

Web of Things, IoT, and Publishing

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Outline



- Internet of Things
 - What is it?
 - What is the value?
- Web of Things
 - Addressing the problem of interoperability
- Publication Use Cases Discussion
 - NHK Hybridcast Example
 - Educational applications Interactive science books

Internet of Things (IoT)

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- Network of physical objects: "Things"
- Embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies
- For the purpose of connecting and exchanging data with other devices and systems over the Internet.

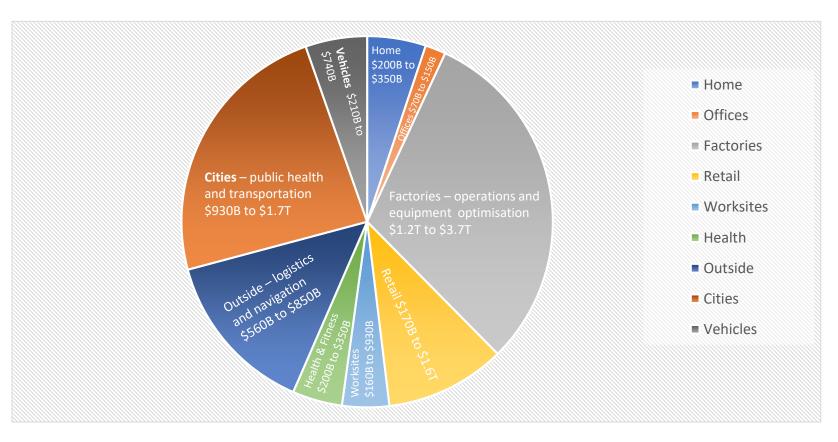


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What is the Value of the IoT?



- Interoperability is required to capture 40% of total value
- Aggregated
 value \$3.9
 trillion to \$11.1
 trillion per year
 in 2025



- Most of the potential value is in the data and value added services rather than the IoT devices and IoT communication technologies.
 - ✓ Open standards are needed to overcome fragmentation, connect the silos and unlock the network effect for exponential growth

Problem: Application/Platform Silos













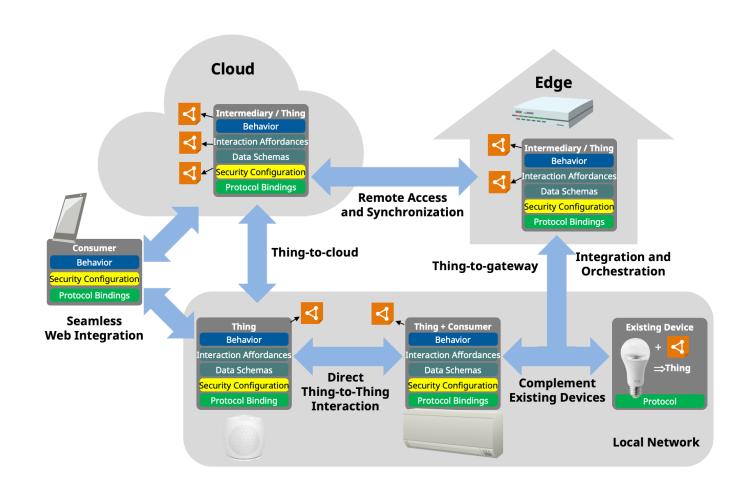
Internet of Things: Connectivity



WoT Goal: Support Interoperability



- Simplify usage
 - Interaction abstraction
- Simplify data ingestion
 - Unified data schemas
- Bridge silos
 - Protocol bindings
- Enable "mashups"
 - Scripting API



Current Work Items



Deliverables	Updates	New
Informative	 Scripting API Security and Privacy Guidelines Best Practices 	• Use Cases
Normative	ArchitectureThing DescriptionThing Models	DiscoveryInteroperabilityProfiles

Thing Description

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- Metadata for IoT services
 - ID, versions, types, creation time, ...
 - Titles, descriptions, ...
- Describes interactions
 - What they are (abstraction)
 - How to use them (protocol binding)
 - How to interpret data (schemas)
- JSON-LD 1.1
 - Vocabulary extensions
 - Semantic annotation (e.g. OneDM)
 - Protocol-specific vocabulary

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New Work Items



Use Cases:

- Expanding catalog of use cases
- Identifying requirements
- Identifying gaps and overlaps
 - Edge computing
 - Geospatial systems
 - Data modeling
 - ...

