link local addressing based on the MAC address.

```
static void
set_global_address(void)
{
```

```
uip ipaddr t ipaddr;
 int i;
 uint8 t state;
 // Initialize the IPv6 address as below
 uip ip6addr(&ipaddr, 0xaaaa, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
 // Set the last 64 bits of an IP address based on the MAC address
 uip ds6 set addr iid(&ipaddr, &uip lladdr);
 // Add to our list addresses
 uip ds6 addr add(&ipaddr, 0, ADDR AUTOCONF);
 printf("IPv6 addresses: ");
 for(i = 0; i < UIP DS6 ADDR NB; <math>i++) {
 state = uip ds6 if.addr list[i].state;
 if(uip ds6 if.addr list[i].isused &&
     (state == ADDR TENTATIVE || state == ADDR PREFERRED)) {
   uip debug ipaddr print(&uip ds6 if.addr list[i].ipaddr);
   printf("\n");
}
```

Now inside the PROCESS\_THREAD (unicast\_sender\_process, ev, data), right after the set global address() call, we initialize our sensors:

#### Group 2:

```
int16_t temp;
tmp102_init();
```

#### Group 3:

```
accm_init();
```

And we pass our variable ID obtained at Ubidots to the ubidots message structure as follows:

```
memcpy(msg.var_key, "545a202b76254223b5ffa65f", VAR_LEN);
printf("VAR %s\n", msg.var_key);
```

This function returns the address of the node offering a specific service. If the service is not known, the function returns NULL. If there are more than one nodes offering the service, this function returns the address of the node that most recently announced its service.

```
addr = servreg_hack_lookup(SERVICE_ID);
```

If we have the receiver node in our services list, then we take a measure from the sensor, pack it into the byte buffer, and send the information to the receiver node by passing the structure as an array using the pointer to the structure, specifying the size in bytes.

The UBIDOTS\_MSG\_LEN is the sum of the Variable ID string length (24 bytes) plus the sensor reading size (2 bytes).

Replace the existing if (addr != NULL) block with the following:

#### Group 2:

```
if (addr != NULL) {
    temp = tmp102_read_temp_x100();
    msg.value[0] = (uint8_t)((temp & 0xFF00) >> 8);
    msg.value[1] = (uint8_t)(temp & 0x00FF);

    printf("Sending temperature reading -> %d via unicast to ", temp);
    uip_debug_ipaddr_print(addr);
    printf("\n");

    simple_udp_sendto(&unicast_connection, msgPtr, UBIDOTS_MSG_LEN, addr);
} else {
    printf("Service %d not found\n", SERVICE_ID);
}
```

#### Group 3:

Replace inside the if (addr != NULL) conditional with the following:

```
msg.value[0] = accm_read_axis(X_AXIS);
msg.value[1] = accm_read_axis(Y_AXIS);
printf("Sending temperature reading -> %d via unicast to ", temp);
uip_debug_ipaddr_print(addr);
printf("\n");
simple_udp_sendto(&unicast_connection, msgPtr, UBIDOTS_MSG_LEN, addr);
```

And finally add the serial-ubidots app to our Makefile:

```
APPS = servreg-hack serial-ubidots
```

If the address is NULL it can means the receiver node is not present yet.

```
connecting to /dev/ttyUSB0 (115200) [OK]
```

```
Rime started with address 193.12.0.0.0.0.3.9

MAC c1:0c:00:00:00:00:03:09 Ref ID: 255

Contiki-2.6-1796-ga50bc08 started. Node id is set to 377.

CSMA ContikiMAC, channel check rate 8 Hz, radio channel 26

Tentative link-local IPv6 address fe80:0000:0000:0000:c30c:0000:0000:0309

Starting 'Unicast sender example process'

IPv6 addresses: aaaa::c30c:0:0:309

fe80::c30c:0:0:309

VAR 545a202b76254223b5ffa65f

Service 190 not found
```

#### Client side:

Open /home/user/Contiki/examples/ipv6/simple-udp-rpl/unicastreceiver.c

#### Add the Ubidots app:

```
#include "serial-ubidots.h"
```

Add the services we are interested in, each one to be received in a different UDP port:

```
#define SERVICE_ID 190
#define UDP_PORT_TEMP 1234
#define UDP_PORT_ACCEL 5678
```

You can delete the SERVICE ID, SEND INTERVAL and SEND TIME definitions.

