



Web of Things Scripting API Status & Demo

Zoltan Kis, Intel
Daniel Peintner, Siemens

September 2019, TPAC Fukuoka

WoT Scripting API standardization status

- In the WoT IG

- Proposals
- Discussed in weekly calls
- Tested on plug-fests

- In the WoT WG

- [GitHub repository](#)
- Proposals in GitHub issues
- Several versions:
 - Editor's Draft (ED)
 - First Public Working Draft (FPWD)
 - Working Draft (WD)
 - WG Note

Initial ED: [February 2017](#)

FPWD: [14.09.2017](#)

WD1: [05.04.2018](#)

WD2: [29.11.2018](#)

WD3: [11.09.2019](#)

Reference implementation: [node-wot](#)

The WoT API object

```
interface WOT {  
  Promise<ConsumedThing> consume(ThingDescription td);  
  Promise<ExposedThing> produce(ThingDescription td);  
  ThingDiscovery discover(optional ThingFilter filter);  
};
```

New: *conformance classes* for implementations.

- WoT Consumer conformance class
- WoT Producer conformance class
- WoT Discovery conformance class

To create and expose a Thing, we need a TD.

Client API: ConsumedThing

```
interface ConsumedThing {
  constructor(ThingDescription td);
  Promise<any> readProperty(DOMString propertyName, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<PropertyMap> readAllProperties(optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<PropertyMap> readMultipleProperties(sequence<DOMString> propertyNames, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<void> writeProperty(DOMString propertyName, any value, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<void> writeMultipleProperties(PropertyMap valueMap, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<any> invokeAction(DOMString actionName, optional any params = null, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<void> observeProperty(DOMString name, WotListener listener, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<void> unobserveProperty(DOMString name);
  Promise<void> subscribeEvent(DOMString name, WotListener listener, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
  Promise<void> unsubscribeEvent(DOMString name);
  ThingDescription getThingDescription();
};

dictionary InteractionOptions {
  object uriVariables;
};

typedef object PropertyMap;
callback WotListener = void(any data);
```

Once a Thing is found, scripts can

- observe properties and events
- change it using properties and actions.

The client needs access rights
(provisioning is out of scope).

Server API: ExposedThing

```
interface ExposedThing: ConsumedThing {  
    ExposedThing setPropertyReadHandler(DOMString name, PropertyReadHandler readHandler);  
    ExposedThing setPropertyWriteHandler(DOMString name, PropertyWriteHandler writeHandler);  
    ExposedThing setActionHandler(DOMString name, ActionHandler action);  
    void emitEvent(DOMString name, any data);  
    Promise<void> expose();  
    Promise<void> destroy();  
};  
  
callback PropertyReadHandler = Promise<any>(optional InteractionOptions options = null);  
callback PropertyWriteHandler = Promise<void>(any value, optional InteractionOptions options = null);  
callback ActionHandler = Promise<any>(any params, optional InteractionOptions options = null);
```

A server Thing can

- programmatically create a TD
- define behavior for client requests:
 - get/set Property
 - invoke Action
 - observe Events.

Discovery API

```
interface ThingDiscovery {  
  constructor(optional ThingFilter filter = null);  
  readonly attribute ThingFilter? filter;  
  readonly attribute boolean active;  
  readonly attribute boolean done;  
  readonly attribute Error? error;  
  void start();  
  Promise<ThingDescription> next();  
  void stop();  
};
```

```
typedef DOMString DiscoveryMethod; // "any", "local", "directory", "multicast"
```

```
dictionary ThingFilter {  
  (DiscoveryMethod or DOMString) method = "any";  
  USVString? url;  
  USVString? query;  
  object? fragment;  
};
```

Discovery provides TDs (as JSON objects):

- Things exposed in the local WoT Runtime
- Things listed in a directory service
- Things exposed in a local network.

node-wot

One implementation of the Scripting API

Dual W3C and Eclipse license

The *de-facto* reference implementation

node-wot: *a* Scripting API implementation

- node-wot is an open-source implementation of the WoT Scripting API
<http://www.thingweb.io>
- The project can be fully customized using various packages
 - td-tools
 - core
 - bindings (HTTP, CoAP, MQTT, WebSockets, ...)
 - Other binding protocols can be added by fulfilling a given API
 - Content codecs (besides JSON, text, and octet-stream) can be added
 - Miscellaneous: demos, command-line interface
- Facts
 - NodeJS implementation in TypeScript
 - Development on GitHub: <https://github.com/eclipse/thingweb.node-wot/>
 - Dual-licensed: [Eclipse Public License v. 2.0](#) and [W3C Software Notice and Document License](#)
 - Available through NPM (packages such as [core](#), [td-tools](#), ...)

node-wot - Demos and Tools

- Web UI
 - node-wot can be used as a browser-side JavaScript library (~160kB JS code)
 - <http://plugfest.thingweb.io/webui/>
- TD Playground
 - Tool to check the validity of a TD
 - Performs both syntactic checks and semantic checks
 - <http://plugfest.thingweb.io/playground/>
- TD Directory
 - REST interface to add, update and query TDs for discovery purposes
 - <http://plugfest.thingweb.io>

Demo

- Server script (ExposedThing) example (counter.js)

```
$ node packages\cli\dist\cli.js examples\scripts\counter.js
```

- Client script (ConsumedThing) example (counter-client.js)

```
$ node packages\cli\dist\cli.js --clientonly examples\scripts\counter-client.js
```

- Browser Client example
 - Pointing to Property, Action, Event
 - Listening to events
 - Changing with different binding (e.g., CoAP) values