Architecture:

- Lifecycle
- Updated requirements analysis
 - Based on new use cases
- Alignment with other standards

Discovery:

- Define how TDs are distributed
- Both local and global contexts
 - Spatial search not limited to local network
- Two-phase introduction/exploration
- Emphasis on privacy protection
 - Protected queries and exploration services

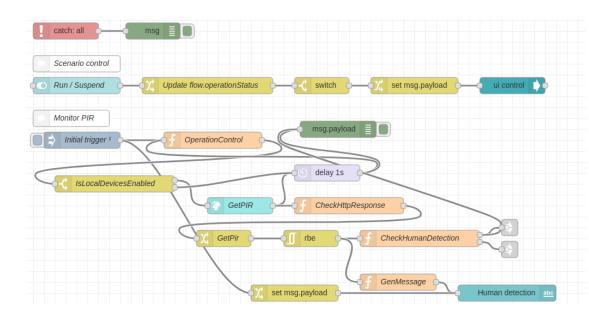
Interoperability Profiles:

- Support interoperability
 - Out-of-the-box plug-and-play
- Constrain features
 - Allow for finite, in-advance implementation of consumers

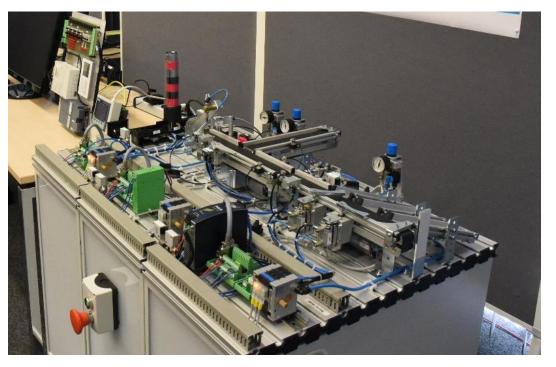
Implementation, Tools, Validation...



- Node-wot
 - Scripting API implementation
- Node-gen
 - Node-RED integration



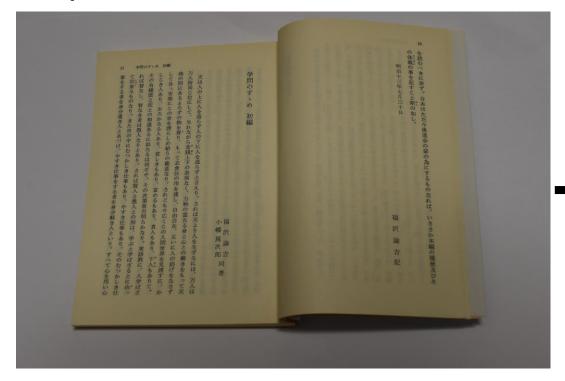
- Playground
 - TD checker
- Plugfests



Publishing: From Paper Books to E-Books



Paper Books



E-Books



For Discussion: Some Use Cases...



Hybridcast (NHK)

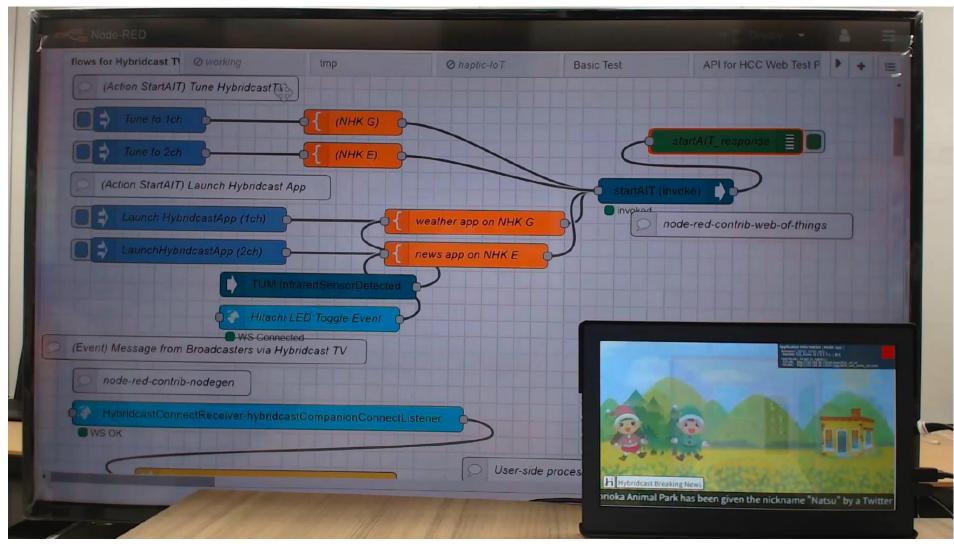
- TV receiver as IoT control hub
- Data embedded in content
- IoT devices used as means to interact with content
 - Can trigger changes to lighting, sound levels, media control
 - Can be used to trigger novel output devices, eg haptic displays
 - Accessable/customizable controls and input devices for media control