RPL is on the IETF standards track for routing in low-power and lossy networks. The protocol is tree-oriented in the sense that one or more root nodes in a network may generate a topology that trickles downward to leaf nodes. In each RPL instance, multiple Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) may exist, each having a different DAG root. A node may join multiple RPL instances, but must only belong to one DAG within each instance.

The receiver creates the RPL DAG and becomes the network root with the same prefix as the servers:

```
static void
create_rpl_dag(uip_ipaddr_t *ipaddr)
{
   struct uip_ds6_addr *root_if;

   root_if = uip_ds6_addr_lookup(ipaddr);
```

```
if(root_if != NULL) {
  rpl_dag_t *dag;
  uip_ipaddr_t prefix;

  rpl_set_root(RPL_DEFAULT_INSTANCE, ipaddr);
  dag = rpl_get_any_dag();
  uip_ip6addr(&prefix, 0xaaaa, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
  rpl_set_prefix(dag, &prefix, 64);
  PRINTF("created a new RPL dag\n");
  } else {
  PRINTF("failed to create a new RPL DAG\n");
  }
}
```

We now should subscribe to both services (temperature and acceleration), let's replace the <code>simple\_udp\_register</code> call inside the <code>PROCESS\_THREAD</code> block, after the <code>servreg\_hack\_register(...)</code> call with the following:

And at the receiver callback, replace with the following:

```
static void
receiver(struct simple udp connection *c,
      const uip ipaddr t *sender addr,
      uint16 t sender port,
      const uip ipaddr t *receiver addr,
      uint16 t receiver port,
      const uint8 t *data,
      uint16 t datalen)
 char var key[VAR LEN];
 int16 t value;
 printf("Data received from ");
 uip debug ipaddr print(sender addr);
 printf(" on port %d from port %d\n",
       receiver port, sender port);
 if ((receiver port == UDP PORT TEMP) || (receiver port == UDP PORT ACCEL)){
 // Copy the data and send to ubidots, restore missing null termination char
```

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```
memcpy(var_key, data, VAR_LEN);
var_key[VAR_LEN] = "\0";
value = data[VAR_LEN] << 8;
value += data[VAR_LEN + 1];
printf("Variable -> %s : %d\n", var_key, value);
send_to_ubidots("fd6c3eb63433221e0a6840633edb21f9ec398d6a", var_key, value);
}
```

Once the sender and the receivers have started, the following messages are shown on the screen of the receiver:

```
Starting 'Unicast receiver example process'

IPv6 addresses: aaaa::c30c:0:0:2

fe80::c30c:0:0:2

Data received from aaaa::c30c:0:0:309 on port 1234 from port 1234

Variable -> 545a202b76254223b5ffa65f : 2712

fd6c3eb63433221e0a6840633edb21f9ec398d6a 545b43f776254256ebbef0a6 2712
```

# 13.1. IEEE 802.15.4 channels and PAN ID

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard is intended to conform to established radio frequency regulations and defines specific physical (PHY) layers according to country regulations, for example the 2.4-GHz and 868/915-MHz band PHY layers.

The Z1 motes operate on the unlicensed and worldwide available 2.4GHz band, The transmit scheme used is Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) modulation technique, up to 250Kbps data rate, allowing a wireless range of 50-100 mts.

A total of 16 channels are available in the 2.4-GHz band, numbered 11 to 26, each with a bandwidth of 2 MHz and a channel separation of 5 MHz. As other protocols also share this band, such as WiFi IEEE 802.11 and Bluetooth IEEE 802.15, we should be aware of using channels that are not interfered by other devices..

As shown above the channels 15, 20, 25 and 26 are not overlapping WiFi used channels, so typically most IEEE 802.15.4 based devices tend to operate on this frequencies. One handy tool to have is a spectrum analyser to scope the wireless medium, which shows the wireless activity on a given band. A spectrum analyzer will show you the received power at a certain frequency, so you will not know if the power comes from another node, a WiFi device or even a microwave oven! We can use the Z1 mote as a simple spectrum analyser, which sweeps across the list of supported channels and shows its radiated power.

To install the spectrum analyser application to the Z1 mote go to the following directory:

```
user@instant-Contiki:~/Contiki$ cd examples/z1/rssi_scanner
```

And compile, upload and execute the Java application to visualize the radiated power across channels:

```
make rssi-scanner.upload && make viewrssi
```

The result are shown below.

You can change the default 26 radio channel in Contiki by changing or redefining the following defines: RF\_CHANNEL

But, where are this constants declared? Let's use a handy command line utility that allows to search for files and content within files, most useful when you need to find a declaration, definition, a file in which an error/warning message is printed, etc. To find where this definition is used by the Z1 platform use this command:

```
user@instant-Contiki:~/Contiki/platform/z1$ grep -lr "RF_CHANNEL" .
```

Which gives the following result:

```
./Contiki-conf.h
```

Basically grep as used above uses the following arguments: -lr instructs the utility to search recursively through the directories for the required content between the quotes, from our current location (noted by the dot at the end of the command) transversing the directories structure.

The platform/z1/Contiki-conf.h shows the following information regarding the RF CHANNEL

```
#ifdef RF_CHANNEL
#define CC2420_CONF_CHANNEL RF_CHANNEL
#endif

#ifndef CC2420_CONF_CHANNEL
#define CC2420_CONF_CHANNEL 26
```

```
#endif /* CC2420_CONF_CHANNEL */
```

So we could either change the channel value directly to this file, but this change would affect other applications that perhaps need to operate on a given channel, so we could just override the RF CHANNEL instead by adding the following to our applications Makefile:

```
CFLAGS += -DRF CHANNEL=26
```

Or at compilation time adding the following argument:

```
DEFINES=RF CHANNEL=26
```

The PAN ID is an unique Personal Area Network identifier that namely distinguish our network from others in the same channel, thus allowing to subdivide a given channel into subnetworks, each having its own network traffic. By default in Contiki and for the Z1 mote the PAN ID is defined as `OxABCD`.



Exercise: Search where the PAN\_ID is declared (hint: it has the 0xABCD value) and change to something different, then use the Z1 Sniffer and Wireshark to check if the changes were applied. Keep in mind that for 2 devices to talk to each other, the must have the same PAN ID. You can also program the Z1 Sniffer and your test application on a channel other than 26.

## 13.2. ETX, LQI, RSSI.

Link Estimation is an integral part of reliable communication in wireless networks. Various link estimation metrics have been proposed to effectively measure the quality of wireless links.

The ETX metric, or expected transmission count, is a measure of the quality of a path between two nodes in a wireless packet data network. ETX is the number of expected transmissions of a packet necessary for it to be received without error at its destination. This number varies from one to infinity. An ETX of one indicates a perfect transmission medium, where an ETX of infinity represents a completely non-functional link. Note that ETX is an expected transmission count for a future event, as opposed to an actual count of a past event. It is hence a real number, and not an integer.

ETX can be used as the routing metric. Routes with a lower metric are preferred. In a route that includes multiple hops, the metric is the sum of the ETX of the individual hops.

LQI (Link Quality Indicator) is a digital value often provide by Chipset vendors, which is an indicator of how well a signal is demodulated, or the strength and quality of the received packet, thus indicating a good or bad wireless medium. The CC2420 radio frequency transceiver used by the Z1 mote typically ranges from 110 (indicates a maximum quality frame) to 50 (typically the lowest quality frames detectable by the transceiver). The example below shows how the Packet Reception Rate decreases as the CC2420 LQI decreases.

RSSI is a generic radio receiver technology metric, used internally in a wireless networking device to determine when the amount of radio energy in the channel is below a certain threshold at which point the medium is clear to transmit. The end-user will likely observe a RSSI value when measuring the signal strength of a wireless network through the use of a wireless network monitoring tool like Wireshark, Kismet or Inssider.

There is no standardized relationship of any particular physical parameter to the RSSI reading, Vendors and chipset makers provide their own accuracy, granularity, and range for the actual power (measured as mW or dBm) and their range of RSSI values (from 0 to RSSI\_Max), in the case of the CC2420 radio frequency transceiver on the Z1 mote, the RSSI can range from 0 to -100dBm, values close to 0 are related to good links and values close to -100 are closely related to a bad link, due to multiple factors such as distance, environmental, obstacles, interferences, etc. The image below shows how the Packet Reception Rate (PRR) dramatically decreases as the CC2420 RSSI values are worse.

To print the current channel, RSSI and LQI of the last received packet (thus the link attributes of the link between the node and the sender), we are going to revisit the unicastreceiver.c example, open the file and let's include the following:

```
#include "dev/cc2420/cc2420.h"
```

And add the following print statement in the receiver block. The external variables cc2420\_last\_rssi and cc2420\_last\_correlation (LQI) are updated on a new incoming packet, so it should match our received packet.

We should see something like the following:

```
Data received from aaaa::c30c:0:0:309 on port 1234 from port 1234 CH: 26 RSSI: -27 LQI 105
```

Variable -> 545b43f776254256ebbef0a6 : 2650



Exercise: Z1 motes comes in two models: one with an integrated antenna and another with an external antenna. The integrated antenna is a ceramic antenna from Yageo/Phycomp, connected to the CC2420. The external antenna can be connected via a u.FL connector. Try to move away from the receiver and check the received signal on your laptop. What is the max distance? What is the nominal value for 50m with line of sight? Build an application that blinks a green LED when the RSSI is above -55 and a red LED when the RSSI is lower than -55. Does changing the node height and orientation change the RSSI value? If you have one, test the RSSI with an external directional antenna.

#### **ADD PICTURES**

## Chapter 14. Intro to 6LoWPAN

6LoWPAN is a protocol definition to enable IPv6 packets to be carried on top of low power wireless networks. The concept was born from the idea that the Internet Protocol could and should be applied to even the smallest devices. The initial goal was to define an adaptation layer to deal with the requirements imposed by IPv6, such as the increased address sizes and the 1280 byte MTU. The final design takes the concepts used in IPv6 to create a set of headers that allow for the efficient encoding of large IPv6 addresses/headers into a smaller compressed header, while at the same time allowing for the use of various mesh networks and supporting fragmentation and reassembly where needed. The target for IP networking for low-power radio communication are applications that need wireless internet connectivity at lower data rates for devices with very limited form factor. Examples include, but are not limited to: automation and entertainment applications in home, office and factory environments. IPv6 is also in use on the smart grid enabling smart meters and other devices to build a micro mesh network before sending the data back to the billing system using the IPv6 backbone.

The 'Lo' part of 6LoWPAN stands for low-power. The chips used for 6LoWPAN are based on IEEE 802.15.4 radios. These chips require less power so they can run longer on batteries but still have a decent range, although that depends on their frequency. They run at 868 MHz, 900 MHz and 2.4 GHz, depending on the region.

The 'WPAN' is for Wireless Personal Area Network. So this means you can have a network anywhere connected together that consists of sensors or other devices.

The '6' part of 6LoWPAN means that, theoretically, anyone on the Internet can talk to any one of these small 6LoWPAN devices directly because routing would be taken care of through the globe and then to some 'edge router' which would take Ethernet or wifi or whatever else and move it from there to 802.15.4 radio to those small low-power devices.

Some more detailed information about 6LoWPAN is provided below:

Adapting the packet sizes of the two networks. IPv6 requires the maximum transmission unit (MTU) to be at least 1280 Bytes. In contrast, IEEE 802.15.4's standard packet size is 127 octets. A maximum frame overhead of 25 octets spares 102 octets at the media access control layer. An optional but highly recommended security feature at the link layer poses an additional overhead. For example, 21 octets are consumed for AES-CCM-128 leaving only 81 octets for upper layers.

Address resolution IPv6 nodes are assigned 128 bit IP addresses in a hierarchical manner, through an arbitrary length network prefix. IEEE 802.15.4 devices may use either of IEEE 64

bit extended addresses or, after an association event, 16 bit addresses that are unique within a PAN. There is also a PAN-ID for a group of physically collocated IEEE 802.15.4 devices.

Device and service discovery Since IP-enabled devices may require the formation of ad hoc networks, the current state of neighboring devices and the services hosted by such devices will need to be known. IPv6 neighbour discovery extensions is an internet draft proposed as a contribution in this area.

Security IEEE 802.15.4 nodes can operate in either secure mode or non-secure mode. Two security modes are defined in the specification in order to achieve different security objectives: Access Control List (ACL) and Secure mode.

# Chapter 15. IoT Simulation (Cooja)

Cooja is the Contiki network simulator. Cooja allows large and small networks of Contiki motes to be simulated. Motes can be emulated at the hardware level, which is slower but allows precise inspection of the system behavior, or at a less detailed level, which is faster and allows simulation of larger networks. Cooja is a highly useful tool for Contiki development as it allows developers to test their code and systems long before running it on the target hardware. Developers regularly set up new simulations both to debug their software and to verify the behavior of their systems.

To start Cooja, in the terminal window go to the Cooja directory:

cd contiki/tools/cooja

Start Cooja with the command:

ant run

When Cooja is compiled, it will start with a blue empty window. Now that Cooja is up and running, we can try it out with an example simulation.

#### 15.1. Create a new simulation

Click the File menu and click New simulation. Cooja now opens up the Create new simulation dialog. In this dialog, we may choose to give our simulation a new name, but for this example, we'll just stick with My simulation. Leave the other options set as default. Click the Create button.

Cooja brings up the new simulation. You can choose what you want to visualize by using the <code>Tools</code> menu. The <code>Network</code> window shows all the motes in the simulated network - it is empty now, since we have no motes in our simulation. The <code>Timeline</code> window shows all communication events in the simulation over time - very handy for understanding what goes on in the network. The <code>Mote output</code> window shows all serial port printouts from all the motes. The <code>Notes</code> window is where we can put notes for our simulation. And the <code>Simulation</code> control window is where we start, pause, and reload our simulation.

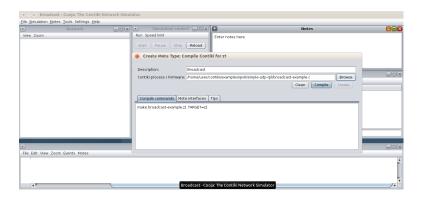
#### 15.2. Add motes

Before we can simulate our network, we must add one or more motes. We do this via the Motes menu, where we click on Add motes. Since this is the first mote we add, we must first create a mote type to add. Click Create new mote type and select one of the available mote types. For this example, we click Z1 mote, to create an emulated Z1 mote type. Cooja opens the Create Mote Type dialog, in which we can choose a name for our mote type as well as the Contiki application that our mote type will run. For this example, we stick with the suggested name, and instead click on the Browse button on the right hand side to choose our Contiki application.

## 15.3. Revisiting broadcast-example in Cooja

Setting up large networks on physical nodes can pose a challenge in terms of instrumenting properly to measure all network elements and having enough equipment available, that's where Cooja comes handy.

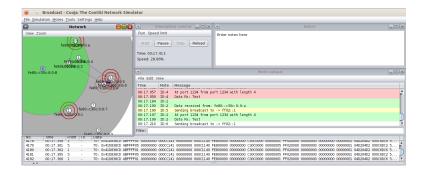
Create a new simulation and define a new Z1 mote-based type of mote called <code>Broadcast</code>, do so by clicking on <code>Motes</code>, <code>Add Motes</code>, <code>Create new mote type and select the Z1 mote</code>. Use the example at <code>examples/ipv6/simple-udp-rpl/broadcast-example.c</code>



Press Compile and wait for the compilation to end, if there are no errors press Create and it will take you to the next screen. Now add 10 motes using Random positioning. Next in the Network Panel, click on View and add the following: Radio Environment, Mote ID and addresses. Now if you click on a Mote, it will display the Effective Radio coverage (green zone) and interference zone (grey zone) according to the selected medium model.

Be sure to also have the Network, Mote Output and Radio Messages panels in your layout, available at the Tools menu.

# Routing Protocol for Low Power Networks (RPL)



You now should be able to see the network traffic, the messages and the Motes console output, You can pause and start again the simulation to inspect the generated information at your own pace.

HOW CAN I LINK THE SECTION BEFORE TO THIS NEW SECTION?