Interactive Notebooks

- A science notebook can not only describe an experiment, it can help run it!
- "Book" can connect to devices, collect and visualize data
- Other kinds of books can use IoT devices in ways similar to hybridcast

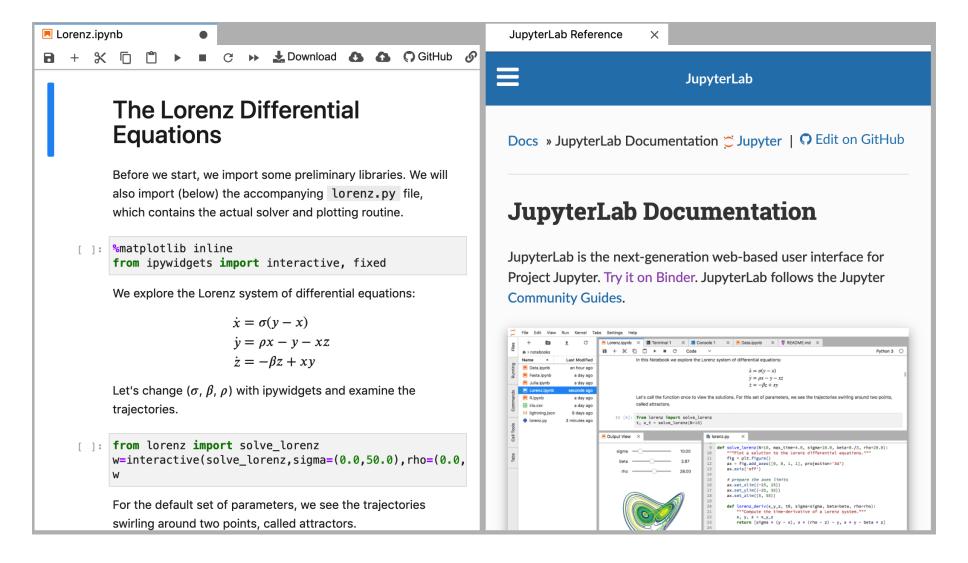
Hybridcast





Interactive Notebooks Example: JupyterLab





W3C WoT Resources



- W3C WoT Wiki
 - https://www.w3.org/WoT/IG/wiki (IG/WG organizational information)
- W3C WoT Interest Group
 - https://www.w3.org/2016/07/wot-ig-charter.html (old charter)
 - https://www.w3.org/2019/10/wot-ig-2019.html (new charter)
 - https://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/public-wot-ig/ (mailing list)
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot (technical proposals)
- W3C WoT Working Group
 - https://www.w3.org/2016/12/wot-wg-2016.html (old charter)
 - https://www.w3.org/2020/01/wot-wg-charter.html (new charter)
 - https://www.w3.org/WoT/WG/ (dashboard)

W3C WoT Candidate Recommendations

- https://www.w3.org/TR/wot-architecture/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/wot-thing-description/

W3C WoT Working Drafts / Group Notes

- https://www.w3.org/TR/wot-binding-templates/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/wot-scripting-api/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/wot-security/

W3C WoT Editors' Drafts and Issue Tracker

- https://github.com/w3c/wot-architecture/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-thing-description/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-binding-templates/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-scripting-api/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-security/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-security-best-practices/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-profile/
- https://github.com/w3c/wot-discovery/

Reference Implementations and Tools: node-wot

- node-wot: https://github.com/eclipse/thingweb.node-wot
- TD playground: https://github.com/thingweb/thingweb-playground

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