## 15.4. Routing Protocol for Low Power Networks (RPL)

RPL is IPv6 routing protocol for low power and lossy networks designed by IETF routing over low power and lossy network (ROLL) group [X], used as the defacto routing protocol in Contiki. RPL is a proactive distance vector protocol, it starts finding the routes as soon as the RPL network is initialized.

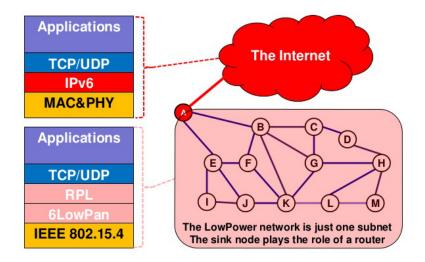


Image source: http://www.slideshare.net/asobimat/rpl-dodag

It supports three traffic patterns: MP2P, point-to-multipoint (P2MP) and point-to-point (P2P).

# Routing Protocol for Low Power Networks (RPL)

RPL builds a Destination Oriented DAGs (DODAGs) rooted towards one sink (DAG ROOT) identified by a unique identifier DODAGID. The DODAGs are optimized using a Objective Function (OF) metric identified by an Objective Code Point (OCP), which indicates the dynamic constraints and the metrics such as hop count, latency, expected transmission count, parents selection, energy, etc. A rank number is assigned to each node which can be used to determine its relative position and distance to the root in the DODAG.

Within a given network, there may be multiple, logically independent RPL instances. A RPL node may belong to multiple RPL instances, and may act as a router in some and as a leaf in others. A set of multiple DODAGs can be in a RPL INSTANCE and a node can be a member of multiple RPL INSTANCEs, but can belong to at most one DODAG per DAG INSTANCE.

A trickle timer mechanism [X] regulates DODAG Information Object (DIO) message transmissions, which are used to build and maintain upwards routes of the DODAG, advertising its RPL instance, DODAG ID, RANK and DODAG version number.

A node can request DODAG information by sending DODAG Information Solicitation messages (DIS), soliciting DIO messages from its neighborhoods to update its routing information and join an instance.

Nodes have to monitor DIO messages before joining a DODAG, and then join a DODAG by selecting a parent Node from its neighbors using its advertised latency, OF and RANK. Destination Advertisement Object (DAO) messages are used to maintain downward routes by selecting the preferred parent with lower rank and sending a packet to the DAG ROOT through each of the intermediate Nodes.

#### PLACE IMAGE SHOWING RPL MESSAGES HERE !!!

RPL has two mechanisms to repair the topology of the DODAG, one to to avoid looping and allow nodes to join/rejoin, and other called global repair [X]. Global repair is initiated at the DODAG ROOT by incrementing the DODAG Version Number to create a new DODAG Version.



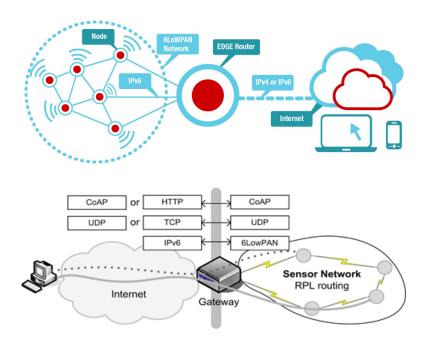
Exercise: Go to core/net/rpl and navigate through the C files, look for DEBUG defines and change its value to DEBUG\_PRINT, this will print out to screen useful information allowing to better understand the RPL mechanics.

# Chapter 16. Connecting our network to the world

We now want to go entirely IPv6, so that our nodes can be reached by the Internet!

We expect your machine to have an IPv6 address, either via the existing cabled network or via a tunnel (such as Gogo6 or Hurricane Electric or others).

In the past examples we have deployed and analyzed link-local networks only, now we will take a step further and connect our networks to external ones, allowing them to be reachable from outside and communicate globally to other networks using 6loWPAN and IPv6.



## 16.1. The border router

The border router or edge router is typically a device sitting at the edge of our network which allow us to talk to outside networks, using its built-in network interfaces, such as WiFI, Ethernet, Serial, etc. In Contiki the current and most used border router application implements a serial-based interface called SLIP, it allows to connect a given mote to a host using scripts like tunslip6 (tools/tunslip6) over the serial port, creating a tunneled network interface, which can be given an IPv6 prefix to set the network global IPv6 addresses.

The most used border router application in Contiki is located at examples/ipv6/rp1-border-router. Motes running the border router application will typically send over the serial port a character sequence, to synchronize with the host over the tunslip6 script. Normally is preferable to configure the border router as a non-sleeping device, so the radio receiver is always on. You can configure the border router settings using the project-conf.h file.

```
#undef NETSTACK_CONF_RDC
#define NETSTACK_CONF_RDC nullrdc_driver
```

By default the border-router applications includes a built-in web server, displaying information about the network, such as the immediate neighbors (1-hop located) and the known routes to nodes in its network. To enable the web server, the WITH\_WEBSERVER flag should be enabled, and by default it will add the httpd-simple.c application.

To compile and upload the border router to the Mote just type:

```
make TARGET=z1 border-router.upload
```

And to connect the border router to your host run:

```
make make TARGET=z1 connect-router
```

By default it will try to connect to a mote at port <code>/dev/ttyUSB0</code> using the following serial settings: 115200 baudrate 8N1. If you do not specify an IPv6 prefix it will use the default <code>aaaa::1/64</code>, to specify a specific one run the tunslip tool instead using the following:

```
make make TARGET=z1 connect-router PREFIX=2001:abcd:dead:beef::1/64
```

You can also compile and run the tunslip6 tool directly from the tools location, to compile just type:

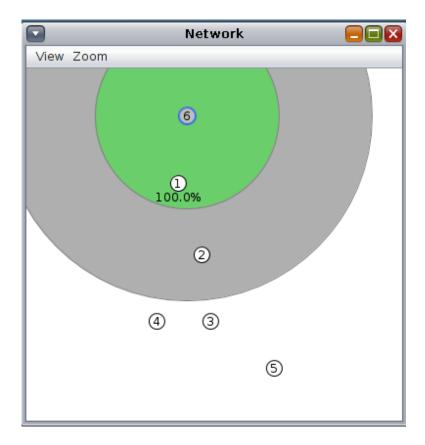
```
cc tunslip6.c -o tunslip6
```

And to run with specific arguments, if you are required to use a Z1 mote connected to a specific serial port, or require to name your tunnel connection with a specific naming, or proxify to a given address and port. Run ./tunslip -H for more information.

/tunslip -s /dev/ttyUSB0 -t tun0 2001:abcd:dead:beef::1/64

The next example is going to be executed using Cooja, the main objective behind is to deploy a multi-hop network, reachable world-wide using IPv6, effectively connecting our simulation to real-word devices.

Open Cooja and load the file at examples/z1/ipv6/z1-websense/example-z1-websense.csc.



The first noticeable thing about the example is the topology at the Network panel, the Node 6 corresponds to the Border Router Mote, which has only 1 neighbor in its wireless coverage area, and downwards we can see the Border Router being 4-hops apart from the Mote 5. The example contain a step-by-step guide in the Notes panel for you to also follow.

Motes 1 to 5 have been programed with an example called z1-websense, which is a small built-in webserver displaying a history chart with the battery and temperature readings of the Mote, accessible from our web browsers.

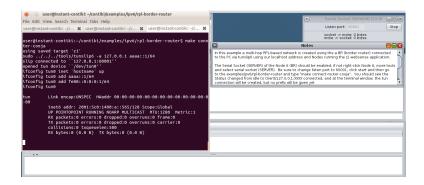
Now enable the Border Router (from now on BR) to connect over the serial socket to our host, right-click the BR and select the Serial Socket (SERVER) option from the More tools panel. This will allow us to connect to the simulated BR via the tunslip6 script, run the tool by typing:

```
sudo ./tunslip6 -a 127.0.0.1 -p 60001 aaaa::1/64
```

Or from the examples/ipv6/rpl-border-router location you can run instead:

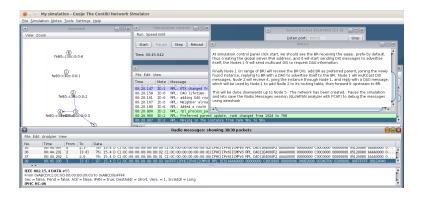
```
make connect-router-cooja
```

You can replace the IPv6 prefix with your own, the output is shown below. The connection status is shown in the Serial Socket panel in your Cooja layout, it should have changed from listening to Connected.



Notice the tunnel connection has been created but no prefix has been given yet. At the Simulation control panel click <code>Start</code>, we should see the BR receiving the <code>aaaa::</code> prefix by default, thus creating the global server IPv6 address, and it will start sending DIO messages to advertise itself, the Nodes 1-5 will send multicast DIS to request DAG information.

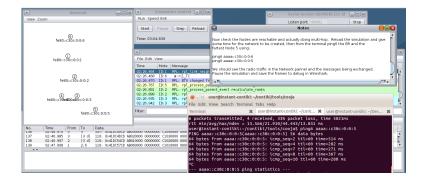
Finally Node 1 (in range of BR) will receive the BR DIO, add BR as preferred parent, joining the newly found instance, replying to BR with a DAO to advertise itself to the BR. Node 1 will multicast DIO messages, Node 2 will receive it, join the instance through Node 1, and reply with a DAO message, which will be used by Node 1 to add Node 2 to its routing table, then forward it upstream to BR.



You can pause the simulation and examine the packets and console output at your own pace, simply click the Pause button at the Simulation Control panel. When you are done click Restart. To check we have connectivity from our host to the simulated Motes, open a terminal console and try to ping the devices like follows:

```
ping6 aaaa::c30c:0:5
```

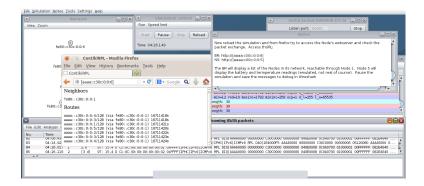
Replace the prefix with your own.



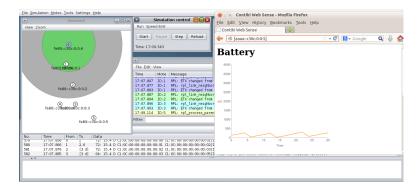
Now open a web browser (Firefox in our example) and type in the URL panel the BR IPv6 public address as follows:

```
http://[aaaa::c30c:0:6]
```

It will display the BR built-in webserver, showing the immediate neighbors and the known routes to the Motes in its instance. We can notice the next-hop neighbor to reach Motes 2 to 5 is Mote 1 as expected.



Now to access the webserver running on the nodes, type the global address of any of the Motes in the network. The battery and temperature reading diplayed are emulated values.



You can examine the packets being sent and received by going through the Radio Messages panel, click on the Analyzer menu and select the 6LoWPAN analyzer with PCAP to format the messages with PCAP to open later using wireshark, click on the File menu and Save To File.

Exercise: connect your simulation

## 16.2. Setting up IPv6 using gogo6.

In networking, a tunnelling protocol enables new networking functions while still preserving the underlying network as it is. IPv6 tunneling enables IPv6 hosts and routers to connect with other IPv6 hosts and routers over the existing IPv4 Internet. The main purpose of IPv6 tunneling is to deploy IPv6 as well as maintain compatibility with the existing base of IPv4 hosts and routers. IPv6 tunneling encapsulates IPv6 datagrams within IPv4 packets. The encapsulated packets travel across an IPv4 Internet until they reach their destination host or router. The IPv6-aware host or router decapsulates the IPv6 datagrams, forwarding them as needed.

Several tunnel brokers have been developed along with a Tunnel Setup Protocol (TSP). TSP allows IPv4 or IPv6 packets to be encapsulated and carried over IPv4, IPv6 or IPv4 NATs.

TSP sets up the tunnel parameters between a user and a server. It handles authentication, encapsulation, IP address assignment and DNS functionality.

One of these TSP providers is gogo6, which provides the gogoCLIENT. The gogoCLIENT connected to the Freenet6 service provides IPv6 connectivity so you can test your v6 network, service or app.

To use the free gogo6 service, setup an account at http://www.gogo6.com/profile/gogoCLIENT

To set up the client on Ubuntu, first install the client with:

```
sudo apt-get install gogoc
```

Modify the config file from /etc/gogoc/gogoc.conf with

```
sudo nano -w /etc/gogoc/gogoc.conf.
```

#### Locate and modify the following lines:

```
userid= your_freenet6_id
passwd= your_password
server= broker.freenet6.net
```

#### Start the gogo client with

```
sudo /etc/init.d/gogoc start
```

and you are ready to go.

Try a ping to ipv6.google.com with

```
ping6 ipv6.google.com
```

If you can ping google via IPv6, you are ready to go!

You can use http://lg.as6453.net/bin/lg.cgi to check if your machine is visible from the Internet

## Chapter 17. What is REST?

REST stands for Representational State Transfer. (It is sometimes spelled "ReST".) It relies on a stateless, client-server, cacheable communications protocol - and in virtually all cases, the HTTP protocol is used.

REST and the Internet of Things (and Services) can be an excellent match. REST implementations are lightweight: HTTP clients and servers are now available even on the smallest, IP-enabled platforms.

The key abstraction of a RESTful web service is the resource, not a service. Sensors, actors and control systems in general can be elegantly represented as resources and their service exposed through a RESTful web service.

RESTful applications use HTTP requests to post data (create and/or update), read data (e.g., make queries), and delete data. Thus, REST uses HTTP for all four CRUD (Create/Read/Update/Delete) operations.

Despite being simple, REST is fully-featured; there's basically nothing you can do in Web Services that can't be done with a RESTful architecture. REST is not a standard.

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## Chapter 18. What is COAP?

Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a software protocol intended to be used in very simple electronics devices that allows them to communicate interactively over the Internet. It is particularly targeted for small low power sensors, switches, valves and similar components that need to be controlled or supervised remotely, through standard Internet networks. CoAP is an application layer protocol that is intended for use in resource-constrained internet devices, such as WSN nodes. CoAP is designed to easily translate to HTTP for simplified integration with the web, while also meeting specialized requirements such as multicast support, very low overhead, and simplicity. Multicast, low overhead, and simplicity are extremely important for Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine-to-Machine (M2M) devices, which tend to be deeply embedded and have much less memory and power supply than traditional internet devices have. Therefore, efficiency is very important. CoAP can run on most devices that support UDP. CoAP makes use of two message types, requests and responses, using a simple binary base header format. The base header may be followed by options in an optimized Type-Length-Value format. CoAP is by default bound to UDP and optionally to DTLS, providing a high level of communications security.

Any bytes after the headers in the packet are considered the message body if any. The length of the message body is implied by the datagram length. When bound to UDP the entire message MUST fit within a single datagram. When used with 6LoWPAN as defined in RFC 4944, messages should fit into a single IEEE 802.15.4 frame to minimize fragmentation.